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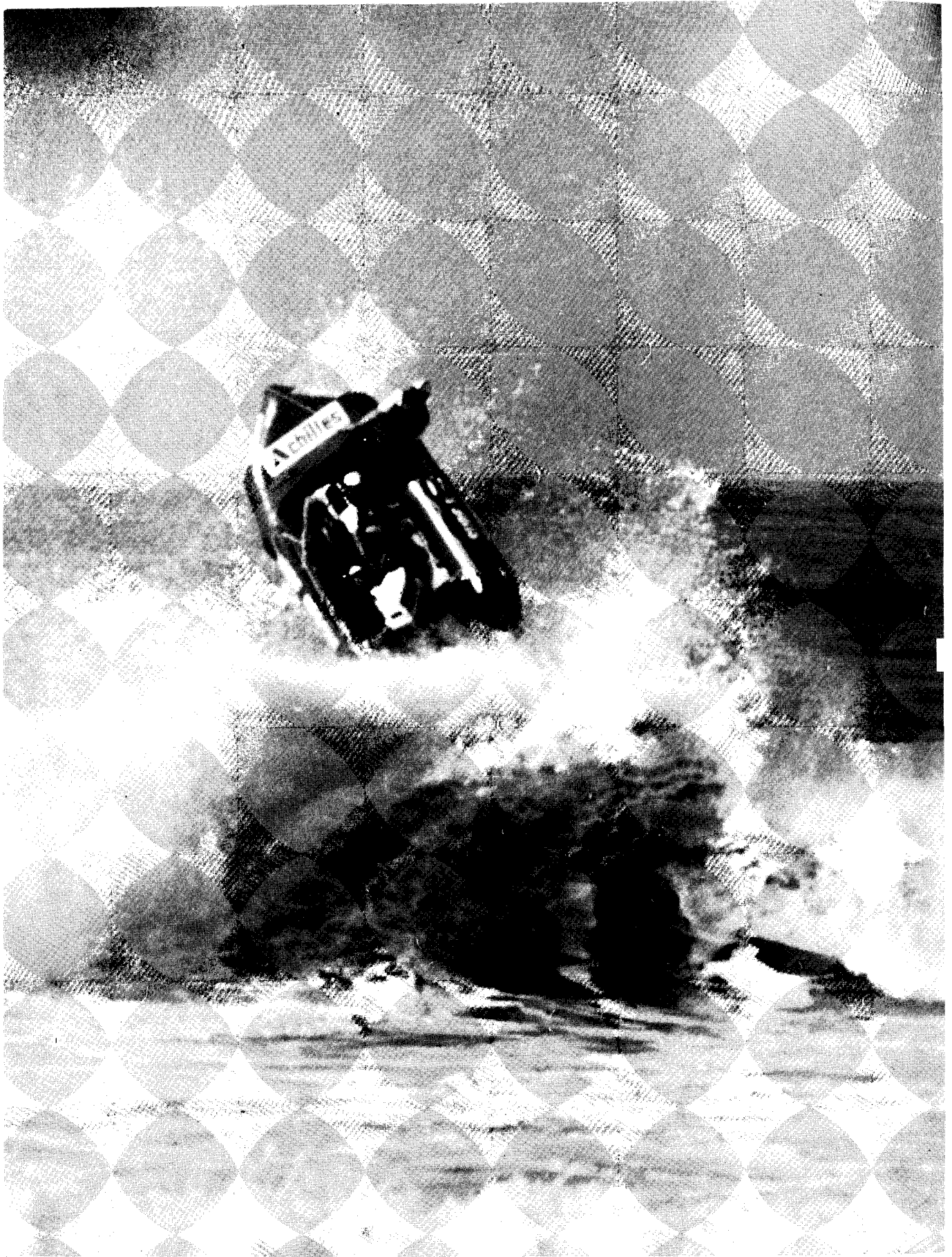
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**1935**

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**50 YEARS OF  
SERVICE**



*Ray Musgrave (bow), Mark Quinn (driver) competing in IRB State Championships 84-85 season. Boat remained upright and Club won State Championships*

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President Chris Johnston

## A Word from our Club President

It is a pleasure to extend a welcome to members and supporters, both past and present, to our 50th Celebrations.

Those of us who have brought the club to this point will realise, by reading this history of our fifty years of endeavour, that a tradition founded in dedication of voluntary service to the surfing public has more than been achieved by our small but efficient club.

To the Members and supporters who have guided the club through the past fifty years goes my thanks and admiration for a job well done.

To those who will see it through the next fifty years goes my support and best wishes.

## A Message from the President F.N.C. Branch, John Watson

I feel honoured to be asked to contribute on behalf of the Far North Coast Branch S.L.S.A. of A. towards the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Brunswick S.L.S. Club.

Branch records show that since the Club formation 1,060 Surf Life Saving Awards have been obtained by Brunswick members, and those members have performed over 300 successful rescues of persons in difficulty in the surf.

Since its inception the club has continuously patrolled Brunswick Beach, over that period of 50 years with dedication.

The Club has been a loyal Member of the Far North Coast Branch, and has contributed greatly to the growth that this Branch has enjoyed.

Brunswick is, and always has been extremely well run by its Officials, and some very fine administrators have made their mark within the club.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Far North Coast Branch, Sister Clubs and fellow Life Savers, we salute your achievements, and look forward to your further challenges and successes over the next 50 years of equal achievement.



Shire President 'Pop' Robinson

## A Welcome from the President of Byron Shire Council

When "Hookey" asked me if I would care to put a few words together for this Booklet, I agreed with pleasure.

The difficulty was what could I write in a few brief words and do justice to what one would want to say.

The memories streamed back; what a short time a "Lifetime" is, so many friends gathered along the way — some have moved away — some have passed on.

To me personally, those years in the 1940s when I was an active member of the club, were the greatest years, as I am sure it was for most, irrespective of what era it may have been.

The spirit of the Surf Life Saving Movement, and in particular this Club that we have known so well for so long, offers young men (and today, women) so much, that one can't really express it in words; it has to be experienced, and once experienced, it is there forever.

We had our fun, our training, the patrols, the good times, and the bad.

Through it all came that thread of mateship and dedication not only to the Club but to one another, and better still along the way we served our fellow man.

As Shire President it is my pleasure to welcome back to the Shire former members of the Club.

May this weekend be as exciting and memorable for each of you, as I know it will be for me.

## A Message from Stanley "Stepper" Stephens, our first Club Secretary

Congratulations to Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club on reaching its half century. I remember so well those early days, and the comradeship among the members, and may they achieve even more in the years ahead.

## In Memory

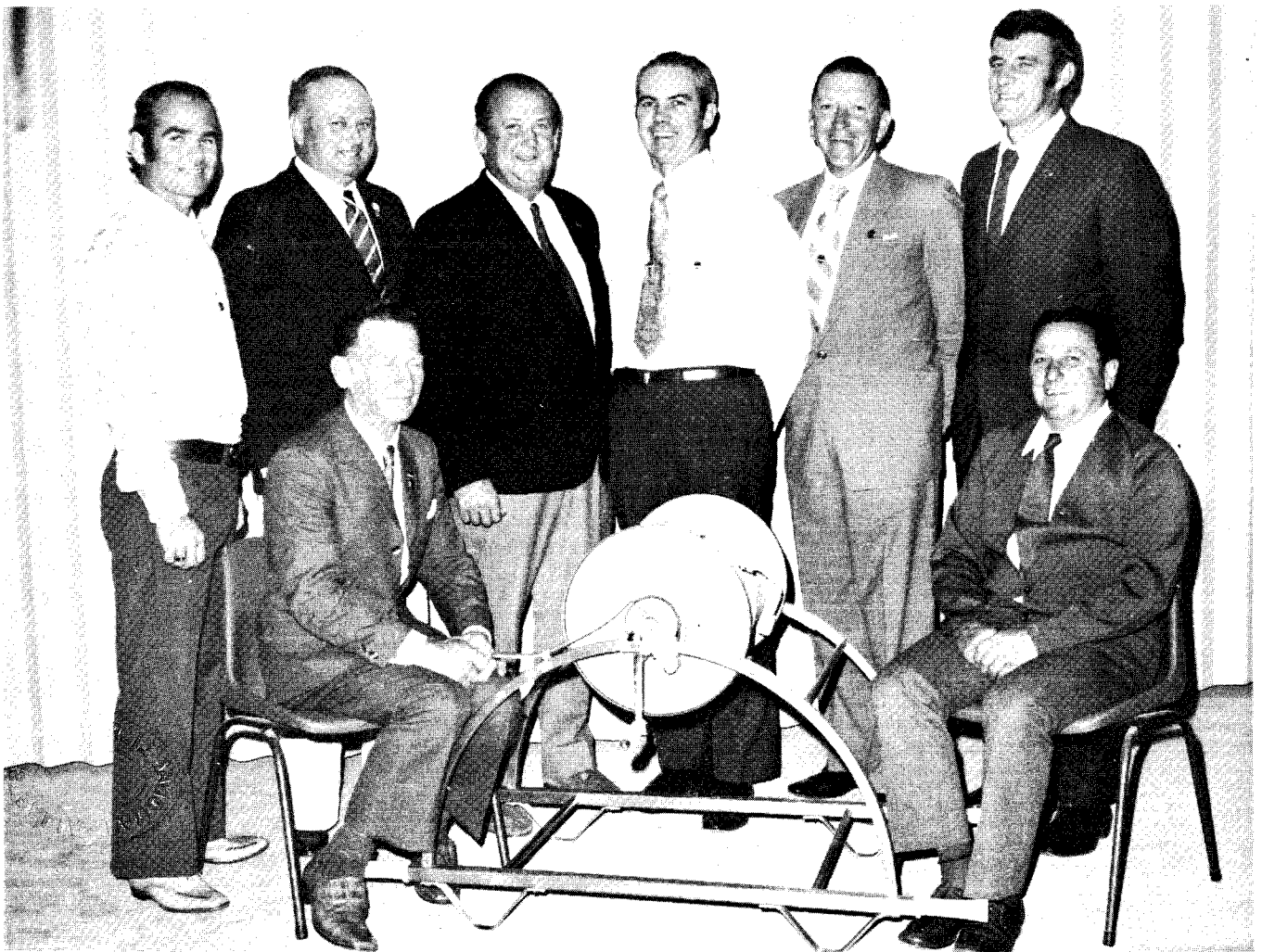
Our records show that the following Members paid the supreme sacrifice in all theatres of the 1939-1945 War.

George Fenwick (R.A.A.F.); Lyle Gardner (A.I.F.); Darryl 'Blue' Gumley (A.I.F.). 'Lest We Forget'.

Members of the 50 Year Celebration Committee; All Life Members of the Club, plus the present Club Executive Officers.

## LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR SERVICES RENDERED

Prior to 1935, Life Membership was conferred on persons who donated a certain amount of financial support to the Club. After the adoption of a new constitution in 1953, Life Membership was only granted to Members who had given special service to the Club over a minimum period of 15 years.



(L. to R.): Les Wright, John Graham, Reg Byrnes, Barry Hammond, Lindsay Cooper, Frank James, sitting left, Clive Wright, Don Wright.





TED HEALY

### 56-57 SEASON

*E. D. (TED) HEALY.* A foundation active member of the Club, who over the years held every executive position other than Treasurer, including five terms as Club President, gained Bronze in first squad 15/2/1936 . . . Life Member of the Far North Coast Branch of the S.L.S.A. of A. and also of the Branch Board of Examiners . . . after leaving the area, he was President of the Coffs harbour S.L.S. Club for several seasons and as Club President received the Queen and Duke on the Royal Visit to Coffs Harbour. Also honoured with Life Membership of the Coffs Harbour Club. Ted passed away 1st November, 1970.

### 56-57 SEASON:

*C. H. (CLIVE) "FRIZZ" WRAIGHT.* Another Foundation Active Member, who gained his Bronze with the first squad 15/2/1936 . . . held many executive positions in the Club, including six terms as Club President. "Frizz" carried out many heroic rescues during his active membership of the Club, also known for his expertise as Sweep Oarsman of surf boats, bringing home many winning crews over a long period. He still retains an active interest in the Club, and is a member of the "50 Year Committee".

### 1962-63 SEASON:

*R. (REG) "HOOKY" BYRNES.* Joined Club and gained Bronze Medallion 1945, gained Instructors and Board of Examiners Certificates. Held many Club positions including Registrar 10 years, Publicity Officer 19 years, Club Secretary 22 years, Delegate to Far North Coast Branch 25 years (100% attendance), Active Member Board of Examiners 22 years, Member of Branch Judiciary Committee for 27 years, Life Member of the Far North Coast Branch and the Board of Examiners. Member of the "50 Year Committee".

### 1962-63 SEASON:

*J. F. (JOHN) "CUSTARD" GRAHAM.* Joined Club and gained Bronze Medallion 1945. Gained Instructors and Board of Examiners Certificates, held many positions including eight terms as Club Treasurer, 10 terms as Registrar, very active member of surf boat crews as a junior and as a senior member. Served 17 years as an active member of the Board of Examiners, five terms as District Supervisor of the Branch, Club Delegate to the Branch, Life Member of the Far North Coast Branch S.L.S.A. and the Branch Board of Examiners . . . now Treasurer of the "50 Year Committee".

### 1963-64 SEASON:

*B. (BARRY) "PANCHO" HAMMOND.* Joined Club and gained Bronze Medallion 1947. Instructors and Board of Examiners Certificates followed. Has held many executive positions in the Club, including nine terms as Club President, followed by 12 terms as Senior Vice-President. A very strong surf swimmer, Barry was a member of many Junior and Senior R & R Teams, and also held the Open Belt Race Championship of the Far North Coast Branch. Barry has also been involved in many serious rescues. He is still very active in Club activities, and is a member of the "50 Year Committee".

### 1965-66 SEASON:

*D. M. (DONALD) "DASHER" WRAIGHT.* Joined club and gained Bronze Medallion 2/4/1944 . . . has held many positions in the Club, a member who was always willing to have a go as a competitor or as a worker on fund raising activities. Best known for his very active role of "Chief Transport Officer" for many eventful trips to and from surf carnivals. Still takes an active interest in the Club, and is a member of the "50 Year Committee". Has been a Vice-President of the Club for many years.

### 1965-66 SEASON:

*L. J. (LINDSAY) "GREASY" COOPER.* Gained Bronze Medallion 6/1/1946 at Ballina, and joined Brunswick in 1949 . . . held many positions in the Club over the years including eight years as Senior Vice-President, and for the last 12 years as Vice-President. A very active member in fund raising, competition and patrol duties. Still takes an active interest in the Club and is a member of the "50 Year Committee".



JOHN FISHER

### 1966-67 SEASON:

*J. D. (JOHN) "JERRY" FISHER.* Joined Club and gained Bronze Medallion 31/10/1948 . . . followed by Instructors and Examiners Certificates . . . active member of a Junior R & R Team which won the Far North Coast Branch Championships, and also as a member of many winning surf boat crews both as a junior and as a senior. Held positions of Club Captain, Boat Captain, as a protege of "Frizz" Wraight's learned the specialist arts of sweeping a surf boat. He carried out this position for many years, and was successful in bringing home many winning crews. John has been living away from the Northern Rivers for many years but still keeps in contact with the Club.

Was a very active member of the Board of Examiners for many years.

### 1972-73:

*F. G. (FRANK) "JESSIE" JAMES.* Joined the Club and gained Qualifying Certificate 14/12/1957 followed by Bronze Medallion, Instructors and Board of Examiners Certificates . . . very active in R & R Teams and also boat crews, both as a junior and later as a senior member . . . gave a lot of time in instructing and training R & R and March Past Teams, Club Captain for 5 years and Club President for 4 years, an active member of the Board of Examiners for many years, and still retains an interest in Club activities . . . is a member of the "50 Year Committee" . . . is now very active, with all members of his family in Pony Club and Show Riding Competitions.

### 1972-73:

*L. G. (LES) "FLAPS" WRAIGHT.* Joined Club and gained Qualifying Certificate 14/12/57, followed by Bronze Medallion . . . Instructors, and Board of Examiners Certificates. Very active competitor in both Junior and Senior R & R Teams, as well as winning many races in surf events. 10 terms as Chief Instructor, 3 terms as Deputy Chief Instructor, 4 terms as Hon. Secretary, 2 terms as Club President, and holding many other positions in the Club. Les gave much of his time training new members, and also teams for competitions.

Les was also an active member of the Far North Coast Branch Board of Examiners for many years, and is now a member of the "50 Year Committee".

## MERITORIOUS AWARDS GAINED BY CLUB MEMBERS

### CLIVE "FRIZZ" WRAIGHT

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Certificate of Merit, for rescue of men from the surf 31st January, 1937. He made the rescue with a surf line which had been condemned only the week before (but as at that stage the Club had 1 reel and line, the gear was still in use). At one stage of the rescue "Frizz" and four patients were on the line, which did not break.

### CLIVE "PADDLES" HAMMOND

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Certificate of Merit, plus the Silver Medallion from the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society, for his efforts in rescuing three ladies at the river entrance 29th March, 1953.

### BARRY "PANCHO" HAMMOND

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Letter of Commendation for his effort in the same rescue.

### BILL "MANCELL" JAMES

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Letter of Commendation for his effort in the same rescue.

### ADRIAN RUSSELL

The Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society for his efforts in a rescue 5th April, 1981, when a power boat returning from a fishing trip overturned at the river mouth.

### CONSTABLE IAN DAVID FOX

(A former active member, home on leave). The Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society for his part in the same rescue.

### MARK EDWARDS

The Certificate of Merit of the Royal Humane Society for his efforts in the same rescue.

### JOHN KNIGHT

Letter of Commendation of the Royal Humane Society for his part in the same rescue.

### MARK QUINN

Letter of Commendation of the Royal Humane Society for his part in the same rescue.

### SENIOR CONSTABLE CLIVE MACKELLAR (Associate Member)

Letter of Commendation of the Royal Humane Society for his part in the same rescue.

## LES WRAIGHT

Was commended for his efforts in a rescue when a boat overturned on the bar in June 1970. Using a rescue ski he rescued one man from Seagull Rocks; another person rescued a second patient from the rocks on the North Wall in an unconscious condition, and unfortunately a third person was drowned. Les has taken part in many other rescues since joining the club.

## HARRY WRAIGHT

Is another member who has never been given official recognition for his rescues, many of them of a very serious nature; one such rescue was made during the 1944-45 season when two very distressed fishermen were rescued after a boating incident near the river mouth. Harry is very modest and reluctant to talk about many of his rescues.

It is of interest to note that almost all of these major rescues have been carried out at the river entrance during an ebb tide, and this area has claimed many lives since the Brunswick Valley has been populated by white man.

## KEITH SHEAHAN

Awarded British Empire Medal for Bravery, in rescuing passengers from a blazing car, before coming to the Brunswick area.

## How we originated

The Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club was formed at a meeting on Friday, 8th November, 1935; the venue being in a shop owned by Mr. Syd Brooker at Mullumbimby. This shop is now a health food shop across the laneway next to Mallams Store. Mr. Brooker, who was President of the Mullumbimby Amateur Swimming Club at that time was Chairman for the meeting and Mr. Harry Wraight as Hon. Secretary Pro-Tem. Others attending included the Superintendent of the Far North Coast Branch of the S.L.S.A. of A., Mr. Allan Kennedy, and his Deputy Mr. Bob Crossman, Ted Healy, Jim Mortimer, Sid Budge, Messrs. Bill Peoples, Jack Carolan, Fred Kimpton, Maurice Wraight, Bill Arnold (Mayor of Mullumbimby), Bert McDougall, Carl Brooker, Hugh Dalrymple, Max Pearse, Tom Pledger, Ken Upton, Stan Stephens, Alby Lofts, Clive Wraight, George Mallett, Stan Neath . . . other may have attended but names not recorded.

It was moved by Mr. Fred Kimpton, seconded by Mr. Stan Stephens, that the public of Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads co-operate to form a surf life saving club to patrol the south beach at Brunswick Heads.

Mr. Kimpton then moved, seconded by Hugh Dalrymple that the Club be known as the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club, as the name Brunswick covers the Brunswick Valley, not only Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

PATRONS: R. F. H. Green, MHR; A. E. Budd, MLA.  
PRESIDENT: Mr. J. D. Carolan (Jack was licensee of the Ocean View Hotel at Brunswick Heads).  
VICE-PRESIDENTS: Maurice Wraight, Alby Lofts, Frank Wakely, Syd Brooker, Fred Kimpton, Charlie Walker, George Mallam Snr., George Mallan Jnr., Fred Ward, Digby Pearce, Bill Arnold, Percy Walkly.  
HONORARY SECRETARY: Stan Stephens.  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Harry Wraight.  
HONORARY TREASURER: Bill Peoples.  
REGISTRAR: Ted Healy.

CLUB CAPTAIN: Stan Stephens.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Alby Lofts.

COMMITTEE: W. H. P. Mackay, Sid Budge, Jim Mortimer, Max Pearse, Hugh Dalrymple.

Hugh Dalrymple moved and Clive Wraight seconded a motion that the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club affiliate with the Far North Coast Branch of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia. President, Secretary, Treasurer to be delegates.

Membership fees to be 25c per year (N.B. All monies have been converted to decimal currency for these records).

And so our Club was formed.

It is of interest to note that Mr. S. T. (Stepper) Stanly Stephens, gained his Bronze Medallion in the same squad as his father, Mr. Percy Stephens at the Cudgen Headland Club in March 1932 — Bronze Medallion Number 8290 and later gained his Instructors Certificate as a Foundation Member and also first Hon. Secretary of the Brunswick Club his services were greatly appreciated by the newly formed club. He later became a member of the N.S.W. Parliament representing the Seat of Byron for a record term of 29 years and held the position as Minister for Housing and Co-operatives.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

In earlier years the south beach of Brunswick Heads was considered unsafe for surf bathing, and all who enjoyed sun and surf used the north beach area of Brunswick Heads, travelling to and from the area by rowing boats.

The first Brunswick Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society appears to have been formed at Mullumbimby in the year 1909, and a photo of the group patrolling North Beach in that year shows them using a surf reel shaped on similar designs to our present day reels, and of course the belt was of the old cork and canvas type, similar to ships life jackets of an early design. Dr. D. D. Gibson was President, Alderman J. Davidson was Secretary, Messrs. G. Henderson, J. Judge and Miss Rene Neath were appointed as first Official Inspectors to patrol North Beach, Brunswick Heads.

No details are available as to why, but at a later meeting in the same year under the name Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club (not affiliated with the S.L.S.A. of A.) the Mayor of Mullumbimby, Ald. J. Hollingworth was elected President, Mr. G. Burton Secretary . . . Mr. W. M. Richards Treasurer and Mr. G. Henderson as Captain.

In 1920, it is on record that "The Mullumbimby Ladies Life Saving Club has taken the initiative where the men have bogged down, and continue to patrol the North Beach bathing area." Mr. Stan Neath, holder of the Bronze Medallion and Bar, passed the following persons for Life Saving Awards:

Elementary Certificates, Olga Selwood, Lillian Neath.

Mr. Stan Neath was involved with many rescues in the days of North Beach surfing, and was awarded the Royal Shipwreck Relief & Humane Society Bronze Medallion and Certificate of Merit for a difficult rescue 16th March, 1913, and again for another rescue 13th April, 1914, he was awarded a Bronze Bar to his Medallion and another Certificate of Merit.

Proficiency Certificates: Maud Garrard, Phyllis Dalrymple, Phyllis Witford, Hilda Neath, Phil Changato and Ollie Neilson. Ollie later married Mr. George Hammond and was the mother of Clive, Barry and Bev.

**The First Surf Carnival** at South Beach, Brunswick Heads — Sunday, 24th November, 1935, with teams of qualified lifesavers from Yamba, Evans Head, Casino, Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore and Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Clubs taking part.

One of the biggest non holiday crowds on record attended this carnival with over 400 persons on the beach; a large fleet of rowing boats transported the crowd to and from the beach across the South Arm of the Brunswick River with many others swimming across. The footbridge across the South Arm was not commenced until 1936, and opened in December 1936.

A ladies auxiliary headed by Mrs. Carolan, provided lunch for 70 officials and guests of the Club on the verandah of the "Ocean View Hotel" (the Hotel Brunswick now stands on this site). Keeping in mind that those participating in the luncheon had to be transported from and to South Beach by boat, provided a major effort for the newly formed Brunswick S.L.S.C. members and their supporters.

The President of the Far North Coast Branch of the S.L.S.A. of A., Mr. A. G. "Pop" Denison officially opened South Beach, Brunswick Heads as a surfing beach during the carnival. He was accompanied by the Branch Secretary, Mr. John O'Grady (later to become well known as Nino Culotta, author of 'They're A Weird Mob' . . . 'Gone Fishin' etc. etc.)

Branch Superintendent, Mr. Allan Kennedy, was Carnival Referee and Mr. Bob Crossman his deputy also officiated.

Due to rising seas trouble was had in placing the swimming buoys for the afternoon events. Johnson Bros. (local professional fishermen) had a four oared fishing boat on North Beach and "Frizz" Wraight was given permission to use it, in company with Sid Budge, Roger Flynn and Ron Dennis swam across the channel on an outgoing tide; some of the weaker swimmers were washed onto the rocks on the northern side of the entrance; after a struggle, the four managed to get the heavy boat into the surf, and "Frizz" and Sid Budge took two oars each, with the other two sitting in the stern, managed to negotiate the surf and proceed to where the buoys were floating . . . picked them up and relaid them in a proper position, and then caught a fine shoot right back to the beach.

"Frizz" later became well known throughout Northern N.S.W. and Southern Queensland Surf Life Saving Clubs for his expertise as a sweep of many winning surf boat crews and who was also ready to pass on his knowledge to younger persons with ambitions to become sweep oarsmen.

## Highlight of the Club over 50 years

### 1935-1936

First clubhouse was hessian bags wrapped around tree trunks for use as a dressing shed for surf club members.

Apparently just after its formation, club members built or renovated an old shed situated on the sand dunes well south of where the present clubhouse now stands. This shed was used to store equipment, mainly one only surf reel which had been donated to Brunswick by the Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club; and also used as a change room for members. An old sea chest was used to store smaller items of equipment and also march past costumes when they were purchased at a later date.



*R. & R. Team at Brunswick 22. 12. 1940. Left to right, Austin Leben, Don Wilkes, Wally Gaggin, Ken Upton, Reg Underhill, Allen McNaughton. Note original clubhouse in background, extended to store surf boat purchased from Avalon.*

After the clubhouse was opened in 1939, the shed was not used until the purchase of a secondhand surf boat from the Avalon S.L.S. Club in Sydney. At a meeting early December 1940, the secretary was directed to purchase materials and arrange for labour to extend the old shed, to enable the surf boat to be stored. This shed and extension is shown in a photo loaned to the Club by Austin Leben taken 22nd December, 1940.

These early surf boats were much heavier than the modern types, and as the shed was so far from the surf, a wooden set of tramlines were erected to assist members to slide the boat into the shed.

At this stage it must be remembered that the first clubhouse was constructed without a boat shed (this was not constructed until the 1945-46 season) and during the winter months the surf boat was stored at private residences both at Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads. After the old shed was pulled down, the boat was transferred to and from the beach each Sunday, by rowing it around the channel, or by carrying it across the footbridge.

At a later date material from the old shed was used to build a galley on the southern side of the clubhouse and after a short time this was pulled down and with additional timber provided by Bob Harkness, re-erected on the northern side of the clubhouse, where it was leased out as a kiosk to other persons. Bob Harkness built and conducted a small kiosk building on the northern side of the clubhouse in earlier years.

One of the highlights of the kiosk in the Harkness era, was the keg of home-made ginger beer brewed by Bob, who said it was so hot that customers drank a glass and immediately re-ordered another to put out the fire . . . having had the dubious pleasure of testing some of the Harkness brews over the years, many of our members could sympathise with those patrons of the kiosk.

Extract from Sydney Morning Herald of 18th January, 1936 (copy provided by Mr. Max Pearse). "Members of the newly formed Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club had many calls for their services at Brunswick Heads South Beach. Six persons were



rescued. Several bathers who had crossed the spit to the breakers attempted to leave the water further northward, when they were caught in a deep gutter, in which there was a strong current. L. McLeod of Lismore, Mrs. J. Tomlinson, Miss M. Nelson, and Miss E. Neilson, all of Brunswick Heads and two other lads were soon in difficulty in 10 feet of water. Lifesavers S. Stephens, M. Pearse and H. Wraight and the Beach Inspector, Mr. B. P. McDougall, went to the rescue. A line and reel were necessary to bring McLeod, Mrs. Tomlinson and Miss Neilson to the beach; George Barnes of Sydney and Miss Laura Pasfield of Brunswick Heads were also caught in the gutter, but they were able to reach safety unaided . . . these rescues were the first made by the Brunswick Club."

### 15th FEBRUARY, 1936

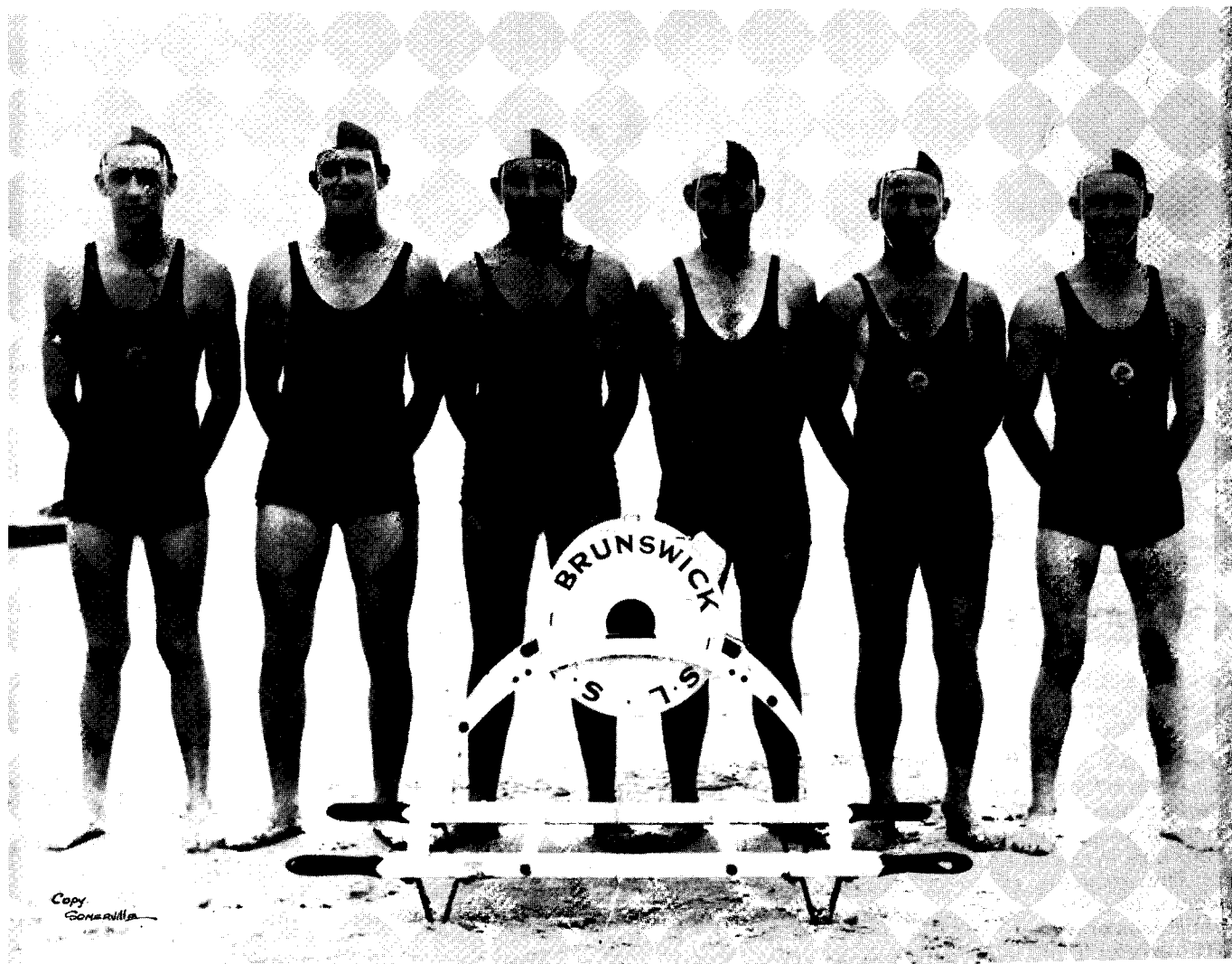
The first Bronze Squad was due to face the examiners, (the Branch Superintendent and his Deputy). Due to big seas at Brunswick the examination was held at Byron Bay, where more equipment was available. Ted Healy, Jim Michington, Keith Sullivan, Max Pearse, Clive Wraight, and Harry Wraight all passed with credit to themselves and the Club.

### 26th FEBRUARY, 1936

Four rescues were made at Brunswick . . . Jim Michington, Harry Wraight and Jim Gallen each took a patient to shore, and Ken Upton using the line and belt, rescued the fourth.

A second carnival was held at Brunswick Heads, March 1936, and clubs from Southern Queensland as well as local clubs competed. The Brunswick R & R Team trained by Eric Foster of the Byron Bay Club, with Jim Michington as captain performed well and were just beaten for a place. While on patrol, Jim Michington picked up a scallop shell, and suggested using it as a basic design for our Club Badge . . . Stan "Stepper" Stephens went into the matter more fully and came up with a design which is still in use as our Club Badge, and which was also adopted as a base design for the badge of the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club, which is very fitting due to the close liaison between the two clubs since the formation of the bowling club in the 1950's.

Also at this stage it is fitting to acknowledge the close co-operation and support given by the Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club Committee and Members both in our inaugural years, and right through to the present time this close relationship exists.



First R. & R. Team 1936. (L. to R.): Lyle Gardner, Jack Pullinger, Ted Healy, George Fenwick, Clive 'Frizz' Wraight, Ken Upton. Lyle died a P.O.W. and George K.I. Action.

### 1936-1937

The Club still only had one surf line and reel, and it was decided to make an all out effort to try and raise funds to purchase more gear. Mr. Ron McKenzie, a member of the Byron Bay S.L.S. Club, who worked at a Mullumbimby Bank, gave a lot of his time to train and instruct new members for the Brunswick Club. Ron was killed in action in Singapore, 11th February, 1942 while a member of the A.I.F.



*Brunswick R. & R. Team 1937. (L. to R.): Keith Sullivan, Jim Michington, Max Pearce, Ted Healy, Harry Wraight, Bill Fitzgerald, Stan Stephens (instructor).*

During the season the Brunswick Club notified Byron Shire Council that it had no objection to men wearing swim trunks with skirts, on the beach, but would strictly enforce the wearing of rolled down costumes.

### 1937-1938

December 1937, Mr. Hedly Hungerford suggested that the committee try and obtain 50 debenture holders for the sum of \$10 each, as a means of raising finance to construct a clubhouse at South Beach, and that any person making a straight out donation to the Club would be granted Life Membership . . . this motion was adopted . . . N.B. When a new constitution was adopted in the 1950's, Life Membership was only granted to those who had given special service to the Club over many years.

### FEBRUARY 1938

The Club was advised that it may be possible for the Byron Shire Council to get a government grant towards cost of a new clubhouse (no indication as to if such a grant was ever given).

Bill Peoples and Stan Stephens were appointed to arrange the drawing up of plans for a brick building, Mr. Hungerford to draw up debenture forms, and a sub-committee of Clive Mallam, Jack Carolan, Stan Stephens, Bill Peoples and Ted Healy to co-ordinate the appeal for funds and construction details.

### 1938-1939

An approach was made to the F.N.C. Branch through its Superintendent, Mr. Angus Rummery for permission to conduct another surf carnival at Brunswick in December 1938.

The secretary to apply for a Sunday Trading Licence to sell cordials at South Beach and Mrs. Pearce was approached to give the Club permission to run an electricity lead from her residence at South Beach to the carnival area to provide power for a public address system to be hired from Mr. Hilton Ainsworth at a cost of \$10.

Other clubs to be notified that due to poor financial circumstances, the Brunswick Club would not be able to provide lunch for competitors.

It was mentioned in the Annual Report for this season that Brunswick Club had 100% success in carnival competition, winning the chariot race, which was the only event in which they took part.

Ted Healy, Charlie Mallam and Allan Mudge organised a fancy dress ball which raised a sum of \$44 for the Clubhouse Building Fund.

### AUGUST 1938

A tender of \$2,048 for the construction of a new clubhouse was accepted by Byron Shire Council from a Bangalow Builder, Mr. Harry Jagers. The building was to be of two floors, and of fibro construction; the Surf Club agreed to pay \$600 towards the cost of having the lower floor clad with weatherboard instead of fibro as a means of combating possible vandalism (although the money was paid to Council, the lower floor was clad with fibro sheeting and not weatherboard).

The Club started the season with five active members and finished with 23 Bronze holders and Ted Healy gained his Instructors Certificate.

"Frizz" Wraight patrolled the beach over the Christmas/New Year holiday period as permanent life saver.

### 1939-1940

With the Clubhouse complete, the Club purchased new speedo costumes from G. Mallam & Co., to be worn by members on patrol. Colour was base black and the half skirt white stripes with a white belt . . . cost \$1.45 each.

The new clubhouse and public dressing sheds were officially opened during a surf carnival at Brunswick Heads on 17th December, 1938.

Mr. A. E. Budd, M.L.A. led a procession to the building and performed the opening ceremony, before a crowd estimated to be 2,000.

Surf clubs competing at the carnival were Fingal, Tugun, Tweed Heads and Coolangatta, Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore, Byron Bay.

Choppy seas made conditions unpleasant for competition and the only Brunswick placings were a third in the chariot race and Harry Wraight winning the beach sprint.

Mr. Spooner, Minister for Works and Local Government, allocated \$1,000 towards the building and the Surf Club and Byron Shire Council to finance the remainder.

Mr. Ron Budd donated all materials to stock the new Casualty Room, and was made an Honorary Member for the season in appreciation.

### DECEMBER 1939

Ken Upton resigned as Hon. Secretary to join the Armed Forces and George Fenwick was appointed to take the position.

Clive Wraight was offered \$4 per week to patrol the beach from 26th December to 26th January, 1940, and Mrs. Odie Stewart of Mullumbimby organised an open air concert at Brunswick Heads on 31st December to assist Club funds.

Another surf carnival was held at Brunswick during January 1940, with 1500 buttons featuring a photo of the new clubhouse being offered for sale. The Brunswick Club provided lunch for competitors from all clubs; 40 persons to dine at the hotel . . . 40 at Lofts Cafe and another at Walker's Kiosk.

Brunswick has the unique record of conducting two carnivals in its first season of existence and also in the 39-40 season.



*Clubhouse at South Beach officially opened Dec. 1939.*

The Committee purchased a new typewriter for the Secretary and this unit was traded in on a new model in 1964, which is being used to type this history. A Mr. Rixon was appointed as caretaker of the clubhouse and this proved to be of some deterrent to vandalism.

#### **APRIL 1940**

Mr. Towns, a Sydney Boatbuilder, called at the Hotel Brunswick, and after discussion with President Jack Carolan, agreed to keep a look out for a good secondhand surf boat . . . (hence Avalon boat).

The Secretary's Report stated that the season commenced with 25 Bronze Holders and one Instructor and finished with 45 Bronze Holders and four Instructors.

#### **1940-1941**

A tender for the supply of a set of march past costumes and caps was accepted from G. Mallam & Co.

Byron Shire Council was again asked to widen the door of the gear room to enable reels to be carried in and out without any problems. (No action. Reels still had to be carried on their sides to get them through the door right up to the time the building was demolished.)

#### **DECEMBER 1940**

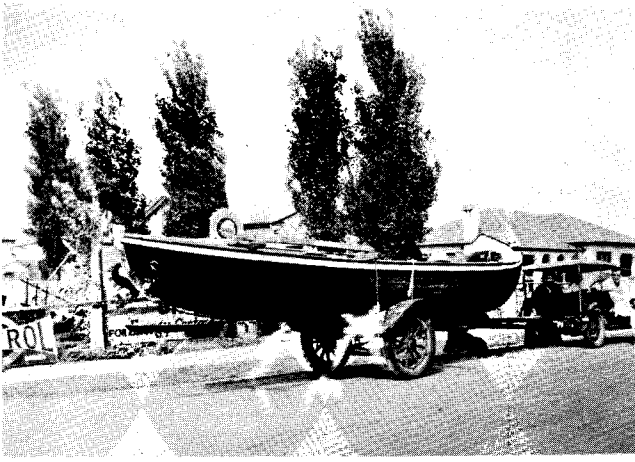
The Club decided to purchase a secondhand town's built surf boat from the Avalon S.L.S. Club in Sydney . . . cost of the boat was \$150 and it was sent to Byron Bay as deck cargo on the "SS Wollongbar", 17/12/1940. It was insured for \$200 against damage, with the exception of damage by enemy action at a premium cost of \$1.58. The "SS Wollongbar" was later torpedoed near Port Macquarie on a return trip to Sydney from Byron Bay. Clive Wraight again appointed as permanent lifesaver for holiday season 1940-41.

#### **JANUARY 1941**

Members decided to call the new surf boat "Brunswick" — a name that remained with all surf boats owned by the Club until 1985. It was also decided to purchase a full set of oars and a sweep, and also to construct a suitable trailer for transport of the craft.

#### **FEBRUARY 1941**

Bob Harkness was elected as the first boat captain and also to be responsible for the selection of and the training of boat crews.



Our first surf boat — Bob Harkness used a baby Austin car to tow this boat to and from Brunswick from Mullumbimby. Alan Mudge and George Montgomery in picture, also two Alsatian dogs used for ballast?

### MARCH 1941

Brunswick won its first boat race at the Kirra Surf Carnival. (No record of crew names).

In his annual report, Secretary George Fenwick stated that the season closed with 57 Bronze Holders (up 12) and six Instructors (up 2). He specially mentioned the efforts of Alan Mudge, Clive and Charlie Mallam, Ken Upton and Lyle Gardner for their efforts in raising funds for the Club. The Club donated \$20 each to the Girls Patriotic League and the Greek Fund Appeal. It was also agreed to purchase \$200 worth of War Savings Certificates.

### 1941-1942

The Club sent a letter and a canteen order for 50c each to all active members serving overseas, and all members still in the Club were asked to assist in the war effort by assisting National Emergency Services in their home towns. An application was also made to the Minister for Transport to release petrol ration tickets, to allow our Lismore members to travel to Brunswick for patrol duties.

### NOVEMBER 1941

Mr. George Fenwick resigned as Club Secretary to join the R.A.A.F. and Mr. Alan Mudge was elected to the position. George was later killed in action.

The Committee decided to offer free membership to lads under the age of 14 years, providing they completed the examinations for the S.L.S.A. of A. Proficiency Certificate; this suggestion was made to try and build up membership and was made to the Club by Mr. Jack Cameron, National Superintendent of the S.L.S.A. of A. who made an official visit to the Club on Sunday, 2nd November, 1941. Jack congratulated the members on patrol for their excellent work and general knowledge.

### DECEMBER 1941

Ted Healy as a Probationary Examiner passed Jim Hammond and Alan Mudge for their Instructors Certificates with Mr. Cox of Yamba S.L.S. Club acting as a witness.

### JANUARY 1942

A Mr. Comino was swept out to sea and was supported by Harry and Clive Wraight until Beltman, Neville Stebbings, reached them and completed the rescue.

The season commenced with 21 Bronze Holders and two Instructors and finished with only two Instructors and six Bronze Holders due to most members enlisting. At a special meeting March 1942, held at the Railway Hotel, Mullumbimby, it was decided to appoint three Trustees to handle Club affairs until such time as a committee could take over again, Hedly Hungerford, George Mallam and Maurice Wraight appointed.

The Club did not conduct a surf carnival, and due to lack of members did not attend any others held in the branch.

During the war years, the surf boat as with all other boats in the Brunswick Valley was impounded, as a precaution against enemy action in the east coast area. All boats were stored in the open, at the western end of the main street in Mullumbimby. The area was fenced off and patrolled by armed guards from the local section of the Volunteer Defence Corps.

Being out in all weathers, the boats deteriorated greatly before being released. Fortunately special negotiations made with the authorities gained permission for the surf boat to be stored in portion of a building owned by Mr. Chas Latter, a local blacksmith and coach builder.

### 1942-1943

Ten persons attended the Annual Meeting October 1942, and many positions were left unfilled due to shortage of active members. The Club had \$200 in war bonds and \$40 in the bank.

The surfing season commenced with 10 Bronze holders and two Instructors and finished with only five Bronze holders and one Instructor.

The caretaker, Mr. Rixon was forced to resign through ill health and vandals soon took the opportunity to damage the building and a surf reel left out for emergency use.

The committee placed a ban on non members using the upstairs portion of the building due to lack of supervision.

It was pleasing to note that a number of young lads were coming forward to join the Club, and assist the remaining active members to patrol the beach. The possibility of a number of girls being included in each patrol was discussed and left in abeyance to receive the attention of Club officials?? (No comment).

Club Secretary, Alan Mudge, in his annual report paid tribute to the Social Committee of the Club for their efforts in fund-raising.

### 1943-1944

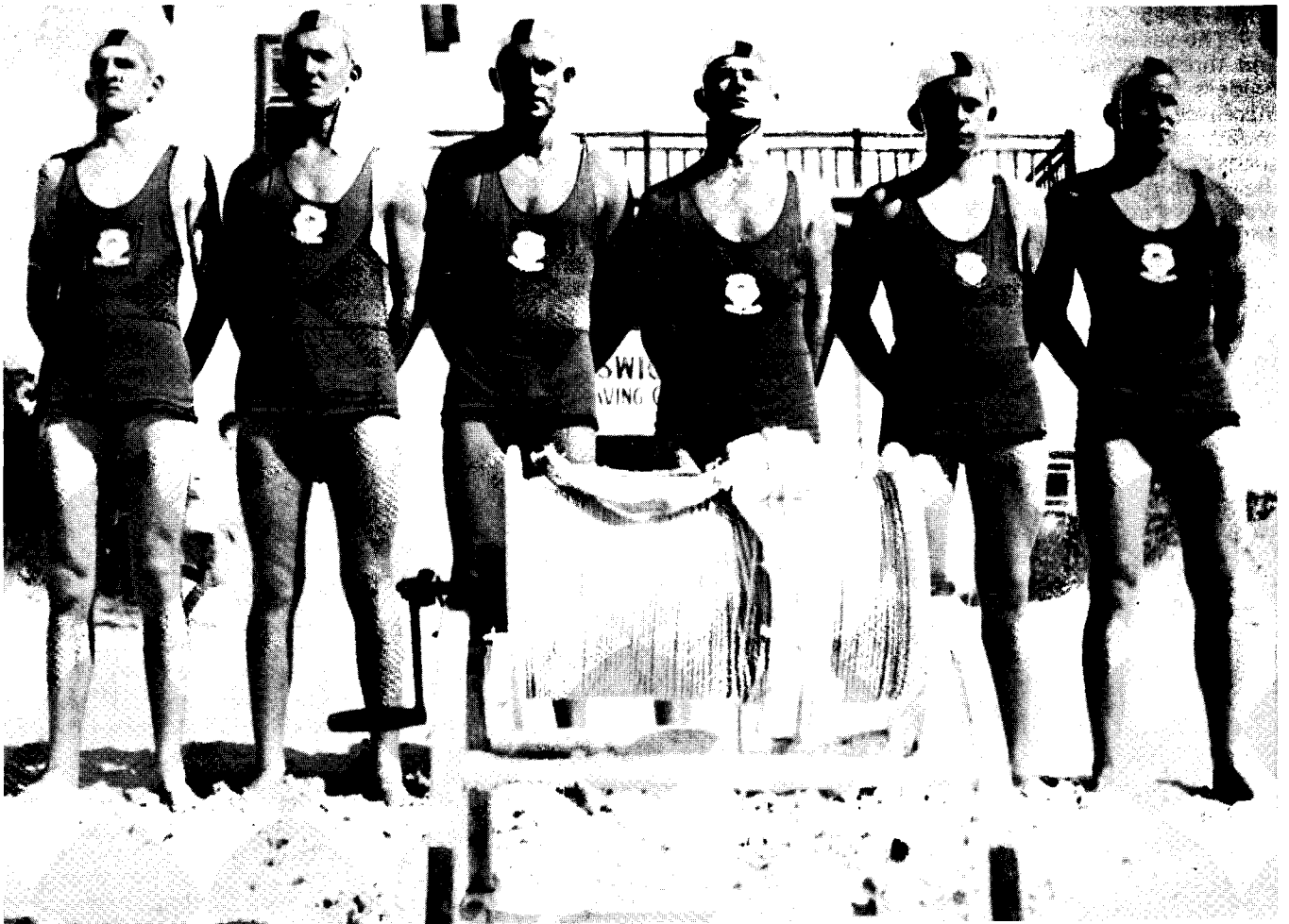
The season commenced with a bank balance of \$200 in war bonds and \$60 in general account.

It was decided to conduct a surf carnival with beach events open to all and surfing events restricted to qualified lifesavers only.

The Club also decided to compete at the Byron Bay Carnival, with a boat crew to be selected by the Boat Captain.

During this season the surf boat was re-varnished and a public address system was purchased from Mr. Hilton Ainsworth for the sum of \$135.25. The season opened with only six Bronze holders and four Instructors and finished with 15 Bronze holders and four Instructors — a very good effort by the few active members involved.





*R. & R. Team season 1944-45. (L. to R.): Greville Sargent Barry Munro, Algy Montgomery, Ken Bamber, Barry Kedglic, Allan Wagner.*



*Open Boat Crew 44-45 season (Branch Champions). (L. to R.): Harry Wright, Ted Healy, Clive Wright, Bob Harkness, Kevin Field.*

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## 1944-1945

The season commenced with 11 Bronze holders and three Instructors and finished with 32 Bronze holders and seven Instructors — a wonderful increase. Algy Montgomery trained two Bronze squads at Woodlawn College, and all these lads were successful in gaining their Bronze Medallions when the examinations were held at Brunswick Heads. Woodlawn continued sending squads to Brunswick until the 1952-53 season when they moved to Byron Bay as transport was much more convenient.

The condition of the clubhouse left much to be desired, with wind erosion removing sand from under the foundations, electrical conduits rusting and wires shorting. Vandalism was still very active and much damage had been done to fibro sheets on the walls.

It was decided to purchase a pumping system to draw bore water for showers and cleaning of the dressing rooms and equipment, at a cost of \$160.

In his annual report for the season, the Secretary, Mr. Alan Mudge, stated that the three reels were in good condition and the surf boat had minor repairs and was stored under Blanch's home at Brunswick Heads. A fully equipped surf reel was on order for delivery in the near future.



Barry 'Darby' Munro, Junior Belt Champion of Far North Coast Branch 1944-45 season. Note old type belts, no safety release, cork floats in belt.

At the Branch Championships held at Ballina, Brunswick won the March Past event and Barry Munro the Junior Belt Race Branch Title.

The R & R Team came second at the Byron Bay Carnival and at the Yamba Carnival Barry Munro won the Junior Belt Race and the boat crew the Open Boat Race.

Five rescues were recorded using surf line and belt and nine without. Special mention was made of a rescue attempt by Harry Wraight when two men were washed out from the river. Unfortunately one man drowned and the other was assisted to safety.

## 1945-1946

The season commenced with 18 Bronze holders and four Instructors and finished with 28 Bronze holders and seven Instructors.

Income from dances and the Annual Ball kept the Club finances on a high level and enabled the committee to purchase two new reels and three surf lines and belts. The clubhouse had been repaired by Byron Shire Council but more vandalism was reported and efforts were being made to engage a caretaker. Mr. Clive Wraight assisted by Mr. George Tegge had almost completed additions to the clubhouse at a cost of nearly \$560.

The additions included a boatshed with sleeping quarters and a kitchen on the upper floor.

Byron Shire was asked to supply one of the old air raid sirens for use as a shark alarm, but this never eventuated.

A full list of members who were on active service and also the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice was sent to the Branch for its records. For the first time Brunswick was host club for the Far North Coast Branch Championships, and Norm "Buck" Frazer won the Open Surf Race Title. Barry Kedglie second in Junior Belt and Barry Munro second in Open Belt Races.

Fourteen rescues were made during the season. Brunswick Club won both the Junior and Senior Boat Race events at the Byron Bay Carnival.

At a meeting held March 1947, it was moved Ted Healy, seconded Bob Harkness that the proposed building of a new clubhouse be left in abeyance until after the projected amalgamation of Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby is settled. (Still waiting for further reports on this amalgamation in 1985???)

## 1946-1947 NOVEMBER 1946

Mr. W. Penny was appointed as caretaker with honorarium of \$2 per week. The Club also agreed to provide a stovette for his use.

Nominations of Mr. Allan Wagner in the Open Beach Sprint and the Open Boat Crew in the Australian Championship Carnival at Southport. This was the first time ever that we were to be represented in the Australian Championships.

Gus Wagner had won the Beach Sprint at all club carnivals in the Branch and also the Branch Championships.

The Open Boat Crew also won the Branch Championship title.

The Club lost many of its members who moved away — included President Jack Carolan, "Darby" Munro and John Cawley — a promising competitor at surf carnivals. President Jack held the position for eight terms.

Father Mitchell of Woodlawn College trained 30 lads, and all were successful in gaining the S.L.S.A. of A. Bronze Medallions when they faced the examiners at Brunswick Heads.

Only 10 Brunswick members gained their Bronze Medallions during the season.

#### **1947-48**

Byron Shire Council agreed to erect living quarters for the caretaker on the southern side of the clubhouse.

Also a Mr. Gillard was given permission to re-erect a kiosk on the northern side of the clubhouse after the old kiosk was condemned.

The Club purchased a Sparklet Resuscitator to be used with the Eve Rocker Stretcher in the resuscitation of the apparently drowned. The patient was strapped face down to the stretcher and placed on a trestle frame to be rocked up and down, meanwhile the Co2 gas from the Sparklet was inhaled through a face mask.

Members decided to erect a trolley line from the clubhouse to near the high water mark, to help make the transport of the surfboat to and from the water easier; at this time the beach was very wide, and many complaints had been made that the clubhouse had been built too far from the sea. However as beach erosion problems commenced, this project was never completed.

#### **1948-1949**

The Committee wrote to Byron Shire Council advising them of the severe sea erosion of the beach and asking Council to try and take some action to protect the clubhouse from the seas.

A new surf boat (fully equipped) was ordered from N. & E. Towns Boatbuilders of Sydney, to be the same design as the original boat and to be named "Brunswick II".

The Surf Club received a letter of appreciation from the Casino Aero Club for the way members assisted the occupants of a light aircraft which crashed on the beach some 300 metres south of the clubhouse. They carried the two men on stretchers along the beach and over the footbridge to waiting ambulance cars, and then returned to the plane and carried it to above the high tide mark for inspection by Dept. of Civil Aviation officials.

Unfortunately the passenger in the plane died from his injuries.

#### **1949-1950**

The caretaker, Mr. Penny had to resign through ill health. Gus Wagner hired out surf-o-planes on the beach with 2½% of the nett profit donated to the Surf Club.

The Surf Club sponsored the visit of the Grafton Girls Marching Teams who put on displays at Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads. Both groups made a nett profit of \$90 each from the visit.

#### **FEBRUARY 1950**

The Surf Club made its first donation of \$10.50 to the Mullumbimby Baths Appeal. This was the first of many donations to be made by the Surf Club, and Surf Club members also joined the Baths Appeal Committee and assisted with many hours of voluntary labour on the project.

Sixteen Bronze Medallions and Instructors Certificates were gained during the season and Woodlawn College also had 13 students gain their Bronzes.

Junior Boat Crew won at Ballina and Byron Bay Carnivals.

Gus Wagner won Open Beach Sprint at Byron Bay and Evans Head Carnivals. Open Boat Crew won the Boat Rescue Race at Byron Bay Carnival.

Senior R & R Team missed by .95 over a series of three carnivals for a chance to represent the Branch at the State Championships in Sydney. However, Brunswick still won Branch Championship.

Barry Hammond won the Junior Belt Race at Evans Head Carnival, beating the then Branch Champion, John Shepherd of Byron Bay Club.

The March Past team came second in all March Past events that they entered.

#### **1950-1951**

The Club purchased the latest beach broadcasting public address system complete with radio and record turntable, plus public address amplifiers for use in crowd control and rescue.

Gus Wagner offered the Club a 40% share of profits from surf-o-plane hire if Club members on patrol would assist with hiring of same . . . agreed.

Mr. E. A. Gray donated the E. A. Gray Shield for the Best Patrol of the Season; still being competed for in 1985.

#### **CARNIVAL DAY, DECEMBER 1950**

Big seas washed right up under the foundations of the clubhouse. There was a drop of three metres from the level of the boatshed floor to the beach. The R & R could not be held in the morning due to lack of beach space. Surf races were held but many competitors got into difficulties and had to be rescued by surf boats and skis.

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY 1950**

Surf Club Members and volunteers filled and placed hundreds of sandbags on the beach in front of the clubhouse foundations to try and keep the big seas from undermining the building. Most of these were washed away overnight and further bags were filled on Boxing Day. In all 1500 were used and the Brunswick Heads Progress Association donated \$46 towards the cost. Many bags were also donated by district farmers. Due to lack of sand on the beach, the bags had to be filled in a sand pit at the rear of the building, carried around and then lowered onto the beach and placed in position. Fortunately the seas abated and the threat to the clubhouse was averted for the time being.

During the afternoon of Boxing Day, the beach was still closed for surfing, when the alarm was given that seven children playing in two rowing boats in the river had been caught in the outgoing tide and were being washed out to sea. (No rock breakwalls existed in those days).

Surf Club Members were able to save five of the children. One drowned and another child was missing and the body never found.

A cyclone developed in January and rough seas again threatened the clubhouse. All equipment was transferred to a room behind the kiosk owned by Mr. Stan Frederikson on the eastern end of the footbridge (now F. R. Harkness residence). However further sandbags and good luck again saved the building.

#### **FEBRUARY 1951**

The Committee gave Byron Shire Council a cheque for \$700 towards the cost of constructing a log retaining wall in front of the clubhouse, to save the collapse of the building by the sea.



*Erosion by cyclonic seas Christmas Day, 1950.*

Also it was decided to purchase for \$160, surf-planes and beach umbrellas used for beach hiring from Gus Wagner, who was leaving to live in Sydney.

Another 32 lads from Woodlawn College were awarded the Bronze Medallion as were eight from the Brunswick Club. From these eight lads a Junior R & R Team was formed which went through into the final heat of the N.S.W. State Championships held at Byron Bay in 1952.

Bill Hollingworth won the Branch Championship Beach Sprint title.

### **1951-1952**

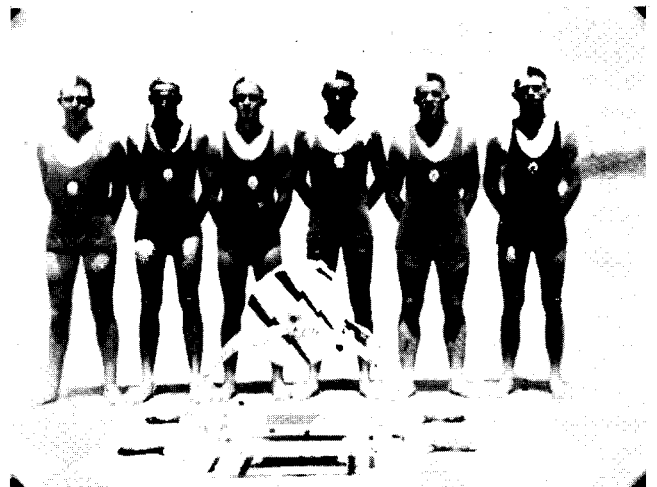
Due to the severe erosion of the beach and the lack of access to the front of the building, the Council constructed a set of steps in front of the clubhouse and also opened up rear entrances to the public dressing rooms.

The Sydney Morning Herald Newspaper organised an appeal for funds for Surf Life Saving Clubs in New South Wales. This fund known as the "Herald Gear Fund". From this fund the Brunswick Club was donated two fully equipped surf reels, one extra line and belt, one surf rescue ski, one set of signal flags.

The Brisbane Courier Mail Newspaper also conducted a Find-The-Ball Competition and raised enough money to present every surf club from Cairns to Yamba with a shark lookout tower complete with a brass bell, shade canopy and a set of signal flags.

### **FEBRUARY 1952**

Saw the N.S.W. Surf Life Saving Championships held at Byron Bay. Although a very wet weekend (7") of rain fell, the carnival was held very successfully in an area between the wreck of the Wollongbar and the old jetty, which was still standing in that time.



*Junior R. & R. Team 1951-52, the original 'Mongrels', competed at State Championships held Byron Bay Feb. 52, coming 5th in finals, and best Country Team in State. (L. to R.): Reg Condie, Len Selwood, Ron Gray, Ray Musgrave, Harry McIlwain, Dave Plater.*



Brunswick Junior R & R team proved to be the best country club team in the State after coming 5th from the six teams in the final. (The other five teams were from city branches).

Brunswick won the 1951-52 branch march past championship at Ballina. This put an ending to a long record of wins by Byron Bay Club.

A group of 10 lads from Woodlawn College gained their Bronze Medallion Awards March 1952. This was to be the last squad from Woodlawn to be examined at Brunswick (making a total of 92 lads gaining awards), as transport changes made it necessary for squads to go to Ballina for examinations; then in 1965 the venue was changed to Byron Bay, where the standard of squads from the College is still very high.

Many surfing greats have been introduced to the movement since 1945 by Woodlawn. It is of interest to note that the first teams travelled from Woodlawn Station to Mullumbimby by train, thence by bus to Brunswick Heads.

### 1952-1953

The Surf Club was asked to assist in fund raising for the Baths Appeal and conducted a chocolate wheel at the street carnival. Also several members put on a mannequin parade featuring swim costumes of all types from neck to knee to very very brief — all in a non-professional manner.

The Holger Neilson Method of Artificial

Resuscitation was officially adopted by the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia for the 52/53 season.

The Secretary was given permission to try and form a ladies auxiliary for the club. A large number of interested females attended and as a result the ladies auxiliary was formed, which over the years to follow raised many thousands of dollars for the club.

Foundation office bearers were: President: Miss Elva Arthur (now Mrs. Len Lewthwaite); Secretary: Miss Heather Batson (now Mrs. Barry Hammond); Treasurer: Miss Shirley Arthur (now Mrs. Bruce Stewart); Assistant Sec/Treasurer: Miss Lyn Lindsay (now Mrs. Colin Kruger).

Mr. Jack Twohill tendered \$50 for catering rights at the beach.

### 29th MARCH, 1953

A rowing boat containing three persons was swept out to sea on an outgoing tide. A big sea was running and a very strong rip from the River Ebb.

Bill James and Barry Hammond donned belts and proceeded to the upturned boat . . . Clive Hammond swam out and found three ladies clinging to the boat, but fortunately they were not panicking.

Meanwhile the lines of Bill James and Barry Hammond became fouled on the rocks and Barry pulled his safety belt pin, but the pin of Bill James' belt was wearing and would not release. Barry assisted to free Bill.



Ladies Auxiliary Members 1953. Back row L. to R.): Denise Lindsay, Ivy Evans, Margaret Donaghy, Margaret Reddan, Margaret Batson, Audrey Gaggain, Shirley Jenkins. Front (L. to R.): Lorna Partridge, Margaret Harkness, Jean Jones, Barbara Harkness, Joan Rodwell.

A big wave swept the three ladies and Clive Hammond off the boat, Clive managed to secure one patient and then grabbed another by the hair. Clive had flippers on and using his legs only, proceeded to tow them towards the rocks where Clive was badly cut from rocks and oyster shells.

Meanwhile a Mr. Jack Cawley of Brunswick Heads, who was fishing on North Beach dived into the water and managed to bring the other lady to the beach. The three ladies later recovered from their ordeal.

Clive Hammond received a silver medal from Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society and the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Certificate of Merit. Barry and Bill received the Surf Life Saving Association letters of commendation for their efforts.

#### APRIL 1953

The new constitution was officially adopted and 200 copies were printed in booklet form by the Tweed Newspaper for \$36.40.

It was of interest to note that the original typewritten book of rules of the club was found when compiling this history.

6 Bronzes, 3 Instructor, 3 Examiners awards won during the season.



*Clubhouse propped up after severe erosion. Caretaker's room on extreme left, later washed away, 1954 cyclone.*

#### 1953-1954

Mr George Hammond a past president of the club passed away during the season.

Byron Shire Council was asked to remove the pile driving equipment which had been left in front of the clubhouse by council gangs trying to erect a log wall. N.B. This wall was later completed by Kennedy Bros, Private Contractors in 1955, and still exists to this day under the front concrete apron of our new Clubhouse. This log wall certainly saved the old clubhouse from collapse on numerous occasions when big seas washed right up to it.

The Eve Rocker and Sparklet methods of resuscitation were finally dropped from Surf Life Saving use after the New Holger-Neilson method had been put to full use by all clubs.

The Club's Annual Ball realised a nett profit of \$166. A wonderful result. 11 Bronzes, 3 Instructors and 8 Qualifying awards gained plus one Examiners Certificate.

#### JANUARY 1954

At the Brunswick Surf Carnival, Mr S. T. Stephens MLA (Stepper) The First Hon. Secretary of the Club, together with the Branch president "Pop" Dennison presented Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Awards to Clive Hammond, Barry Hammond and Bill James for their efforts in a rescue during the previous season.



*Mr. Stan 'Stepper' Stephens M.L.A., presenting Bill James, Clive Hammond, Barry Hammond with Awards for rescues made on bar 29/3/53 at Brunswick Carnival Jan. 1954.*

#### CARNIVAL RESULTS

Our Senior R & R Team led in a point score from other Branch Clubs to represent the Branch at the State Titles in Sydney, but at the final carnival the surf line became tangled in a submerged object and the team lost sectional points, which cost them the trip to Sydney once again.

Open boat crew won this event against all branch and a lot of Queensland Club Crews at the Byron Bay carnival.

Chariot Race team won Branch titles.

A touring team of surf club members from New Zealand were guest of the Brunswick Club at a luncheon held at the Hotel Brunswick.

Byron Shire Council repaired and restored the clubhouse in good order in time for the Christmas period, but a cyclone in February caused members to remove all equipment.

Mr Jim Richardson, a Vice President of the Club and at that time mine host of Hotel Brunswick was assisting Club Members and volunteers to remove all equipment from the clubhouse and transferring it to a building near the eastern end of the footbridge, Jim was carrying one of the Club's surf skis, and, looking behind him was astonished to see a large wave of water washing down the sand track from the clubhouse. He promptly sat upon the ski and rode it down the track, almost to the river. The only person in recorded history to do so.

As a result of further wind and sea action, the caretaker's rooms at the Southern End of the building collapsed and was destroyed. Another

cyclone later in the same year caused further damage to foundations. A large team of surf club members travelled to Murwillumbah to assist in cleaning up operations after a big flood hit the town and caused a lot of damage.

#### 1954-1955

A special public meeting was called October 1954 to decide the future of the club. Only 4 active members had joined the club, and the clubhouse building was in a dangerous condition from effects of the Cyclones and Vandalism.

Mr Maurice Wraight supplied a free bus from Brunswick Heads. Almost 80 persons from Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads attended the meeting. As a result a group of associate members formed a committee to raise finance to assist in repairing the building. Many former active members signed up and the beach at Brunswick Heads continued to be patrolled by the Surf Club.

The beach level had eroded to a depth of over three metres, and only black mineral sand remained on the beach. A move was made to have white sand carted to a section of the beach in front of the Clubhouse, but was abandoned after the problem of getting white sand to the area, and costs involved, were too high. (There was no sandmining in the Brunswick area in those days).

Mrs Davies took over the Kiosk near the footbridge from Mr Fredeikson and was a very good supporter of the club.

The special appeal for Associate Members gained a total of 104.

#### 1955-1956 MARCH 1955

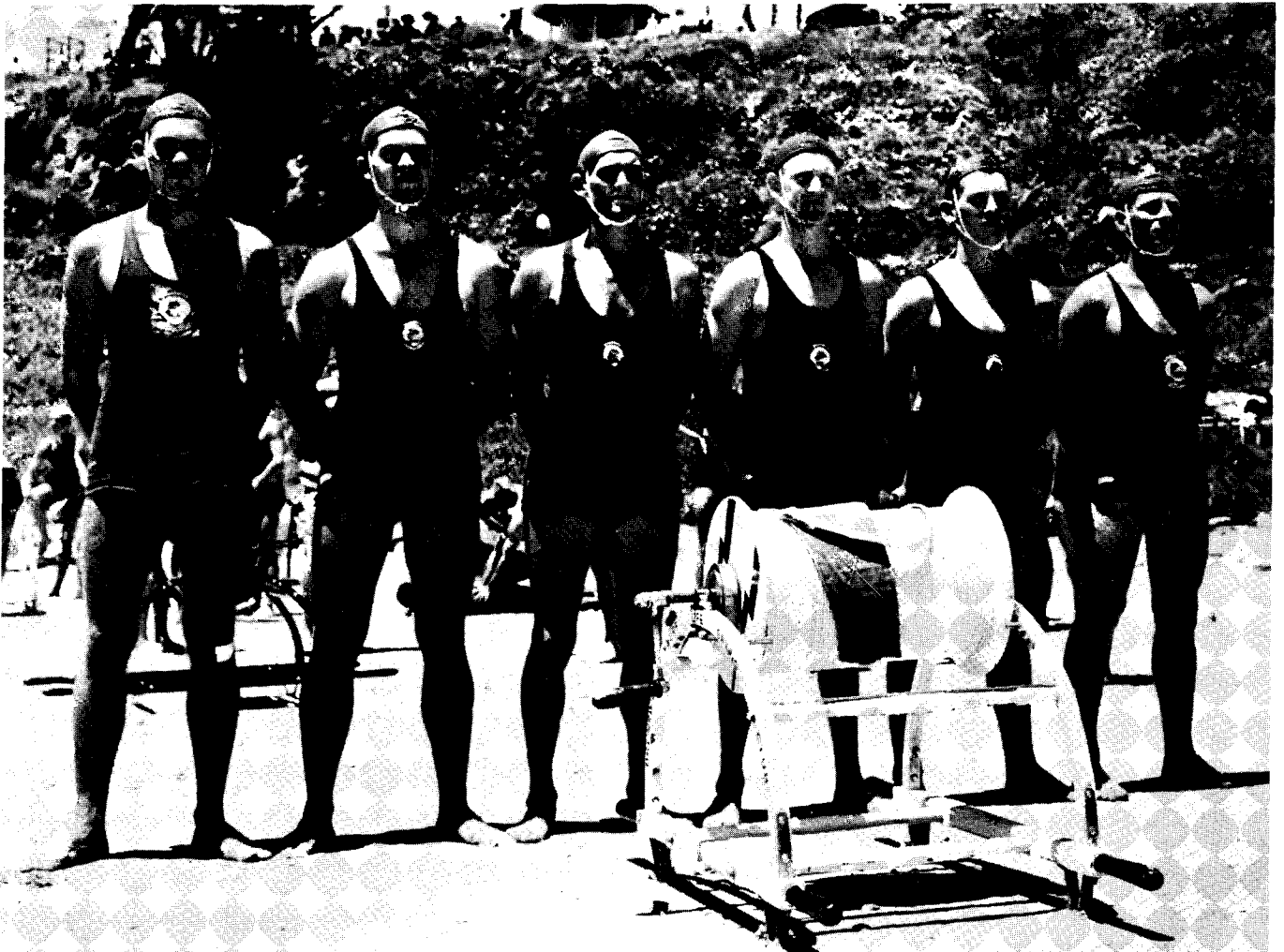
A public meeting at Brunswick Heads discussed the future of the clubhouse. Suggestions were made that a new building be constructed near the site of the present Sea Scout Hall (to be safe from further sea erosion), the club to take over old clubhouse from Council and use the materials to build a new and smaller building on safe foundations near the beach.

Tat piles be driven and large beams be placed underneath to support the old building, and then the old clubhouse to be restored.

In summing up, the general opinion was that the old clubhouse be left at the present site and that it be restored to a safe and presentable appearance.

#### MAY 1955

The Club paid \$440 to Byron Shire Council to cover completion of the log wall in front of the building. N.B. The club paid \$700 in February 1951 so that the Council could erect the wall, most of this money was wasted by Council with equipment breakdowns etc. (the wall was completed by the contractors in time for the Christmas Holiday period of 1955 and the main worry of sea erosion to the building had ended).



Open R. & R. Team at Yamba Carnival 1952-53 season. (L. to R.): Clive Hammond, Barry Hammond, Pat Simpson, Bruce Stewart, Bill James, Bill Ball.

## SEPTEMBER 1955

The Ladies Auxiliary donated 16 march past costumes to the club at a cost of \$112.

The death of Fred Emms was recorded. Although a member of the Byron Bay Club, Fred gave a lot of his time to assist in instruction of New Members and also competition teams from the Brunswick Club.

Nylon Surf Lines officially adopted by the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

Miss June Cartner of the Ladies Auxiliary won the branch "Surf Queen" competition by a large margin, the competition was held among all branch clubs Ladies Auxiliaries, and the club whose candidate raised the largest amount for club funds was the winner.

The Surf Club Auxiliary conducted one of the first ever Public Bar-B-Q's to raise funds — raising \$1,520 for the season.

The Auxiliary also conducted a ladies surf carnival, which attracted a large crowd, despite the fact that other club auxiliaries did not appear as promised.

Brunswick girls entered two R & R teams which carried out the full drill with the exception of the swims.

Byron Shire Council agreed to rebuild the collapsed floor of the boatshed which was previously undermined by heavy seas, and also agreed to make materials available to re-seal the flat roof of the clubhouse to make it waterproof.

## FEBRUARY 1956

Barry Hammond won the Far North Coast Senior Belt Race Championship at Ballina.



Barry Hammond Senior Belt Champion Far North Coast Branch 1955-56, being presented with trophy by Branch President 'Pop' Denison.

## FEBRUARY 1956

Brunswick Surf Club Members transported their surf boat to Murwillumbah to assist in rescue operations after a huge flood hit the town.

The crew received a lot of praise for their work, with an extra burden being placed on them when the local floodboat was damaged and put out of use by flood debris. After returning from Murwillumbah the club offered its services to the Lismore City Council Headquarters, but Lismore had enough boats to carry out their requirements.

The following weekend many surf club members again went to Murwillumbah to assist householders in the mammoth task of clearing their homes from flood debris and mud.

The club later received a letter from the Murwillumbah Retail traders Association in appreciation of the efforts of our members, both in rescue and also clean-up operations.

## 1956-1957

An open air concert organised and compered by Claude Riley showed a huge profit of \$250 for the club, Mr Riley who was also a staunch supporter and office bearer for many years passed away during the season. For the first time ever, the Brunswick Surf Club column appeared in three local papers, Daily News, Murwillumbah, The Mullumbimby Star and the Northern Star, Lismore. This column continued weekly throughout the surfing seasons for the next 18 years under the name of "Dumper". Brunswick Heads Returned Soldiers purchased an E & J Oxygen Resuscitator for use in emergencies at Brunswick Heads and Surf Club Members and other citizens were trained in its use. The Brunswick—Mullumbimby Lions Club also presented one of these units to the Mullumbimby Hospital, and it is of interest to note that it was used to assist in saving the life of a new born baby the same night as it was presented.

This baby was Stephen James, the son a surf club member, Noel James. Stephen later became an active member of Brunswick and other clubs, himself. Brunswick RSL Club members donated a Nylon Surf Line to the surf club. Cost of such a line at that time was \$74.15.

Brunswick was host club for the branch championships surf carnival and as it was held during the 50th Jubilee Year of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia a special feature was to be made of all branch championship carnivals.

It was unfortunate that due to big seas, all swimming events had to be transferred to Byron Bay beach during the afternoon.

## 1957-1958

During this period the surf club accepted a tender for Clubhouse repairs and with a donation from Byron Shire of \$494 the club spent a further \$1,720. As a result the clubhouse was updated with a fibro roof, new radio room at the top of the tower, bunk room sealed and lined, a shower room built upstairs and the boatshed extended to take the new boat "Brunswick III" which was longer than any previous craft owned by the club. The building was again in first class condition as the foundations had been strengthened and repaired.

For the first time since the clubhouse was erected, it was also fully painted inside and out. The Surf Club provided the paint and the Brunswick Heads Progress Association also donated \$200 towards the costs involved in getting professional



painters to paint the high parts of the building such as the tower and external walls. Members of the lions club and also Mr Jack Smith and his staff donated many hours of their services.

Mullumbimby Municipal Council donated a full size electric stove for use in the club's new kitchen, and all gear and equipment was repaired and renovated.

For the first time in many many years the surf club had everything in A1 order.



*Note area on left of tower is boatshed and bunk room. etc.. added 45/46 season. Caretakers cottage used to be on left side. collapsed into seas 1954 cyclone. Log wall completed Dec. 1955, still under front of new clubhouse. Note new hip roof in place of original flat roof. Radio room at top of tower all done 57-58 season. (L. to R.): Reg Byrnes, John Graham, Frank James as first patrol 65-66 season. Note sand build up.*

Prevailing North Easterly winds had moved a lot of sand onto the walking track leading from the footbridge to the clubhouse as well as moving sand from the clubhouse foundations. Mr Jack Henderson, Manager of Zircon Rutile, a sand mining company which was working on the beach several miles south of the clubhouse made a bulldozer available and many hundreds of yards of sand was pushed back to the clubhouse, packed right under the building and heaped along the front of the building. This raised the beach level to above the foundations of the building for the first time since erosion began in 1949.

However, our Joy was short lived, as just after the project was completed, a series of very strong north/easterly winds within six weeks moved every grain of sand away from around the building.

Surf Club members provided Voluntary Labour to do clerical work when the Anti TB Xray Unit visited the district.

Ted Healy was elected a a Life Member of the Far North Coast Branch in recognition of his services given to Brunswick Club and the branch as an examiner and Hon. Announcer at Branch Carnivals. Ted left the area and became a resident of

Coffs Harbour, later to become president of that club, the position which he held during the visit of the Queen and Prince Phillip to Coffs Harbour.



Ted Healy being presented with Life Membership of the Far North Coast Branch at Brunswick Carnival. (l. to r.): John Bartlett, Brunswick Club Capt., Hugh Eakin, Brunswick President, "Pop" Denison, Branch President, Ted Healy and Jim Flanagan, Super. of the Branch.

### 1958-1959

Five members of the Brunswick Surf Club Ladies Auxiliary were presented with the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Resuscitation Certificates — Wendy Stanfield, Bev Wyley, Lola Doyle, Val Robinson, Carol Gardner were presented with the certificates at our Annual Surf Carnival during the march past event, which was led by the Mullumbimby Service & Citizens Band. A team of marching girls supported the band. Also a team of our own ladies auxiliary marched.

Early in the season an article appeared in the Brisbane Sunday Mail about experiments being carried out by Captain Martin McMahon who was officer in charge of the Ambulance Service Section of the Baltimore City Fire Dept and Dr Peter Safar who was chief of the Dept. of Anaesthesiology of Baltimore City Hospital. He was also assistant professor of Anaesthesiology at the John Hopkins School of Medicine.

These two gentlemen commenced investigations into the use of expired air resuscitation, mouth to mouth and mouth to nose, during 1957, and had very pleasing results when the article appeared in early 1958.

Reg Byrnes wrote to Captain McMahon for further details and during the next two years both Martin and Peter continued corresponding with him keeping the Surf Club up to date with their methods and experiments. As a result, the Brunswick Club pushed for the adoption of these new methods by the Far North Coast Branch, who in turn took the suggestions to N.S.W. State Centre meetings.

Early in 1960, Dr. Safar came to Australia for a Lecture and Instructional conference with the Surf Life Saving Association, The Royal Life Saving Association, St. John's Ambulance, the armed services and other interested rescue groups taking part.

As a result, the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia finally adopted the new methods in the later months of 1960.



Brunswick Ladies Auxiliary Team at a Ladies Carnival Dec. 1960. Flag bearer Val Robinson. (L. to R.): Joan Judge, Loraine O'Brien (belt), Rae Jameson, Val Elliot, Joy Flemming, Leone McGuinness, Lola Doyle, Nola Robinson, Val Murray, Judy Flemming, Ruth Bower, Lyn Pepper, Elaine Donnelly.

Brunswick Club was fortunate enough to be loaned a film made by Dr Safar, through the Sydney University and this film was shown to many groups of people throughout the Brunswick-Byron area.

It is safe to say that the Brunswick Club pioneered the use of the expired air resuscitation methods in Australia.

It is also of interest to note that the Baltimore Hospital team developed the technique of closed chest cardiac massage in 1959 and later combined this with the expired air resuscitation. By 1960 they had used the new methods on 56 cases of cardiac arrest in the John Hopkins Hospital and were successful in 44 cases. These methods are in use by our Surf Life Saving Association at the present time.

Club purchased a Terylene Surf Line at a cost of \$75 — with a breaking strain of 1300 lbs.

The death of Mr Maurice Wraight, one of the clubs greatest supporters was recorded. Also that of Allan Mudge one of our early active members, club Secretary, Examiner, and Deputy Branch Superintendent for a time — A Staunch Member of the club.

### 1959-1960 25TH JUBILEE YEAR

During the Christmas holidays 1959 two men were drowned when a rowing boat was caught in the

outgoing tide and overturned in the surf. Surf Club members were able to reach the men and take them ashore on the North Beach Area, but despite resuscitation efforts both men failed to respond.

These men who came from Ipswich in Queensland, like many before them, had no local knowledge of the strength of our outgoing tide in the river mouth area. A mini carnival known as the "President's Shield" carnival was held between Fingal, Cudgen and Brunswick Clubs and proved to be a wonderful success, with Cudgen taking the shield on a point score basis from Brunswick then Fingal.

Construction of a traffic bridge over the south arm of the Brunswick River commenced early in the season. This bridge was built to allow transport of rocks for the building of the Southern Breakwater at Brunswick Heads, and later used as part of an access road to our South Beach Surfing area.

The Police Commissioner of NSW sent an official letter of thanks to the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club for their assistance and co-operation when the trawler "Winkle" was in trouble off the North Coast Area in the middle of a big cyclone. Police used the clubhouse as a base during rescue operations.

Mention was made of the services of Mr Hilton Ainsworth in servicing our public address system. Hilton had been doing this voluntary service for the club ever since it owned a P.A. System, and continued doing so until his death in 1983.

### 1960-1961

The Brunswick Club made connections with the International Rescue and First Aid Association which is based in America, and handbooks and information were freely exchanged between many organisations for several years. Reg Byrnes was appointed as Honorary Director of this group in N.S.W. for a number of years.

The Brisbane Courier Mail Newspaper donated an Ambu Mannikin Training Aid to all Surf Clubs from Cairns to Yamba. These units were imported from Denmark at a cost of \$100 per kit.

The newly constructed traffic bridge was used on the day of the club surf carnival to transport surf boats across the river to a small parking area near the beach. This was the first occasion ever that boats did not have to be carried over the footbridge or rowed down the river and out to sea to get to the carnival area.

Old Surf Boat "Brunswick II" sold at Auction for \$84.

Club instructors visited many schools, meetings of organisations and public gatherings to demonstrate and train the community in general on the use of expired air methods of resuscitation. The newly donated Ambu Mannikin was of great use with these lectures.

### 1961-1962

After 26 years one of the clubs greatest ambitions was realised. Members were able to drive and transport equipment to and from the clubhouse, although a lot of work remained to be done in clearing a parking area and gravelling the road.

The Construction of the Southern Breakwall which was well under way had greatly improved the surfing beach, with a great build of sand, and the filling of deep holes and a gutter that had been a worry to Surf Club members for many years since beach erosion had become very bad.

The Surf Club presented Mrs A "Ma" Lofts with a bannerette as a token of appreciation for the support which she and her family had given the club since its formation. "Ma" had retired from her cafe business at Brunswick Heads and always looked after "Her Boys".



Senior R & R 60-61. (l. to r.): Geoff Mould, Frank James, Peter Henderson, Ray Gallen, Earl Coughran, Les Wraight.



The death of a former president of the club Mr Allan O'Meara was recorded. 61-62 season was one of low membership, and early in the season it was agreed not to attend any carnivals and try and build up club strength. As a result many lads were enrolled and gained their awards, and a junior R & R team was formed from a squad of lads who gained their bronze at Christmas and represented the club at Byron Bay Carnival — 3rd Place, Yamba 2nd Place being beaten by one point and also winning the event at the Cudgen Carnival.

A surf club team won the Brunswick Heads Tug-o-war team championships after many strenuous pulls, one which lasted for 21 minutes, no rules existed at that time.

Club instructors again trained members of the council electrical staff, railway staff, Postal Dept Line Staff, Civil Defence Personnel and St Johns Ambulance Classes in the method of expired air resuscitation.

The newly formed Brunswick Heads Sea Scouts were also loaned the use of our clubhouse as a meeting room and an old surf line donated for their use in training knot tying etc.

**1962-1963**

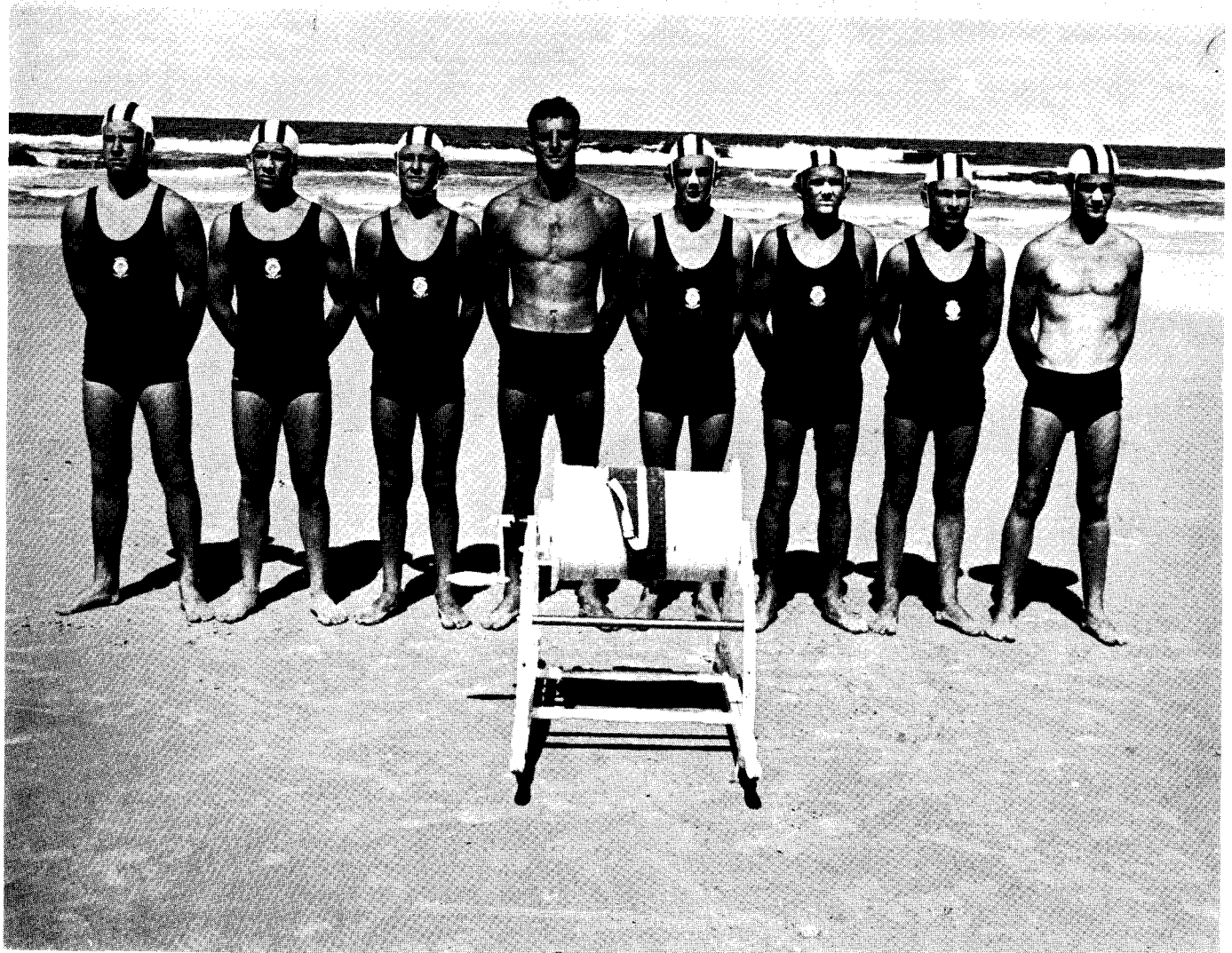
Largest number of awards gained by club members for many seasons. 17 Bronzes, 7 qualifying and 2 instructors.

The Brunswick Heads progress Association, Mullumbimby Municipal Council and the Mullumbimby Junior Farmers Club combined to pay the wages of a permanent lifesaver at Brunswick Heads over the holiday period. Bitumen Road constructed and also a new parking area behind the clubhouse. Byron Shire Council erected a septic toilet block near the clubhouse which was a most welcome amenity both for members and the public alike. The surf club team successfully defended their Brunswick Tug-o-War Championship Title for the second year.

**1963-1964**

Doorknock at Brunswick and Mullumbimby raised a total of \$290. It is of interest to note that a similar doorknock held during 84-85 season raised almost \$1,600.

Mention was made of the wonderful support given to the club by Noel and Betty McGregor and Family, many items of equipment have been donated to the Club by this family who will celebrate



Junior R & R Team 62-63 season. (l. to r.): Phil Batson, Barry Wraight, Colin Youngberry, Frank James (Instructor), Bob Dickson, Lyle Crandell, Ian Browne, Lyle Prior.

30 years of Carnival operations at Brunswick Heads during the 85-86 holiday period. In addition to support given to the Surf Club, Noel has been the main inspiration behind the organisation and conduct of the Brunswick Heads woodchopping carnivals which will also celebrate their 25th Carnival in January 1986.

Mention can be made in this section that throughout the years the surf club and woodchopping committee have had a close liaison which has been beneficial to both organisations.

12 Bronzes gained during the season.

The State Superintendent of the Surf Life Saving Association, Bill Foster, paid a visit to inspect the Brunswick Club, and during his visit paid a special tribute to Mr. George Holis-Neath in the way he maintained the Surf Club Casualty room. He stated that very few clubs in the State had a Casualty Room so completely fitted out.

Junior R & R team won at Cudgen and Byron Bay Carnivals. Peter Henderson won the novice surf race at the Brunswick Carnival.

Frizz Wraight was presented with the "25 year badge" of the Surf Life Saving Association. The sudden death of one of our very popular active members, Barry Wraight was recorded. Barry was in his second season as Vice Captain of the club. For the third year the Surf Club again defended and retained its Brunswick Heads Tug-o-War Championship, winning 10 pulls out of 11. Reg Byrnes made a life member of the Far North Coast Branch and also of the branch board of examiners for services rendered.

#### **1964-1965**

NSW State President of the Association, Mr Tom Meagher, visited the club and suggested that we approach a Sydney firm for a patrol arena. As a result Caesar Fabrics of Sydney donated a patrol arena which was of great use to the club.

The build up of the beach as a result of the new breakwalls, resulted in a telephone being installed to keep contact from the shark lookout tower on top of the clubhouse to the patrol on the beach, getting back to the original state of the beach before erosion days.

Ladies Auxilliary donated a new set of March Past costumes to the club. A set of 12 costumes cost \$188.00.

A bannerette was presented to Bob Harkness for his support given to the club over the years, both as an active member, and also as mine host of the Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby.

#### **27TH DECEMBER 1964**

A Tornado type storm hit the Brunswick area. Report of the storm as appeared in "Dumpers" column in all district papers. Quote — Like most other places in Brunswick Heads, the Surf Club received its share of the storm last Tuesday afternoon. Permanent Life Saver, Eddie Buchanan and Club Captain Frank James noticed the storm approaching and began putting all the gear inside the building. After this was done, they took shelter in the upstairs portion of the clubhouse until strong winds and hailstones began to break all the windows.

They then decided to leave the building which was shaking badly and get into the surf as the safest place from flying debris.

Frank had just reached the bottom floor and stepped into the boat shed when that section of the building exploded under wind pressure.

Although the back double doors of the boatshed were chained shut, with Frank's car parked on the ramp right close to the doors, the wind pressure blew the doors out, plus the new surf boat, all loose equipment, plus Frank James, all finishing up on the road behind the clubhouse. Eddie Buchanan picked up the unconscious Frank, and carried him across the footbridge to the kiosk, where an Ambulance was called and he was taken to Mullumbimby for medical attention. Both Eddie and Frank had their cars damaged by flying debris, windows broken and a lot of sand and water blown into them.

Surf-o-planes from the clubhouse were found on the town side of the river, part of the patrol arena weighing at least 50 lbs was found in the river between the two bridges, and another section was found hanging in a tree on the eastern side of the footbridge.

The New Surfboat "Brunswick IV" was blown out of the boatshed up over the two cars, up into the air then landed on a sandy area on the northern side of the parking area (this was all verified by an eyewitness taking shelter near the brick toilet block, there were 12 holes in the boat, but thanks to the expertise of Mr Bob Ryan of Kirra, it was repaired to a near perfect condition.

Other gear damaged, was a surf ski broken in half, another badly damaged, surf boards damaged and fins broken off, One reel smashed to pieces. The public address system waterlogged, and many smaller items of equipment missing or totally destroyed.

Over town the shelter shed used as an open air concert stage collapsed. The top of a large pine tree fell onto Wakely's shop, which had to be rebuilt; tents and caravans and trees blown over in the camping grounds. All carnival equipment owned by the Lismore District Ambulance and McGregors Fun Fair was blown to a heap of twisted metal and canvas. Fortunately no loss of life and very few serious injuries occurred, mainly because the storm hit in daylight hours.

Combined teamwork by local residents, the Lismore & District Ambulance Committee and Mr Noel McGregor, had the carnival area again operating within a few days and an open air concert was organised by the surf club on the Sunday night using a truck as a stage, a piano from the Hotel Brunswick and artists from the gold coast. Mr Lucky Grills compared the concert at no cost to the club. All assisted to raise funds for the surf club to repair the damaged gear. This and many other fund raising activities organised throughout the Northern Rivers enabled the Brunswick Surf Club to repair and/or replace all gear without any major demand on our limited finances.

Byron Shire Council had storm insurance on the clubhouse which enabled it to be patched up once again, but the lean towards the sea was more noticeable despite the foundations being propped up.

Brunswick Junior R & R team won this event, at the Cudgen Carnival which was conducted on the same day as the new Cudgen Clubhouse was opened by the National President Judge Adrian Curlewis.



Marching for the first time in its new costumes, the march past team tied for third place at the Brunswick Carnival, Second at the Byron Bay Carnival in the march past. Tribute was paid to the efforts of Frank James for his efforts in leading the club to greater competition and patrol efficiency. However, after the tornado, and many senior members leaving the area, including Frank, who was shifted to Kempsey, the club did not even enter a team at the branch championships.

During the season, a total of 613 fowls were raffled at the Court House Hotel Mullumbimby for a nett profit of \$460.

### 1965-1966

Mullumbimby Junior Farmers donated a fully equipped stainless steel surf reel to the club. The NSW State Centre Anonymous Donors Fund presented the club with another stainless steel reel. A set of sculls and sweep oar plus \$201 in cash to assist in replacing storm damaged gear. The joint carnival committee held a night for the club which netted \$243, Brunswick Heads Bowling Club offered to donate \$200 per year for five years as soon as work commenced to build a new surf clubhouse at Brunswick Heads. (This was later paid in full).

Mr Mark Golar of Tweed Insurance Brokers donate a insurance policy which covered our surf boat and trailer at all times with the exception of being in the water.

Other groups to organise functions in aid of our club — Ballina Apex Club \$20; The Pocket Younger Set \$83; Mullumbimby Quota Club \$50; Evans Head Surf Club Members \$39; Byron Bay Surf Club Auxilliary \$30; Lismore District Ambulance Staff \$82; and so the club was almost back to normal at the end of the season.

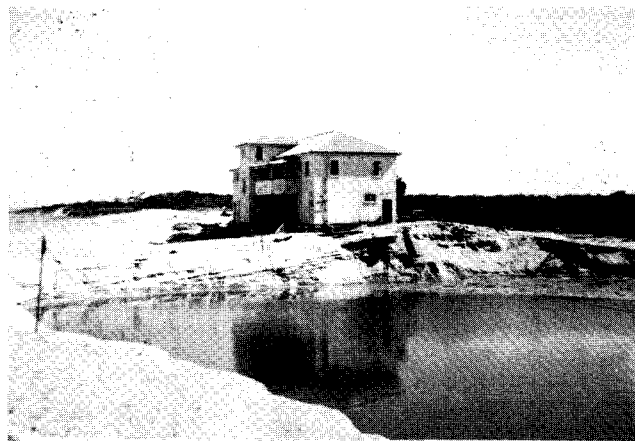
### 1966-1967

Life membership badges were designed by K G Luke Aus.Pty.Ltd.made from 9 crt.gold engraved with member's name, original cost of \$13 each plus \$30 for the original die which was to be retained by the firm. John Graham honoured with life membership of the Far North Coast Branch and also the Far North Coast Branch Board of Examiners for services given. The Brunswick Heads Woodchopping and Entertainment Committe and the Surf Club combined for the holiday period and as a result each group made a nett profit of \$202

New concert stage erected by the Progress Association was officially opened and the Brunswick Heads Fire Brigade donated a piano for use at concerts. These new amenities were a wonderful improvement on the days when everything had to be carted to the park shelter shed and then returned after the function was concluded.

A small group of ladies known as the Pocket Younger Set made another donation to the club this time \$200, and the joint carnival committee of Brunswick Heads raised \$286 from a night in aid of the club. Mr Laurie Neave donated a lot of his time to draw up plans for a brick clubhouse for use by the Surf Club. These plans were approved by the club, and then sent to Byron Shire for consideration. Vandals destroyed a box line outfit left out for emergency use, however the Cudgen R Z Sandmining Company which was operating just behind the old clubhouse at this time, donated a new surf line and belt to replace the damaged gear.

After the area behind the clubhouse was mined a much bigger and better car parking area and access roads were made available during restoration of the area by the company.



Cudgen R Z mining on northern side of Clubhouse 66-67, very rich mineral area. Associated Minerals mined lease on southern side also.

Mullumbimby Apex Club conducted a trade fair at Mullumbimby and during this fair the surf club gave demonstrations of all known methods of artificial resuscitation, from as long as man remembers to the present time. Surf Life Saving Equipment was also on display and its use explained to the public.

The death of a former president, Mr Hugh Eakin was recorded. He collapsed and died while playing bowls, also the death of Mr Ted Fendly, a former boat builder at Brunswick Heads who for many years repaired our oars, and a great supporter of the club.

Club instructors travelled to Burringbar for many nights to train lads from that area for the bronze medallion and qualifying certificates. As a result several squads were successful in gaining the awards.

An official approach was made to Byron Shire Council to investigate means of financing a two storey brick clubhouse on the site of the present building providing that foundations in the present area were suitable. It was estimated that the cost of the building after plans had been amended would be in the vicinity of \$20,000

The Surf Club combined with the Brunswick Heads Progress Association to present a display at the Ipswich Trade Fair, to try and attract folk from that area to holiday at Brunswick Heads.

The display was held again over a period of several years, and as a result many Ipswich residents holidayed at Brunswick, especially on the Massey Greene camping area, which was to be known as "Little Ipswich". Noel McGregor donated a portable steel shark lookout tower which could be placed in any part of the patrolled area. A great asset to the club and making work much easier for patrol members.

An effort was made to revive the ladies auxiliary, but met with little success. However a major effort by Mrs Steve Smith, who was treasurer of the Auxiliary netted a profit of \$205 from a New Year's Hamper Competition.

Two new Terylene Surf Lines were purchased at a cost of \$56 each. The joint carnival committee raised \$315 in aid of the surf club, Lismore District Ambulance staff raised \$205, Brunswick Heads Doorknock \$240, Woodchop Committee and Surf Club again combined and netted \$171 each. The Tyagarah Hall committee donated \$40 from a function held in aid of the club and the Brunswick Heads Angling Club donated a new Ross Safety Belt for use by the patrol on duty.

Junior Boat Crew 1st in race at Ballina Carnival. Also Byron Bay Carnival Peter Storey 1st Junior Section in Surf Board carnival held at Byron Bay on Saturday afternoon prior to their annual surf carnival also 2nd at Branch Titles.

A Surfies Vs Bowlers Day was held at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club with the surf club providing the trophies to show appreciation of support given by the bowling club and members over the years.

Surf Club members were active in providing labour and efforts to build the Mullumbimby Swimming Pool, which was completed in this period and officially opened September, 1967.

### 1967-1968

G. Mallam & Co donated a patrol arena to the club — a piece of equipment which was greatly appreciated by members.

Just after the team returned to Brunswick from the branch championship Carnival at Byron Bay, members were asked to assist in a search for a man who was missing in the river at the Junction of the South Arm and the Main River. The Cabarita club also made their boat available for the search which was unsuccessful. The body was recovered a few days later.

The junior boat crew won this event at the Cabarita Carnival and also the Cudgen Carnival.

Branch Championships: 2nd Junior R & R; 3rd Junior Boat A; 2nd Junior Boat B.

A big team attended the North Coast Championships at Sawtell, big seas cancelled most event, and the Junior R & R came 4th from 11 teams. After swimming section was deleted, it was of interest to see almost all of our life members marching in our march past team at this carnival, however without gaining a place. Brunswick 4th in point score from 11 clubs.

It was most pleasing to note that the club was represented at the NSW State Championship Carnival by the Junior R & R, Junior Boat Crew, and a march past team. The Junior Boat Crew got into the finals but hit a large wave and put out of the race, six Brunswick members who were members of the board of examiners acted in official positions at this carnival, which was held at the Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Clubs Beach at Kingscliff.

The Far North Coast Branch of the Nippers Association held a Nippers Carnival at Brunswick Heads on the same day as the senior carnival; great interest was shown in the Nipper events and efforts were to be made to form a local club at Brunswick.

Brunswick Heads hall Committee lent the hall rent free, members of the Voids group provided the dance music free and a large crowd attended, resulting in the club being \$130 better off.

The same hall committee in conjunction with the joint carnival committee conducted a series of housie nights during the winter months and donated \$250 to the Surf Club.

The Ladies Auziliary was again very active and raised a lot of finance for club equipment.

The club decided to offer the Byron Shire Concil \$6000 in cash and offered to pay off a loan with a repayment of \$400 per year if council would proceed to erect a new clubhouse.

Despite only being available for just over 14 months, the improvement in swimming abilities of many of our members who have made use of the Mullumbimby Baths is very noticeable and as the years go on should get much better.

The Byron Shire Council accepted a tender for a new clubhouse, \$22,000 and the old building was demolished and removed, August 1968.

A new Surf Rescue Ski was purchased by the club for use by patrols and also the permanent lifesaver when he is on duty.

Paul Reeve, USA Rotary Exchange Student attended Mullumbimby High School, gained his bronze and was a member of our Junior Boat crew who did so well in all carnivals including the State titles.

### 1968-1969

September 1968 the foundations of the new clubhouse were poured, and the first bricks laid in October. The successful tenderer was the firm of United builders, who had previously done a lot of work on the old clubhouse. Partners being former active members Bill and Ken Ball and Associate Member John Snow.

The roof was put on the building in November and all equipment was replaced in the building a week before Christmas. A wonderful effort by the contractors.

During a surf carnival on Sunday 26th January, 1969, the clubhouse was officially opened by the president of Byron Shire Council Cr. Barry James. The Murwillumbah Brass Band and the Mullumbimby Services & Citizens bands played for the march past and also entertained during and after the carnival when a Bar-B-Q was held to conclude the opening celebrations.

A nett profit of \$410 was made on the weekend sales of goodies which included 110 gls. of refreshments and 140 lbs of steak, 43 loaves of bread. Many former active members visited the club during the weekend including one of our past club secretaries Don Taylor. (Don was to make a big name for himself in the Photographic field, both in his private practice and in co-operation with Queensland newspapers. He died suddenly in October 1980 aged 48 years).

Another highlight of the season was Brunswick winning the Far North Coast Branch Patrol efficiency competition, the prize being the British Petroleum Gear Trailer.

The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$1,500 to the Surf Club building fund. It is of interest to note that in August 1939, Byron Shire Council accepted a tender of \$2,048 for the old clubhouse, which was completed and officially opened, in December of that year. Now 29 years later the same council accepted a tender of \$22,000 in August and the building was completed in December.

It must be remembered that in 1939 all timber, Fibro, Cement, Gravel, etc had to be wheeled across the footbridge on a trolley line to the site of the clubhouse, some very heavy timbers were used in construction, making it a mammoth task, as in those days no 4 wheel drive trucks were available to cart materials along the beach from Byron Bay.

The original building was extended in the 44-45 season with the boatshed and bunkroom, radio room and caretakers quarters.

Later alterations included the change from a flat roof to a pitched roof and the lookout tower and radio room rebuilt at the top of the older tower section.

### 1969-1970

Eddie Buchanan completed his eighth and final term in the capacity of permanent lifesaver at Brunswick Heads for the six weeks of the holiday period. Eddie recorded a total of 66 rescues over the period, many of them of a serious nature (plus a lot of others which he did not bother to report).

The Surf Club and Brunswick Heads Progress Association combined to present Eddie and wife Joyce with a canteen of cutlery in appreciation of what he did for the community not only on the beach, but as a very active participant in all fund raising and entertainment activities held at Brunswick Heads, as well as being a very good sport at the same time. The Annual Dinner was held at the Mullumbimby Ex-Servicemen's Club. Catering cost being \$1.60 per person, during this function a bannerette was presented to Mrs. Elaine "Tuppy" Smith in appreciation of support given to the Surf Club by her and her family during the previous 25 years.

Ross Duck was declared clubman of the year and was presented with the Geo Mallam & Co. honour blazer, which was presented by Clive Mallam. Associated Minerals Consolidated, A Sandmining Company, mined the beach and terrace area right up to the southern side of the new clubhouse and also along the front of the clubhouse below the high water mark.

This company combined with Byron Shire Council in building up and planting of lawn areas around the clubhouse and also planted many trees on the southern side as anti erosion protection. The same company also made many donations of equipment and repairs to the club's equipment while they were operating at Byron Bay.

### 1970-1971

The death of life member, Foundation Member and Former President, Ted Healy was recorded, after a long illness. He was living at Coffs Harbour at the time and had been connected with that club also, being a life member and Past President of Coffs Surf Life Saving Club.

Bruce Pepper won the G Mallam and Co Honour Blazer as clubman of the year. The ladies auxilliary donated \$1,000 to the club (making a total of \$2,400 in three years) a great effort.

For the first time ever the club reported just over 200 associate members after a concentrated effort to enrol these members.

Closed chest heart massage was officially adopted into all surf life saving drill and examinations and as the old Ambu was unsuitable for training, a new model was purchased at a cost of \$160, and the old unit donated to the Brunswick Heads Sea Scouts for use in learning expired air resuscitation methods.

The services of Cliff Rummery, Reg Lomath and Frizz Wraight were recorded. All these men donated their time and services in repairing and servicing of equipment. A great saving to the club.

Three new speaker units had to be purchased to replace original units purchased in 1950.

Old club photos removed from damaged frames and inserted in a large album (it is anticipated that these photos will be on display at our 50 year celebrations).

Lawn areas top dressed and brush fences erected to stop sand drifts, which greatly improved the clubhouse surrounds.

A gathering at the Annual Meeting of the Far North Coast Branch included "Pop" Denison, John O'Grady, Allan Kennedy, who were foundation President, Secretary and Superintendent of the Branch respectively when our club was formed in 1935.

### 1971-1972

A Hamilton Jet Boat was purchased by the Brunswick Air Sea Rescue Committee and Mullumbimby Apex Club. This boat is to be made available to the surf club on any occasion, such as carnival use, rescue use, duty boat for examinations etc.

The Surf Club donated \$300 towards the purchase of a radio for the boat. Surf Club members provided voluntary labour in clearing the air strip for the new Tyagarah Aerodrome, with the anticipation that Aerial Shark Patrols would be carried out during the surfing season by light aircraft using the strip.

A new record for Associate Members 262 being enrolled.

Ladies Auxiliary donated another \$1,000 to club.

Leon Brown was clubman of the year and won the G. Mallam and Co Honour Blazer.

Bill Knobel our club beach sprint champion won all club carnivals and Branch Championship and was chosen in the Far North Coast Branch Team to compete in the State Branches Championship.

Clubhouse connected to Brunswick Heads sewerage scheme by the Byron Shire Council at no cost to the Club.

### FEBRUARY 1972

Severe High Seas during a cyclone eroded the terrace and also washed away part of the lawn area in front of the Clubhouse and all of the recently constructed brush fences: due to lack of sand on beach. Batson Bros made a truck available free of cost and transported sand from their sand pit at Byron Bay to our lawn area where it was put into sandbags and a wall built to save the lawn area. Thanks to the efforts of all who assisted, the main area was saved, although a large amount of windblown sand was spread over the lawn, which was scraped off by Batson Bros with their front end loader the following week.

### 1972-1973

Light aircraft operating from the new Tyagarah strip carried out voluntary shark patrol at weekends.

The Brunswick Club carnival created a new record in the branch with 34 events held in 3 arenas over a period of 3½ hours.

New Surf Boat, delivered on a new trailer built by Ron Roslyn at a cost of \$406.

Extensions to the clubhouse, comprising of extra gear space in the main area, new dressing room shower areas and toilet facilities for members were constructed by United Builders at a cost of \$6,700. The Surf Club donated \$6000 of this

amount. Work commenced February 1973 and extensions were officially opened by Byron Shire President Barry James on 12th May 1973.

A cold room was purchased for use at fund raising barbecues to assist in keeping refreshments cool. Also a lock-up brick storeroom was constructed with voluntary labour donated by Ted and Allan Riches.

Chris Johnston clubman of the year was the winner of the G. Mallam & Co Honour Blazer.

Mullumbimby Apex Club donated a stainless steel surf reel, the Quota Club a surf line and the Ex-Servicesmens Club a safety belt.

The death of Mr Loel Arthur, a great supporter and Vice President of our club for many years. Loel was one of the main organizers and helpers in holiday entertainment at Brunswick Heads.

### 1973-1974

Auxilliary donated another \$2,000 to the club.

A bannerette was presented to Mrs Ollie Hammond as a token of appreciation of the support given to our club by the Hammond family since the club was formed.

Brunswick Heads Bowling Club donated a fully equipped stainless steel surf reel to the club valued at \$285.

Les Wraight was clubman of the year and was presented with the G Mallam & Co trophy. Reg Byrnes retired after 22 years as club secretary.

Brunswick donated two of its older reels to the newly reformed Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club, one for training and one for patrol use. Surf Club donated \$50 to the Brunswick Heads Air Sea Rescue committee for jet boat radio maintenance.

A good year competition wise was recorded, David Bruce a cadet won all cadet beach sprints at carnivals with his final effort to win the branch championship cadet beach sprint. John Dunn won branch championship veterans surf race., Novice Surf Race, Ross Duck 2nd, Junior Belt John Robinson 2nd, Junior Rescue Ski John Dailhou 3rd.

### 1974-1975

National President of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sir Adrian Curlewis, was Legacy guest in the area and also made a surprise inspection of our clubhouse. He made many favourable comments on the clubhouse and especially the lawn area and congratulated our caretaker, Mr Jack Halpin, on the way he looked after the area.

A new rescue ski purchased at a cost of \$196.

Brunswick Heads Bowling Club donated their old bar to the surf club, and this was installed by volunteers, led by John Snow. Help Appeal at Brunswick Heads reached an all time record of \$674, as the surf club had previously announced that it would donate half of the collection to the Darwin Cyclone Relief Fund.

Noel McGregor donated a public address system to the club, which could be operated off 12 volts for mobile use as well as 240 volts at the clubhouse. This set replaced our old set purchased in 1950.

Brunswick Heads Fishermans Co-op donated cash towards the purchase of a Oxy Viva Resuscitator, which cost \$392 and our Ladies Auxilliary donated a rescue ski at a cost of \$200.

Over the new year holidays the club organised a mock air sea rescue display with a light aircraft dropping a lifebuoy to a person in difficulties.

Auxilliary donated another \$1,000 making a total of \$6,600 in 7 years. Garry "Gus" Bates was clubman of the year and the winner of the G Mallam and Co Trophy.

Con Asmussen State President of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia visited the club, and expressed his congratulations on the appearance of the clubhouse and equipment and also the surrounding areas of the clubhouse.

Warren Mitchell built a prototype of a surf mobile, a motorised surf ski, for rescue purposes, and the club agreed to sponsor it at a cost of \$316. After it had been taken to Sydney and demonstrated to Surf Life Saving Association of Australia officials who wanted many extras included before donating a subsidy to assist club expenditure. The whole project was finally dropped when it became apparent that a similar type of jet ski was already in commercial use overseas, and it was proved that they were not really successful in our average surfing conditions.

### 1975-1976

Due to increased memberships, the committee decided to investigate further extensions to the clubhouse. The present upstairs area was to be used as a caretaker's flat, and the present ground floor area to be built over into a kitchen and bunkroom for club members, with a stairway down into the present shower and toilet areas. The project to be financed by the Government R E D Scheme was abandoned as all funds allocated were used up.

As the Lismore District Ambulance Service was now taken over by the NSW Health Commission, the Ambulance Officers no longer had to conduct carnival activities for fund raising, and decided to offer all their fund raising gear to the Surf Club and/or any other interested parties. After much thought, it was agreed that it was too big a project for the surf club, and finally the joint Apex, Lions and Rotary Committees took over the equipment and still conduct it for fund raising to this date (1985).

The Lismore District Ambulance over the years supported the surf club greatly and their efforts must be recorded in this report.

The club invested in a complete new type of rescue gear. The inflatable inshore rescue craft or I.R.B. as it was to become well known.

Another mock rescue display was organised, with a light aircraft dropping a buoy to the patient, then a mass display of rescue craft left the beach to rescue the patient. The fleet comprised of our surf boat, the air sea jet boat and the IRB, Surf Rescue Skis, Surf Boards, Swimmers with Torpedo Buoys etc.

The "Patient" by that time had become the victim of a "Shark Attack" and was picked up by the first craft on the spot (the IRB, which left all other craft behind) and emergency treatment given. On his return to the beach the "Patient" was treated by a Doctor and emergency blood transfusion given and then transported away by Ambulance. A very valuable exercise for all concerned and appreciated by the large crowd which watched the display. The kiosk area of the clubhouse was converted into a room for the IRB and its servicing gear.

New Ambu Stimulator Training Aid was purchased for \$540. (Brunswick Heads Bowling Club and Brunswick Progress Association donated \$200 each towards it).

Brunswick Heads Angling Club donated \$100 to purchase oxygen for our Resuscitator. Auxilliary donated another \$1,000.

A cheque for \$1,317 was received as government subsidy for purchase of IRB.

Branch supervisor Bill Onslow and District Supervisor Chris Mallam, conducted a live-in weekend at the clubhouse and as a result at least 16 lads commenced training for Surf Life Saving Association of Australia awards.

### 1976-1977

Mullumbimby Municipal Council donated \$250 towards the cost of employing the permanent lifesaver at Brunswick Heads over the holiday period.

Our rescue ski destroyed by fire while in workshop for repairs. The company concerned later subsidised the cost of a replacement ski. Mullumbimby Ex-Servicemens Club donated \$200 to purchase a rescue board. Brunswick Heads Bowling Club donated \$230 to purchase a rescue surf ski. Brunswick-Mullumbimby Lions Club donated \$100 for Torpedo Buoys. Mullumbimby Apex Club donated \$75 towards a radio for IR Boat. Total Aust. Ltd. donated all fuel used by the IRB for training and patrol purposes.

Junior members conducted raffles to purchase a black & white Television set for use at the clubhouse.

CIG released new type oxygen cylinders for use on Oxy Viva Resuscitators, being of a lightweight aluminium construction. Ladies Auxilliary donated \$1,000 — \$8,700 in 9 years.

The Mullumbimby Creek Hall committee ceased to function and after finalizing their assets, donated cash to many local organisations, including the surf club with a donation of \$158.

Sue Mallam was successful in gaining the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia advanced resuscitation certificate, the first by a female member of the Brunswick Club. IRB used to rescue a person from overturned sailing boat between Byron Bay and Brunswick Heads.

### 1977-1978

This season saw changes in the Ladies Auxilliary with the secretary Mrs Ingrid Johnston, retiring after ten years in this position. Mrs Jean Frith also retiring as treasurer, a position she held for four years. The efforts and time given by these two ladies are greatly appreciated by all surf club members.

Total Petrol Company donated 1100 Litres of fuel for use in our inshore rescue boat. This was a magnificent gesture as all clubs in New South Wales received similar support.

Our IRB and crew acted as one of the official duty boats at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships hosted by the Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club at Kingscliff.

Errol Bartz, Mark Quinn, Les Laing, Larry Budd, David Buck and Mark Williams, attended an examination at North Cronulla Beach for the inshore rescue boat operator's certificate and all passed with credit.

During the season Mr Kevin Hayes assisted by several members, constructed a special trailer to transport the IRB — a very fine effort by those concerned. A special surf club day was conducted by the Mullumbimby Golf Club, and trophies and prizes for raffles were donated by Walkers Meatworks and

all district butchers, with prawns donated by the Brunswick Heads Fishermens Co-operative. As a result, the surf club's inshore rescue boat appeal benefited by \$409.

A grant was received from the government through the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia of \$340 towards this appeal.

The death of Mr Jim Mullins of Brisbane ended an association with Brunswick Surf Club which began on its formation. Jim supplied and repaired surf reels and also waxed surf lines and was known throughout the surfing world for his workmanship.

Due to lack of promotion the number of associate members for the season dropped to 39 from the 159 of the previous season.

### 1978-1979

Russell and Errol Bartz constructed a brick bar-b-que for the club, the hot plate for this unit being the original "Printer's stone" used by the Mullumbimby Star and Advocate newspapers. When Mr Jim Brokenshire, the final proprietor of this paper ceased publication, he donated the plate to the surf club, so a small piece of Brunswick Valley History is still carrying on a useful service to the community. On behalf of the club, I would at this stage like to record the valuable support given to the Brunswick Club by Mr Brokenshire while editor of the local paper, and also since his retirement. Thanks Jim.

Mullumbimby Ex-Servicemens Club donated \$200 towards a set of oars for our surf boat and Mr Keith Roalfe donated petrol to enable the club to take transport to Taree to pick up the new oars from the makers.

The senior boat crew rowed into third position from a large number of entrants in the Humes Marathon Boat race held on the Clarence River at Grafton.

Amanda Dulieu, Helen Ker-David, Kathy McCabe, Bruce Garrard, Les Laing, Mike Williams, Mark Quinn, all passed examinations for the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, and the 3 girls were also appointed as Honorary First Aid officers of the club.

The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia resuscitation certificates were gained by Robyn Watt and Ingrid Johnston, also Jeffery Beer.

The annual help appeal at Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby raised \$934 for club funds.

### 1979-1980

Club policy extended patrol surveillance over a greater area, extending further south and also north to the breakwalls and on busy days to the North Beach area. The inshore rescue boat was used on these extended patrols, and a special waterproof radio was purchased for use in this boat as a direct contact with the patrol on duty, as well as clubhouse radio officer.

Mark Quinn was the first person in the Far North Coast Branch to gain the advanced Surf Life Saving Association of Australia certificate. The examination for this award covered very strenuous tests in swimming and the use of various crafts, swim 800m in eight minutes, run 1600 m in seven minutes, rescue patients in strong rips etc. using surf line, rescue boards, torpedo buoys etc. Also must hold certificates of many other Surf Life Saving Association of Australia awards.



Help appeals at Brunswick and Mullumbimby raised \$934 for the club. Mark Quinn was permanent lifesaver for the Christmas/New Year holiday period. Mr John Franklin donated part of his prizemoney from the Brunswick Heads woodchop carnival to the surf club, as a token of his appreciation of the way in which surf club members co-operated so well with the axemen during the carnival, acting as clean-up teams in the ring after each event. Females were officially admitted to Surf Life Saving Clubs on 1st July, 1980, and became eligible to sit for examinations for qualifying certificates, bronze medallions and other association awards.

The first girls to be admitted into the Brunswick Club as active trainee members enrolled in the 1980-81 season.

Brunswick came third in Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition, a good effort.

Branch Titles, Cadet beach sprint, gold medal, David Cartner. Errol Bartz was clubman of the year.

### 1980-1981

Major Rescue at Bar area after a power boat overturned. Quote from Official Citation of the NSW Royal Humane Society in the Annual Report for 1982.

*Quote.* At about 10.45 a.m. on 5th April, 1981, a power boat containing three persons was capsized while entering the Brunswick River in huge seas, throwing the occupants into the water. The lady in the group swam to the North Wall where she was thrown a life preserver; she then swam to the upturned boat where her husband and another man were clinging to the hull.

While the couple were clinging to the life preserver, their companion was seen floating face down towards the Northern Side of the North Wall. Fox and Edwards went to the aid of this man and eventually managed to get him onto a surf board owned by Fox. Messrs Quinn and Knight commenced resuscitation. Senior Constable McKellar then joined Quinn in the IRB, however it was overturned by a wave and the men had to swim back to the beach.

In the meantime Russell having been originally towed by the IRB to a position near the couple supported by the life preserver, swam to their aid, despite a strong current which threatened to sweep them onto the rocks. Fox on his surfboard joined Russell in the rescue, and finally managed to convey the couple to the shore. The area where the rescues took place was a confined one between two rock walls, making such attempts extremely hazardous in the prevailing conditions. *End of Quote.*

Several persons were officially recognised for their efforts in this rescue, see Meritorious Awards Section at front of book.

Unfortunately the IRB and its motor were badly damaged by waves washing it on to the rock walls and as a result, the club opened an appeal to purchase a replacement craft.

Pupils from the Mullumbimby High School organised a special appeal and presented the surf club with a cheque for \$200. The members of the Tweed Tavern Angling Club also made a special appeal and presented the club with \$250.

The Ocean Shores Golf Club Police Day Event was organised to raise funds for the IRB Appeal and as a result, an amount of \$1,397 towards the cost of a replacement motor and equipment was received. Mullumbimby CWA donated \$232 to IRB Appeal.

During June 1981, more than 120 lady and gentlemen bowlers took part in a major fund raising day at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club to raise funds towards the cost of replacing the IRB. With a donation of \$250 from the Ladies' Bowling Club, revenue from donations and many competitions held throughout the day, a sum of \$1,562 was raised, and the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club very generously matched this dollar for dollar. Bowling Club president, Mr Lou Brown presented our President, Chris, with a cheque for \$3124, a magnificent effort which was given much publicity by the media, as well as the NSW Bowlers' Journal.

At a later date when the new boat and motor arrived from the manufacturers, an official presentation was made at the Bowling Club's annual carnival, at which officials from the Northern Rivers Bowling Association, as well as the Brunswick Heads Club took part.

Before the new craft was delivered to the club, Brunswick members were assisted by Final and Ballina Surf Life Saving Clubs in making thier rubber duckies available for use at the IRB State Championships, held at Cronulla. This was the inaugural state carnival for these craft, and Brunswick was the only Far North Coast Club to compete amongst craft from thirty clubs from all other parts of NSW, and also crews from New Zealand. Brunswick managed to gain a gold medal in the mass rescue event. (Mark Quinn and Errol Bartz as crew) A silver medal in the rescue event (Mark and Errol again) and 4th in the B Grade mass rescue event (Les Laing and Mark Edwards).

Seven clubs competed in the Far North Coast Branch IRB Championships held at Yamba for the first time, and Brunswick won all nine events on the programme in the new Arancia Boat. Errol Bartz won six gold medals on the day and Mark Quinn five. Ten other members combined with them to win all events.

Pat & Elaine Quinn of Ampol, again donated all fuel used by the IRB for the season. Wonderful support.

Other competition awards gained by the club for season: Open boat crew gained a bronze medal at Branch Titles; Junior Boat Crew a gold medal; March Past Team a bronze medal; Junior Board Riding, D Farley a silver medal; Open Flags, Wayne Allen a bronze and Junior Flags, Steve Betts Bronze.

Our Cadet relay team of Drew Bartlett, Steve Betts, Scott Cole and Raymond Musgrave won a silver medal at the NSW Country Championships held at Evans Head.

Two girls passed the qualifying certificate examined of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, the first ever for the Brunswick Club, Amanda Dulieu and Michelle Grosvenor hold this honour.

Help appeals at Mullumbimby and Brunswick raised \$981 while an additional appeal at Brunswick raised \$173 for the IRB appeal. Errol Bartz was again selected as clubman of the year for the second season in succession.



*(l. to r.): Barry James, Past President and President Lou Brown of the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club hand over the new IRB to President Chris Johnston and Club Captain Mark Edwards, 81-82 season.*

## 1981-1982

A circular from a Sydney Boatbuilder quoted timber surf boats at nearly \$8,000 complete with oars etc. How Prices change!

Thanks to the generosity of Mr Tony Carsburg of Tony Carsburg Holden, at Mullumbimby, the club became the proud owners of a mobile patrol trailer, fitted up with seats, lockers, gear racks, lookout tower, and all necessary equipment for use by the patrol on duty. How easy, and different from the old days of carrying reels etc. to and from the beach. Interest in this unit has resulted in photos and sketch drawings being sent to many other clubs who wish to build similar units.



Miss Amanda Dulieu, who was the first female member of the Brunswick Club to gain surf life saving awards, on an equal with male members; Qualifying Certificate 1980-81, Bronze Medallion 1983-84. Mark Edwards, who won the Far North Coast Branch Open Belt Championship 1981-82. In background is the Tony Carsburg Holden Mobile Surf Patrol Unit, the first such unit on the North Coast; Amanda and Mark are on the Beach Buggy unit used by the Club for patrol work.

Tony also sponsored the Far North Coast Branch Championship Carnival, which was held at Brunswick Heads. This proved to be an outstanding success and all officials and competitors alike greatly appreciated the generosity of Tony Carsburg Holden.

Other donations given the club during the year were from the NSW Centre of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia gear grant of \$2,116. Brunswick Heads CWA \$44 to IRB Appeal Fund, Mullumbimby Hospital Day Care Centre \$200 towards the IRB fund. A donation of \$60 from a

Survey Company which was transported in the club's IRB while doing a survey of the river mouth at Brunswick. Mr Reg Gregor conducted a tent painting art display during the holiday period, and as a result the surf club benefited by \$1,343 — a wonderful donation.

Messrs Bob Mules and Bill Boyd retired as president and treasurer of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association and were sent letters of appreciation from the surf club for their efforts of support to the club over the years they held office in the Association.

Bruce Hammond was appointed as permanent lifesaver for the holidays.

The 75th Jubilee of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia was celebrated by the issue of a special medallion, one of which was issued to each club throughout Australia to be presented to a person, chosen by the committee. Brunswick's Medallion was presented to Chris Johnson as an appreciation of his work in the club since joining in 1971.

Mark Edwards was clubman of the year, Raymond Musgrave Junior Clubman and G. Edwards as Cadet clubman.

The Far North Coast Branch Championship held at Brunswick saw the home club strike gold with Mark Edwards winning the open belt championship. Junior Boat Crew, Gold Medallion. Bronze in the march past event. The Far North Coast Branch IRB Championships held at Evans Head. Brunswick again held their title of Branch Champions, winning 7 out of the nine events held, with seven clubs competing.

When the same crews went south to compete at the NSW State IRB Titles, bad luck in the form of mechanical troubles dogged them and they only managed one bronze medal.

Pat and Elaine Quinn with Ampol again supplied all fuel for the IRB and Beach Mobile Unit.

Mark Edwards, Bruce Garrard, David Kolb and Errol Bartz gained their IRB Driver's Certificates.

Raymond Musgrave the IRB Bowman's Certificate and Mark Quinn the IRB Examiner's Certificate.

## 1982-1983

Surf Club member David Roalfe constructed a beach-mobile unit using a VW Beetle as the base, adding wide wheels and stripping most body panels; the club purchased this unit from David, fitted it with two way radio and other rescue gear, for use in patrolling the beach from the breakwalls in the North to further South of the clubhouse where many persons surf and sunbake these days; it is also most useful for towing surf boat and patrol trailers to various parts of the beach.

Tony Carsburg Motors donated special shirts to be worn by members on Patrol, as a means of easy identification.

For the second occasion in the history of the club, Brunswick had the honour of winning the Far North Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition which was sponsored by Kirks; receiving a modern Ambu Simulator training aid for teaching members Expired Air Resuscitation and Cardiac Massage methods.

Brunswick conducted an IRB Carnival with a large number of clubs competing; the point score resulted in Shelley Beach 1st, Brunswick 2nd and Palm Beach, Queensland 3rd.

IRB Branch Championships held at Ballina for the third year Brunswick retained the Branch titles winning seven of the eight events held on the day.

The IRB State Championships was held at Maroubra. Brunswick only managed a second in the final of the A Grade Rescue Event: once again motor trouble was the main factor in the club not doing so well.

The Surf Club and Mullumbimby Football Club combined to sponsor an entrant in the Chincogan Fiesta Queen Competition, while not winning the competition both clubs benefitted by \$1,042 each.

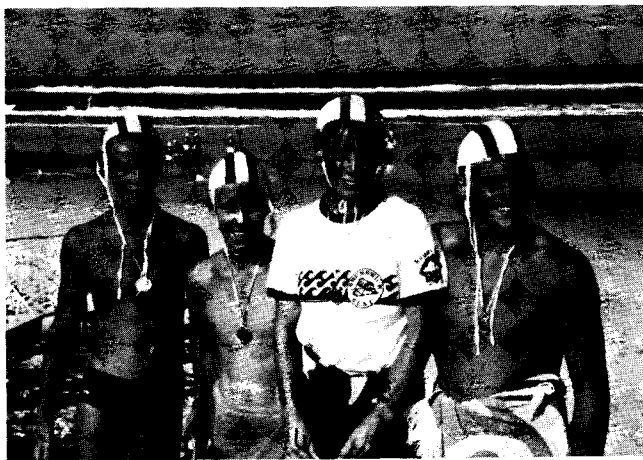
Reg Gregor's Tent Painting Display conducted during the "Festival of the Fish and Chips" raised another \$1,260 for the surf club. Grateful thanks to Reg and all members and supporters who assisted during the week. Clubman of the year was Mark Quinn and Junior Clubman Raymond Musgrave.

### 1983-1984

The club created history in again winning the Far North Coast Branch Radio 2LM Patrol Efficiency Competition for the second year in succession and also winning the Radio 2LM Handicap March Past Competition held in the Branch.

As a result the club won a Rescue Ski and a second Ambu Simulator for use in training members for various awards.

At the Branch Championships Mark Quinn and Bruce Garrard struck gold in winning the Double surf ski race. A gold for the Cadet Surf team of Grant Beer, Andrew Docking, Mathew Holmes and Patricia Armstrong. Gold also for Raymond Musgrave in the Junior Flags.



Branch Champion Cadet Surf Teams 83-84. (l. to r.): A. Docking, G. Beer, P. Armstrong, M. Holmes.

Branch IRB Championships were held at Lennox Head and Brunswick became the fourth time winners of the Championships taking Gold in the A Grade Rescue, the B Grade Rescue, A Grade Assembly, B Grade Assembly, A Grade Mass Rescue and the Watson Bros Championship Point Score Shield. At the State IRB Championships held at Dixon Park, Brunswick came third in the overall point score winning the B Grade Rescue event.

The club had a very large increase in the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Awards gained by members and on 19th November 1983 another chapter in the clubs history was made when Amanda Dulieu, Sharon Humphries, Michelle Pearson, Nickki Winmill, Linda Graetz, Donna Edwards,

Tanya Quelch, Selena Smith and Anthea Cowley became the first female members of Brunswick to pass the Bronze Medallion examination.

Brunswick won the Far North Coast Branch B.P. Rescue Board, as the prize for the club showing the greatest % increase in Surf Life Saving Association Awards, over those gained during the previous season.

Despite strong opposition from all Country Branches North of Newcastle, Brunswick was given permission to conduct the United Permanent Building Society Sponsored Surf Carnival which was held during the "Festival of the Fish and Chips". This carnival was to prove to be one of the most successful held in the branch this season.

Due to a large number of active members and also the fact that patrols were on duty both Saturdays and Sundays, a club record of 3,935 man hours of patrol duty was recorded for the season.

The gear trailer was updated to enable surf skis and boards to be carried as well as surf reels and other gear. Help appeals at Mullumbimby and Brunswick resulted in \$1,165 for club funds.

Clubman of the Year Ross Nicholls and Junior Clubman Ross Herd. Special thanks to Mrs Dundas, and Garry Bates for their generous support.

### 1984-1985

The IRB Branch Championships were held at Byron Bay and for the fifth year Brunswick won the overall point score for the Watson and Sons Shield and the Branch Title. Mark Quinn and Keith Batson had six wins from eight events.

The IRB State Championships were held at Wamberal near Gosford, Brunswick won the overall point score and also the "Tooheys Men of the Carnival Award for the most outstanding crews" winning the A Grade Assembly, A Grade Mass Rescue, B Grade Assembly and second in the A Grade Team Rescue.

The Club only managed fifth placing in the Branch Patrol Competition slipping on previous years.

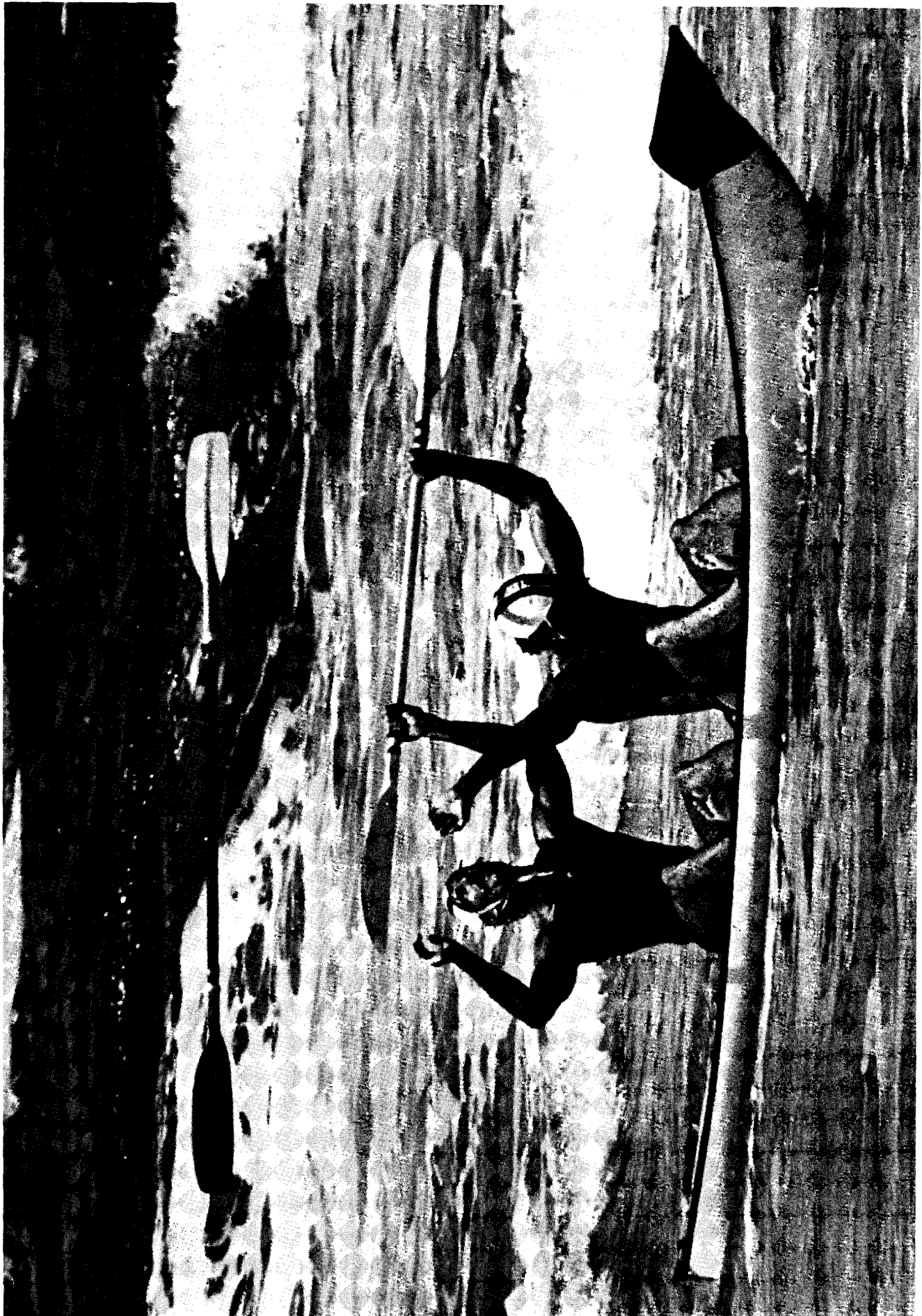
Grant Beer won the Gold Medal at the Branch Championships in the Cadet Wave Surf Ski event. At the NSW Country Championships Mark Quinn gained third in the Wave Ski Race and the open Ski Relay event Brunswick came second. Cadet R & R third place: G Beer, J Quinn, S Thomas, A Docking, A Legge, Coach Les Wraight.

At our home Carnival our Team won the handicap March Past. The Surf Ski relay race, Cadet four man R & R team, over 40 surf race Jim Smith and the over 40 beach sprint Jim Smith. At Branch level the Club gained second placing in Radio 2LM Handicap March Past competition winning a 2 way radio for patrol use, as a prize.

More History was made when the Byron Shire Council employed its first female lifesaver, Mrs Carmen Campton who patrolled the beach at Brunswick Heads for three weeks in the January Holiday period. Mark Edwards was employed for the first three weeks of the holidays. Both active members of Brunswick Club. Only minor rescues and first aid treatments were recorded by these persons.

Club history was made with the election of the first female to hold an Executive position, Miss Treena Wright was elected as Club Treasurer (Treena was also re-elected to the same position for the 1985-86 season). For the 1985-86 season also





Mark Quinn (left) and Bruce Garrard show jubilation in winning Far North Coast Branch Double Ski Championship 83-84 season.

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Miss Patricia Armstrong was elected as Junior Club Captain, and Miss Sharon Humphries as Junior Vice Captain, also Publicity Officer.

The success of our IRB Crews for the 84-85 season was enhanced with the donation of a new outboard motor by the Mullumbimby firm of G. Mallam and Company, a wonderful gesture of support from the family who have been actively involved with the club since the inaugural meeting.



Mark Quinn (left) and Raymond Musgrave 'Tooheys Men of the Carnival' at the New South Wales I.R.B. Championships 84-85 season.

The assistance given by Watson & Sons of Lismore in keeping our IRB Motors in tip top condition is also greatly appreciated, and was a big factor in the crews gaining top placings.

The Brunswick Surf Carnival was conducted during the "Festival of the Fish and Chips", and perfect conditions attracted a huge crowd of both competitors and spectators. Tony Carsburg Holden of Mullumbimby sponsored this carnival which was voted tops by Branch Officials. Thanks Tony and Nerida for your support.

One could not complete these records without mentioning the death of Sir Adrian Curlewis, a surf club member of 62 years, and former National President of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia. Many of our members had the privilege of meeting "the Judge" and retain pleasant memories of this dedicated surf lifesaver.

Thanks to John and Pam Fenn for support. Help Appeals at Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads, raised an all time record of over \$1,600 for the season, a big lift to club finances.

#### **IN CONCLUSION**

I was going to name various groups, organisations, service clubs, licensed clubs, business firms, hotel licensee's of many years, family groups, and the many individuals who have given such wonderful support to the Brunswick Club during its 50 years. I was faced with an impossible task, space would not permit such a list and the risk

of offending somebody by omission was too great. So to every man, women and child, who has supported us THANK YOU.

Who 15 or 20 years ago would have dared to suggest that in 1985, the old method of rescue using surf line and belt, would be almost outdated.

The 50th Annual Report of the Far North Coast Branch shows that for the 1984-85 season rescues by members of clubs in the Branch, two were made with surf line and belt, 68 with other gear (torpedo bouys, rescue boards & skis) 55 without equipment, 36 by Inshore Rescue Boats "Duckies" and 12 by Jet Boat.

With helicopters coming into use especially in city areas, the change in methods makes one wonder what will eventuate by the time our Club celebrates its 75th Year, perhaps I could be game and make a guess, surf club members wearing a compact body unit of jet propulsion (NO not a contestant for the Golden Circle Award) which would enable the rescuer to buzz out, drop a line to the person in difficulty and tow that person back to the beach. See if I am correct in this forecast in the years 2010, after all 50 years ago we were reading 'Buck Rodgers Comics' about such things, now in general use in outer space.

I appeal to anyone reading this history who may feel that something is not correct, please write any alterations, amendments, criticism, dates, names, places down and post to me personally at 23 Prince Street, Mullumbimby 2482, where it will be recorded and used in future attempts to complete the history of the club in full.

Since I commenced research on the history of the club, by personally contacting many former members; sorting out old records and newspaper files, the task of compiling this booklet of the 50 years of service, has grown into something bigger than I anticipated, I now have enough information fill many books of this size, which will be recorded for a future long term project, if I am spared that long. I hope that reading this book will bring back many memories to past and present day members.

My sincere thanks to the Members of the "50 Year Committee" who have assisted me, and also to the two women in my life, First my mother, whose support enabled me to achieve much of what I have done as a Member both of the club, and also of the Far North Coast Branch, she with many other mothers worked so hard raising funds for the club in the days before our Ladies Auxilliaries and Social Clubs were formed. Secondly but not least my wife Bett, who has been isolated for several hours per night over the last 14 months by a wall of clacking typewriter, chattering tape recorders, phone calls, rustling of papers. Her dining room table covered with an organised mess of research books etc. and a spare bedroom looking like a waste paper disposal yard.

Thanks for putting up with me Bett.

To all who have come forth with old Photos, press clippings etc my thanks, and such information will be copied and recorded for the future.

I look forward to meeting many old mates in October, and may we also spare a moment of thought for those who have passed on or are unable for many reasons to be with us on this occasion.

Reg Byrnes.

**BRUNSWICK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB OFFICIALS  
1935—1985**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>CLUB CAPTAIN</b>	<b>CHIEF INSTRUCTOR</b>
1935-36	Jack Carolan	Stan Stephens	Bill Peoples	Stan Stephens	Nil Elected
1936-37	Jack Carolan	Stan Stephens	Harry Wraight	Jim Michington	Stan Stephens
1937-38	Jack Carolan	Ted Healy	Stan Stephens	Cec Healy	Stan Stephens
1938-39	Jack Carolan	Ken Upton	Stan Stephens	Ted Healy	Stan Stephens
1939-40	Jack Carolan	Ken Upton	Stan Stephens	Clive Wraight	Ted Healy
		George Fenwick			
1940-41	Jack Carolan	George Fenwick	Clive Mallam	Clive Wraight	Ted Healy
1941-42	Jack Carolan	George Fenwick	Clive Mallam	Clive Wraight	Ted Healy
		Alan Mudge			
1942-43	J. Holt	Alan Mudge	Harry Barstow	Harry Wraight	Allan Mudge
1943-44	George Hammond	Alan Mudge	Harry Barstow	Clive Wraight	Alan Mudge
1944-45	George Hammond	Alan Mudge	Harry Barstow	Clive Wraight	Bill Bower
			G. Giles		
1945-46	George Hammond	Alan Mudge	G. Giles	Clive Wraight	Jim Hammond
1946-47	Jack Carolan	Alan Mudge	G Giles	Clive Wraight	Ted Healy
		Ted Healy			
1947-48	Alan O'Meara	Jack Cassidy	G Giles	Alan Wagner	Norm Pollock
			Bob Miles		
1948-49	Alan O'Meara	Jack Cassidy	Bob Miles	Alf Schweitzer	Algy Montgomery
			Doug Chapman		
1949-50	Alan O'Meara	Don Taylor	John Graham	Alf Schweitzer	Algy Montgomery
1950-51	Alan O'Meara	Don Taylor	John Graham	Pat Simpson	Alyg Montgomery
		Bill James			
1951-52	Ted Healy	Bill James	John Graham	Barry Munro	Reg Byrnes
1952-53	Ted Healy	Reg Byrnes	Bill James	Barry Munro	Clive Condie
1953-54	Ted Healy	Reg Byrnes	Bill James	Barry Hammond	Algy Montgomery
1954-55	Ted Healy	Reg Byrnes	Ross Eakin	Bill Ball	John Graham
			Hugh Eakin		
1955-56	Ted Healy	Reg Byrnes	Hugh Eakin	Bill Ball	Bill James
1956-57	Hugh Eakin	Reg Byrnes	Bruce Bartlett	John A. Bartlett	Bill James
			Noel James		
1957-58	Hugh Eakin	Reg Byrnes	Noel James	John A. Bartlett	Alan Booty
				Harry McIlwain	
1958-59	Clive Wraight	Reg Byrnes	Noel James	Lindsay Cooper	Harry McIlwain
1959-60	Clive Wraight	Reg Byrnes	Noel James	Harry McIlwain	Geoff Mould
1960-61	Clive Wraight	Reg Byrnes	Noel James	Geoff Mould	Les Wraight
				Peter Henderson	
1961-62	Clive Wraight	Reg Byrnes	John Graham	Frank James	Les Wraight
1962-63	Clive Wraight	Reg Byrnes	John Graham	Frank James	Les Wraight
1963-64	Clive Wraight	Reg Byrnes	John Graham	Frank James	Les Wraight
1964-65	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	John Graham	Frank James	Les Wraight
1965-66	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	John Graham	Fred Chalker	Ian Browne
				John Fisher	
1966-67	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	John Fisher	Ian Browne
1967-68	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Chris Mallam	David Hagen
1968-69	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Frank James	Les Wraight
1969-70	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Phil Batson	Ian Browne
1970-71	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Lyle Crandell	Les Wraight
1971-72	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Chris Mallam	Lyle Crandell
1972-73	Barry Hammond	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Ross Duck	Les Wraight
1973-74	Frank James	Reg Byrnes	Daryl Smith	Chris Johnston	Les Wraight
1974-75	Frank James	Doug Liebke	Gus Bates	Chris Johnston	Les Wraight
1975-76	Frank James	Les Wraight	Peter Watt	Chris Johnston	Warren Mitchell
					Les Wraight
1976-77	Frank James	Les Wraight	Chris Johnston	Jon Gray	Les Wraight
1977-78	Chris Johnston	John Knight	Jon Gray	Les Laing	Les Wraight
		Doug Liebke			
1978-79	Chris Johnston	Mark Quinn	Jon Gray	Wayne Allen	Les Wraight
1979-80	Chris Johnston	Mark Quinn	Bruce Garrard	Errol Bartz	Les Laing
1980-81	Chris Johnston	David Roalfe	Errol Bartz	Mark Edwards	Mark Quinn
1981-82	Les Wraight	David Roalfe	Errol Bartz	Mark Edwards	Errol Bartz
1982-83	Les Wraight	David Roalfe	Errol Bartz	Mark Edwards	Craig Golby
			Chris Johnston		
1983-84	Chris Johnston	David Roalfe	Mark Quinn	Craig Golby	Anton Bijl
1984-85	Chris Johnston	Bruce Garrard	Treena Wright	Mark Edwards	Anton Bijl
				Keith Batson	
1985-86	Chris Johnston	Bruce Garrard	Treena Wright	Keith Batson	Errol Bartz

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### “REMEMBER”

- The T Model Fords owned by Long Tac, Macell, Boong.
- The infamous Dance Hall episode at Yamba.
- Rabbits fridge halfway along the track.
- Pushing the New England Bus up Springvale Hill.
- Dashers bus breaking down next to a corn paddock near Coraki.
- The afternoon 'teas' put on at the Broadwater Hotel, while on our way to Yamba.
- Robbo drinking all the squash at Broadwater, did not stop talking for hours.
- Chunda and the Yard glass at the Court House Hotel.
- Some of the kegs, flat, sour, hot but all giving the same result.
- The last 5 gl wooden keg in the old clubhouse.
- Clive Mallams solid surf board, took two men and a bullock team to carry it down to the surf.
- Dasher fishing for tailor from his surf ski, and what the chopper did to Dasher!
- Accommodation at Yamba, the circular flats, the haunted house, and a special front yard.
- The Board of Examiners conferences, like bomb disposal training camps.
- The Golden Rivet.
- Use for gas from sparklet resuscitator, good for reviving flat flagons of ale.
- Harkness and Mudgee plus two Alsations, in a baby Austin towing the surf boat from Mullumbimby to Brunswick.
- The lucky winner of a raffle, for a fridge full of cans.
- The famous Turkey Shoot.
- All of the Golden Circle Award winners.

### “WHO”

- Who was known as Billy Europe?
- Who ate saveloys and bananas just before competing in major boat races.
- Who swam in a bath in front of old clubhouse?
- Who lost his false teeth in the surf the same night?
- Who pulled in the wrong patient while first linesman of an R & R Team? No wonder we sent him to Byron Bay.
- Who used to sleep in the toilet?
- Who used to sleep in the shower?
- Who always chundered before a boat race?
- Who wanted to knock on the Judges door?
- Who raced the Harwood Ferry across the Clarence River? and
- Who smelt like a garbage can when he crawled out of the mud?
- Who got string halt while Marching at Sawtell?
- Who got a thong in his tart at Sawtell?
- Who provided eggs for breakfast at Yamba?
- Who invented the Choccy Nose?
- Who owned our first Mascot, a dog complete with surf belt, cap, and sun glasses, sitting in front of the reel, on patrol.
- who owned the next Mascot Fang?
- Who owned his special "Duckie"?
- Who had the dead Night Tiger in his bunk?



*Annual Dinner 83-84. Girls and boys line up for presentation of Bronze Medallions from Jim Flanagan.*

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## SURF BOATS PURCHASED BY CLUB SINCE ITS FORMATION

Name	Builder	Date Purchased	Costs
Brunswick	N. & E. Towns	November 1940	\$150
Brunswick II	N. & E. Towns	late 1950	\$625 fully equipped
Brunswick III	T. Humphries & Sons	March 1957	\$1,008 fully equipped
Brunswick IV	W. Barnett	November 1964	\$1,100 boat only
Brunswick V including new trailer	Claude Boyd	late 1973	\$2,300 fully equipped

## INSHORE RESCUE BOATS (I.R.B.s)

1. October 1975: Dunlop Avon C120 Cruisafe with fuel tank \$1,490.
2. 1978-79 Avon Rigid Hull Searider (Podger) \$1,800.
3. June 1981: Arancia (donated after previous unit wrecked in a rescue attempt) \$3,420.
4. May 1984: Achilles, purchased with special floor section \$3,020.

## OUTBOARD MOTORS PURCHASED

- October 1975: 2 x 20 h.p. Mercury from Jansens \$1,200 for 2.  
 August 1977: 1 x 25 h.p. Johnson from Government Stores, \$720.  
 November 1979: 1 x 25 h.p. Long Shaft Johnson from Watson & Son, \$720.  
 September 1980: 1 x 25 h.p. Johnson from Richmond Marine, \$1,081.  
 August 1981: 1 x 25 h.p. Johnson from Outboard Marine, \$813.  
 May 1982: 1 x 25 h.p. Johnson from Outboard Marine, \$776.  
 May 1985: 1 x 25 h.p. Johnson from Outboard Marine, \$945.

*Outboard Marine sell Evenrude Johnson Motors at cost to all Surf Life Saving Clubs in New South Wales.*

## RADIOS IN USE BY CLUB

- 2 Hand sets for patrol members communication on beach to clubhouse.
- 1 waterproof unit for use in I.R.B.
- 1 Master set for Clubhouse.
- 1 Mobile unit in beach mobile.
- Beach Mobile purchased July 1982 from David Roalfe for the sum of \$1,200.

- 1953: A set of sculls cost \$65.
- 1961: 4 oars and a sweep oar \$116.
- 1972: 4 sculls and a sweep \$185.
- 1979: 4 oars and a sweep \$650.

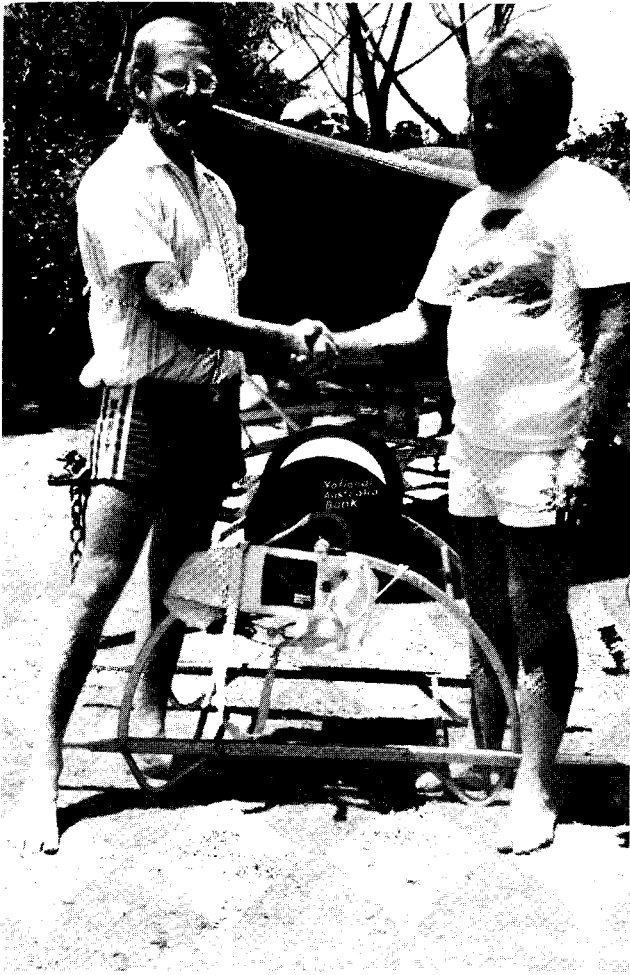


*Brunswick Cadet R & R Team which won Branch Championships 1984-85 season. Back row (l. to r.): Grant Beer, Andrew Docking, Les Wraight (Coach). Front Row (l. to r.): Joanne Legge, Stacey Thomas, Joanne Quinn.*

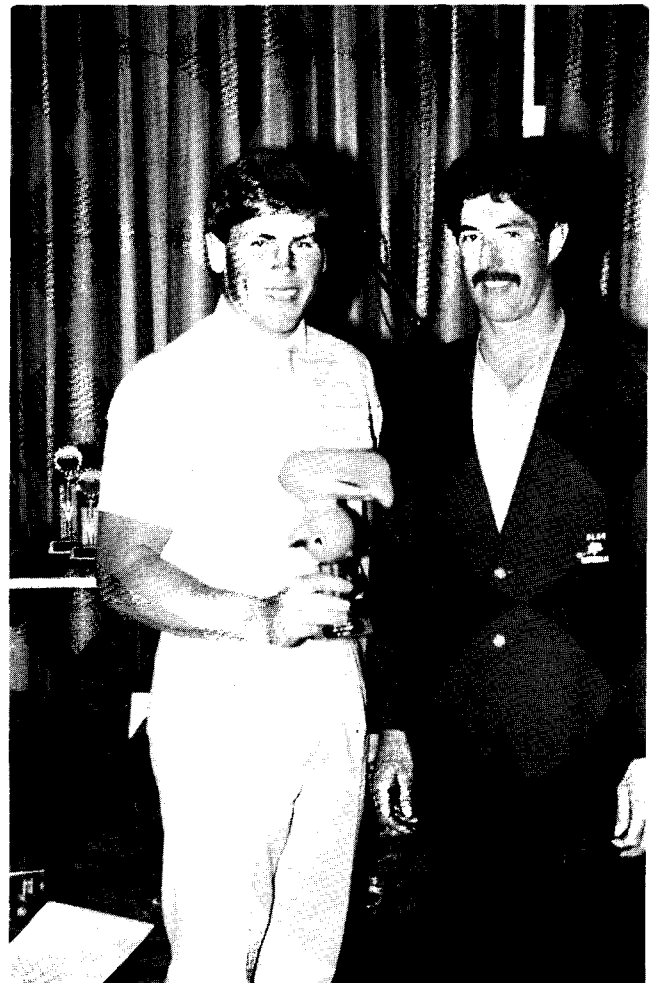


*Junior R & R Team which came third in Branch Championships 84-85 season. (l. to r.): Mathew Holmes (reelman), Patricia Armstrong (belt). Standing in front of Mathew: Leane Stanton (Coach), Gavin Arthur (Patient), Anthea Cowley (1st line), Kim Grosvenor (2nd line).*

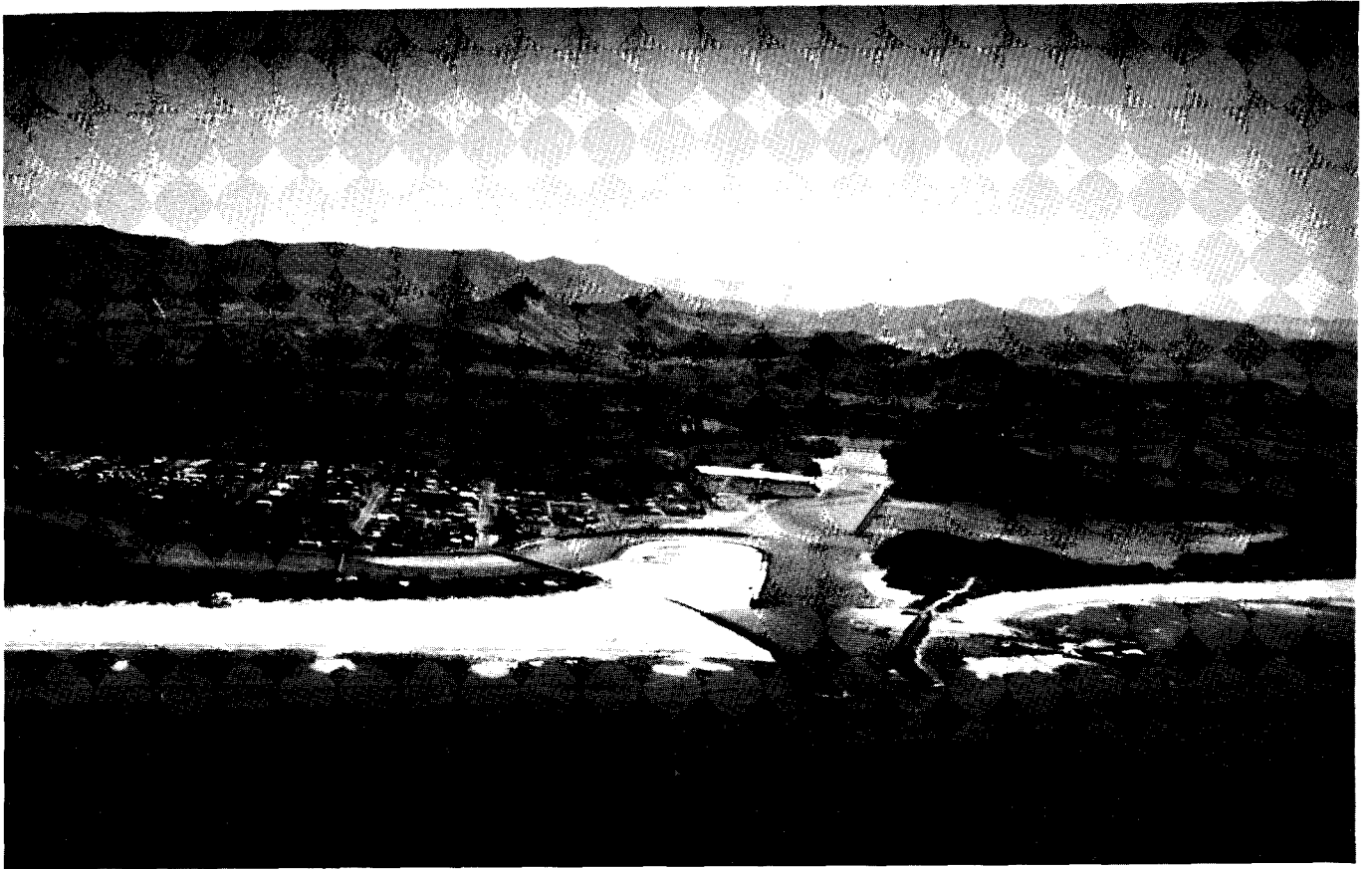




*Mr. Mark Pickard (left) Manager Brunswick Heads Branch of National Australia Bank, presenting a surf reel to Surf Club President, Chris Johnston.*

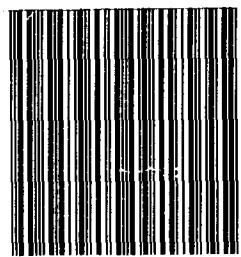


*Mark Edwards (left) being presented with the "R Sup Duck Trophy" by IRB Captain, Mark Quinn. Both Marks have been very active competitors in the Club as well as gaining many Life Saving Awards.*



Aerial view of surfing beach at Brunswick Heads showing old clubhouse. Note erosion line almost behind the clubhouse. The bar area has been the scene of many drownings and major rescues, both before the breakwalls were constructed and also since.

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Patricia Armstrong (left) and Raymond Musgrave (right) being presented with awards for outstanding efforts in Carnival Competition at Annual Dinner 1984.

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Winning crews from inaugural IRB Branch and State Championships. (l. to r.): E. Bartz, D. Bartlett, W. Binskin, R. Musgrave, M. Edwards, M. Quinn, B. Garrard. 1981-82 season.



Far North Coast Branch Championships Junior Boat Crew 1981-82 season, D. Roalfe, D. Bartlett, S. Elliott, G. Devine, S. Cole.

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