



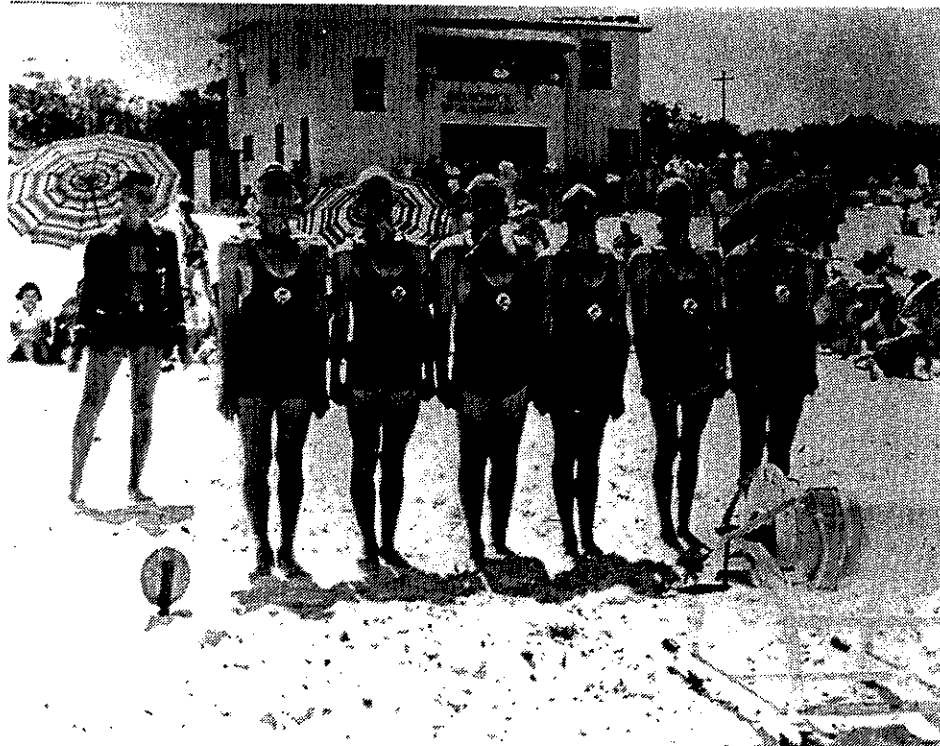
**1985**

**1995**

***"The Next 10 Years"***



*The only surviving foundation active members (all in first Bronze Squad 15th February 1936).  
Left to Right Harry Wraight - Clive Wraight (Life Member) & Max Pearse*



*"One from the past - R & R Team 22 / 12 / 1940 L-R A. Lebern, D. Wilkes, W. Gaggin  
K. Upton, R. Underhill, A. McNaughton.*

*Note: Our first Clubhouse before any additions - Cork Belt on Reel - Examiner wearing on S.L.S.A. Blazer while Judging."*

## MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT

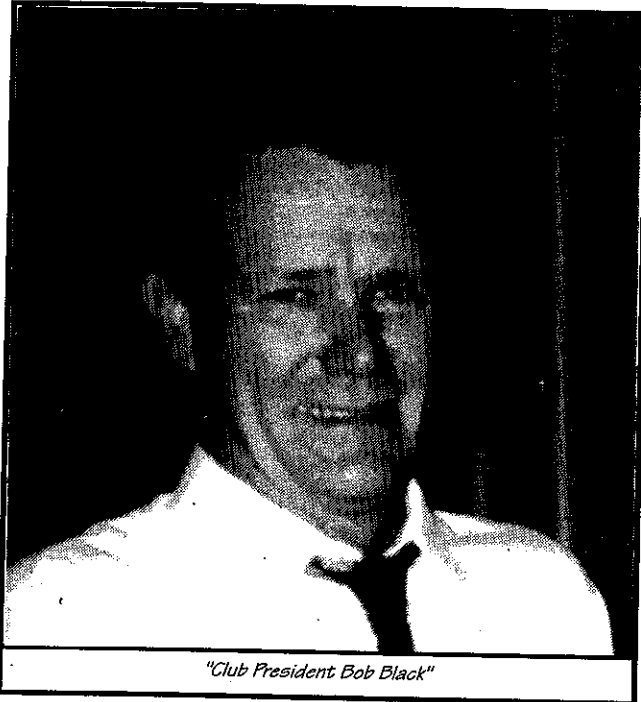
A warm welcome to members, associated members, supporters and sponsors to the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club 60th Anniversary.

I have been president for the past two years, and I have never known an organisation to be so deeply involved with tradition and support in and out of surf life saving duties as are the members of this club.

With the integration of Nippers and the Senior Club, a great many people have come to realise what a great organisation, Surf Life Saving Australia is, basically volunteering your time for a good cause.

I salute the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club for the past sixty years, and best wishes and great success for the future.

Bob Black, President.



"Club President Bob Black"



"Branch President Chris Johnston"

## WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT ?

### SURF LIFE SAVING

After checking all available records from when the first rescue was recorded by the club, 10th January, 1936, to the end of 1993-94, the following figures emerged. Total Bronze Medallions gained 822. Total of other Surf Life Saving Awards gained 426. Rescues reel line and belt 91. With I.R.B. 49. With other equipment/or without 103. Preventative actions 1016. First Aid including stings 1747. Awards gained does not include the Junior Activities Group "Nippers". Figures for 1994 - 1995 were not available when compiling this book in February 1995.

*"VIGILANCE & SERVICE"*

*WE SERVE WELL*

## INTRODUCTION BY THE AUTHOR,

REG BYRNES

During our 50th Anniversary Celebrations October 1985, I caught a dose of "Tooheys" fever and whilst affected, announced that I would compile another book to be called "The Next 10 Years", to be released in October 1995, during the "60th Jubilee Celebrations".

At last it is completed, but please note that I have not been able to include all details of the 1994-95 season, as I have had to finish the book in February 1995. I hope it is accepted as a brief summary, during which many changes have taken place in surf life saving in general and especially in our own club. Elimination of reel line and belts in favour of Rescue Boards - I.R.B. as major rescue items. Our long awaited clubhouse extensions completed, and my retirement from administration duties. I would like to pay tribute to my wife Betty, who has backed me up in my surf life saving activities, including my hibernation while researching and compiling this book.

Finally may we pause for a moment and remember all who have been members of this wonderful club, during the sixty years, who are unable to be with us at this time through death, illness, distance, or other circumstances.

Everyone has done their bit in helping Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club Inc., to carry on its motto *"Vigilance and Service"*

## MESSAGE FROM BRANCH PRESIDENT

Surf Life Saving, by its essence, is steeped in tradition and history and therefore it is important that the history of clubs be documented accurately for future generations to look back to see what made it so good for us now and for those before us.

"Hooky", in recording Brunswick's first fifty years, did an excellent job in detailing the history and traditions of the Brunswick Club. I have no doubt his detailing of the past ten years to add to that first fifty years will be just as good.

As Branch President it gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to congratulate my own club on their sixty years of service and dedication to the surfing public of the Brunswick Valley.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Far North Coast Branch, congratulations and we look forward to sharing a bright future in Surf Life Saving.

Chris Johnston, President,

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast.



*"The Author, and Chief critic, Betty and Reg Byrnes"*



*"Life Member Keith Batson"*

### Authors Note:

During research for this book it was pleasing to note that most club records, in the form of Minutes and Annual Reports have been kept. To the officers of the future, please keep up the good work as it will make it easier for someone to compile our 75th Anniversary Book for presentation in 2010. I hope to be around to read it.

I apologise that some dates or years may be credited to wrong events, or periods, but I accept the fact that errors and omissions do occur beyond my control.

Finally, I must pay tribute to Batson Sand & Gravel of Byron Bay and the Brunswick Valley for making their office equipment available and most importantly to the work of their Office Manager Leonie Cruz for her efforts in transferring my handwritten (hard to read!) notes and dictaphone (practice Reg!) onto a computer for instant printout. My sincere thanks to everyone who has assisted me in this production.

A special Thank you to Julie Baines who researched and compiled the "Nippers History" in this book.

### 1990-91 Philip "Podge" Batson

Joined club and gained Bronze Medallion November 1962. Held positions as Vice Captain and Club Captain. Active in competition R & R and all club activities, especially fund raising.



*"Life Member Phil Batson"*

## LIFE MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB

Granted to those who have given exceptional service to the club, over a minimum period of fifteen years (fifteen years membership alone does not qualify for this honour).

Previous Life Members with photos recorded in "50 Year Book" Ted Healy (deceased 1970), Clive Wright, Reg Byrnes, John Graham, Barry Hammond, Don Wraight, Lindsay Cooper, John Fisher, Frank James, Les Wraight.

### 1985-86 C.G. "Chris" Johnston

Joined club and gained Bronze 1971. holds Instructor, Examiner Certificate, and other S.L.S.A. Awards. Was Club Captain three terms, Treasurer two, Club President eleven terms and has been President of the Far North Coast Branch six terms to 94-95. See photo on page 1.

### 1990-91 K.G. "Keith" Batson

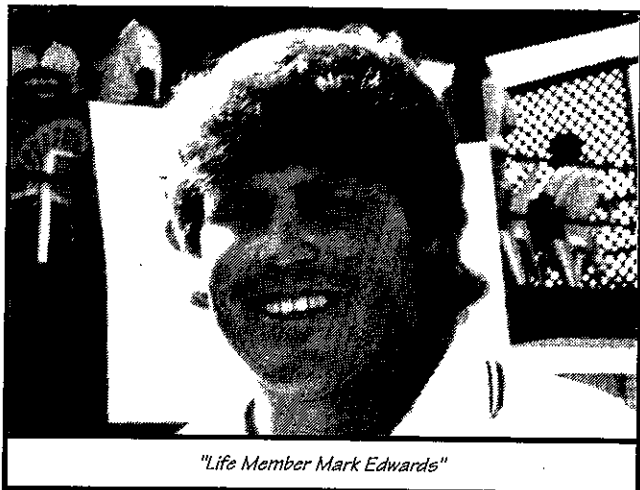
Joined club and gained qualifying certificate November 1962, Bronze 1963, also holds A.R.C - I.R.B. Driver, I.R.B. Instructor, I.R.B. Examiner's Certificate. Two terms as Vice Captain, two as Club Captain, two Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, four terms as Club Secretary. Very active in club, especially in I.R.B. section.

### 1992-93 Mark "Killer" Edwards

Gained qualifying certificate 1993 (Cudgen), bronze 1974 (Cudgen). Transferred to Brunswick 1974. Club Captain four terms, President three years, holds many other S.L.S.A. Awards. Letter of Commendation from Royal Humane Society for rescue on Brunswick River Bar. Very active in I.R.B. Competition and administration, both in Branch, State and National levels. Won Far North Coast Championship Open Belt Race 1984.

## SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA "50 YEAR AWARDS"

For services to clubs and the association in general. Clive Wraight, Harry Wraight, David Moss - Reg Byrnes and John Graham joined the club September 1945, and have been actively associated ever since, will be eligible for the award September 1995.



"Life Member Mark Edwards"

### 1994-95 M.J. "Mark" Quinn

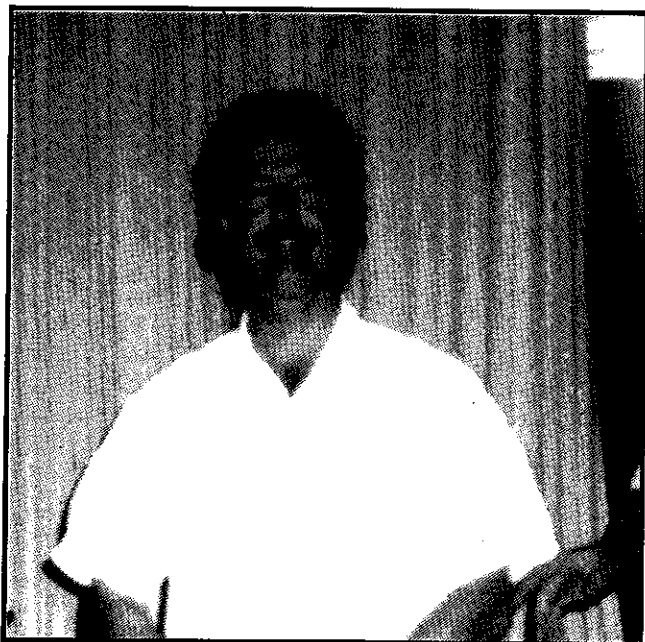
Gained Bronze February 1978 N31983. Mark is a holder of ten other Surf Life Saving Awards, including the Advanced Life Saving Certificate - the first on the North Coast.

Holder of a Royal Humane Society Letter of Commendation, for his involvement of a rescue on the bar 5th April, 1981.

Has been Club I.R.B. Captain - Club Captain - Chief Instructor - Secretary - Treasurer - and has held many other positions. Member of the State and National Council Advisory and Coaching Panels. Mark has represented Australia against New Zealand twice, and is a holder of many Branch, Country, State, and National Championships on skis and in I.R.B. competitions.



"Dave Moss S.L.S.A. 50 year Award"



"Life Member Mark Quinn"

## SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA "25 YEAR AWARDS"

For services to clubs and the association in general. Clive Wraight, Harry Wraight, Don Wraight, Les Wraight, Gordon Wraight, Reg Byrnes, John Graham, Barry Hammond, David Moss, John Fuller, Bill Ball, Bruce Stewart, Bob Batson, Philip Batson, Keith Batson and Adrian Russell.



"John Graham S.L.S.A. 50 year Award"

# CARRY ON FROM THE 50 YEAR BOOK 1985 - 1986

Our 50th Jubilee Dinner held at Mullumbimby Ex Servicemens Club in October 1985, was attended by 425 past and present members and supporters with a another 97 apologising for their absence. Highlight of the evening was the Jubilee Cake made by Mrs. Edna Smith, and iced by Denise Wraight and Dawn Thompson. The cake was cut by 3 surviving members of the first Bronze Squad of our club, Harry and Clive Wraight and Max Pearse. Other pre-war members attending were introduced to the gathering, Jim Mortimer, Stan Clark, Joe Comon, Clive Mallam, Cec Healy, Frank Healy, Duncan Schweitzer, Alf Schweitzer, Gordon Wraight, Col Torrens, Austen Lebern, Neville Stubbings, Charlie Raisin and Wally Gaggin. Mr. Jim Flanagan, Life Member of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia presented the Association "50 Year Award" for services given to our club and surf life saving in general to Harry and Clive Wraight.



*"3 of our Foundation active members of our first Bronze Squad L-R Harry Wraight, Clive Wraight and Max Pearse attending the 50th Jubilee Dinner in 1985"*

Celebrations continued on the Sunday with a well attended B.B.Q. lunch prepared by members of the Rotary and Apex Clubs of the Brunswick Valley.

A point of interest was the large number of brothers from a lot of families who have been active members of this club.

Ball Family Bill - Ken - Bob - Noel, all Bronze holders.

Batson Family Bob - Bert - Keith - Philip, all Bronze holders and their sisters Heather and Margaret, very active members of our Ladies Social Club and Auxiliary.

Wraight Family Harry - Clive - Gordon - Don.

Healy Family Ted - Cec - Frank - Stan.

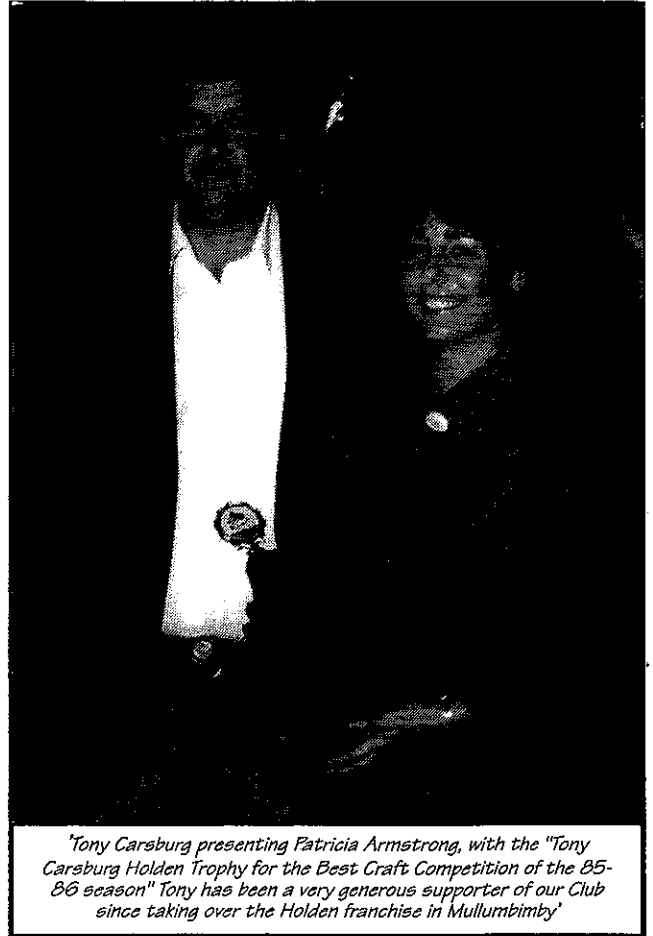
Also a lot of 3 and 2 brothers came from the same family, and sons, daughters and grandchildren of many of these people have been active members of this great club. A copy of the Jubilee Book "50 Years of Service" was issued to all members who attended the dinner. Copies requested by Sydney University, La Trobe University, Sydney Library Services, Mitchell Library, Lismore and Mullumbimby Museums, Canberra Library, and private collectors of Surf Life Saving History, and club supporters.

Facts compiled from available records show that in the first 50 years members rescued 91 people with line, reel and belt - 50 with other gear - 154 without gear - 6 needed resuscitation - 125 needed treated in First Aid Room. A reminder that there are still copies of the "50 Year Book" available from the club or myself at a cost of \$5.

## 1985 - 86

Further points of interest from the 85 - 86 period. Far North Coast Branch in an effort to try and get club members to gain more S.L.S.A. of A. Awards, instigated an incentive scheme for all of its clubs. As a result Brunswick was awarded 2nd place in this competition and also for the 3rd time since the competition was inaugurated, Brunswick came 1st in the Far North Coast Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition. An A.M.B.U. simulator mannequin was the prize. Brunswick was also presented with a 2 way radio for winning the I.R.B. Championships. Our March Past Team of all female members, who were coached by Les Wraight, came

2nd in the in a point score for this event held at all carnivals during the season and also they also won a 2 way radio for the club. Our I.R.B. crews came 1st in the Far North Coast Championships, 4th at the inaugural N.S.W. Country Championships, 2nd in N.S.W. State Championships, (1st in A & B Assembly and 3rd in A Rescue). Trish Armstrong competed with the Australian Junior Kyak Team at Belgrade in Yugoslavia, where she reached the finals.



*"Tony Carsburg presenting Patricia Armstrong, with the "Tony Carsburg Holden Trophy for the Best Craft Competition of the 85-86 season" Tony has been a very generous supporter of our Club since taking over the Holden franchise in Mullumbimby"*

Great club supporters, Elaine and Pat Quinn of Ampol Mullumbimby, sponsored the Annual Surf Carnival at Brunswick-club entered a March Past Team and several floats in the January 1986 Festival of Fish'N'Chips procession. Brunswick Valley Malibu Club donated a flexible fuel tank for use in the I.R.B.'s-more and more female members joining the club in an active capacity "great". Mullumbimby Day Care, a senior citizens group, donated a motor mower to the club, and Dick and Billy Arthur of the Corner Pharmacy donated a fibreglass stretcher for use in spinal injuries.

The job of permanent lifesaver at Brunswick over the Christmas New Year period was shared Raymond Musgrave and Mark Edwards with three weeks each. Junior Club Person of the Year Joanne Quinn. Senior Club Person Keith Batson.



*"Past President Chris, being presented with a spinal stretcher, by Dick Arthur, of the Corner Pharmacy, Mullumbimby, another strong supporter of our Club"*

### 1986 - 1987

The club contacted I.R.B. manufacturer Achillies of Japan, suggesting changes in hull design to suit Australian surf life saving conditions. Achillies replied offering full co-operation.

### I.R.B. COMPETITION

1st in Branch Championships and 5th in State Championships. Mallams of Mullumbimby donated a new Mercury motor for use in I.R.B. competitions - Eric Thompson of the Ocean Shores Park O'Tel donated a large tent top with poles and pegs for use as a shelter on the beach during surf carnivals - at this stage I would also like to record that Dick and Billie Arthur, Corner Pharmacy Mullumbimby, and Russell and Jackie Dennet of Foodtown Mullumbimby, later combined to donate canvas sides to fit this top, making it a most useful piece of equipment for the club. Some pupils at the Ashford Public School, near Inverell, had a holiday at our clubhouse under leadership of one of our active members, Meg Musgrave who was teaching at that school. Altogether the school had three holidays at Brunswick under Meg's leadership although on the last trip she changed her name to Quinn after her marriage to Mark. It was nice to hear that our club members also supported Meg by entertaining the children. The club also benefited from these trips as the school made nice donations in appreciation. Brunswick came 3rd in the Patrol Efficiency Competition in the Far North Coast Branch. Chris Johnston awarded Life Membership of the club. A 250 Club organised by Bruce Garrard and supported by many Brunswick Heads business houses and the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club resulted in a nett profit of \$2,600. Cadet Club Person of the Year Andrew Arthur. Junior Club Person of the Year Kim Kent. Club Person of the Year Jim Smith.

### CLUB CARNIVAL COMPETITION

Branch Championships-Lyn Cuthbertson 3rd in Female Surf Race-6th in Novice Surf Race- 2nd in Female Flags. Club 1st in Junior R & R - 1st Junior Relay -2nd Senior Relay. Todd Cole 1st Junior Flags, also 2nd Junior Flags at N.S.W. Country Championships.

The Sonics, a well known local group who included one of our members, Doug Liebke, conducted a special night at the Mullumbimby Ex Servicemens Club, proceeds equally shared by the Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad - Surf Club and the Mullumbimby High School Band, \$248 to each group. Bobby Le Brun, well known comedian who appeared in surf club function fund raising concerts in earlier years, died aged seventy six. Mullumbimby Rotary Club offered to build an Observation and Communication Tower, and donated \$4,200 towards the cost, they also engaged well known local builder Bill Ball to supervise the project which included some voluntary work.

### 1987 - 1988

Leonne and Ed Meskell took over the licence of the Commercial Hotel, Mullumbimby and have been generous supporters of this club till the time of writing this book in 1995. They allow a raffle team led by Barry Hammond and Dick Arthur and other volunteers to conduct a raffle each Friday afternoon which raises approximately \$5,000 per year for our club. 1995 New Team headed by Stan Ceglinski and Bob Black.

Nippers purchased a big tent for shelter of their members at carnivals and fund raising activities. By adding the name of various sponsors to the tent top, the overall cost was greatly reduced.



*"View from Clubhouse Balcony showing the Tower donated by Mullumbimby Rotary Club, and the Ray White 'Golden Shores' Surf Boat."*

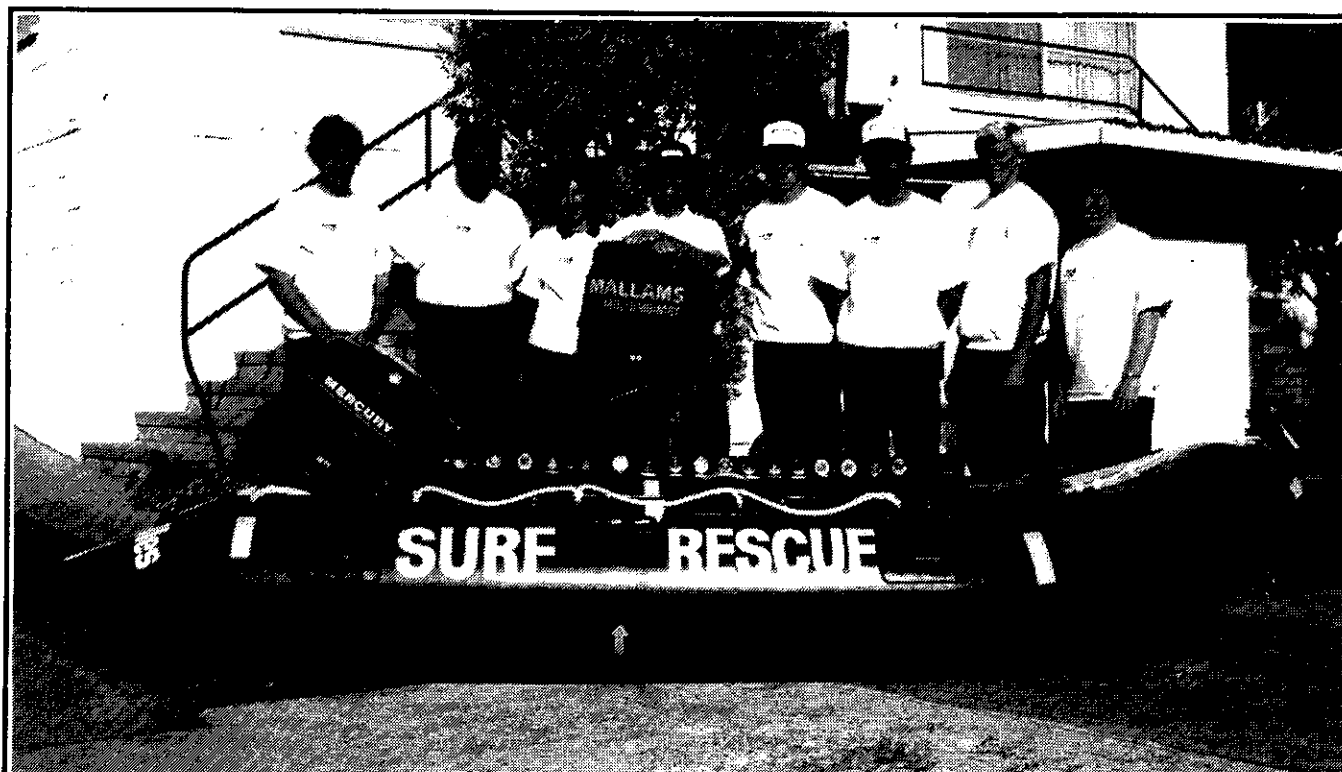
January 1988 the new Rotary Observation and Communication Tower was officially opened and handed over by Harry Wraight, a foundation member of both clubs. July 1987, Mallams of Mullumbimby changed ownership, but is still known as Mallams. The new owners, Gareth and Scott Evans, continued as great supporters of our club until they in turn sold out to John and Guy Mallam, grandsons of the founders of that firm. John and Guy are very generous supporters of the club, both from Foodland and also from Mullumbimby & Brunswick Cellars to this date 1995. Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club became an Incorporated Body on July 8th, 1987. Donation received from Tweed Heads Bowling Club of \$200. N.S.W. State Centre of the S.L.S.A. of A., directed that all Surf Life Saving Clubs and Junior and Nippers Clubs become amalgamated. This has proven to be most successful at Brunswick Heads. Fund Raising Golf Day at Mullumbimby, sponsored by John and Pam Fenn of Brunswick Financial Service and Neil and Vivian McDonald, netted \$700 for the club. Raymond Musgrave and Gary Spears of Byron Bay shared the six

week as permanent life savers at Brunswick. Deaths of former members and great supporters of the club, Clive Mallam, Jim Richardson, Jim Mortimer and Mary Cowling. Marriages of Mark and Meg Quinn - Bruce and Judy Garrard - Kim and Neil Hensen.

Lyn Cuthbertson 3rd place in Australian Age Swimming Championships. Byron Shire and State Government combined to undertake beach foreshore and dune restoration by planting -fencing and erecting walkways, this has proved to be most successful as at 1995. Gordon Wraight and Les Elfield, both early active members of this club, planted coconut palms to assist in beautifying the area. All these trees were stolen within a week of planting. Patricia Armstrong joined the Police Force and was stationed at Broken Hill during her first year. The S.L.S.A. reminded all members that the association insurance cover does not cover members for medical, dental or optical services and no ambulance services, it is hoped that all members arrange their own benefit, present day members should also check this cover.

#### AUSTRALIAN I.R.B. CHAMPIONSHIPS (1st time held).

At Cronulla only 5 A Grade events held. Brunswick was the only club to qualify in all finals in rough seas on the Saturday. On Sunday in calmer seas Brunswick won four of the five events and was second in the other event but was disqualified for leaving motor in gear. A wonderful effort! Brunswick was given the honour of leading all club teams in a March Past held on the Sunday morning. The latest amended model Achillies hull arrived ten days before this carnival - Mercury motors supplied and tuned by Gryff Ethell of Lismore Outboard and Marine - fuel supplied by P & E Quinn Ampol Mullumbimby - transport to the carnival by Rob Jarvis of Brunswick Valley Coaches. I.R.B. competitors for the season were Mark Quinn, Keith Batson, Mark Edwards, Neil Hansen, Andrew Arthur, Raymond Musgrave, Joanne Quinn, Lyn Cuthbertson plus cooks, gear handlers etc. A great season. The Far North Coast Branch Championships Surf Carnival was held at Fingal.



*"One of our Champion I.R.B. Teams. L-R Neil Hensen, Mark Edwards, Jo-Anne Quinn, Keith Batson, Raymond Musgrave, Mark Quinn, Andrew Arthur, Lyn Cuthbertson Winners of various Branch, State and National Titles"*

#### BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 1987 - 1988

I.R.B. Far North Coast Championship Carnival was held at Cabarita Beach. After coming 1st in the previous seven years of branch championships, Brunswick club came second to Ballina and picked up \$400 as a prize from the sponsor "The Egg & 1".

#### ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mayne Nickless Knock Out at Sawtell - Brunswick 1st, Ballina 2nd. Mayne Nickless 2nd round at Pt. Macquarie - Ballina 1st, Brunswick 2nd. Ballina won on a count back and represented zone in finals in Sydney where they came 1st.

#### STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 1987 at Hawks Nest - Soldiers Beach 1st - Ballina 2nd - Brunswick 3rd from the 28 clubs competing.

Results - Brunswick 1st March Past, 1st Open Beach Relay. Our Ladies March Past Team, coached by Les Wraight, came 2nd in the overall point score at carnivals and won a Rescue Tube donated by Radio 2LM as a prize. June 1987 first club newsletter published to advise club members and supporters of Fiesta activities. Alan and Irene Mortlock retired from the Ambulance Service after being station officers at Mullumbimby for many years, during which time they have been a tower of strength to the surf club as well as other community organisations, thanks Mort and Irene. Jim Flanagan, past President of the Far North Coast Branch wrote the 50 year history of the branch called "The Bronze Norcoasters". January 1988 our club took a major part in the festival of the Fish' N' Chips procession with a number of floats - a March Past Team and flag colour party. Club Secretary, Keith Batson, suggested that the committee should investigate increased litigation over Public Liability, a disease of the times creeping into Australia from the U.S.A. where people sue other persons on any excuse. National Council of S.L.S.A. of A. sent out circulars to all clubs suggesting that they fully insure themselves against such happenings as patrolled areas not fully supervised, safe access to clubhouse areas could leave clubs open.





*"Branch Champions 1987 / 88 March Past Team and also came 2nd in overall March Past Point Score for the Season. Team was coached by Life Member Les Wraight". Photo Courtesy Dorey McFadden.*

Keith, assisted by the Club Executive, compiled several circular letters which were sent to all Surf Life Saving Clubs in N.S.W. and southern Qld - Branches - State Centres etc. as well as 63 local volunteer groups whose members could face public liability problems, asking them in turn to contact their State and Federal Politicians to bring in laws to curtail such large scale litigation and awards paid to claimants by the court. A lot of favourable feed back from clubs as well as politicians, and it was also mentioned in State and Federal Parliament. Final outcome - not much gain, but as Keith said "we have the satisfaction of being able to say we told you so".

Cadet of the Year Andrew Arthur.  
 Junior of the Year Lisa Batson.  
 Clubperson of the Year Les Wraight.

## 1988 - 1989

### I.R.B. Competition

Far North Coast Branch Championship - Brunswick 1st.

Zone Championships - Brunswick and Ballina equal tie 1st.

State Championships - there were two State Championships this year, the first at Black Head - Brunswick came 2nd, Ballina 1st. The second was held at Avalon at the end of the season Brunswick 1st and Ballina 2nd.

National Championships - Monavale 1st, Brunswick and Alexander Headland tied for 2nd/3rd place.

### Expo Display

The six top I.R.B. crews in N.S.W. were asked to compete in the N.S.W. Government Day in Brisbane. Our members, all dressed in uniform, won favourable comment from the public when they took part in the

Expo Day Parade then competed in four events, winning two of them. Strong tidal conditions made it very difficult for all competitors. As a result the club won \$400 in prize money and was allowed \$216 expenses.

Brunswick again emerges the top I.R.B. Club in Australia on a basis of gold medals won at all carnivals during the season.



*"Pat and Elaine Quinn of Ampol Mullumbimby who have been sponsors of our Club since 1978 by supplying all fuel for our IRB and Beach Mobile Units.*

Major sponsors - Brunswick Heads Bowling Club (I.R.B. Hull) - Malliam Cellars - P & E Quinn Ampol and Gryff Ethell Mercury Motors. Only nine crew members competed for the season, Mark Quinn, Raymond Musgrave, Keith Batson, Andrew Arthur, Lyn Cuthbertson, Rebecca Philips, Justin Prisk, Chris Johnston - another great year. The Clubhouse was given a face lift by painting and general maintenance by Byron Shire Council. World Master Swim Championships held in Brisbane, Lyn Cuthbertson competed in six events and was placed in each one of them. Sue Batson was 9th in the Australian Team. Sad to record the passing of Hec Gaggin - Jed Brown and Laurie Maria. Mark Quinn again sponsor of shirts for patrol use. N.S.W. State Centre arranged Hepatitis B vaccinations for life savers and club supporters. Vaccine was made available at cost by the manufacturers and Drs. Coker and Holmes gave their services to the club to complete the three needle course. A total of 113 person were treated. N.B. A reminder - booster needle due 94-95 period. Contract life saving introduced by State Centre. Councils patrolling beaches in this area arrange with the Far North Coast Branch to supply permanent life savers when surf club patrols are off duty, by doing this Council are relieved of the responsibility of finding fully qualified persons to do the job and in addition, State Centre give a grant to clubs to cover wear of equipment used by these people on holiday periods. Two people drowned after entering surf at dusk, one body recovered that night and one next day. It is thought that alcohol may have been involved. Income for season - Leonne Greentree donated a Kitchen Whizz as a raffle prize which raised \$530. B.B.Q. at Woodchops netted \$900. Harold Winkel, one of the axemen, donated his prize of \$110 to the surf club.

A Ferguson tractor was purchased (to replace the now defunct beach buggy) at a cost of \$2000, a \$1000 of which was donated by Trevor and Liz Watts and Martin Jansen of Byron Bay Motor Wreckers - \$500 from Nippers Club and \$500 from Senior Club. The tractor is called "Dutchy" to commemorate the memory of Jerry Jansen, a supporter of this club. Seven club members presented with S.L.S.A. of A. "25 Year Service" badges, these seven men gave 96 years of active membership and 150 years as active supporters, they were Gordon Wraight, Dave Moss, Bill Ball, Bruce Stewart, Bob Batson, Bill James and Phil Batson.



*"First home of one of the greatest supporters"  
The Brunswick Heads Bowling Club was formed in 1952 and acquired an ex Air Force Hut from Evans Head which was on the site of the present Flag Poles in 1995. The Bowling Club members have been a major financial support since 1965 when they first offered to guarantee repayments of a loan to build a new Surf Clubhouse.  
"THANK YOU BOWLERS"*

## BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVAL

Female Surf Race - 1st Lyn Cuthbertson, Female Flags Karen Richardson 2nd and 2nd in Female Sprint. Under 18 Beach Sprint - Tammy Beer 3rd. Beach Relay - Brunswick 1st. Under 18 Beach Relay - Brunswick 3rd - Nina Fitzgerald, Lee Evans, Shane Arthur, Andrew Arthur were members of the beach relay team. Brunswick was 3rd in the March Past Event. Adrian and Jenny Russell a son - Gryff and Kay Ethell a daughter. Nippers Annual Report stated that Petria Thomas - Min Lewis - Adrian Stevens - Stephen Johnson - Chris Still - Matt Hopf - Cecil Mudge - were all going up to the Senior Club. Permanent lifesavers for the holiday period were Grant Beer and Ross Nicholls. Association ruled that reel line and belt was not needed in patrol area but must be ready for

immediate use if necessary. Visit from U.S.A. Rotary Exchange Student Paul Reeve "Hank the Yank" who was a very active member of our club in R & R and Junior Surf Boat Crew in 67/68 era. (Paul called in again in January 1995). Mark Quinn chosen in Trans Tasman Team to compete against New Zealand, our first ever national rep. Mark is now recognised as Australia's number one I.R.B. driver.

In the twenty six events held in the carnival, Australia won 20, there were 2 I.R.B. events held and Mark won both. Junior Clubperson of the Year Shane Arthur. Clubperson of the Year Lyn Cuthbertson.



*"Another great competitor, and Club Member Lyn Cuthbertson. Prominent in IRB events, surf races, and beach events."*

## 1989 - 1990

Club members staffed the bar at the Chincogan Fiesta Ball as a community service. Chris Johnston elected as President of the Far North Coast Branch. Ross Herd and Michelle Thomas married. Madelaine Edwards born. John and Ross Garrard twins born. Bruce Garrard and Ocean Shores Country Club raised \$600 for the surf club from Melbourne Cup Sweeps. John Fuller presented with S.L.S.A. 25 Year Award. Aerial shark watch flights arranged courtesy of Ron Llewellynn of Australia Air Sports Tyagarah. Sadly I record the passing of the following people - Jack Batson - Allan James - Dave Harrison - Jack McMahon - all great supporters of this club. Bill Wynter of Byron Bay Surf Club, and Bob Newbiggen, one of Australia's surfing greats died in Perth. Bill Brewer, one of our former members, appointed as Qld State Manager of Westpac. Severe beach erosion right up into the Terrace with a drop of one metre off the bottom of walkway ramp. Club spent \$1200 on a double surf ski with use restricted to club members who show potential as carnival competitors.

## CARNIVAL COMPETITION BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Petria Thomas 1st Under 15 Female Board -  
1st under 15 Female Surf - 1st Under 15 Beach Sprint.

Brunswick 1st Beach Relay.  
 1st under 18 Beach Relay.  
 1st Under 18 Flags - Andrew Arthur, Shane Arthur 2nd, P. Miller 3rd.  
 Min Lewis 1st Female Flags.  
 Min Lewis 1st in Female Sprint.  
 Peter Miller 1st Open Beach Sprint.



*"Petria Thomas - P.T. Our most successful female Competitor,"*

### N.S.W. COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Petria Thomas 1st Under 15 Board - 1st Under 15 Female Surf - 1st Under 18 Beach Sprint. Peter Miller 1st Under 18 Beach Sprint. 1st Under 18 Flags S. Robinson. Brunswick was 3rd in handicap point score.

### N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Petria Thomas 7th in under 15 Surf Race - 12th in Under 15 Board Race.

Note: I.R.B. From eleven State Titles Brunswick has won two and was placed in nine up to June 1990. As at June 30th, 1990, three only National I.R.B. Championships were held. The first at Newcastle 86/87 - Brunswick 1st. The second at Maroobra 87/88 - Brunswick 2nd. The third at Tugun 88/89 - Brunswick 2nd. Brunswick has the honour of winning gold in the Rescue Tube Event at Branch - Zone - State and National levels in the one season. Keith Batson driver - Andrew Arthur and Lyn Cuthbertson in the team.

Mention must be made of the great assistance given by Lyn as both as a competitor, and also as a recorder, keeping details of draws - beach positions - starting times and placing in events - also as cook and general roustabout. Nice work Lyn!

### I.R.B. COMPETITION BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP

13th May 90 at Yamba Ballina 1st, Brunswick 2nd.

### N.S.W. COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 90 Cape Hawk Kiama Downs 1st, Brunswick 2nd, Ballina 3rd.

### N.S.W. STATE TITLES

May 90 at Foster Toradgi 1st, Soldiers Beach 2nd, Kiama 3rd & Brunswick 4th.

### I.R.B. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (3rd time carnival held).

30th June 90 at Tugun Kiama Downs 1st, Brunswick 2nd, no 3rd placing announced.

### REDHEAD I.R.B. CARNIVAL

Brunswick 2nd in point score. I.R.B.

### ZONE MAYNE NICKLESS CARNIVAL

Brunswick and Ballina equal on points. Ballina won on a count back, 2nd year in a row.

Note: As at July 1989, 10 Branch I.R.B. Championships held, Brunswick has won eight and second in two.

### ZONE TITLES

30th July 89 at Yamba Brunswick 1st.

### N.S.W. STATE TITLES

12-13 Aug 89 at Wyong-Terrigal Brunswick 3rd.

Ride on mower purchased for \$250, and sold after two years for \$300. Cedar surf boats bare in 1989 cost \$11,000 and sculls \$320 each.

Hammond Shield Junior Clubman of the Year - Shane Arthur. Life Member Shield Clubman of the Year - Andrew Arthur.

### 1990 - 1991

Keith and Philip Batson awarded Life Membership of our club for services given over the years. Ben Fuller was the Nipper of the Year in the Far North Coast Branch. He has been a nipper for seven years and is now eligible to do patrols in the senior club. Chincogan Tavern Shield Cadet of the Year - Ben Fuller. Hammond Shield Junior of the Year - Dave Hogan Jr. Life Member Shield Clubperson of the Year - Bob Black. Presidents Shield Presidents Choice of Nonactive Members - Rosslyn Hogan.

Chris Johnston retires as Club President after eleven terms, as he is now President of the Far North Coast Branch, well done Chris> Mark Edwards was elected as President of the club. Our beach tractor "Dutchie" was serviced by Byron Bay Motor Wreckers, and Batson Sand & Gravel, then over to Ross "Rage" Nicholls for a complete repaint. "Rage" is a great clubman, doing general gear maintenance and cleaning, lawn mowing etc., and at the time of compiling this history he has just installed new fire hoses in the club house. It is a pity a lot more people do not follow his example as a clubman, instead of sneaking around making adverse comments. Mark Quinn again selected as a member of the Australian Team to compete against New Zealand.

### FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

held at Brunswick Heads. Petria Thomas won Open Female Board-Open Female Surf and Diamond Lady Title. Under 18 Ski -Phil Parker and John Styles 1st. Under 15 Flags Ben Fuller. Under 15 Board Relay Brunswick 1st. The club was fourth in the overall point score.

## BRANCH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ron Llewellyn 1st in Beach Sprint 45-49 years. Club had lots of 2nd and 3rd placings and was 3rd in the point score event Retirement of Heather and Barry Hammond-the new owners Greg and Denise Hubbard have indicated support of the club - happy retirement Baz and Heather. For the first time in twenty five years club membership fees were increased to \$5 active and \$10 associate, due to big increases in general costs of running the club. August 1990 the club took a full page advertisement in "The Echo", our local paper, trying to recruit members of all ages and classifications, as a result we have the greatest number of active members ever, and a large increase in S.L.S.A. awards gained. Ten patrols on a roster - what a great response. Annette and Frank Harkness -twins, one of each, will he be another surfer like Dad and Grandfather Bob Harkness? The death of two club supporters, Theo Psaltis and Jim Tainsh.

## A.M.P. REGIONAL PATROL CHALLENGE

Brunswick 3rd. Ron Llewellyn of Australian Air Sports Tyagarah, conducted Beach Lotto to raise funds to purchase a hand held VHF radio to allow communication between the surf patrol and light aircraft in the area, the first in the state. Parachutists from Tyagarah dropped into a square marked out on the beach, and the person who had purchased the number on which the "chutist" landed was the winner. Most spectacular and a big drawcard for Brunswick beach - 15 landed within 20 minutes on one day.

McGregors Amusements and McDonalds Hot Bread (Brunswick Heads) each donated a Rescue Board to the club for patrol use. Club member David Kolb and his group "The Dynafloes" again provided entertainment at a fund raising B.B.Q. Active member of both Nipper and Senior Club, Wade Duncan and family transferred to Kiama, Wade was the National Bank Manager in Mullumbimby.

New constitution adopted by the club, the first was typed by the Secretary Stan Stephens on 20th February 1936 is still held by the club. The second compiled by myself was adopted 1st April, 1953. The third one again compiled by myself, was adopted on 13th November, 1990. note that all of our constitutions follow those of Branch, State Centre and National Council and do not conflict. In addition, since the club was incorporated 8th July, 1987, Rules of Incorporation have to be included.

Club members again took part in community activities, Fiesta Ball Bar, Floats in Fiesta Parade, a Picnic Horse Racing B.B.Q. at Mullumbimby Leagues Club netted \$450. Petria Thomas emerging as a real champion in both surf and still water swimming. Edwards Plumbing donated uniforms for use by I.R.B. competitors. Permanent life saver for six week period was Mark Dailhou. Club purchased two Maddog Boards for \$990 and three Torpedo Buoys for \$300.

Leonne Meskell of Commercial Hotel sponsored a fund raising day at Mullumbimby Bowling Club, the Surf Club, Rescue Squad and Mullumbimby Hospital all combined to assist fund raising and as a result each group was presented with \$868 - a wonderful effort by all concerned. Kelloggs donated \$250 to the club - Federal Government Grant of \$175 to help provide a mat for the I.R.B. Barry Davidson, Sports Announcer on 2LM and now ABC 2NR, a great supporter of this club over the years, has had his services to sports in general recognised by having a Lismore Sports Oval named "The Barry Davidson Oval", our congratulations and thanks Barry. As another community service, surf club members cleared the river area near the traffic bridge of rocks and oyster shells which have become a hazard to children swimming in this popular area.

## I.R.B. BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

held at Evans Head May 91. Brunswick 2nd in the point score.

## FINGAL I.R.B. CARNIVAL

Brunswick 3rd out of seven clubs.

## STATE I.R.B. CHAMPIONSHIPS

held at Catherine Hill Bay. Brunswick 3rd in A Grade Rescue only.

## FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH

conducted a Patrol Dress Competition during the season, Brunswick came first and won a Telecom Rescue Board.

On the home front two new Perpetual Trophies were purchased, the first to be known as th "The Life Members Shield", was paid for by all Life Members and their names engraved on it. This shield is awarded to the Clubperson of the Year. The other trophy to be known as "The Presidents Shield", is engraved with the names of all Past Presidents. The trophy is presented to a person, not necessarily an active member, whom the President feels has done the most for the club each season. In both cases the winners names are engraved on the trophy and the winners given a minature to keep.

## 1991 - 1992

Once again Brunswick came in 1st in branch Patrol Dress Competition, winning a full set of Patrol Uniforms for the Club.

### As of May 1992 Club Membership was:

|                            |              |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Nippers                    | 5 - 6 years  | 15 females - 20 males    |
| Nippers                    | 7 - 13 years | 41 females - 68 males.   |
| Under 16 years Senior Club |              | 8 females - 15 males.    |
| Under 18 years Senior Club |              | 4 females - 12 males.    |
| Seniors                    |              | 8 females - 32 males.    |
| Active supporting member,  |              | 67 females and 61 males. |



"Pres. Mark presents 'The Presidents Shield' to Club Secretary and hard working member Rosslyn Hogan at the 1991 Dinner"

Income from "Anything Goes" \$493 - Tony Carsburg Holden Tug of War Prize at Picnic Races \$150 - Northern Rivers Electricity Refund \$286 - Splash Icecreamery \$100. It was noticed that after Stage One of our building project, we still had \$76,500 invested at high interest rates. One thousand raffle books purchased at 90 cents each. Brunswick came first in the AMP Patrol Efficiency Competition January 1992.

Former active member and Club Captain Harold Simpson died 23rd December 91. His family donated \$400 to the Club to purchase a display case for club momentos. His blazer is displayed in this case. Two sets of waterproof bags and harness for radios used in IRB's purchased at \$150 each.

#### Far North Coast Branch Championships.

Tanya Creighton Under 15 Board - Ben Fuller Under 15 Flags.

#### New South Wales Country Championships

Tanya Under 15 Sprint - Ben Under 15 Board. Petria Thomas - 1st Open Female Surf - 1st Under 18 Female Surf - First Open Iron Lady.

As a novel means of fundraising, Stan and Noelene Ceglinski, donated scrap firewood from the Shingle Mill, to be sold by Club Members, under leadership of Roslyn Hogan. Approximately 20 tons was sold and delivered and the demand was so great that orders had to be refused, mainly through the lack of support by older active members. As a result the club benefited by about \$800. A great effort by all concerned.

Due to neglect, "Dutchy" needed a major overhaul which cost the club \$1200 - as a result, the Executive restricted the number of club members allowed to drive it. Why is the modern trend that nobody wants to share responsibility in gear maintenance and cleaning of same after use on the beach?

March 1992

External security lights were disconnected, wooden door of Casualty Room smashed in and a set of binoculars - 2 portable 2 way radios in special harness - 1 mobile base station - and 1 special battery charger were stolen. Police later recovered the two portable units, and insurance covered the loss of the remainder plus damage to the door.

Rules of Club changed to add Senior Club House Director and Club Storeperson to Management Committee. Warren Cosgrove acted as Storeperson and did a great job in supervising issue of shirts - handbooks etc., a great saving to the club. At our Annual Dinner, President Mark, presented our major supporters and sponsors with Bannerettes of Appreciation - the Bannerettes were made and donated by Roslyn Hogan, greatly appreciated by the Executive.



Angela Dumigon, one of our active members, doing very well in competition of Martial Arts of Self Defence. Petria Thomas accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Chincogan Tavern Shield Cadet of the Year - Kellie Kratzman.

Hammond Shield Junior Club Person of the Year - Mark Hogan.

Life Members Shield Club Person of the Year - Adrian Russell.

Presidents Shield President Award for Workers - Reg Byrnes.

Casualty Room again fully equipped with support from Keith and Margaret Thurecht - Dick and Billie Arthur and Betty Byrnes. Col and Mary Allen have the room in spotless condition.

At the time of compiling this Book, Keith and Margaret have sold their business and retired. They have been very generous supporters over the years they have been in business at Brunswick Heads - THANK YOU.

At the Annual Dinner, Mr. Peter Molenaar, President of the Brunswick Valley Banana Growers Association presented the Club with a cheque for \$1000 towards the cost of a new Patrol Trailer (they also donated a further \$450 towards the cost of having the trailer suitably signwritten with Banana and Surf Life Saving motifs.

A very generous donation from this group of Brunswick Valley residents. The trailer was constructed by Ray Tilgner of Coastal Fabrications.

Some of our members attended Special Instruction Classes covering St. Johns Ambulance First Aid - Branch Radio Communication Course - and Maritime Services Drivers Licence Course.

The "Lifesaver" Helicopter Rescue Service in Lismore was updated with a bigger twin Jet unit. Leonne Meskell, mine host of Commercial Hotel in Mullum, presented with Lions International Top Award "The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award". She was the first person on the North Coast and the first Non Lion Member in Australia to be given this award in recognition of her services to the Community in general. A great effort Leonne, and she is still going strong in 1995 - congratulations!

#### Branch Championships

Masters Carnival, John Robinson 1st in the 35/39 age division Beach Sprint.

#### Branch IRB Championship

1st in A Grade Rescue Event. No other IRB wins this season - crews not training. Petria Thomas was selected in the N.S.W. Country Surf Life Saving Association Team to tour New Zealand but was forced to withdraw due to swimming commitments.

New Gear Trailer was built at a cost of \$200. Two portable radios and waterproof cases purchased at \$1300 each. New Bennett Surf Board for use by genuine competitors in club, mainly for use by Petria Thomas who excels in this event. Annual General Meeting held Brunswick Heads Bowling Club due to demolition work on our clubhouse. Robinsons Transport removed equipment and stored it while extensions were underway. Mark Edwards lost part of his finger while trying to start an IRB motor.

Sam Fuller in N.S.W. Nippers Team, to compete in first ever Australian Nippers Team Championships, held in Victoria 1992. Two of our Life Members mothers passed away, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Byrnes - both long time workers and supporters of this club. Mark Quinn appointed to N.S.W. I.R.B. Coaching Panel, and is also on the National Council I.R.B. Sub Committee.

#### 1992 - 1993 Chincogan Tavern

Shield Cadet of the Year Sam Fuller.

Hammond Shield Junior Clubperson of the Year Kellie Kratzman.

Life Members Shield Clubperson of the Year Andrew Arthur.

Presidents Award Selected by President-David Moss.

Brunswick again 1st in A.M.P. Patrol Challenge, a trivia night was held to raise funds to help transport team to Sydney where they came 1st in the points score for Country Clubs, with sets of Patrol Uniforms as prizes. The team was comprised of Andrew Arthur, Shane Arthur, Dave, Mark, and Scott Hogan, Phil Parker, John Styles, Lee Evans, Glen Chattsworth.

February 1993 Sam Fuller awarded Junior Lifesaver of the Year in Far North Coast Nippers Branch. The death of Allan McGeary, Life Member of the Branch and good friend of this club.

Lisa Batson won Champion of Champions and other awards in N.S.W. Hairdressing Titles. She is the winner of Region, State and National awards. Get your hair cut while on patrol guys - congratulations Lisa!

Circulars from firms show the cost of surf life saving equipment is rising - Rescue Boards approximately \$1000, and a fully equipped I.R.B. \$10,000 - \$11,000.

(PT) Petria Thomas still doing well in competition swimming -picked to compete in Pan Pacific Games in Kobe Japan - has also swum in Germany - Spain - Italy - Canada and the United States, and now holds the second fastest butterfly time in Australia. John and Jan Graham married 11th July, 1992.

#### I.R.B. Competition Branch Championships

1st A Grade Rescue -2nd A Grade Assembly - 3rd A Grade Teams. This was the only I.R.B. event competed in during this season. No records kept of Brunswick participating at Carnivals this season.

My final newsletter issued December 92 (31 issues/164 pages). My other efforts of club journalism was 18 years with weekly columns appearing in the Tweed Daily News - Northern Star Lismore - and Mullumbimby Star under the byline of "Dumper". Compiling the "50 Years of Service" (Book, and this my swan song "The Next 10 Years).

February 1993, saw a visit by the Honourable Ros Kelly M.P. Minister for Sport and Recreation, to announce grants for our club and other sporting groups in the area.



"Hon. Ross Kelly MLA Minister for Sport and Recreation presenting Commonwealth Grant to our Club Feb. 93. L-R Mark Edwards Pres., Ross Kelly, Nev. Newell MP, Press Rep, Ian Kingston Shire President."

We acted as host club and provided afternoon tea, which was nicely prepared by Roslyn Hogan and her sister Narelle Field. Our grant was \$10,000. Justin Prisk was Permanent Lifesaver for the full holiday period. Our First Aid trolley, which came from the old Mullumbimby Hospital was sandblasted, painted and given a new canvas cover, new wheels added and is now good for another fifty years.

Dave Moss was presented with Surf Life Saving Association "50 Year Award" for services given to this club and the association, congratulations Dave.

I retired from position of Treasurer after seven terms and declined nomination to any administration duties - was presented with a crystal beer mug and a lovely bunch of flowers for Betty in appreciation of services rendered. When I became Club Treasurer in 1986 I set myself a personal target to have the proposed clubhouse extension completed and opened, free of debt, not realising it would take so long. Thanks to all members and supporters who pulled their weight this has been achieved and the club still has a healthy bank balance for future operations.

In his final report as Club President, Mark Edwards paid tribute to all who did their bit to see the extensions completed, naming Dave Moss and myself for saving the club a lot of money by painting - installation of fittings in Casualty Room - Storeroom - Ladies Room - Office etc.

The Junior Activities Committee donation of \$5000, made on opening day, is to be used for Honour Boards - Show Cases - picture display cases.

The Clubhouse was officially opened in January 1993 (see clubhouse section).



*"Celebrating their wins  
L-R Andrew Arthur, Shane Arthur, Dave Hogan June 1993"*



*"Tony Parker Secretary - 4 Terms as Secretary"*

Brunswick came first in the A.M.P. Patrol Rescue Challenge in the branch for the third time. The team was Sam Fuller, Richard Kratzman, Phil Parker, Scott Hogan, David Parker, Lee Evans, Mark Quinn, Sarah O'Connor, and Peter Ceglinski - the youngest team ever. They travelled to Sydney to compete in the State Finals but were unplaced. The prize money for the branch win, \$1425, paid for the team to go to Sydney.

#### May 1993 I.R.B. Championships

held at Byron Bay. Ballina 1st, Brunswick 2nd. Brunswick achieved three firsts, four seconds and two thirds at the carnival.



*"Best Patrol 93 / 94 Mark Edwards presenting the "Gray Shield" to  
L-R Peter Ceglinski, Don Black, Simon Ceglinski, Bob Kilpatrick, and Bob Black Captain"*

The team was Bob Black, Simon Ceglinski, Richard Kratzman, Lee Evans, Mark Quinn, Greg Chapman, Kelly Batson, Sarah O'Connor, Brett Medson.

The Surf Life Saving Association has ruled that it is now optional for clubs to keep shock packs in the Casualty Room, our club decided to keep it available, not being close to a hospital. Two new wavemaster boards purchased for training purposes at \$600 each. Help Appeal at Brunswick Heads on Boxing Day raised \$1424. Nil appeal at Mullumbimby this season. John McKeag of Brunswick Heads made and erected Club Honour Boards at a cost of \$1864. January 1994, Noel McGregor was awarded the Order of Australia Medal on Australia Days Honours List, for his services to the Showmans Guild of Australia, and to Regional Festivals in Queensland and Northern N.S.W. A great supporter of our club, thanks and congratulations Noel.



*"More of our great young competitors  
L-R Ben Fuller, David Parker, Richard Kratzman, Sam Fuller."*

Three cadets - Sam Fuller, Richard Kratzman and David Parker attended every carnival in the branch, and also the N.S.W. State Championships. Results of the Branch Championships 93-94.

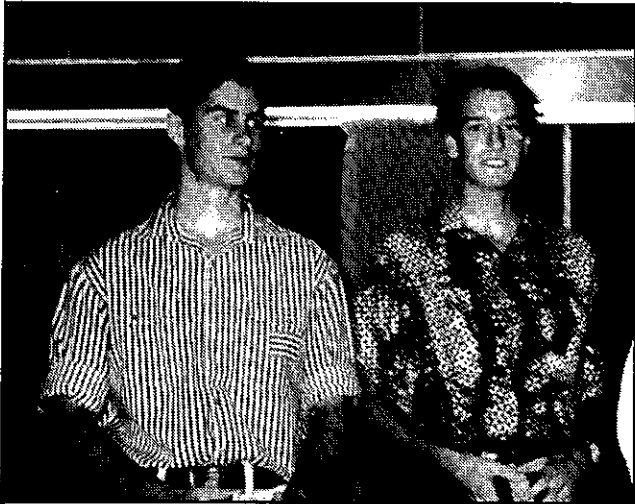
Sam Fuller - 1st under 16 Surf Race, 1st under 16 Beach Sprint, 1st Cadet Board race.

David Parker - 2nd under 16 Beach Sprint, 2nd under 16 Tube Race.

John Styles and Philip Parker have both left the area to further their careers, both have been very keen carnival competitors and their going will be a loss to the club.

#### 1993 - 1994

December 1993 - special mention must be made of the efforts of two of our junior members, Rebecca Laing and Glen Godbee, both seventeen. On arriving at the beach late on a weekday evening they noticed two people who appeared to be in trouble in the surf. They had no access to rescue gear due to Clubhouse being closed, they entered the surf, and after a major effort, both patients (female) were returned to the beach. Congratulation to the two young lifesavers who have fulfilled the motto of our club "Vigilance and Service".



*"John Styles left, and Phil Parker prominent Carnival Competitors - Branch Champion Junior Double Ski 90/91.*

James (Jim) Brokenshire died 13th May, 1993, aged eighty two years, a man who since coming to Mullumbimby, to take over the "Mullumbimby Star" has been of great assistance to me during my term as Club Secretary and also whilst compiling the "50 Year" book, Jim was a great adviser. Brunswick Heads Bowling Club donated \$800 to purchase a Rescue Board for club. Mark Quinn donated \$375 for Patrol Shirts. Northern Rivers Electricity Refund \$415.

#### 1994 - 1995

Annual Gear Report was sent to Branch shows that the club has 3 reels, lines and belts, 8 rescue tubes, 1 surf boat, 3 rescue boards, 2 x I.R.B.'s, 3 x 25 h.p. outboard motors, 9 x 2 way radios for use on beach, I.R.B.'s, branch radio link and Patrol to Aircraft contact. The club has fourteen active I.R.B. drivers on Patrol Roster and three trainee drivers - logged 946 hours for the season.

Surf club members conducted the bar at the Fiesta Ball and raised \$450 for the club.

John Fuller resigned as Club Captain later in the season, Lee Evans elected as Club Captain.

Bob Kilpatrick, in his first report as Treasurer, stated that despite high increases in running the club, trading for the season only showed a \$200 loss and that invested funds remained at \$40,000.

Mallams of Mullumbimby have agreed to be major sponsors of the club I.R.B. for three years. This firm have been generous supporters of our club since it was formed in 1935, and it is pleasing to see the third generation of the family conduct the store, as well as the Mullumbimby and Brunswick Cellars, still active on our behalf. Thanks John and Guy.



*"Club President, Bob Black (left) being presented with a sponsorship cheque by John Waterhouse of Mallams Foodstore, and Brunswick Mullumbimby Cellars, to help our I.R.B. crews, and equipment.*





"Bronze Winners at the 93 / 94 Dinner.  
L-R Matt Grinham, David Parker, Richard Kratzman, Peter Ceglinski,  
Jade Pazet, Simon Ceglinski, Sam Fuller, Glen Godbee."

For the first time in many years the club has an active Junior Surf Boat Crew, who already have wins to their credit. They have also approached and received sponsorship as follows:-

Ray & Joan Towers of Towers Floor Coverings & Furniture \$200. Brunswick Byron Pest Control \$200. Old Mill Timber Yard \$100. Shingles and Shakes \$100. Uncle Toms Pies \$200. These funds will be used to provide oars etc for use by the crew.

Petria Thomas continues her rise to fame in world swimming circles, with her two Gold Medals at the Commonwealth Games, P.T. as she is known to us, joined the Nippers when she was ten and at the N.S.W. Country Surf Life Saving Championships was the first ever female to be crowned "Person of the Carnival", with five golds to her credit. The surf club has honoured Petria with 10 Years Honorary Membership in recognition of her achievement.

Dick Arthur was presented with a plaque in recognition of his support given since coming to Mullumbimby. Help Appeals at Brunswick Heads raised \$1704 and Mullumbimby \$695. New "Beach Closed" signs introduced by Surf Life Saving Association of Australia which officially replaced the "Crossed Flags" signs used for the past eighty eight years. Progress they say!

Mark Quinn has donated a special propeller to the club for use in I.R.B. Competition. Mark and his wife Meg have donated Patrol Shirts for use by club members for many years -thankyou.



"After a meeting - Dave Hogan Snr., Stan Ceglinski, Gavin Kikker, Reg Byrnes, Peter Baines, Tony Parker" at the Shinglebar.

At a meeting held on 3rd July, 1994, a date was set and preliminary details discussed re 60th Anniversary 1995. Tony Carsburg Holden again supported the club with a donation of \$500 - also Pat and Elaine Quinn of Ampol Mullumbimby with a similar amount. A novel means of fund raising for the club was a "Mock Wedding" with males and females, including guests, cross dressing. A wonderful function and a good fund raiser for the club. A couple of weeks later a video of the function was shown at the clubhouse. Congratulations to the few members who actually did the work of catering and organising both functions.

Early 1995 saw some changes in Club Officials, with Club Captain Lee Evans resigning on transfer away, Andrew Arthur to take his place. Secretary Tony Parker and Treasurer Bob Kilpatrick both resigned and Meg Quinn elected as Secretary and Raymond Musgrave as Treasurer for the remainder of the season.

Brunswick again 1st in the A.M.P. Surf Rescue Challenge conducted by the Far North Coast Branch. The winning club goes to Manly to compete against all other Branch Winners in N.S.W. The team members, Raymond Musgrave, Kellie Kratzman, Richard Kratzman, Peter Ceglinski, Gavan Arthur, "Sparks" Kilpatrick and Andrew Arthur. Unfortunately our team has decided not to compete at Manly due to circumstances beyond their control.

The A.M.P. Challenge is now in its fifth year, Brunswick 3rd in the first year and now four straight wins. Congratulations Teams.

At the February meeting of the club it was decided to honour Mark Quinn with Life Membership for his dedication and support to our club and surf life saving in general.

It was also decided to instruct Surf Life Saving Australia to award "25 Year Service" badges to Keith Batson and Adrian Russell, and the "50 Year Service" badges to Reg Byrnes and John Graham. All awards will be presented during our "60th Anniversary Celebrations".

The N.S.W. Government Dept. of Sports and Recreation, through Mr. Don Page M.P., has donated \$2,000 towards the cost of a new I.R.B. Hull. A much appreciated donation, thanks Don.

The permanent contract lifesavers for the holiday period were John Styles, Phil Parker and Peter Miller.

Sad to record the passing of Dave Watt and Kon Siwicki, both supporters of our club since coming to the area.

#### FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH MASTERS SURF CARNIVAL

at Evans Head February 1995.

45 - 49 age Board Race - Sparks Kilpatrick 1st.

35 - 39 age Ski Race - M Quinn 1st, A. Russell 2nd.

Other to gain 2nd and 3rd places in various age events include M. Edwards, Sparks Kilpatrick, A. Russell, M. Quinn.

#### FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN CARNIVAL

Due to rough seas, all events deferred for two weeks.

#### BEACH EVENTS HELD

Under 18 Beach Sprint - Lucas Harvey 2nd.

Under 18 Beach Flags - Lucas Harvey 2nd.

Under 18 Beach Relay - Brunswick 3rd.

A point of interest, the B.B.Q. plate in our clubhouse is the original "Printers Stone" used to print all issues of the old Mullumbimby Star and Advocate papers during the past ninety years until the paper closed down to modern techniques.

#### FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 1995.



L-R Lachlan "Lefty" Bransgrove Sweep, Rod Harris, Simon Ceglinski,  
Wes Hopf, Lucas Harvey.  
FNC Branch Champions U/18 Boat Crew 94/95.

Under 18 Surf Boat Race - Brunswick 1st.  
 Under 18 Surf Team - Brunswick 2nd.  
 Under 16 Board Relay - Brunswick 2nd.  
 Under 18 Tube Rescue - R. Kratzman 2nd.  
 Under 18 Board Rescue - R. Kratzman & P. Ceglinski 2nd.  
 Open Tube Rescue - P. Ceglinski 3rd.  
 Under 18 Surf Race - P. Ceglinski 3rd.  
 A great effort boys - congratulations!



*"Peter Ceglinski with board a champion of the future. Excels on Beach, Board, Surf Events, as well as still water swimming."*



*"Our Fiesta Queen 1987 - Leigh Emery and Anthony Holmes her partner at the Fiesta Ball, both active members of the Club"*

## 1988

Following the success of 1987 Fiesta, the same committee agreed to continue fund raising and were again chosen as minor beneficiaries of the 1988 Fiesta. Another fully qualified member of our club, Miss Melinda Emery (sister of Leigh) was chosen as our Queen candidate - all previous methods of fund raising were conducted, a novelty horseracing and screw night, fashion parade, tennis day, golf day, car wash and vintage train ride, Masonic Lodge bowls day, B.B.Q.'s, adult refreshment competition, raffles of a painting donated by Reg Gregor. The surf club raised \$10,616, coming second to Rotary, the winners with \$11,020, another pleasing result.



*"Our Fiesta Queen 1988 Melinda Emery, also an active member"*

## CHINCOGAN FIESTAS

### 1987

Surf Club Secretary Keith Batson inspired the club to enter a Queen Candidate in the 1987 Chincogan Fiesta, and to apply to the Fiesta Committee as a beneficiary from funds raised. The finance was needed to improve facilities at the club house for our female members.

A Fund Raising Committee with Mrs. Jenny Batson as Chairperson, Keith Batson as Secretary and Reg Byrnes as Treasurer, Mrs. Maureen Ball, Mrs. Flo Watson and Mr. George Clothier all became very involved in fund raising (they were known as the gang of four with Jenny as leader), and this group continued on for the 1988 - 1989 Fiestas. Our club was given minor beneficiary status and one of our very active and fully qualified lifesavers, Miss Leigh Emery of Mooball was chosen as our entrant in both the Personality and Charity Queen sections. Fund raising included street stalls, pie drives, lamington sales, raffles, Fun Day at club, sewing, Bride Doll competition, Junior Disco and support from schools.

Leigh was crowned Personality Queen at the Fiesta Ball, and a result of our major fundraising was also crowned Miss Charity Queen (a first ever double at the Fiesta!). It was of interest to note that other fully qualified lifesavers from our club represented Rotary (Patricia Armstrong), and Anthea Cowley was the Rescue Squad Queen.

### 1989

Once again an all out effort was made for our club to become major beneficiaries of the 1989 Fiesta. A well prepared written application and a personal appearance before the Fiesta Committee saw our club chosen as a major beneficiary. Miss Allison Watson, daughter of the long time supporters Flo and Ted Watson was chosen as our entrant in the Queen competition. The same Committee used similar methods of fund raising, plus a pig donated by Terry and Dot Johnston was cut up for Pork Tray Raffle prize - floor show night at Mullumbimby Bowls Club,

fund raising and a Mardi Gras Street Carnival night, progressive dinner calling at Flo and Ted Watson's residence, then by buses to Grace and Mario Solinas residence at The Pocket where an Italian evening was held (raised \$800), and the Masonic Lodge raised \$1300 from various activities held on our behalf.



"Our Fiesta Queen 1989 - Allison Watson"



"Our Fiesta Queen 1994 - Kelly Batson, an active member"

This wonderful all out effort by club members, supporters, and the public in general resulted in an all time record of \$17,564 being raised and handed to the committee and as a result Allison was crowned Charity Queen for the 1989 Chincogan Fiesta. I must make special mention to the support given by school children, and to Mr. Steve Brown who made his hot bread shop available to the committee over the three years for lamington making and pie drives. I got carried away and made 200 bottles of jam and pickles for sale at street stall, amazing!, they all sold. A break down of fundraising during the three years:

| Year          | Raised by Club  | Refunded to Club |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1987          | \$ 9,455        | \$ 5,595         |
| 1988          | \$10,616        | \$ 7,093         |
| 1989          | <u>\$17,564</u> | <u>\$28,353</u>  |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$37,635</b> | <b>\$41,041</b>  |

Also \$7,383 raised by us in the first two years was distributed to other community service groups by the Fiesta Committee. Many thousands of lamington and do-nuts were made and over 100,000 raffle tickets sold by our volunteers.

#### 1994 CHINCOGAN FIESTA

The club was again minor beneficiary and was represented by Kelly Batson, one of our fully qualified lifesavers. Kelly was crowned as personality Queen, but unfortunately due to the lack of support from members, fundraising was limited -only \$2,830 was raised and the club was given \$4,504 as minor beneficiary to purchase a new I.R.B. Following the 1988 Fiesta, Stereo Radio 2LM and the Australian Guarantee Corporation Ltd., combined to introduce a "Monthly Service

Award" throughout the Northern Rivers, with Father Peter Karam as Co-ordinator, with a monthly prize of \$500. A submission was prepared outlining the efforts of our fund-raising committee, and the needs of the club to improve facilities for female members and general activities of our club. As a result we won the inaugural monthly award, and I was very proud to be presented with the cheque and plaque on behalf of the club, it is of interest to note that the second award was won by Brunswick Heads Progress Association.

#### 1982

When going through old records I found that the Mullumbimby Football Club and the Surf Club combined to sponsor a Queen candidate in the Chincogan Fiesta; although not winning, both clubs benefited by \$1260 each. Miss Susan Bower was our Queen

## HISTORY OF CLUBHOUSES

When the club was formed in 1935, the first clubhouse was a few hessian bags wrapped around trees as a members changeroom -an old shed was donated to the club and members dismantled and transported the materials across the river by row boat, where it was re-erected as a changeroom and gear storage area for a reel.

August 1938 Byron Shire Council accepted a Tender from Mr. Harry Jagers of Bangalow to erect a two storey fibro building at a cost of \$2048. It was officially opened on 17th December, 1938. This was a remarkable job as all materials, including gravel and cement - massive support timbers and fibro cement sheeting had to be transported across the footbridge on which a wooden rail line had been laid and continued through trees and sand dunes to the construction site. A horse was used to pull the loaded trolley. Funding for the project, \$1000 from N.S.W. Dept. of Public Works - \$600 from the Surf Club and \$448 from Byron Shire Council. Complaints were made that the clubhouse too far from the beach, with a lot of trees and sand dunes before one reached the surf.

## 1944 - 1945

Club engaged G. Tegge and C. Wraight to construct a two storey fibro extension on the southern side. Upper level as a bunkroom and lower as boatshed and gear room at a cost of \$560.

## 1947

A caretakers two room residence was constructed, and was washed away in the 1950 cyclone.

## 1951

Club gave Council \$700 to construct a log wall to stop sea erosion - after many futile efforts by Council to complete the project, they finally engaged Kennedy Bros to build this wall, which was completed in 1955, and is still in place under front concrete aprons of the present building in 1995. Kennedy Bros also built the new footbridge in 1994.

## 1957 - 1958

Surf Club accepted tenders from Uniting Builders ( Bill and Ken Ball and John Snow), to erect a fibro pitched roof to replace the original flat roof which continually leaked -plus an extension on the observation tower with a room for the surf club beach broadcasting equipment, total cost was \$2,215 of which Council donated \$400, and the club the remainder-voluntary workers then painted the clubhouse inside and out, with the Brunswick - Mullumbimby Lions Club Members providing most of the labour. Brunswick Heads Progress Association donated \$200 towards the paint.

## 1959

The traffic bridge to South beach was constructed and after the sand mining of the area in 1966-1967, a bitumen road and parking area was constructed. This ended an era of carrying gear and equipment to and from the clubhouse via the footbridge. Even surf boats were carried across, as well as poles to install electricity to the club house in the early 1940's. How things change! 1995 Lifesavers complain if the tractor is not working to carry patrol gear to the beach from the club house.

## 29 December 1964

A tornado hit the club house and caused severe damage -Council used insurance money to repair the building, but years of erosion, corrosion and white ants had taken their toll as the building had a more pronounced lean on its foundations.

## 1968

Mr. Laurie Neave - architect - and Shire Deputy Engineer, Ian Cook, drew up plans for a new brick club house and in July of that year Council called tenders for its construction on the same site. United Builders were the successful tenderers at a price of \$22,000, Council paid \$5,500 and the surf club \$16,500. The old building was demolished in August, new foundations poured in November, all gear back in building at Christmas, and officially opened January, 1969.

## February 1972

A cyclone caused major erosion in front of the club house with waves washing over the lawn area and hitting the building - no sand was available on our beach and Batson Sand & Gravel transported loads of sand from their quarry at Byron Bay so as volunteers could fill sand bags to protect the area. A wall was erected in line with the present open air shower on the dune front. The battle was finally won and for

years club members erected brush fences at various angles -laid brush and planted spinifex runners to gradually reclaim the terrace - this was done a long time before brush fences became commonly used for anti erosion purposes.

## February 1973

More space needed and club called tenders for an extension. United Builders (now Ball & Co), were again successful with a tender of \$6,700. Club paid \$6000 and Council \$700. These extensions included a brick storeroom erected by voluntary labour under leadership of Allan and Ted Riches. Extension officially opened May 1973.

## 1975 - 1976

Club commenced planning of extensions of upstairs portion of club house with possible finance to come from Federal Government R.E.D. Scheme, but unfortunately the application was not submitted in time

and the idea was dropped. Again in the late 1980's the project was resurrected and May 1990 plans again submitted to Council. After many changes to plans and hold ups from many state government departments involved, the club was finally given permission to take over Public Dressing Rooms in the building for extra space for amenities for our female members and gear storage.

## 2nd December 1991

Written permission from Council to go ahead saw an extensive effort by tradesman and volunteers. Soon our female members had four showers, three toilets, a basin etc., and the club had an enlarged space for I.R.B. and board and ski storage.



"Clubhouse before final extensions 1992"

Total cost for this stage was \$11,200 plus 205 hours of volunteer work all from the club. Frustration continued with delays from Council regarding extensions upstairs. Club asked Mr. Bill Ball to draw up plans which he did on a voluntary capacity and finally in June 1992 Council accepted a tender from Mr. Geoff Miller from Kingscliff for \$73,300. Unfortunately the tender papers issued by Council omitted many specifications and items, which had to be negotiated with the builder. The surf club also authorised extras such as seating on the balcony, brick seating downstairs, changes to all downstairs doors, security grills etc., two new hot water systems, floor coverings upstairs, tables and chairs, fitting out of the kitchen, office, new Casualty Room etc., all amounting to a final figure of \$108,000, totally met from club funds which included donations of \$5,000 from Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club Junior Section, \$7,500 from Byron Shire Council, \$1,000 from Brunswick - Mullumbimby Lions Club Members, \$10,000 from Ros Kelly, Federal Minister for Sports and Recreation, through efforts by Mr. Neville Newell M.P. and a N.S.W. Government Sports and Recreation Department Grant through Don Page M.P. of \$12,000. The building was officially opened by Shire Mayor Ian Kingston January 1993. My personal ambition was to raise enough funds and open the building free of debt. This was achieved thanks to Chincogan Fiesta fundraising, good interest on investments, and other fund raising events all combined to raise sufficient finance. As a result, the club has a new lock up kitchen complete with an urn; and a fridge donated by Robert Bridgland of Retravision Mullumbimby. A lock up furnished office, with carpeted floor, as a donation by Ray and Joan Towers Floor Covering Co of Mullumbimby. A bar constructed by Stan Ceglinski and Gavan Kiker - a large upstairs bar fridge donated by the Nippers, a nice big upstairs area suitable for social and fundraising events - training of members -and overnight accommodation and a nice balcony area. Ten tables and sixty chairs plus a downstairs catering and refreshment area built by Mark Edwards



"Clubhouse after final extensions 92 / 93"

- Errol Bartz and other helpers. Drink can dispensing unit - large food and drink fridge in this area plus a lockup store room and cooking facilities A fully equipped Casualty Room (even the stretcher trolley was sandblasted and recovered and new wheels fitted - note that this trolley was donated from the OLD Mullumbimby Hospital). The former Ladies Room was converted to the Nippers Board Storage Area, and a large I.R.B. Room takes all of our boards, boats and skis. With the nice big amenities area for our ladies the club has top facilities which should be sufficient for a few years, when perhaps a further extension on the upstairs could be made if needed. The contractor, Mr. Jeff Miller provided a plaque to record the official opening. Acknowledgement of support and donations to the club during the opening day are as follows:- pot plants and garden -Julie and Peter Baines and Bob Black. Apex help at the B.B.Q on opening day - Dave Kolb and his Dynaflores for musical

support. Bashforths truck for the band. Billie and Dick Arthur donation of binoculars and donation of tent sides in conjunction with Jackie and Russell Dennett of Foodtown, Mullumbimby. The Fish'N'Chips Committee donation of Patrol Shorts. Brunswick Valley Banana Growers for donation of Patrol Trailer for the club use. Bob Richardson for his sign writing. Jeff Miller started work on extensions on 5th August and finished 5th November 1992 with the building being officially opened on 2nd January, 1993.

## GEAR OWNED BY THE CLUB

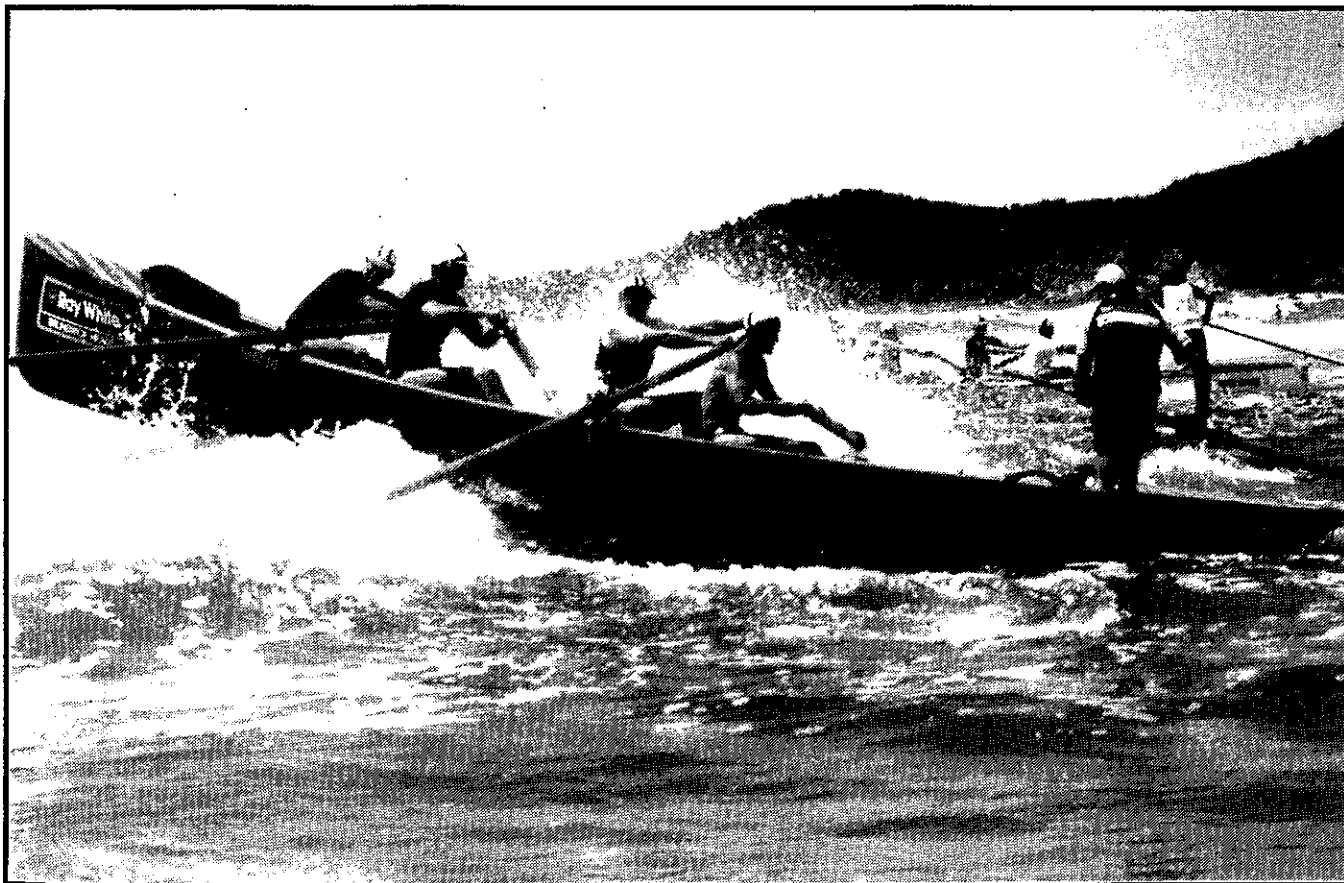
Further purchase and disposal of surf boats since our "50 Year Book".

"BRUNSWICK IV" was sold to Byron Bay Surf Club as a training boat - later returned to Brunswick and used, until it became unseaworthy, and sold cheap to a private buyer.

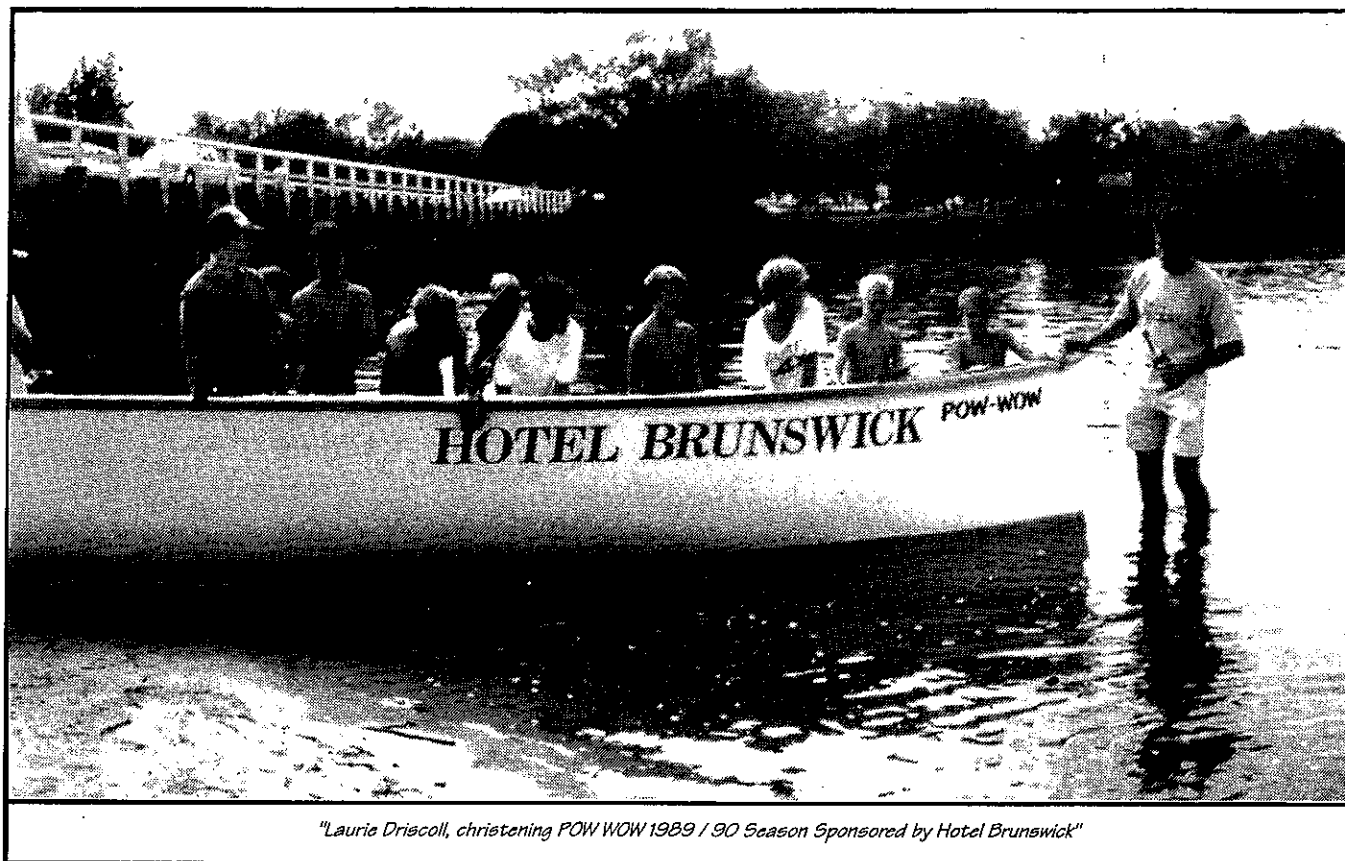
"BRUNSWICK V" was sold to Peter Christie February 1988 complete with old trailer, oars etc., for \$2,200 - still in fair order at fifteen years old.

## HOTEL BRUNSWICK - POW WOW

The Nippers purchased this boat from Woolgoolga Surf Club, and completely refurbished it. Hotel Brunswick Licensee, Laurie Driscoll, fully sponsored the hull - oars donated by Gareth and Scott Evans of Foodland Mullumbimby - and a sweep oar by Rod Colback of the New Brighton Store. This boat was later sold to Redcliffe Peninsula Surf Club in 1992 for \$1,000. August 1992 members declared an interest in surf boat rowing and as a result a surf boat fitted with oars, rowlocks and pumps was purchased from Kirra Surf Club. This boat was stripped, refurbished and named "Golden Shores", donated by Ray White and Company Real Estate Brunswick Heads who presented the club with a cheque for \$1,500 to cover all costs (estimated value of this boat is \$5,000 on present day prices, a good deal).



"Golden Shores on way to winning U/18 Branch Championship 1994 / 95"



*"Laurie Driecoll, christening POW WOW 1989 / 90 Season Sponsored by Hotel Brunswick"*

A new galvanised boat trailer was purchased with funds from sale "POW WOW" so the club is nicely set up in its surf boat dept. All that is needed now are dedicated members to train long, hard hours both in river and surf before they can expect major wins in competition.

As a point of interest "GOLDEN SHORES" is fitted with electric drainage pumps, and an electric pump to spray soapy water on rowers seats to prevent chafing, and wear and tear on their bottoms. A change from years gone by when rowers wore their girlfriends briefs under speedo trunks for racing - suppose it was a good opportunity to get into their girlfriends pants! Gone are the days of full length speedos -cork life jackets, a bucket to bail out water, then the luxury of a rotary hand pump turned by either the sweep or stroke oarsmen - blow up rollers to move the heavy boats up and down the beach - what changes!

#### BOAT TRAILERS OWNED BY THE CLUB OVER THE PAST SIXTY YEARS

1. Wooden trailer built by Alan Mudge and Bob Harkness 1941 era.
2. Wooden trailer built by club members with Bill Bridgland as leader 1951.
3. Steel trailer built by club members and Col Pierce of Total Garage 1964.
4. Fully galvanized trailer purchased from Ron Rosslyn \$400 in 1973.
5. Second hand trailer with POW WOW 1990.
6. Fully galvanized from Redco Brisbane \$1,300 1992.

#### I.R.B. TRAILERS

1. Built and donated by Kevin Hayes 1977.
2. Aluminium trailer for beach transport 1989.
3. Carnival trailer, steel, 1990.

#### PATROL TRAILERS

1. Donated by Tony Carsburg Holden 1981-82 season, first of its kind in the branch.
2. Donated by Brunswick Valley Banana Growers 1992-93 season.

#### PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS

1. 1942-43 purchased from Jim Gallen & Hilton Ainsworth \$136.
2. 1950-51 purchased from Steans Sound Systems Sydney \$390.
3. 1970 three new driver units to fit Stean's set \$140 (still o.k. in 1995).
4. 1974 unit donated by Noel and Betty McGregor - can be used as a mobile 12 volt or 240 volt set (still o.k.'95).
5. 1986 powerful 240 volt unit donated by McGregor's Amusements (still o.k. '95).

#### INFLATABLE RESCUE BOATS

Or I.R.B., more commonly known as rubber duckies were introduced to Australia in early 1970's and to the Far North Coast Branch in 1975. Fingal purchased the first and Brunswick the second. Warren Mitchell who introduced the "Ducks" to Australia, after having experience with them when employed as a permanent lifeguard in England. He joined the Brunswick Club and soon his enthusiasm spread amongst club members. Thanks to his enthusiasm and coaching, Brunswick had the top I.R.B. crews in Australia, holding many Branch, Zone, State and National Titles.

1987-88 a new Achillies hull with a special floor was purchased for \$5,200.

1989-90 another new hull was purchased at a cost of \$7,900 from Achillies (the older hull was traded in for \$3,500).

September 1992 another Achillies 375 hull purchased from Ken Brown Marine for \$5,900, no trade.

October 1994 a new Achillies hull purchased for \$6,280, model 375.

## NEW OUTBOARD MOTORS

New outboards purchased by club since the "50 Year Book" list. A policy of trading in motors every twelve months has proved to be successful, and the thanks of the club go to Gryff and Kay Ethell of Lismore Outboard Sales and Service who supply and service our Mercury outboards.

September 1986 2 Johnson motors traded in on 2 Mercuries at cost of \$200.

July 1987 Mallams of Mullumbimby donated 1 Mercury motor with two fuel tanks to the club valued at \$1,370.

June 1988 2 Mercs traded in on 2 new ones, cost \$1,000.

October 1989 2 Mercs traded in on 2 new ones, cost \$500.

June 1990 2 Mercs traded in on 2 new ones, cost \$500.

Gryff and Kay also donated a fully reconditioned motor for patrol use only and pledged continued support for the club by providing free labour for services

June 1991 2 Mercs traded in on 2 new ones, cost \$1,400.

September 1994 2 Mercs traded in on 2 new ones, cost \$1,600.

1995 a new Management Plan on I.R.B.'s has been adopted, motors to be traded every twelve months - hulls to be traded every three years, this should save the club a lot in maintenance club every year



*"Club President Bob, being presented with a sponsorship by Gryff Ethell, of Lismore Outboard Sales and Service, who supply and service our Mercury Outboard Motors"*

## *Special Request to include the following, overlooked in the "50 Year Book"*

1950 - 51

Season "Brunswick 11" won its first race a marathon from Palm Beach to Tallebudgera..

The Crew C. \*Frizz\* Wraight, sweep .. J. Graham, R. Batson, J. Cassidy, B. Stewart, and

the next season the race was from Currumbin to Palm Beach ... Brunswick 2nd. (same crew)

The Trophy was a Sailing Ship made from Silver, displayed in a glass case (now held by Byron Bay).

## DRAGON BOAT RACING

Although not an actual part of our club activities, I feel having four of our active members, Mark & Meg Quinn, Sue and Keith Batson, involved in the crews, it is worth recording.

The Byron Dragon Boat crew comes from the Byron Brunswick area and have won several World Titles as follows:

### Hamburg - Germany

1st - Keith & Mark - Meg Quinn in ladies crew which won a place. United States

1st - Keith Batson - Sue Batson competed in ladies crew.

### New Zealand

1st - Keith Batson.

### China

3rd - Mark Quinn.

### Singapore

4th - Keith and Mark (after a collision with Canada).



*"An old Nipper! John Fuller Captain 1992"*

# BRUNSWICK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

## OFFICE BEARERS 1985/86 - 1994/95

| YEAR    | PRESIDENT      | SECRETARY                  | TREASURER                            | CLUB CAPTAIN                 | CHIEF INSTRUCTOR |
|---------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1985-86 | CHRIS JOHNSTON | BRUCE GARRARD              | TREENA WRIGHT                        | KEITH BATSON                 | ERROL BARTZ      |
| 1986-87 | CHRIS JOHNSTON | KEITH BATSON               | REG BYRNES                           | MARK QUINN                   | ERROL BARTZ      |
| 1987-88 | CHRIS JOHNSTON | KEITH BATSON               | REG BYRNES                           | MARK QUINN                   | AMANDA DULIEU    |
| 1988-89 | CHRIS JOHNSTON | KEITH BATSON               | REG BYRNES                           | ROSS HERD                    | ERROL BARTZ      |
| 1989-90 | CHRIS JOHNSTON | KEITH BATSON               | REG BYRNES                           | ROSS HERD                    | BRUCE GARRARD    |
| 1990-91 | MARK EDWARDS   | TONY PARKER                | REG BYRNES                           | JOHN FULLER                  | RIC KELLY        |
| 1991-92 | MARK EDWARDS   | TONY PARKER                | REG BYRNES                           | JOHN FULLER                  | BOB BLACK        |
| 1992-93 | MARK EDWARDS   | ROSSLYN HOGAN              | REG BYRNES                           | DAVID HOGAN JNR              | COL ALLEN        |
| 1993-94 | BOB BLACK      | TONY PARKER                | BOB KILPATRICK                       | JOHN FULLER &<br>LEE EVANS   | COL ALLEN        |
| 1994-95 | BOB BLACK      | TONY PARKER<br>& MEG QUINN | BOB KILPATRICK<br>& RAYMOND MUSGRAVE | LEE EVANS &<br>ANDREW ARTHUR | COL ALLEN        |

1995-96



*Junior IRB Crew 1991 Season*



## NIPPERS HISTORY - Compiled by Julie Baines

In 1967 - 68? Ken Schaefer who had been involved in the Junior Surf Life Saving Movement in Sydney in the early 1960's was instrumental in the setting up of the first Nippers at Brunswick Heads. With a determined group of supporters namely Jim and Carmel Budd, Alec and Lola Fenwick, Marj Storer etc.... Nippers started. A donation was received from the Brunswick Heads Progress Association and a March Past flag and reel were purchased. Marj Storer made caps and costumes?

Unfortunately after only one season because of lack of help and other circumstances they folded and the reel etc. was put into storage.

In 1981, (over a quiet beer at the pub) John McKay and Dave Evans discussed the possibility of reforming the Nippers at Brunswick Heads. On the 27th August, 1981 a meeting was held for interested parents to discuss this possibility. Chris Johnston from the Senior Club vowed the support of the seniors and a steering committee was formed to find out the necessary details involved in the forming of the Junior Club. The steering committee of Ray Knight, Roger Docking, Dave Evans, Colin Loomes, Peter Holdsworth and John McKay agreed to meet with Jim Clark from the Byron Bay Nippers Club and reported back to a formation meeting on the 17th September, 1981.

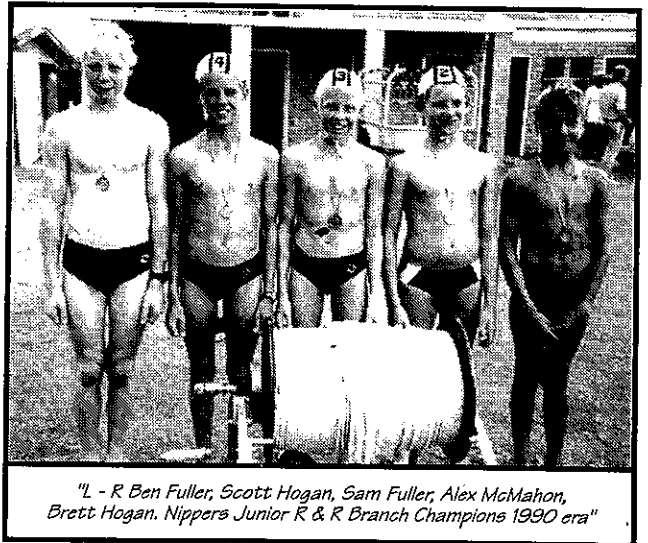


*Roger Docking Life Member, Brunswick Nippers - working on "Fow Wow."*

On that day the first official Nippers Committee was formed with John McKay elected President, Dave Evans as Secretary and Peter Holdsworth Treasurer. Byron Bay Junior Surf Life Saving Club paid the first years affiliation fees on Brunswick's behalf. It was agreed that sign-on fees of 50c would be charged (20c for registration and 30c toward equipment). Two boards would be purchased with monies donated, 1 fibreglass board and 1 hollow board, and so was the beginning of the Brunswick Junior Life Saving Club.

During the following months 3 more boards were purchased and several local businesses and clubs donated money towards the cost of the new equipment. Weekly raffles and bar-b-ques were organised as fund-raising and in February Mr. Harry Baines was elected the first patron of the Junior Club, a position which he still proudly holds.

1982 saw extensive campaigning for funds from local clubs and services for the purchase of equipment and boards. Fortunately for the Nippers the community supported them financially (and still does) and several competition and training boards were able to be purchased.



*"L - R Ben Fuller, Scott Hogan, Sam Fuller, Alex McMahon, Brett Hogan. Nippers Junior R & R Branch Champions 1990 era"*

In March 1982 the Nippers approached the Council and Lands Department with the view of building its own club house on a site adjoining the Seniors Club House. Funding from Council was not available but other avenues were pursued. The approximate cost of the building was \$35,000.

After several months and discussion with the Seniors it was decided not to go ahead with the building until the Seniors decided what extensions would be done to the existing Clubhouse.

Each following year there was a fluctuation in the number of children who signed on with Nippers. In 1982 there were 96, but in 1982 / 1983 only 89. 1986 numbers again dropped to 70 and in 1987 / 88 only 49 children were registered.

Even with fewer numbers there were still some outstanding results at local carnivals and Branch and Country Championships. Gold medals were won by L. Evans, S. Jordon, M. Docking and Y. West 1986 saw Country Medals go to P. Thomas (gold 10 yrs. surf swim), B. Fuller (gold 9 yrs. flags), 7 yr wade relay team of S. Fuller, J. Haines, J. Dixon and C. Jarvis (gold). This amazing group of four 7 year old boys also won silver at the State Carnival and gold at the Branch Carnival the same year for the same event.



*"L-R Sam Fuller, Jessie Haines, Jessie Dixon, Chris Jarvis. 1987 Gold at Country and Branch, Silver at State 7 yr Wade Relay Team"*

During the 1987 / 88 season with just 49 children registered the Junior Club was officially amalgamated with the Senior Club. The Juniors also purchased their tent which still offers shelter at our beach and carnivals today. The purchase of the tent was due largely to the efforts of Sandra Fuller who spent many long hours pursuing prices and sponsors. A raffle time slot was also secured at the Chincogan Tavern by Stewart Stevens to help raise funds. These raffles are still run on Friday evenings and are the major source of income for the Nippers. After Nippers bar-b-ques were started around 1988 as a chance for parents to get together and also as a means to make a little extra money.

John Fuller was instrumental in organising older lifesavers and Nippers parents during 1988 / 89 season to help on patrols so that senior members (only 27), had an opportunity to attend Senior Carnivals without leaving Brunswick unprotected. There has always been a great integration from Nippers to the Senior ranks. In 1992 out of 55 active members 32 had come directly or indirectly from Nippers ranks.

At the Branch Carnival held at Brunswick in 1992 Amanda Robinson won the "Eddie Buchanan" award for being the 7 year old competitor who had scored the most points at carnivals during the season - a great achievement.

To date there are still five original Nippers members from 1981 / 82 who are actively involved with the Brunswick Surf Club - Gavin, Andrew and Shane Arthur, Justin Prisk and Leigh Evans. Many of the current members of the Seniors were Nippers and a great many ex-nippers are still involved within the community.

Two Brunswick Nippers went out to win Branch nominations and represent Far North Coast Branch at the State Carnival for "Nipper of the Year" - Ben Fuller in 1991 and Sam Fuller in 1993.

It would be remiss not to mention two outstanding ex-nippers being Petria Thomas and Sam Fuller.

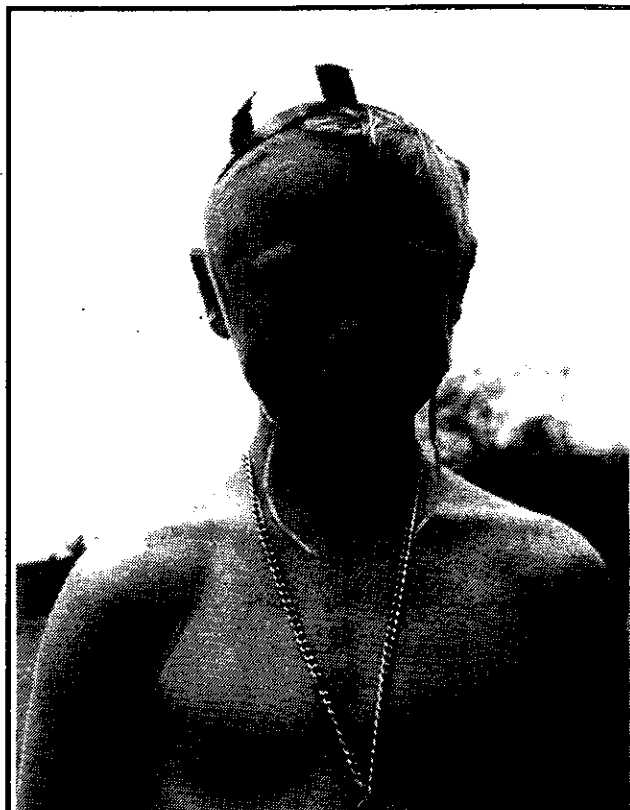


*"Sandra and John Fuller Life members of Brunswick Nippers"*

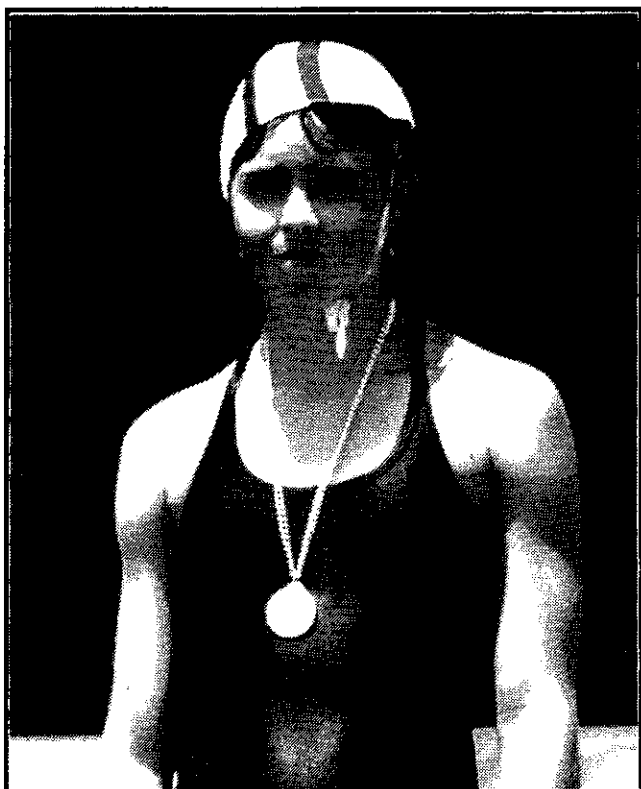


*"Andrew Arthur, Melissa Docking 1986, Both were original Nipper members. Andrew Captain of Senior Club 1994 / 95"*

Petria joined Nippers as a ten year old in the 1985 / 86 season. She continued until as a 13 year old completed her Surf Life Saving Certificate and then onto the seniors to complete her Bronze Medallion. During her time in the Nippers she held various Club, Branch and Country Titles and won numerous medals (all while still pursuing her still water swimming). As a U/18 year old she was awarded the title of Carnival person at the Country Championships at Kingscliffe, the first female competitor in N.S.W. to ever win this award. Petria's achievements have been outstanding in the pool as well and as we all know won two gold medals at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada. Each trip home to Mullumbimby she always finds the time to enjoy a surf and even a patrol or two at Brunswick.



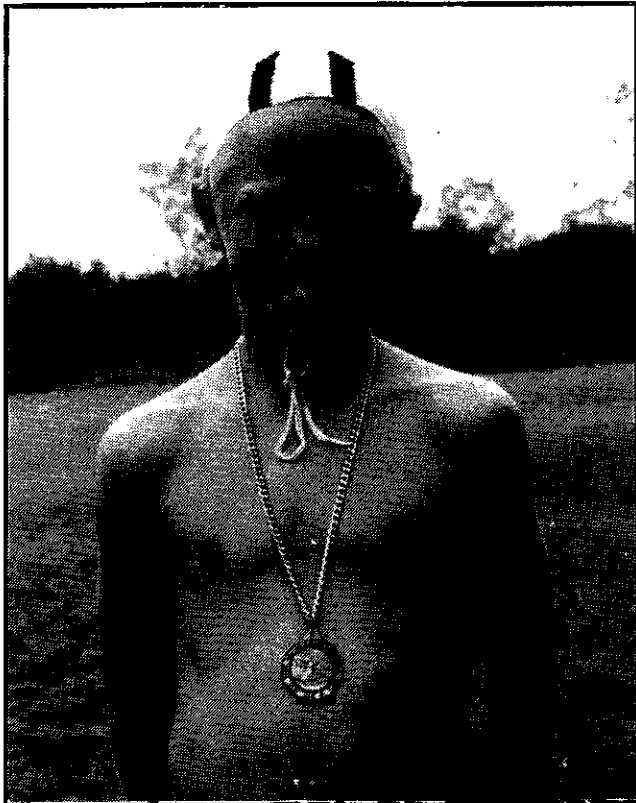
*"Ben Fuller Outstanding Competitor - Was Branch nominee for Nipper of the Year 1991"*



*"Petria Thomas Winner 11 year Surf Swim and 11 yr Board Race. Country Titles at Woolgoolga 86/87"*

Sam Fuller joined Nippers as a 7 year old in 1986 / 87 and immediately let his presence be felt as a tough competitor. He won gold medals at Country and Branch and a team silver medal at State. He went on to win N.S.W. Country Championship (surf, swim, 8 and 9 years) an (board 8 and 10 years) and was placed second and two thirds at State. Sam has won thirteen individual Branch Championships in swim, board, ironman and flags as well as Senior and junior surf teams, board rescue, cameron and board relay titles. Sam was rewarded in 1992 when as a 12 year old he was selected in the N.S.W. team to compete at the National Titles at Anglesen Victoria. (the first Brunswick competitor to be chosen). Sam is now an active member of the Senior Movement and can often be seen surfing in the big seas notorious to Brunswick - and loving every minute of it.

The Club has gone from strength to strength and now boasts over 100 junior members. Every year the children do us proud by performing well at home and at carnivals. There have been so many outstanding performances by Brunswick Nippers over the years with many children winning Branch, Country and State medals. So many Nippers have moved from the junior movement to the seniors which is the main purpose of Nippers - to lay a foundation for future lifesavers.



*"Sam Fuller Champion Surf swimmer, Board and Ironman competitor  
Branch nominee for Nipper of the year 1993"*

PRESIDENT

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 1981 ..... | J. MCKAY    |
| 1982 ..... | J. MCKAY    |
| 1983 ..... | D. LEGGE    |
| 1984 ..... | D. LEGGE    |
| 1985 ..... | J. FULLER   |
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| 1991 ..... | J. FULLER   |
| 1992 ..... | J. ROBINSON |
| 1993 ..... | J. ROBINSON |
| 1994 ..... | J. ROBINSON |



*"Brunswick Nipper March Past Team at Country Championships, South West Rocks Jan. 94"*

## SECRETARY

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 1981 | D. EVANS          |
| 1982 | B. WAHL - W. SKED |
| 1983 | D. EVANS          |
| 1984 | R. DOCKING        |
| 1985 | R. DOCKING        |
| 1986 | R. DOCKING        |
| 1987 | S. FULLER         |
| 1988 | S. FULLER         |
| 1989 | S. FULLER         |
| 1990 | S. FULLER         |
| 1991 | J. BAINES         |
| 1992 | J. BAINES         |
| 1993 | J. BAINES         |
| 1994 | K. BABER          |

## LIFE MEMBERS

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| ROGER DOCKING | 1989 |
| SANDRA FULLER | 1991 |
| JOHN FULLER   | 1993 |

## INTERBRANCH TEAM MEMBERS

1982 - 83

G. Arthur, A. Docking, M. Hall, A. Loomes

1983 - 84

A. Docking, M. Hall, C. Sked

1987 - 88

B. Fuller

1988 - 89

K. Duncan, J. Pezet, B. Fuller

1989 - 90

S. Fuller, R. Kratzman, K. Duncan, B. Fuller, S. Mayne

1990 - 91

D. Black, J. Haines, S. Zylstra, S. Fuller, B. Rowe, P. Bassett, M. Bathie, J. Pezet, B. Fuller, G. Pinkerton, T. Creighton.

1991 - 92

L. Kelly, B. Black, N. Cross, J. Haines, S. Fuller, A. McMahon, M. Bathie, R. Harris, J. Pezet, P. Ceglinski.

1992 - 93

D. Parker, S. Fuller, D. Black, B. Black.

1993 - 94

S. Barber, J. Spinks

1994 - 95

S. Hamilton, M. Lambert, J. Spinks, B. Black.

## TREASURER

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 1981 | P. HOLDSWORTH |
| 1982 | P. HOLDSWORTH |
| 1983 | R. PICKARD    |
| 1984 | R. PICKARD    |
| 1985 | R. SAAD       |
| 1986 | R. WILLIAMS   |
| 1987 | I. CARFRAE    |
| 1988 | W. DUNCAN     |
| 1989 | W. DUNCAN     |
| 1990 | R. STYLES     |
| 1991 | R. STYLES     |
| 1992 | R. STYLES     |
| 1993 | R. STYLES     |
| 1994 | S. SPINKS     |

## BRANCH CHAMPIONS

1982 - 83

Sprint 7 year M. Hardy  
Swim 13 year Gavin Arthur

1984 - 85

Flags 11 year Yvette West  
Sprint 11 year Yvette West  
Wade 7 year Ben Fuller  
Relay 7 year

Branch Presidents Trophy 7 year Ben Fuller

1985 - 86

Flags 8 year Brad Ollis - 11 year T. Collins  
Sprint 8 year Ben Fuller - 12 year Yvette West  
Swim 8 year Ben Fuller - 10 year Petria Thomas  
Relay 12 year

1986 - 87

Flags 7 year Sam Fuller - 9 year Ben Fuller - 10 year Kim Wilson -  
13 year Yvette West  
Sprint 7 year Sam Fuller - 13 year Yvette West  
Swim 11 year Petria Thomas - 13 year Yvette West

1987 - 88

Flags 8 year Chris Jarvis - 10 year Ben Fuller  
Sprint 9 year Kirron Duncan  
Swim 8 year Sam Fuller  
Relay 8 year

1988 - 89

Flags 11 year Ben Fuller  
Sprint 10 year Kirron Duncan - 11 year Ben Fuller

1988 - 89 Cont.

Swim 9 year Sam Fuller - 9 year Kristen Stokes  
13 year Petria Thomas  
Board 9 year Sam Fuller - 13 year Petria Thomas  
Senior Surf Team 8 - 9 year Board Relay

1989 - 90

Flags 11 year Kirron Duncan - 12 year Ben Fuller  
Sprint 12 year Ben Fuller  
Swim 10 year Kristen Stokes  
Board 10 year Sam Fuller  
Ironman 10 year Sam Fuller

1990 - 91

Flags 12 year Mark Bathie - 13 year Ben Fuller  
Sprint 7 year Lydia Storey - 12 year Mark Bathie  
13 year Tanya Creighton  
Swim 11 year Sam Fuller  
Board 10 year Daniel Black - 11 year Sam Fuller  
12 year Jayde Pezet  
Ironman 11 year Sam Fuller  
Junior Board Rescue 7 year Relay, Senior Surf Team

1991 - 92

Flags U/18 Amanda Robinson - U/18 Mitchell Lambert  
U/9 Tamara Morris  
Sprint U/8 Aleisha Henry - U/9 Tamara Morris

Swim U/9 Sue Anderton - U/13 Sam Fuller  
Board U/9 Sue Anderton - U/11 Ben Black - U/13 Sam Fuller  
U/14 Jayde Pezet  
Ironman U/13 Sam Fuller  
Relay U/9 - U/13 - U/14  
Senior Cameron Relay - Senior Board Rescue - Senior Surf Team  
U/13 - U/14 Board Relay

1992 - 93

Flags U/9 Amanda Robinson - U/10 Lydia Storey - U/14 David Parker  
Board U/14 Sam Fuller  
Ironman U/14 Sam Fuller  
Senior Cameron Relay - Senior Board Rescue - U/14 Board Relay

1993 - 94

Flags U/10 Amanda Robinson  
Sprint U/11 Lydia Storey  
Board U/12 Sarah Baber

1994 - 95

Flags U/11 Mitchell Lambert  
Swim U/9 Julie Anderton - U/9 Troy Lowe  
Board U/12 Sue Anderton  
Ironman U/9 Troy Lowe - U/12 Sue Anderton  
Board Relay U/11

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### Results N.S.W. State Championships Carnival March '95.

Masters Beach Relay - Silver Medal. Bob Black, Adrian Russell, Bob "Sparks" Kilpatrick, Mark Quinn.

The under 18 Boat Crew reached the semi finals before elimination.

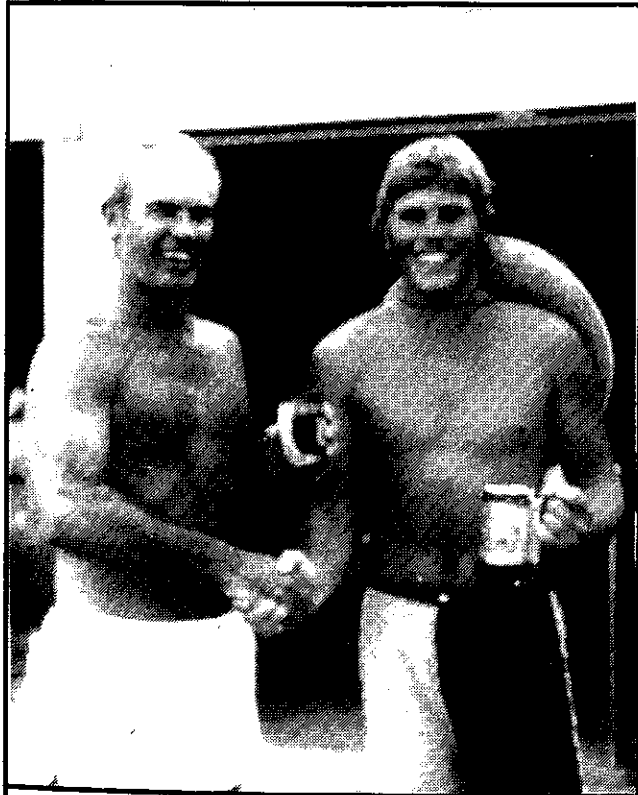
Some of our othe members reached minor places in various events.

Congratulations to all competitors and best of luck at the Australian Championships at the Gold Coast in April.

Sad to record the death of Jean Frith a prominent member of our ladies auxilary in earlier years. To Jim and family our sympathy.



*Couple Staunch Mothers relaxing Left to Right Julie Baines , Jane Styles 1991 Dinner*



*"Far North Coast Branch, Open Belt Championships Barry Hammond (Left) 1956 and Mark Edwards 1982 A Youthful pair" Barry was also Junior Belt in 1950.*



*Joe Peoples presenting his trophy to Winner Richard Kratzman Secretary Tony Parker in Background 93 / 94 Dinner*



*"Gryff Ethel presents IRB Captain, with a Mercury Motor for Patrol use 90 / 91 season."*



*"Adrian and Jenny Russell and Baby 90 / 91 era."*





*"1994 / 95 Under 18 Junior Boat Crew, Branch Champions  
L-R Lucas Harvey, Wes Hopf, Simon Caglinaki, Rod Harris, Lachlan "Lefty" Promsgrove Sweep*

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