

SOUTH COAST BRANCH



SURF LIFE SAVING INCORPORATED



*Annual Report
and Financial Statement
1997-1998 Season*



Nourra-Culburna
SLSO Inc. President's Report

The 1997/98 season concludes and it is pleasing to note that this year has been one of our most successful years for a while. Membership numbers have increased in both the Junior and Senior ranks.

Our club hosted the Masons, Surf Rescue Championships for the Branch and will do so for the next two years. We have learnt from this carnival and I am sure that the future championships will be bigger and better.

The club once again assisted with water safety in the local triathlon and other community events.

Special thanks goes to Neil Wallace and his band of hard workers who have raised a great deal of money through their fund raising events throughout the season. For the first time in many years, a point score competition was held. Each round of competition was well attended by the members. Events were held which catered for all age groups from Under 16 to Over 55. Congratulations to those who were successful in their age groups. Also an inter-patrol competition day was held along with the Masons, Surf Rescue Competition. This proved to be a big hit with all competitors and was enjoyed by all spectators.

My thanks goes to Dave Higgins (our Club Captain) and his Patrol leaders, who attained a high degree of participation from all members of their patrols. Each patrol displayed a high degree of efficiency in performing their duties.

Congratulations to all members who participated in carnivals throughout the season. Some with a great deal of success and some not so lucky. A good time was had and enjoyed by all.

Club spirit was very high during the season and all members showed a willingness to help improve the image of the club and to help in any way required of them. Thanks to Rob Brown and Col Parkes who enthruses our members to such a degree they were able to form 4 or 5 IRB teams which competed at the Branch Championships, where I am assured all had a good time and enjoyed the competition.

Each year we aim to improve and upgrade our club equipment. This season we upgraded our Surf Rescue Board and Tubes plus we purchased 2 new radios. Our aim for the 1998/99 season is to upgrade our IRB's and motors (looks like we will have to sell a lot of raffle tickets).

I would like to thank all club members for their support and effort throughout the season, especially to all who did that little bit more than was required of them. The club is most grateful for all the support that we have received from the Branch and the clubs within the Branch who helped and assisted us throughout the 1997/98 season.

We are looking forward to a most successful 1998/99 season.

ROGER MEARNS
President