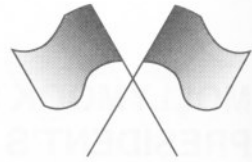


# **SOUTH COAST BRANCH**



## **Annual Report and Financial Statement 2001 - 2002 Season**

## NOWRA CULBURRA SLSC Inc PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2001-2002



As the 2001- 2002 season comes to an end it is pleasing to note that our club has continued to grow in strength and numbers. We have seen a substantial increase in the number of patrolling members and increased enthusiasm by all members of the club and its supporters.

Financially, through sponsorship, grants, donations and general fundraising we have finished the season in a sound financial situation and are ready to start next seasons patrols and very little equipment is needed to be replaced or renewed. The Council has come to the aid of the club and is at present making an effort to repair and upgrade the club house. It is a slow process but it is finally starting to happen.

The standard of the patrols has reached a high degree of proficiency and skill. Once again this season our club has attended many emergency call outs, the most memorable one being to assist in the bushfires at Christmas at Sussex Inlet. My thanks go to Dave Higgins and his emergency call out crews who performed with a high degree of proficiency and skill whenever they were needed.

Thank you to Ron Letters, our Chief Instructor and Education Officer. Ron has prepared our members very well for all their awards and has ensured that all our Junior members have qualified in their various age sections.

Once again the club has performed extremely well in the competition arena both in the Senior and Juniors winning medals at Branch, Country, State and Australian carnivals. Congratulations to our Under 19 Beach Relay Team of Brad Watson, Scott Emmerich, Geof O'Rourke and Lindsay Johnson who won silver at this years Australian Championships. This is the Club's first Australian medal.

I would like to thank all members of the club's Junior and Senior committees who have supported me during this past season with a special thanks to Jeanette Emmerich (who is retiring), our Secretary for the past five seasons. She will be greatly missed. In closing I thank all the Branch clubs and Branch committee members who have helped and assisted our Club during the season and we look forward to next season being as successful and enjoyable as this one has been.

Roger Mearns  
President