

BLACK HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



**ANNUAL REPORT
1997 - 98
SEASON**



BLACK HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

1997-98

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1997-98 season was another successful season for Black Head Surf Life Saving Club.

Most importantly there were no lives lost whilst patrols were in attendance, and I offer my congratulations to the members who patrolled our beach. We must not forget that this is the primary function of Black Head Surf Life Saving Club. A special congratulations to those members who obtained their 100% Patrol Attendance Award.

To our sponsors, who are mentioned elsewhere in this report, I thank you for your support for without your support we would not be able to give the beach going community the service that we do.

We were fortunate to have purchased a new Inflatable Rescue Boat, following a generous donation from CIM Resources, the parent company of Stratford Coal, our club is indebted to them for this donation.

It was very pleasing to see our club send a team to the World Titles in New Zealand, they competed admirably but unfortunately they did not win any medals.

Once again we had a small but very competitive team at the Branch Championships winning many of the traditional water events, special congratulations to Kate Gould for winning 10 gold medals.

Congratulations to John Edstein who was presented with his Life Membership of Surf Life Saving New South Wales at the State Championships, a most deserved recipient. Also congratulations to our two members, Doug Smith and Mark Fisher who were presented with Honour Blazers at the annual presentation night.

To the Board of Directors, and Office Bearers thank you for your assistance and support over the year, and I look forward to a most productive and co-operative season ahead for Black Head Surf Life Saving Club.

To the Branch Executive and Board of Control thank you for your assistance and support over the year.

Graeme Doig
PRESIDENT

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

At our last AGM it was encouraging to see so many of our newer recruits taking on committee positions, special mention must be given to Shannon Andrews who this season has attained his ARC and Training Officer's Certificate (which came with a special commendation from the examiner) and was our Club Person of the Year.

No lives were lost on Black Head beach and patrolling numbers this year increased slightly, consisting of 49 bronze holders and 6 cadets and in the latter part of the season Lara Aldridge and Hannah Marchetta attained their SLSC with Robert Cornish, Stephen Harvey, Kim Callinan, Sandi Crisp and Josh Pain completing their Bronze Medallion.

Our Publicity Officer Yogi Weller carried out a great job this season - we hi-profiled on a number of occasions with some wonderful action shots in the Manning River Times and our Three Amigos Bruce, Earl and Terry took out sports team of the week in the Great Lakes Advocate for their bronze medal win in the board relay at Australian Championships.

The position of Assistant Secretary was not filled at the start of the season, however Gayle Marchetta stepped in to take on the role which entailed more paperwork for her - thanks a million Gayle.

Unfortunately in May both our Director of Lifesaving and Director of Social Activities "called it quits" - thank you to both Helen and Dick who gave a lot of their time towards our social and competition activities.

Attendance at Management Committee meetings has been as follows:

G. Doig	8	
J. Gould	9	
M. Fisher	8	
T. Manus	7	
T. Aldridge	4	
H. Quinn	5	(Resigned 5/98)
R. Quinn	5	(Resigned 5/98)

JAN GOULD
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

FINANCIAL MEMBERS 1997-1998 SEASON

UNDER 6

BEVAN Emily
Timothy

CONNELLY Adam

KENT Phoebe

WRIGHT

UNDER 7

ALCORN Ashley
TILLBROOK Katharine

HOUGH Richard
VALE Rebecca

JOHNSTON Craig
WILSON Mallory

KEMP Joshua

UNDER 8

BURKE Sinead
James
MICALLEF Matthew
RUSSELL Soane

ELMES Max
MULLER Aiden
SANDILANDS Grace

MAJKIC Michael
O'NEILL Nathan
WALKER Tully

McMULLEN
PROUDFOOT George
WATSON Jessica

UNDER 9

ALCORN Matthew
BURKE Lauren
LAWRENCE Jessica
TILBROOK Mitchell

ANDREWS Breianna
GREEN Christopher
MAY Patrick
VALE Benjamin

BEVAN Naomi
KENT Sophie
STANLEY Aiden
VANE Mitchell

BISBY Raymond
KING Thomas
SMITH Charnele
WRIGHT Samantha

UNDER 10

BURKE Carley
KING Meredith
O'NEILL Melissa

CHAPMAN Meaghan
KIRBY Cavell
RUSSELL Colin

GREEN Christopher
MAJKIC Daniel
TYRIE Melea

KENT Thomas
McMULLEN Jessica
WATSON Joel

UNDER 11

ALDRIDGE Kirrily
CRISP Belinda
MAY Ann-Marie
WILSON Luke

ANDREWS Prue
CROFT Rikki
O'NEILL James

BISBY Rebecca
DENHARTOG Mitchell
STRICKER Jenna

BRIDGES Erin
ELMES Jessica
TOBIN Amber

UNDER 12

BURKE Conor
O'NEILL Jason

CHAPMAN Stacey
SMITH Melanie

GREEN Aaron

KEMP Rebecca

UNDER 13

ALDRIDGE Lara
Erin
Hannah
PAIN Amanda
Kai

BISBY Anita
MAY Michael
SANDILANDS Lois

CRISP Katie
McCONNELL Shanyn
MORONEY Lauren
SMITH Luke

GREEN
MARCHETTA
STANLEY

UNDER 14

CROSS Kevin
Gemma

DAYMENT Leeia

STANLEY Jada

TYRIE

CADETS

BRIDGES Mitchell
CRISP Sandi
MASON Adam
SONTER Brendon

CLAASSEN Susan
FOY Ben
MATLEY Tim
TOBIN Kurt

CROSS James
GOULD Kate
PAIN Josh
SUMERVILLE Jessie-Lee

CURRIE Brendon
MARCHETTA Andrew
STANLEY Hannah
WELLER Simon

UNDER 18

BEVAN Adam
Kathleen

DAYMENT Kim
SMITH Julia

DOIG Leana

O'KEEFFE

ACTIVE SENIORS

ALDRIDGE Terry
Shane
Narelle
GILES Kim

ANDREWS Shannon
CRISP Greg

BERMAN Paul
CROSS Nicole

CORNISH
FARRELL Janine FOY

Jeanette
Erika
Bruce
Hosti
STANLEY Earl
WILSON Tracy

HANNIGAN John
MACPHERSON Cheryl
MARCHETTA Gayle
MARRIOTT Kylie
MORAN Amanda

SCHMERLEIB Sue
STRICKER Finn
WREN Lawrence

HOWE John
MANUSU Tim
MARCHETTA Tony
MARRIOTT Stewart
O'NEILL Eleanor
ROBARDS Terry
SMITH Doug
TEMPLE Scott

JACKSON Felicity
MARCH Chris
MARRIOTT
MAUNSELL
PAIN
SCHMERLEIB

WILSON John

RESERVE ACTIVE MEMBERS

BEVAN John
Kevin
Dennis

BRIDGES Ron

MARRIOTT Shayne

DAYMENT Karlie
FISHER Mark
QUINN Renee

FARRELLY
JEFFERS

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

ALDRIDGE Terry

CROSS Michael

QUINN Richard

LIFE MEMBERS

DOIG Graeme

EDSTEIN John

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ALDRIDGE Lee
BEGG Damien
Bruce
Jan
KANE Bill
PAIN Gina
STANLEY Jenelle
Robert

ALDRIDGE Kevin
BRIDGES Elizabeth
DAYMENT Kathy
JEFFERS Kim
KENT Michael
RUSSELL George
QUINN Helen

ANDREWS Mark
BRIDGES Rachael
FOWLER Marcia

LETISI Sosefo
SANDEMAN Scott
WARMAN Kylie

ANDREWS Jane
DAYMENT
GOULD

MOORE Kay
SMITH Lyn
WELLER

TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby present the Treasurer's Report for the 1997 - 98 season for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you to all of our Club Sponsors, listed below. Without the support of sponsors our Club would not function as it does.

A huge thank you must go to those who have sold, and continue to sell, raffle and 250 Club tickets. These activities form a crucial part of Club fundraising. A special thanks to Liz & Ron Bridges for organising the Calcutta and Red Faces Night, also to Lyn Smith for organising the Ball. Also thanks to Sue and Gayle who organised the Pie Drive.

A special thanks to CIM Resources, the parent company of Stratford Coal for their donation which enabled us to purchase a new IRB.

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ALCORN'S SPORTSCENE

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To all others who have supported the Club during the past year - **THANK YOU**

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1/6/97 Through 21/4/98 (in Aus. Dollars)

9/8/98

Black Head SLSC

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Category Description	1/6/97- 21/4/98
INCOME/EXPENSE	
INCOME	
Fundraising Inc:	
200 Club	8,968.00
Bingo Income	1,194.25
Food & Drink	6,980.00
Function Income	1,657.50
Raffle Income	33.40
Sundry Income	1,147.30
Video Raffle	115.00
Total Fundraising Inc	20,095.45
Gear Acc Income:	
Donations	6,385.00
Sundries	55.00
Total Gear Acc Income	6,440.00
General Income:	
Advertising	750.00
Awards	185.00
Club Apparel	41.00
Council Subsidy	4,500.00
Donations	3,407.82
Hall Rent	2,285.00
Interest	3.63
Membership	1,850.00
Sundries	3,787.21
Total General Income	16,809.66
Income - Other	188.15
TOTAL INCOME	43,533.26
EXPENSES	
Fundraising Exp:	
200 Club Exp	4,594.60
Advertising Exp	38.40
Bingo Exp	197.00
Food & Drink	6,584.16
Sundries	0.00
Total Fundraising Exp	11,414.16
Gear Account:	
Board-Ski M & R	16.80
Board-Ski Purch	1,880.00
Boat M & R	637.00
IRB Fuel & Oil	374.39
IRB M & R	2,054.33
IRB Purchases	9,136.27
Other Gear M&R	714.92
Patrol M & R	234.21
Patrol Purchase	1,110.00
Total Gear Account	16,157.92
General Account:	
Awards	472.50
Build Capital	3,269.90
Building M & R	2,269.26
Club Apparel	130.80
Comp Costs	545.00
Electricity	935.00
Insurance	2,890.44
Loan Payments	1,032.21
Office - Admin	400.00
Postage	225.00
Pres Night	711.50
Print & Stat.	321.39
Sundries	1,893.70
Telephone	208.35
Utilities	96.00
Water	432.00
Total General Account	15,833.05
Expenses - Other	0.00

Category Description	1/6/97- 21/4/98
TOTAL EXPENSES	43,405.13
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	128.13

Miners come to surf club's rescue

BLACK Head Surf Club christened its newest piece of life-saving equipment on Sunday before a crowd of sponsors, dignitaries and club members.

The acquisition of a new inflatable rescue boat (IRB) was made possible by the donation of \$5000 from CIM Resources, the parent company of Stratford Coal Mine just south of Gloucester.

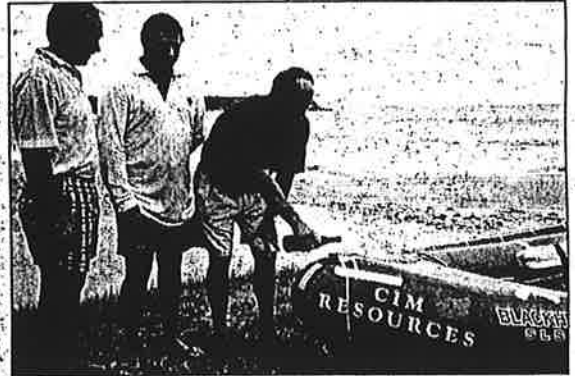
The sponsorship

could not have come at a better time for Black Head as its two

inflatable rescue boats are well and truly past their serviceable life span. IRB captain, Mark Fisher reports that one craft is basically unrepairable and the other is no longer financially viable to keep in service.

Mr Fisher said the new craft will add a new dimension to the service Black Head can supply to the local community and beachgoers.

The 'SS Stratford', as it is affectionately called, was introduced into service by local MP John Turner. The surf club is confident that with the generous show of support from CIM Resources and their long time major sponsors, Manning River Marine, the club can ensure safe beaches for the local bathing public and holiday makers.



■ A champagne launch by Mr John Turner MP, watched by surf club president Graeme Doig and John Wilson of CIM Resources

Black Head maintains an unbeaten record in the Lower North Coast branch IRB championships since their inception over 12 years ago. Its IRB team has just returned from their first ever World IRB Titles in Auckland, New Zealand.

CIB Resources representative, John Wil-

son said the Hallidays Point area is called 'home' by many of Stratford Mine's employees and a favourite holiday destination amongst the miners.

"This area is especially relevant to CIM and we are proud to be able to contribute to such a worthwhile cause," Mr Wilson said.



■ Black Head's IRB team (rear) Tony Marchetta, John Wilson (also representing the sponsors), Tim Manus, Amanda Moran, Mark Fisher, Janine Farrell, Scott Temple, Shayne Marriott, Terry Robards. (Front), Eleanor O'Neill, Kimberley Dayment, Kate Gould, Hannah Stanley

LIFE SAVING DIRECTORS REPORT

Once again there were no lives lost whilst patrols were on Black Head beach, congratulations to the to our members who patrolled the beach during the season.

A special congratulations to the following members who obtained 100% Patrol attendance during the season.

Terry Robards
Shannon Andrews
Tony Marchetta
Doug Smith
Sue Schmerleib
Scott Temple
Susan Classen

John Wilson
Lawrence Wren
Gayle Marchetta
Janine Farrell
Brendon Sonter
Mitchell Bridges

Tracey Wilson
Chris March
Andrew Marchetta
Hostie Schmerleib
Brendon Currie
Tim Matley

To our members who assisted in the training of members for various awards a special thank you.

A special thanks to John Wilson for the work that he is undertaking in the remodelling of the First Aid Room.



TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

S.L.S. CERTIFICATE

Lara Aldridge Hannah Marchetta Adam Mason Brendon Sonter

BRONZE MEDALLION

Mitchell Bridges Kim Callinan Sandi Crisp John Howe Chris March Tim Matley
Andrew Marchetta Cheryl McPherson Amanda Moran Scott Temple Lawrence
Wren Stephen Harvey

ADVANCE RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE

Shannon Andrews Kate Gould Cheryl McPherson Amanda Moran Helen Quinn
Scott Temple Lawrence Wren

IRB DRIVERS - SILVER MEDALLION

Finn Stricker Laurie Wren Shannon Andrews Doug Smith Earl Stanley

TRAINING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

Shannon Andrews

**KYLIE MARRIOTT
TRAINING OFFICER**

IRB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season has been a very exciting one for IRB's in Black Head SLSC.

Our IRB's and/or crews were involved in:

- Over ninety six hours of patrolling our beach.
- Over sixty four hours of water safety/duty boat at club level.
- Over forty eight hours of water safety/duty boat at branch level.
- Over twenty four hours of water safety/duty boat at state level.
- Over sixty hours of water safety/duty boat at national level.

In addition to this our IRB's and crew were called out to:

- Search and Rescue operation at the Ruins for two days looking for a lost swimmer.
- Search and Rescue operation looking for a stricken vessel off Black Head.
- Stand-by for Search and Rescue operation at Tuncurry beach looking for a lost swimmer.

Our IRB Driver base has never looked stronger with:

- Five new drivers gaining their IRB Drivers award. Congratulations!
- Eighteen drivers gaining their IRB Drivers proficiency. Well Done!
- A total of twenty drivers currently members of the club.

Our craft and crews have trained and assisted the instruction of:

- Numerous Bronze Medallion and Surf Lifesaving Certificate squads.
- IRB Driver training.
- Whalan High School Bronze Medallion programme.
- Dairy Farmers Surf Education Programme.
- Two Lower North Coast Branch IRB Driver Training Camps.
- Numerous proficiency days at club and branch level.

The IRB team travelled to numerous carnivals including:

- The inaugural World IRB Championships held at Muriwai Beach New Zealand last February, achieving semi finals.
- National IRB Championships held at Avalon placing fourth in the final of the Tube Rescue event.
- State IRB Championships at Brunswick Heads bringing back two silver medals in the A Tube Rescue and the B Tube Rescue.
- Country NSW Championships winning two gold, two silver and two bronze medals and narrowly missing first place in the overall pointscore.
- Warren Mitchell IRB Classic at Avalon placing third in the B Rescue event.

The team now is anxious to defend their undefeated reign at the Lower North Coast Branch IRB Championships on the sixteenth of August. The team has

comprised of up to nineteen members this year which has been encouraging growth and great for the club.

They are all looking towards next season and beyond to:

- 1999 Australian IRB Championships-West Beach, South Australia.
- 2000 Australian IRB Championships- Kawana Waters, Queensland.
- 2000 World IRB Championships- Manly, Sydney.
- 2000 Olympic Games Surf Carnival- Bondi, Sydney.
- 2001 Goodwill Games Surf Carnival- Brisbane.

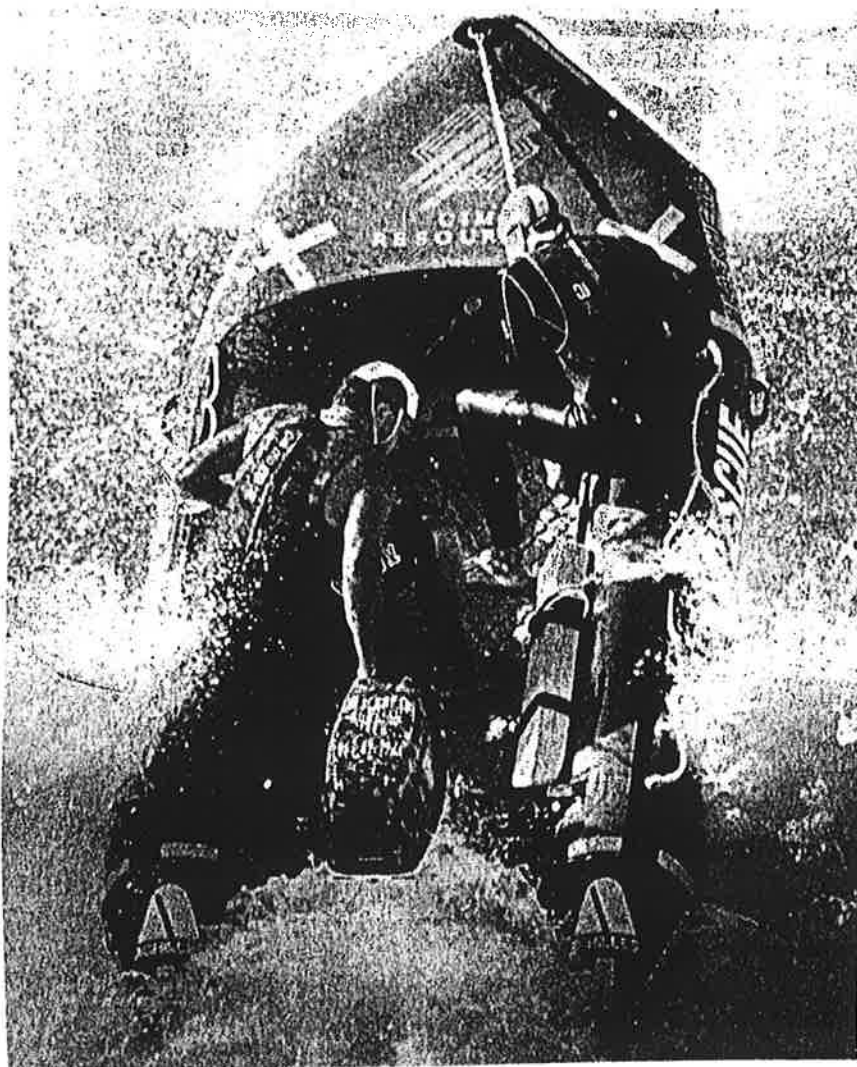
We were very fortunate to receive a generous sponsorship from CIM Resources that enabled us to purchase the 'SS Stratford' our new IRB. Sincere thanks go to CIM Resources, Stratford Coal Mine and our good friend John Wilson, oh and Marchy.

A big thank-you to our newest sponsor Taree Fuel supplies who are graciously picking up our fuel tab, a much needed help.

Once again sincere thanks to Col and Jim at Manning River Marine for their sponsorship and countless hours of assistance.

At the close of another year as IRB Captain I would like to thank everyone who has helped me this season, the committee for their support, our generous sponsors and my good friends in the IRB team.

Yours In Surf,
Mark Fisher.



COMPETITION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 97-98 season for Black Head has been a somewhat quiet one as work and study commitments for a few competitors meant that the strength of the club was below its potential for most of the season. This fact, combined with a new committee structure led to a new learning curve in the club's history.

Aims set down at the start of this season were not fulfilled, leaving people wondering what had happened to Black Head Surf Club. I know that I am not alone in saying this, and it is a good opportunity to learn from mistakes made.

One of the highlights of the season was the World Surf Lifesaving Championships with Black Head sending 7 competitors to New Zealand for competition. The team had to compete under New Zealand rules which were quite different, however a trip of a lifetime for sure!

Unfortunately Country Championships clashed with Worlds leaving a depleted team behind to fly the flag however some great placings were gained and Kate Gould won bronze in the U/16 flags.

On a more local note the boat crew and IRB team travelled up and down the coast in search of glory - many thanks to the Managers/Organizers of such trips - it is not an easy job to control many competitors when they go away because a lot just want to sleep and not have any fun at all!

The business end of the season saw a keen crew of boat rowers, ski and board and beach competitors travel north to Kurrawa for the Nationals .. a great week was had by all with a lot of good memories (some with lack of memory) and team spirit - especially when Earl Stanley, Bruce Pain and Terry Aldridge set the pace with their bronze for the board relay.

Plans are already under way for the new season in the competitive arena and Black Head SLSC will benefit from early season planning and a structure that will work and help the new incoming committee to fulfill their aims and get Black Head back to the No. 1 club in the Branch.

TIM MANUSU
DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION

SENIOR CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR		Shannon Andrews	
JUNIOR CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR		Brendon Currie	
ALCORN'S SPORTSCENE			
MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR		Kate Gould	
CADET ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS		Jada Stanley, Gemma Tyrie, Leah Dayment	
BEST PATROL SHIELD		Hostie & Sue Schmerleib, Tony, Gayle & Andrew Marchetta, Brendon Sonter, Adam Mason	
UNDER 14'S CHAMPIONS		Leah Dayment	
UNDER 16'S CHAMPIONS		Kate Gould, Hanna Stanley	Brendon Currie
UNDER 18'S CHAMPIONS		Kim Dayment	
SENIOR CHAMPIONS		Amanda Moran	Shayne Marriott
OVER 30'S CHAMPIONS		Gayle Marchetta	Earl Stanley
OVER 40'S CHAMPIONS		Jeanette Marriott	Bruce Pain
SURF RACE	UNDER 14'S	Gemma Tyrie	
	UNDER 16'S	Kate Gould	Brendon Currie
	UNDER 18'S	Kim Dayment	
	SENIORS	Amanda Moran	Shayne Marriott
	OVER 30'S	Gayle Marchetta	Earl Stanley
	OVER 40'S	Jeanette Marriott	John Bevan
BOARD RACE	UNDER 14'S	Leah Dayment	
	UNDER 16'S	Kate Gould	Brendon Currie
	UNDER 18'S	Kim Dayment	
	SENIORS	Amanda Moran	Tim Manus
	OVER 30'S	Gayle Marchetta	Earl Stanley
	OVER 40'S	Jeanette Marriott	Terry Aldridge
BEACH FLAGS	UNDER 14'S	Leah Dayment	
	UNDER 16'S	Hanna Stanley	
	UNDER 18'S	Kim Dayment	
	SENIORS	Amanda Moran	Shayne Marriott
	OVER 30'S	Gayle Marchetta	Earl Stanley
	OVER 40'S	Jeanette Marriott	Bruce Pain
BEACH SPRINT	UNDER 14'S	Leah Dayment	
	UNDER 16'S	Hanna Stanley	
	UNDER 18'S	Kim Dayment	
	SENIORS	Amanda Moran	Shayne Marriott
	OVER 30'S	Tracey Wilson	Hostie Schmerleib
	OVER 40'S	Jeanette Marriott	Bruce Pain

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another lean year for Black Head in surfboats being unable to field a ladies or mens crew for most of the season. We were able to put together a composite crew for the Branch Titles consisting of Shannon Andrews, Shane Cornish, Julia Smith and John ("Swoop") Howe and finished a creditable third.

We were able to put a mens crew together in time for the finals of the North Coast Boat Series held at South West Rocks with crew consisting of Shannon Andrews, Lawrence Wren, Shane Cornish and "Swoop" - from six races we managed four wins and 2 x thirds. This raised our morale sky high - so.....off to the Aussie with our tails up, only to snap a sweep oar in our first race - maybe next year - not a lot of luck with the rowing but great selection of accommodation by Shannon - our stay there was great. My thanks to the crew - they were like a breath of fresh air and special thanks to Paul Berman who helped out heaps (more patrols Bermo!), and to our new girls, Angie, Susan and Kim - keep up the good work.

DOUG SMITH
BOAT CAPTAIN



Proud Australian Masters medal winners. Black Head SLSC's Earl Stanley, Terry Aldridge and Bruce Pain with their bronze medals won in the 110 years (combined age) board race at the Australian Titles in Kurrawa.

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

Three major functions were the highlight of the 97/98 season commencing with "Red Faces" organised by the irrepressible Ron Bridges, music was provided courtesy of Rod Esam and the night proved so popular that it will become an annual event.

This was closely followed by the Melbourne Cup Calcutta where bidding was frantic - thanks to our auctioneer for the night Allan Hooper and our hosts at the Proud Aussie Tavern, Bill and Anna Wilson. Both these nights were a huge financial success boosting our depleted funds.

Our last event was the night to end all nights ... the inaugural "Totally Tack Black Deb Ball" - this was the brainchild of Lyn Smith who worked tirelessly for 3 months cajoling our official guests (John & Joan Edstein) and Francina Mills (it'll be alright on the night) our Matron of Honour, not to mention our wonderful MC Tracey Wilson.

Thanks also to Kathy Dayment for providing nourishment to our surf lifesavers at the IRB

Driver training camp and to Social Committee members Kevin Farrelly, Julia Smith and Tony Marchetta and others who have manned the BBQ's and Bar at our functions over the last year.



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT 1997-1998 SEASON

The 1997/8 season has been another good year for us although membership was down on last season. We managed to have more club competition days on our beach. The handicap system seems to be a success again this year after a few adjustments to the flags and beach events.

Thanks to Ron Bridges for organising water safety and all the senior club members who helped each week and Mark Fisher and all those who gave their time freely with the IRB. A big thank you to John Wilson for the great job as Beach Supervisor setting up the beach each Sunday.

Board training in Taree during the week and at the beach on Sundays was fairly well attended - Thanks to all those who helped. Next season we hope to concentrate more on surf skills and will hold more training at the beach. We have ordered a new gear trailer for next season which will make loading and transporting of boards a lot easier. Thanks Meryl Vane for your persistence in chasing sponsors.

This season only one U14, Leeia Dayment gained her Surf Life Saving Certificate, she was also our club nomination for the Branch Junior Life Saver competition. A number of U/13 and U/14's attended the Youth Development Camp run by Bruce Pain for the Branch at Ton'o'Fun in November, all the children enjoyed the weekend and improved surf lifesaving skills.

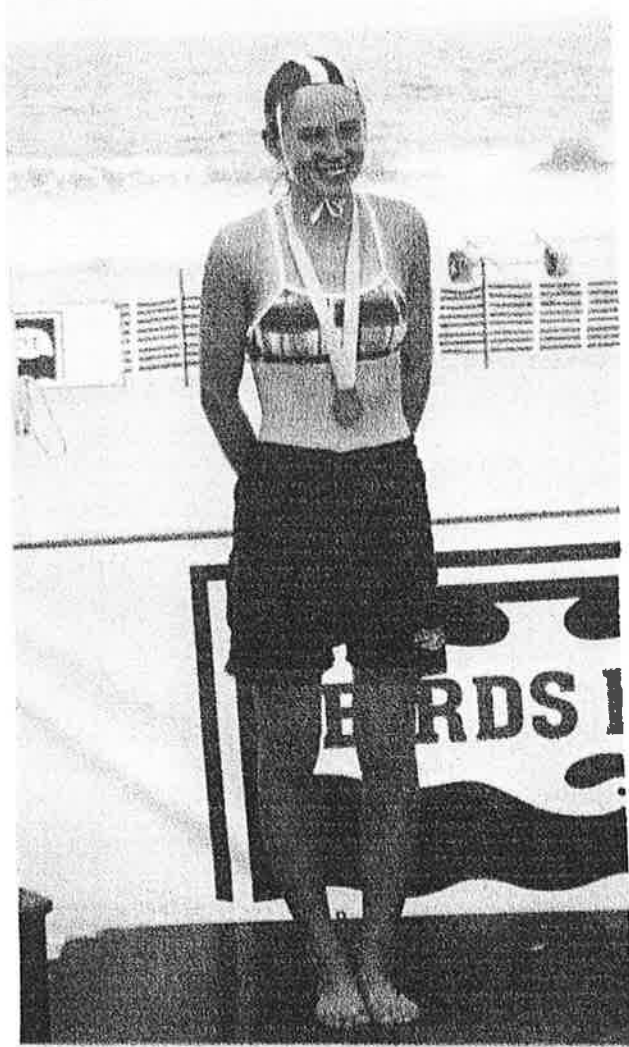
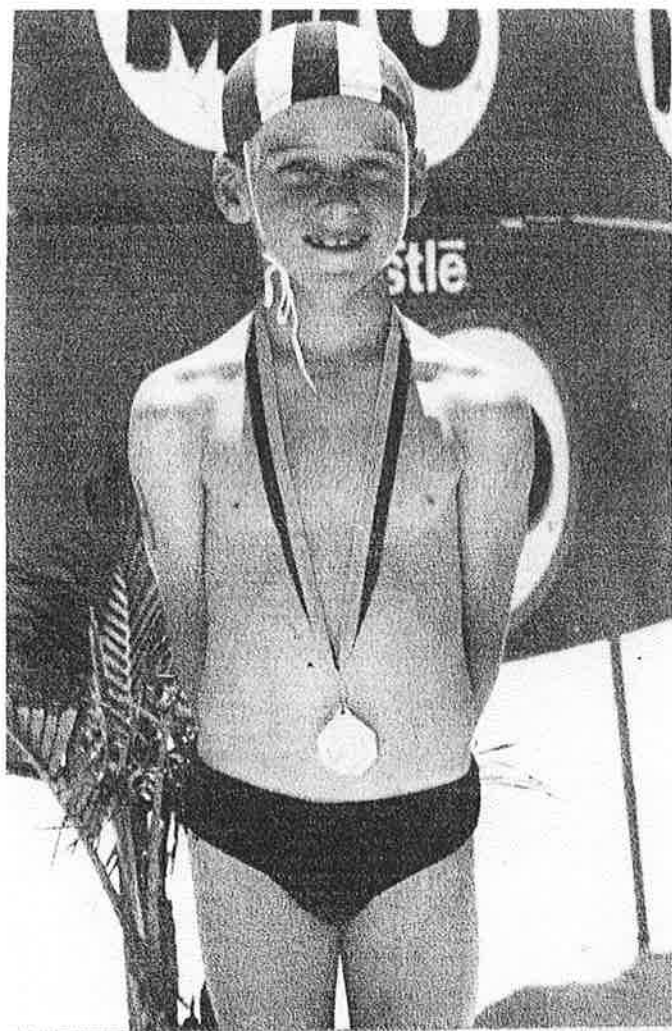
Black Head Juniors competed with enthusiasm at all the local carnivals - we came 3rd in the Branch Titles at Cape Hawke and several children travelled and competed in the Country titles at South West Rocks, State Titles and Todd Holden Carnival at Port Macquarie. Congratulations to all the kids who competed and thanks to the parents for taking them. Outstanding results were Aiden Stanley silver medal at Country in U/9 board and Jada Stanley bronze in board riding at State.

Our fund raising committee (Bruce & Kathy Dayment, Meryl Vane and Helen Weller) have again done a wonderful job this year running BBQ, raffles, disco, etc. Special thanks to Kathy & Bruce for all their work over the last few years. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated and we'll miss you every Sunday - maybe you'll do a couple of guest appearances next season.

We are fortunate to have the support of a number of new sponsors as well as our existing sponsors looking after us again. This sponsorship has allowed us to purchase a new paddleboard and two new Infront Nipper boards for U/9 and U/10s. Thanks to sponsors - Black Head Bowling Club, McGlashan & Crisp Surveyors, Modern Motors Nabiac, Coastal Resort, Hallidays Point Lions as well as other local businesses for their donations.

I would like to thank the committee members and parents for their support and help through the year and hope to see you all again next year for a bigger and better season.

TERRY ALDRIDGE
CHAIRPERSON



BLACKHEAD SURF LIFESAVING CLUB - JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1997/1998 SEASON
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INFLOWS:

BBQ sales	2,492.87	
Donations		2,731.70
Fundraising	759.70	
Interbranch	1,576.55	
Interest	8.22	
Sales of club merchandise:		
~ Caps	209.00	
~ Shirts	664.00	
~ Swimmers	54.00	
~ Other	115.00	1,042.00
Youth Development Camp		<u>250.00</u>

Total inflows **\$10,533.04**

OUTFLOWS:

Carnival & Rep. Costs	1,938.00
Catering	1,814.78
Coaching costs	35.00
Fundraising expenses	115.00
Lower Branch payments	1,038.00
Postage	65.00
Presentation costs	1,126.50
Promotions	51.40
Purchases	3,966.40
Repairs	430.00
Transfer to seniors	<u>632.11</u>

Total outflows **\$11,212.19**

OVERALL TOTAL **- 679.15**