

Another historical event conducted during the past season was the Book Launch on 24th August of Faye Young's book, *"Building Strong Traditions – Cronulla Surf Club's First 50 Years"*. Phyllis Farleigh attended this function. She is remembered as Phyllis Stroud, Miss Surf Queen, 1927. On 6th June, 2001, Bill Marshall, Brian Henderson and Brian O'Donnell visited Phyllis at the Peakhurst Retirement Village, where she now resides, in order to record this elegant 95-year-old lady's clear memories of those early Cronulla days?

Our thanks are extended to:

- Robyn Ellis and Wendy Monckton for the typing of written submissions from Members;
- Lance Turbet for his offer of assistance in the research and writing of the Boat Section;
- Frank Jordan and Lance Turbet for their attendance at a workshop and reading session.

We continue to appeal for typewritten accounts of past and present activities about YOUR involvement with our Club. These should be sent to:

History Committee, Cronulla S.L.S.C.  
PO Box 8, Cronulla NSW 2230

And now, if you are still wondering: Our first President was Charles McAlister (elected 1907); our first Meritorious Award was gained on 1st October, 1933 by a Boat Crew consisting of Rupert Michaelis, Reg Tanner, Lachie McPherson, Jack Miller, Bob Miller and Gordon Hewitt; our first Convenor of the Crays was Cec Tuckwell (elected 1964); our first individual Australian Champion was Sandy Long in the Beach Sprint of 1930-31; our first Female Australian Champion was Jodie Larsen who was a Member of the Cadet Surf Team at Kurrawa in 1983-84; and our first Club Colours were dark blue and light blue.

Brian O'Donnell.

## Shark Island Swim

The 13th Shark Island Swim was held on Sunday the 17th March, with a record 695 Swimmers starting the race.

This 1 km Ocean Swim was conducted over a course straight off the beach and back. This Swim proved to be highly successful with 104 people starting.

The increase in numbers was pleasing for the Swim Committee as our swim numbers had decreased over the last two years, which led to the inclusion of the 1 km Swim to attract a greater number of younger Swimmers as well as more family groups.

It has proved popular and the Committee feels that swim numbers will increase in future years.

Having 800 Swimmers compete certainly put some pressure on to the Club Officials in the Ballroom as 500 Swimmers entered on the day. These Swimmers' names, ages, genders and addresses also had to be entered into the computers. Our thanks go to those people who manned these stations, for a job well done.

This Committee would also like to thank all those Members who arrived at 6.30 a.m. to help set up the start and finish area on the beach. This area was erected in plenty of time for the 1 km Swim which started at 9.30 a.m.

Thanks once again to Graham Bruce, for organising the equipment needed for the Swim Course and for helping in the layout of the Swim Buoys.

Thanks also to the IRB Captain, Bruce Guthrie, and his Crews, who had the Ducks in the water by 7 a.m. to lay the Swim Buoys. After this they assisted with Water Safety and when the Race had finished, they had the difficult task of bringing all Swim equipment back to shore. Finally, they stayed to wash down all gear and store it away. This help is greatly appreciated.

Phil Hamilton organised the Water Safety for us again this year. Thanks to Phil and all those Members on Boards and Skis, who did such a great job of keeping an eye on all Swimmers.

Thanks also to the IRB Crews from Elouera and Wanda for helping on the day. Thanks to Rob Short and his band of workers who erected tents, fair stalls, and who assisted wherever needed on the day. Thanks to Chris Giles and Pat Grimshaw and the Touring Team Members who manned the barbecue.

Our thanks go to Sutherland Shire Council for the effort in getting the beach back to normal for the Swim, after the

huge amount of seaweed which had washed up on to the beach causing initial concern that we may have had to call off the Swim.

Whilst thanking the Council, this Committee is disappointed at the Council's decision to charge the Surf Club for the use of their IRB and Ski-do, as well as for the time the Beach Inspectors gave in helping us with the Swim Course and Water Safety.

The Beach Inspectors have been helping us in this regard for many years and we have been thankful for their support. The Shark Island Swim helps to enhance the standing of the Sutherland Shire, with many Swimmers coming from Interstate and all parts of NSW.

This Committee is very thankful to Chris Stevenson and Ron Smith from the Wanda Club, for their outstanding contribution to our Swim.

This was the 11th year these two gentlemen have been helping with our Swim. They have been instrumental in helping us to reach our goals. Their help and friendship is much appreciated.

Martin Johnson was once again kind enough to be our Announcer and M.C. and we thank him in this regard as well as for giving up his time to help with our Swim.

Thanks also to our Sponsors as the Swim would not have been a financial success without their generosity.

Frank Doran Financial Services was our Major Sponsor for the fourth year. The Club is most fortunate to have Frank as a Major Sponsor.

Radio 2KY 1017 was another Sponsor to have been with us for a number of years and we thank Les Mead for obtaining for us this sponsorship.

John Poulton from Abbey Catering came aboard as another Sponsor for this year's Swim and we thank him for his support. Thanks to H.C.A. for printing our entry form in colour, making it a much better document.

As the Convenor, I would like to once again thank all those Members and their wives for once again helping to make our Swim a success.

To the Swim Committee of Frank Doran, Sue Ezzy, Alan Hanson, Kelly Hollingdale, Greg Hewitt, Ken O'Donnell, Dave Piggott, Ron Smith, Chris Stevenson and John Wilson, I thank you for your efforts again this year. Most of these Members have been on this Committee for many years.

Everybody concerned can be proud that the time and effort put into this event, have made it a huge success.

John Hollingdale, Convenor.