

HISTORY

Manly Warringah Branch / Sydney Northern Beaches Inc.

- Manly Warringah Branch was formed 1st May 1960.
- Up until that date, all surfing activities in this area came under the supervision of the Sydney Branch.
- Mr. Alan Fitzgerald, President of the North Steyne SLSC was elected first president. He held this office for eight years.
- At the 1st Annual Meeting, Mr. Lindsay Paton was elected treasurer and still serves in the Branch in 2004.
- Board of Examiners, in anticipation of the new Branch – officers were elected in December 1959.
- The first Branch Championships were staged at Newport Beach in January 1961. At this time, Newport celebrated its Golden Jubilee of 50 years service.
- In October 1961, the Avalon Lions Club made necessary finance available to construct the prototype of the Torpedo Rescue Tube. Latter adopted by SLSA.
- Branch Team visited South Africa – 1967.
- Juveniles Association formed – 1966. First President - David Lawler.
- Philippines Instruction Tour conducted by the Branch 1978-1979
- 25 Year Anniversary held – 1959.
- 1965-1966 Inshore Rescue Boat (or rubber duck) introduced by Avalon SLSC, now used around Australia.
- Helicopter service and
- First Branch to use a radio communications network.
- Season 1992-1993, name changed to Sydney Northern Beaches Inc.
- In 2003 the Branch launched an Australian first again with the introduction of an all encompassing club and member management database, which significantly eased the burden on clubs administration.
- In 2004 the Branch launched a further Australian first with the introduction of a software program to manage entries and the running of events at Surf Carnivals. The first complete system to replace pen and paper on the beach.
- Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches - the largest Branch in Australia.