

THE HELENSBURGH - STANWELL PARK  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR SEASON 1950 - 1951.

GENTLEMEN.

The Committee of the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club has pleasure in presenting for your adoption the Annual Report, together with duly audited Balance Sheet for the season ended 30th June, 1951.

PATROLS.

Patrols were maintained on Sundays and Holidays throughout the Season. At the commencement of the season it was hoped that a general improvement would be evident in the conduct of patrols, however, as the season progressed it was disappointing to find that a general falling off of interest was noticeable, and a high degree of absenteeism resulted in a lessening of all round efficiency. It is hoped that the season ahead will see an improvement in respect to patrols, around which all club activities must function.

RESCUES.

The following rescues were recorded;-

With line. . . . .20

Without line. . . . .12.

Three of the above required resuscitation and recovered. There were no fatalities during the season.

FIRST AID.

Three hundred and thirty one (331) cases were recorded as being treated for various accidents, blue bottle stings, etc. Several cases requiring additional hospital treatment. These cases were capably handled by Messrs. Tom Cannon and Bert Smith.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Club has an Active membership of 62, and a total membership of 144.

A substantial increase is greatly desired in the club active membership, and an appeal is made to the older members from the Helensburgh District to stimulate interest in the Club amongst the younger people in the town.

It was found necessary to suspend 6 members for absenteeism from patrols, and to reprimand 3 others.

MEETINGS.

Your Committee has met regularly and as required throughout the year. These meetings were not always well attended. The Club was represented by its own delegates at most Branch Meetings.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. H. Russell, and our deepest sympathy is extended to the relatives.

EXAMINATIONS:-

Instructors Certificates were gained by M. Dignam, M. Piper, and R. Scott.

The following members qualified for the Surf Bronze Medallion: R. Ryan, D. Allen, K. Pollard, R. Please, B. Cannon, G. Cox, G. Wardman, C. Russell, B. Piper and B. Mason.



CARNIVALS and COMPETITIONS.

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals and the N.S.W. Championships, recording 7 wins and a number of minor placings.

These successes were gained mainly in R and R, and board events, and represent a reward for constant training.

Interclub competitions were again held between Park and Bronte, also Park and Coalcliff, which latter club won the Easter Cup from the Park who had held it for two years.

Club Competitions: were

These were keenly contested and resulted

as under;-

Senior Belt Championship	. . . . .	G. Jardine.
Senior Surf " "	. . . . .	A. Hill.
Junior Belt " "	. . . . .	B. Cannon.
Junior Surf " "	. . . . .	M. Dignam.
Senior Surf Point Score	. . . . .	K. Jennings.
Senior Beach " "	. . . . .	W. Hunt.
Junior Surf " "	. . . . .	M. Dignam.
Junior Beach " "	. . . . .	B. Mason.
Cadet Surf " "	. . . . .	R. Chapman.
Cadet Beach " "	. . . . .	R. Chapman.

Our own club Carnival was highly successful, weather conditions being much more favourable than in recent years.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER.

This office was capably filled by Club member Col Geelan, and it is hoped that the Council will again make this service available in the coming season.

FINANCE.

The Club has had a reasonably successful year from the point of view of finance, thanks in the main being due to the splendid efforts of Messrs. Clive Budd, Tom Cannon, Doug Perritt and the few other members who assisted.

Donations were received from the following;

J Dignam, J. Turnock, J. Sutherland, C. Budd, H. Williamson, W. Mansfield, W. Sutherland, G. Kinnell, J. Hindmarsh, J. Floyd, G. Fehrenbach, Illawarra Blind Co., S. McEnalley, Thorburns Ltd., G. Prosser, R. Sanderson, E. Dunn, L. Wilson, Mrs. J. Williamson, and Miss C. Dunn, also Helensburgh Celebrations Committee.

GEAR.

During the season the Club acquired;-

- 1 Public Address System,
- 1 First Aid Cabin,

and replacements were made to existing life saving equipment.

At the start of the season all gear was in a reasonable condition, subsequently, again due to lack of interest by patrol captains, it did not receive adequate attention.

The Club Boat, "Jack Mawson 1", was severely damaged in effecting a rescue in rough seas. It is hoped to complete repairs to the craft early in the new season.

GENERAL.

It is regretted that the matter of the Club House has not progressed as numerous approaches to the Council of the City of Greater Wollongong have yielded no results.

The Social Committee for the most part did not function as such, resulting in a decrease of over £80 compared with the previous season. Facilities made available by Messrs. J. and C. Williamson were a great help in raising funds over the holiday period.

The public address system assisted in many ways the conduct of the Club's activities. This unit was acquired chiefly by the generosity of Mr. W. Mansfield. The club associated itself with the Helensburgh Celebrations Committee, which resulted in Financial



APPRECIATION.

The committee extends its thanks and appreciation to all officers and members who have performed an excellent job in helping the Club toward the success it achieved during the 1950-51 Season, also to The Council of Greater Wollongong, Helensburgh Council of Combined Organisations, Stanwell Park Progress Association, Helensburgh Town Band, Mr. K.E. Downing, (Hon. Auditor.) Messrs Davey and Brindley, (Hon Architects) J. and C. Williamson, (First Aid Cabin) Mrs. C. Budd, and other friends and well wishers who have lent support in the past season.

The Committee would like to appeal, in conclusion, to all members to interest themselves in the Club management by accepting and fulfilling any position for which they are suitable, and so help to lighten the load which is ordinarily carried by a few keen and energetic officials.

For and on behalf of the Committee,  
H. J. F. WILLIAMSON. President.  
C. K. ASSMUSSEN. Secretary.  
H. A. JARDINE. Captain.

HOW ABOUT YOU.

Are you an active member,  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented,  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings,  
And mingle with the flock,  
Or do you simply stay away,  
And criticise and knock?

Do you ever give a hand, sir,  
When the jobs are piling thick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the "clique"?

Com. to the meetings often,  
Help with hand and heart,  
Dont be just a member,  
But take an active part.

Think this over, fellow,  
For you know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member,  
Or do you just belong.

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