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HELENSBURGH BRANCH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1952-1953

GENTLEMEN,
The Club Executive has pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Annual Report for the season 1952-3.

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Patrols.

It has to be reported with regret that interest in patrols for the season past waned and fell far short of the previous season in both Attendance and Interest. It is felt that in the coming summer stricter disciplinary action will have to be taken and that the elected Committee must enforce existing Club rules.

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RESCUES.

Again it is pleasing to record that no lives were lost. Noteworthy among the rescues effected were three in which the surf boat was used, each time under very adverse conditions. These rescues received favorable mention in both City and local press.

The following rescues were recorded-
With line and belt....15
Without line.....29
With surf boat..... 5.

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FIRST AID.

The number of persons receiving first aid was again high. A total of 598 cases were recorded and capably treated by Messrs Cannon and Smith. However it is certain that had all the cases treated by members during rush periods been recorded, the total would have been much higher. Of the cases recorded eight were sent to either hospital or doctor for further treatment.

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MEMBERSHIP.

The Club has an Active membership of 59, and a total membership of 125. With a view of recruiting candidates for Active Membership the Club had displayed an attractive slide on the screen of the Helensburgh Theatre during the surfing season.

It is pleasing to report that the Club has a number of promising younger members who show ability and interest. However many more such members are sought.

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Meetings

Eight Committee Meetings were held. Attendances generally improved, however here again a still better attendance is looked for next season.

The Attendance Book shows the following attendances--
A. Clarke 8, W. Mansfield 8, C. Asmussen 8, G. Gardman 7, R. Cavanagh 7, Jim McMahon 7, T. Jennings 6, T. Cannon 6, H. Williamson 6, R. Morgan 6, J. Brandwood 6, G. Smith 4, E. Piggott 4, M. Dignam 4, F. Newton 4, N. Trevithick 4, J. Kinnaird 4, W. Chapman 3, B. Russell 2, P. Shaw 2, R. Budd 1, R. Valbuse 1, C. Field 1.

Whilst Club members holding positions in the Branch were represented at all Branch Meetings, attendance by the Club Delegates was disappointing.

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OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr R. Hill (Bob) Hill and deepest sympathy is extended to his relatives.

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EXAMINATIONS.

The following members qualified for the Bronze Medallion-- A. Bryson, J. Williams, R. Smith, J. Andrews, A. Hill, E. Piggott and R. Chapman, whilst D. Williamson and B. Redshaw obtained their Qualifying Certificates. To all these members go the Club's congratulations.

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COUNCIL LIEUTENANT.

This office was carried out most capably by Mr Jim McMahon, and it is hoped that he will again be available to take this position.

PAINTING OF CLUBHOUSE etc.

A particularly good job was done by enthusiastic Club Members with blow lamps and paint brushes. This work drew complimentary comment from the Council inspector. In addition roof repairs have been ably carried out.

Alterations have been made to enable members to more satisfactorily store their boards and skis. Further the Executive recommend that an Observation Room be constructed off the boat shed, where a better view of the beach can be obtained, and where the amplifying gear would be housed and operated. Anticipating the Club's approval of this suggestion the Executive has made arrangements for plans to be prepared for Council approval.

The original motorised water pump proved unsatisfactory and was replaced with a piston type motorised pump. As this unit is working most satisfactorily an additional shower has been added in the shower recess.

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS.

The Club competed at the National Championships, the State Championships as well as all except one Branch carnival. Again most placings were obtained in the surface craft and musical flags events, which was a just reward for those members keen enough to train. Among the wins were two Branch Championships--R. Budd in the Ski Championship and R. Cavanagh, E. Piggott, J. Joy, J. Brandwood and N. Trevithick in the Boat Championship. To these members goes the Club's congratulations. At the Branch Championships the Club contested several other finals and gained two second placings.

As this was Jack Brandwood's third win in a Branch Championship he qualified to wear the Club Honour Blazer which was presented to him on Trophy Presentation night.

Again the ever welcome visit by Pronte Club eventuated and a most pleasant day was had. This year the Easter Cup event with Coalcliff was held. Stanwell was successful in regaining the cup.

In conjunction with Coalcliff Club a bus was hired for transport of members and supporters to most carnivals. The scheme has a lot of merit, but before it is again undertaken a better understanding is necessary both with our members and our co-hirers.

Club Competitions, most of which were keenly contested resulted--

Senior Surf Championship.....	G. Jardine
Senior Belt Championship.....	G. Jardine
Senior Surf Point Score.....	P. Shaw
Senior Beach Point Score.....	G. I. Budd
Junior Surf Championship.....	R. Chapman
Junior Belt Championship.....	B. Cannon
Junior Surf Point Score.....	B. Cannon
Junior Beach Point Score.....	R. Smith
Cadet Surf Championship.....	Terry Mott
Cadet Surf Point Score.....	N. Moseley
Cadet Beach Point Score.....	D. Williamson.

FINANCE.

In this regard the season was satisfactory, thanks being due to those members who assisted, and particularly to the Ladies, who again came to the rescue in selling tickets etc., and for whose untiring efforts throughout the season the Club extends its sincere thanks. We look forward to their continued support in the future.

Donations were received from Mrs J. Williamson, Mrs Mason and Messrs J. Dignam, E. Williamson, R. Budd, G. Fehrenbach, J. Sutherland, W. Sutherland, L. Wilson, D. Fennell, C. Williamson, W. Mansfield, J. Anderson, R. Chester, C. Henwood and Dr Gardiner. These are in addition to amounts donated to the "District News" Boat Appeal which have been acknowledged through the columns of this paper.

BOAT APPEAL.

Late in the season the Club commenced an appeal for funds to purchase a new surf boat. This appeal was most kindly taken over by Mr Frew of "The District News", and thanks to his help substantial progress has been made. At the time of compiling this report the fund stood at £140.

GEAR.

Club gear has been examined, and among other things the following were found: Electric urn, First Aid mattress, etc. etc. etc. Beach flag and metal safety area discs.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

Our own carnival was held under almost perfect surfing conditions, and despite financial failure, proved the best run carnival on our beach for many years. The organisation and conduct of the Carnival was most successful thanks being due to those members who assisted and to the Branch Officers who kept events running smoothly.

APPRECIATION.

Thanks are due to all members who fulfilled their duties in office during the season, and to Wollongong Council, Messrs Davey & Brindley (Hon. Architects), Messrs Arthur S. Hawley, Kennedy & Co., (Hon. Auditors), Messrs J.C. Williamson for the use of Camping area for functions, Mrs. Cannon for her excellent care of Competition Caps, and to all other friends and well wishers who lent their support.

The Executive would like to appeal, in conclusion, to all members to interest themselves in the Club Management by accepting and fulfilling any positions for which they are capable, and help lighten the load usually carried by a few keen and energetic officials.

- R. J. F. Williamson.... President
- M. Dignam..... Captain
- G. Richmond..... Vice Capt.
- C. T. Remington..... Secretary-Treasurer

① Clubhouse