

ANNUAL REPORT SEASON 1953-4



GENTLEMEN,

The Club Executive has pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Annual Report for season 1953-4

PA TROLS

It is with pleasure that we can report that patrols for the season were better both in attendance and keenness. This is attributed to the facts that more discipline was exercised, and also to increased interest in the inter-patrol competition. We trust this state of affairs will continue in 1954-5.

RESCUES.

Again it is pleasing to record that no lives were lost on our beach. The following rescues were recorded--

- With line and belt.....16
- With Surf Ski..... 1
- Without gear..... 6.

FIRST AID.

There were 393 recorded cases of treatment, but no doubt had all been recorded the total would have been much higher. Most of the recorded cases were treated by Mr T. Cannon, who rendered sterling service. He was assisted by Mr Hardie. Of the cases treated it was necessary to send nine to doctors for further treatment.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Active Membership dropped by 13 to 46, and the total membership dropped by 5 to 120. This coming season, with increased facilities at the Clubhouse it is hoped that a number of younger members may be recruited.

MEETINGS.

Two Special General Meetings and nine Committee meetings were held, but unfortunately it cannot be said that they were at all times well attended. Under is a tabulated list of attendances at Committee Meetings as per Attendance Book--

R. Cavanagh...9	A. Clarke.....8	M. Brown.....7	N. Trevithick.2
C. Asmussen...9	E. Piggott.....9	M. Dignam....5	R. Budd.....2
W. Mansfield..9	J. Kinnaird....7	C. Smith.....5	J. Dignam.....1
W. Hunt.....8	H. Williamson..7	K. Jennings..4	
T. Cannon.....8	C.F. Budd.....7	J. McMahon...4	

Whilst Club members holding positions in the Branch attended all Branch Meetings, attendance by our Club delegates was disappointing.

EXAMINATIONS.

The following members were successful in the Bronze Medallion examination, and to them goes the Club's congratulations-- R. Jackson, J. Kinnaird, D. Williamson, B. Redshaw and E. Bennie.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER.

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

CARNIVALS and COMPETITIONS.

Our Club competed at all Branch carnivals, at the Royal carnival and at the State Championship carnival, also some members journeyed to Queensland for the Australian carnival. The only wins recorded were in the board and ski events - once more evidence of the fact that training is necessary to gain success. Congratulations are extended to Russell Jackson, who by finishing fourth in the Branch Junior Surf Championship, qualified for a

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start in the State titles, this being the first time since the war that we have had a candidate in a State Championship swimming event. It was disheartening to note that on only a few occasions were we able to field a March Past team, which evidences a lack of team spirit, and is something which will have to receive strict attention in future.

The annual Bronte visit proved the usual success and we hope these visits continue.

The Easter Cup event with Coalcliffe was again contested, and provided us with a very close win.

It was not possible to stage a carnival at Stanwell Park, as the two dates selected at the General Meeting were also selected by other Clubs, and we were unlucky in the draw from the hat.

To Coalcliffe goes our sincere appreciation for their excellent co-operation regards the carnival bus.

Club competitions were, for the most part, well contested, and praise for the manner in which they were conducted, in the main, to J. Kinnaird and W. Hunt, and it is hoped that members will realise the difficulties that Sports Committees encounter in conducting events. An innovation in the Club events was the Board and Ski point score, an event which created much interest. The individual winners were--

Senior Belt Championship.....	B. Cannon
Senior Surf Championship.....	G. Jardine
Senior Surf Point Score.....	B. Cannon.
Senior Beach Point Score.....	C.F. Budd
Junior Surf Championship.....	R. Jackson
Junior Belt Championship.....	R. Jackson
Junior Surf Point Score.....	R. Jackson
Junior Beach Point Score.....	W. Piggott.
Cadet Surf Championship.....	Terry Mott
Cadet Surf Point Score.....	E. Moseley
Cadet Beach Point Score.....	Terry Mott.
Board and Ski Point Score.....	C. Asmussen.

It is notable that Barry Cannon wrested the Senior Belt Championship from George Jardine who had held it for so many years. It would not be surprising if George's name again appeared on the list of winners.

NEW

8 BOAT APPEAL.

Thanks to the magnificent efforts of Mr Frew and "The District News", the Boat Appeal, at the time of compiling this report, is within £15 of the target. The appeal has been greatly helped by several organisations and many individuals. Had our own Boat Appeal Committee done its job the appeal would have been oversubscribed some time ago. The boat, delivery of which is promised for October, will no doubt be received free of debt.

9 GEAR.

The gear, in the past season, was not, as a whole, properly maintained, and this will have to receive more attention in the future. However it is pleasing to record that the surf boats were well cared for.

Caesar Fabrics have supplied us with new canvasses for the patrol enclosure.

DISCIPLINE.

~~It was found necessary to take disciplinary action against several members for various misdemeanors.~~

10 FINANCE.

In this regard the season was satisfactory. Donations, excluding amounts contributed to the Boat Appeal (which were recognised in "The District News"), were received from-- Mrs J. Williamson, Mrs P. Anger, Messrs W. Hardie, J&W. Sutherland, D. Kinnell, J. Dignam, R. Budd, C. Cryer, W. Mansfield, C. Williamson, J. Collett, R. Anger, H. Williamson, G. Kinnell, K. Arthur, N. O'Brien, W. Keane, W. Jardine, D. McCubben, R. Chester, L. Wilson, and Engadine Scouts, Bald Hill Service Station, Coogee R S L Ladies Committee and Australian White Lite Co.

The loan, which was decided upon by the Special General

Meeting was duly floated. The response to it is rather disappointing, as only 16 members have subscribed, and the total stands at £280. As the loan is still open it is hoped that some members who could do so will still subscribe.

CLUBHOUSE.

Some improvements have been effected and more are in progress. The Observation room was added. Florescent lights (by courtesy of Australian White Lite Co.) have been installed, the phone has been connected, a large area in front of the Clubhouse has been concreted and railway sleepers have been laid in front of the ramp.

The two Special General Meetings decided to press for some improvements to the building. Plans and specifications were prepared, and it is pleasing to observe that Council has made a start on our much needed alterations and additions, plans of which are on the Club notice board. The arrangement reached with the Council, as decided upon by our membership, is that our Club is to pay for all materials and provide some unskilled labour, and the Council is to provide the remainder of the labour. The estimated cost of the materials is approximately £650.

12 SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Again many revenue producing functions were promoted, which were beneficial not only to finances, but to members and public as well. Once more the success of social functions was mainly due to the ladies, who proved as willing as ever to assist, and to Mr Mansfield with his projector, and to a few energetic Club members. The Social Committee added just over £365 to Club's finances, and with added obligations we look forward to an even better result this season.

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APPRECIATION.

Thanks are due to all members who fulfilled their duties in office during the season and to those who participated in various working bees, to The Wollongong Council, To The Northern Zone Council, Messrs Davey & Brindley (Hon Architects), Messrs Arthur S. Hawley, Kennedy & Co (Hon Auditors) Messrs J & C Williamson (for the use of the camping area for functions), Mrs Cannon for excellent care of competition caps, Australian White Lite Co (for Florescent lights), Mr West for fitting of same, and to all other 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 positions for which they are capable, and help lighten the load usually carried by a few keen and energetic officials.

As in the past

- H.J.F. Williamson.....President
- R.M. Dignam.....Captain
- E.J. Piggott.....Vice Captain
- C.K. Asmussen.....Hon Sec & Treas.

C.K. Asmussen

E.J. Piggott
R.M. Dignam