

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1954-5

GENTLEMEN,

The Club Executive has pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Annual Report for the above season.

PATROLS.

It is regretted to report that attendance at patrols was not up to the excellent standard of previous years. The following members missed patrols without providing stand-ins---

P. Shaw 3

D. Wood, E. Griffiths, R. Griffiths each 2

M. Brown, D. Williamson, L. Morton, E. Penny, R. Chapman, J. Clarke, J. Joy, R. Jackson, T. Chapman, R. Smith and R. West each 1

It is imperative that, if we are to function effectively as a Surf Life Saving Club, attendance at patrols must show considerable improvement in the season ahead.

RESCUES.

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

With line and belt.....11

Without gear..... 4

FIRST AID.

As usual the number of first aid cases treated was high. Mr T. Cannon again rendered sterling service, receiving assistance from Mr J. Hardie..

Recorded cases totalled 343. One required resuscitation and nine were sent to hospital for further treatment.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Active Membership rose by 6 to 52 but the total membership dropped by 7 to 115. It is hoped this season to recruit more probationary active members to swell the ranks of those available for patrols.

MEETINGS.

Eight Committee Meetings were held. Whilst some Committeemen attended regularly unfortunately some did not honour their obligations as well as expected. The Attendance Book reveals the following attendances--

A. Clarke.....8
F. Hunt.....8
W. Grinham....8
M. Dignam.....8
C. Amussen...8
H. Williamson.7
T. Cannon.....7

R. Cavanagh.....6
E. Piggott.....6
S. McDonald.....6
C. Smith.....5
K. Jennings....4
W. Ryan.....4
M. Brown.....4

F. Newton.....3
W. Mansfield..3
N. O'Brien....3
J. Kinnaird...3
G. Wardman....2
J. Mawson.....1
R. Smith.....0

Attendance by Delegates at Branch Meetings showed a welcome improvement.

EXAMINATIONS.

Congratulations to the following members who gained their various awards--

Qualifying Certificate--W. Piper, T. Moloney and Terry Mott.

Bronze Medallion-----L. Morton, F. Bonds, T. Moloney, J. Goldstone

W. Samuels, J. M. Brown, J. Berkeley,
J. Brown, J. Grinham, T. Newell

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS.

The Club competed at all Branch carnivals as well as the State and Australian Championship carnivals. The only successes gained were in one novelty beach event and in ski races which again evidences the fact that training is necessary to achieve success. To Clyde and Clarrie Budd goes the Club's congratulations for their second placing in the Australian Double Ski Championship which was decided at Queenscliffe.

We were represented in the March Past at most carnivals, but this is one event in which we should start at all carnivals.

Once again we were pleased to receive a visit from Bronte Club and it is hoped these visits will continue. The Easter Cup was well won by Corlecliffe. Lack of any sort of team spirit proved our downfall.

Club competitions were reasonably well contested. Much hard work and organisation were devoted to running of the competitions by Bill Hunt and Jim Kinnaird and they were deserving of better co-operation.

Individual winners were

P. Shaw.....Senior Surf and Bolt Championships.
 R. Jackson..Junior Surf and Belt Championships
 Terry Mott. Cadet Surf Championship, Beach & Aggregate point scores
 C.F. Budd...Senior Beach and Aggregate Point Scores,
 W. Piggott..Junior Beach and Open Ski Point Scores.
 K. Pollard..Senior Surf Point Score
 P. Byers....Cadet Beach Point Score.
 N. Moseley..Junior Surf and Aggregate Point Scores.

BOAT APPEAL.

Thanks to the colossal effort made by Mr Frew through "The District News" the goal was reached and the new craft "The District News I" was received free of debt and was duly launched at a pleasant function by Mr Jack Mawson on December 26, and is a welcome addition to our life saving gear. Our thanks go to Mr Frew and all who subscribed to the appeal.

GEAR.

Gear generally was well maintained thanks mainly being due to Mr George Wardman.

FINANCE.

In this regard the season was quite satisfactory. Donations, excluding amounts donated to the Boat Appeal (which were recognised in "The District News") were received from C. Smith, Broadway Tailors, P. Anger, H. Kelton, W. Sutherland, Bald Hill Service Station, J. Sutherland, D. Kinnell, Dr Hickson, A. Clarke, J. Dignam, G. Parke, P. Rixon, Otford Progress Assoc., M. Parkinson, S. Margerson, T. Shaul, F. James, F. McKeon, G. Kinnell, E. Downes, V. Johnson, H. Mills, H. Williamson, R. Chester, V. Raynor, and A. Anderson, whilst donations in kind were received from H. Bennett (cartage), Mr Bailey (Electricity), Ornamental Concrete Works (table tennis table), Michael Neirn (line) and Duralex Paint Co. (paint).

Members subscribed just over £300 to the Building Fund Loan, payment of which now becomes No 1 priority.

CLUBHOUSE.

The reconstruction job was satisfactorily completed by the middle of the season costing the Club £719 for materials, as arranged. Labour costing nearly £1000 was provided by the Council of the City of Greater Wollongong to whom go our thanks. Additional expenditure covering such items as sleepers, paint, first aid cabinet, timber, drainage etc cost the Club a further £100.

The Club is indebted to those members who did such good work during the re-building program and again during the winter months.

~~SOCIAL COMMITTEE~~

Results by this Committee in the record of £200 being raised by this band of keen workers. Thanks being due in the main to the ladies who assisted in many ways, to Messrs Wal Mansfield and Albert Clarke and those other members who gave support. It is hoped that the same energy will be in evidence in the coming season so that the Club will be able to re-imburse those who lent money to the Building Fund Loan. *W*

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, to Messrs Davey & Brindley (Hon Architects), to Messrs Arthur S. Hawley, Kennedy & Co (Hon Auditors), to the various kiosk proprietors for their full co-operation, to Mr West for fixing florescent lights, to Mrs Cannon for her usual good care of competition caps and to all other well wishers who lent their support.

The Executive again appeals to members generally 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.

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

President's addendum.

I would like to express sincere appreciation to members and executive members, whose help and co-operation have made possible a most successful year. With building operations in progress and commitments running close to the £2,500 mark for the reconstruction job and new equipment, had this help not been forthcoming the task would not have been easy.

In conclusion I would wish members and supporters very good surfing and all success in the 1955-56 season.