

ANNUAL REPORTSEASON 1955-56

Gentlemen:

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

## PATROLS

We are pleased to report an improvement in patrol attendance in spite of the adverse weather conditions which so frequently prevailed. The following members who missed patrols without providing stand-ins incurred the automatic penalties laid down at the last Annual Meeting:- N. Moseley, E. Piggott, F. Newton, R. West, R. Sommerville, E. Griffith, D. Wood, J. Joy, R. Anderson, T. Maloney, P. Shaw, L. Morton and R. Griffith.

For repeated patrol absenteeism the following members were suspended for varying periods:- Messrs. D. Wood, R. West, L. Morton, P. Shaw and E. Piggott.

As patrols are the backbone of Club activities, it is hoped that the season ahead will show further improvement.

## RESCUES

Again it is pleasing to record that no lives were lost on our beach. Rescues recorded were:-

With line and belt	6
With surf ski	2
Without gear	2

Unfortunately there was one fatality, and there were two rescues in the lagoons. The work of Club Members on each occasion was most commendable.

## FIRST AID

Once again the First Aid Officers were kept very busy. A total of 251 people were treated by Tom Cannon and Bill Hardie.

## COUNCIL LIFESAVER

Stanwell Park was most fortunate in having Jack Brandwood on this duty during the season. He did an excellent job and it is hoped that he will again be available for the position.

## MEMBERSHIP

There was a slight reduction in membership. Active membership fell from 52 to 48, and the total membership from 113 to 104. Once again we hope to recruit many new members to be trained for awards.

## MEETINGS

Nine Committee Meetings were held. Whilst some Committeemen attended regularly, other Meetings were not always well attended, as will be seen by the list of attendances as per the Attendance Book:-

M. Brown	9	A. Clarke	7	N. Trevithick	4
D. Williamson	9	W. T. Mott	7	K. Jennings	4
W. Hunt	9	T. Cannon	7	F. Newton	3
T. A. Mott	9	S. McDonald	7	E. Piggott	2
K. Chapman	9	G. Wardman	6	N. O'Brien	2
C. Asmussen	9	R. Cavanagh	6	W. Sutherland	1
W. Mansfield	8	K. Grinham	5	R. Dignam	1
H. Williamson	8	W. Ryan	5	J. Mawson	1
T. Moloney	8			R. Malcolm	0

Attendance by Delegates at Branch Meetings again was satisfactory.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee considered the nomination for Life Membership by J. Mawson and C. Asmussen of Mr. George Kinnell and strongly recommends to the Annual Meeting that this honour be conferred on Mr. Kinnell.

## LADIES SURF CLUB.

Application was received for permission to form such a Club, and after much consideration approval was granted under specified conditions.

## EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following Members who gained their various awards -

Qualifying Certificate - R. Sommerville and R. Field.  
Bronze Medallion - W. Piper, L. McMillan, J. Hackett and T.A. Mott.

## CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals and the N.S.W. Championships, recording six wins mainly in surf ski races, highlighted by Bill Figgott's win in the Branch Ski Championship. Keith Newell's consistent placings in Surf Races was most heartening.

Club competitions were all well contested by those taking part. Unfortunately the events lacked the number of starters which might have been expected. Winners of the various events were -

R. Jackson - Senior Belt and Surf Championships  
C.F. Budd - Senior Beach Point Score  
K. Jennings - Senior Surf Point Score  
K. Newell - Junior Surf & Belt Championships and  
Junior Surf Point Score  
T.A. Mott - Junior Beach Point Score  
R. Field - Cadet Surf Championship and Point Score  
B. Anger - Cadet Beach Point Score  
K. Chapman - Ski & Board Point Score

An innovation during the "off season" has been a competition of beach and water events. These events have been very well contested and have greatly helped to keep members together during the winter months.

Again we were pleased to receive a visit from the Bronte Club, when an enjoyable day was spent.

Members showed considerable keenness early in the season and handsomely won back the Easter Cup from Coalcliffe.

## GEAR

As usual, all gear was well maintained.

## FINANCE

In this regard the season was very satisfactory.

Donations were received from - A. Anderson, N. O'Brien, R. Chester, C. Williamson, R. Budd, J. Sutherland, W. Sutherland, W. May, F. James, H. Williamson, D. Kinnell, Bald Hill Service Station, J. Russell, G. Kinnell, F. McKeon, J. Dignam, J. Orton and "The District News". These donations, added to the magnificent result of our Social Committee, enabled the Club to repay all who loaned money to the Building Appeal, and the Council for materials used in the reconstruction job. In addition, the Clubhouse seating has been paid for.

During the season, Mr. Kelton of the Bald Hill Service Station kindly donated to the Surf Club the proceeds of a weekend's petrol and oil sales. Club members assisted with the sales, and though weather conditions were extremely bad for the occasion the result was quite satisfactory.

## CLUBHOUSE

The building has been well cared for. Members have maintained and improved the road and area at the rear of the building. The exterior of the Clubhouse has been painted by the Club with paint supplied by Council. Additional cement paths have been laid by members.

## SOCIALS

Our Social Committee was again very active, thus adding appreciably to Club funds. We are indeed lucky to have such willing helpers as the ladies and Messrs. Albert Clarke, Wal Mansfield and Don Williamson, not forgetting all others who so ably assisted. A repetition of this enthusiasm would materially assist attaining further conveniences for our Club.

Soon after Easter social nights in the Clubhouse were commenced and darts and another table tennis table were added. These nights proved most enjoyable.

Visits were made to Bronte Surf Club, to Coalcliffe Surf Club and to Bankstown Bowling Club. On each visit we were made most welcome and all attending were very appreciative.

## AIMS

With the advent of the supply of water to the district it is expected that the Club will in the near future have hot showers and a septic tank. An additional aim is to acquire a new trailer for transport of boat, boards and skis.

## APPRECIATION

Thanks are due to all members who fulfilled their allotted duties during the season, to those who assisted in the various working bees, to the Wollongong Council, to the Northern Zone Council, to Messrs. Arthur S. Hawley, Kennedy & Co. (Hon. Auditors), to the various kiosk proprietors for their full co-operation, 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 assist by accepting and fulfilling positions for which they are capable and thus lighten the load usually shared by a few keen and energetic officials.

Finally, the Executive Committee feels that with the help of all concerned, the job of effecting improvements and adding facilities for the convenience and enjoyment of members, some of which have been mentioned above, will be possible in the near future and it is hoped that you will lend all the support you can to the incoming Committee with this end in view.

H. J. F. Williamson	President
W. J. Hunt	Captain
W. K. Chapman	Vice Captain
C. K. Asmussen	Hon. Secretary/Treasurer