

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1956-57

Gentlemen:

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

PATROLS AND RESCUES

We are pleased to report an improvement in patrol attendance, however, several members who missed patrols without providing stand-ins incurred the automatic penalty. It is hoped that the season ahead will show still further improvement.

Rescues recorded were as follows:

With line and belt	4
With ski and boat	1
Without gear	4

Again it is pleasing to state that no lives were lost on our beach.

FIRST AID

As usual the First Aid Officers were kept busy. A total of 183 people received treatment.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER

The Club 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

Active Members fell from 48 to 43 whilst the total membership increased from 104 to 136. Once again we express the hope that it will be possible to recruit many new members to be trained for awards.

MEETINGS

Seven Committee Meetings were held and as the following list will show some Committeemen did not attend as often as could be desired.

- 7.. K. Chapman, C. Assmussen, B. Rodshaw, K. Newell, A. Moloney, W. Hunt.
- 6.. S. Field, T. Mott, N. O'Brien, W. Mott, A. Clarke, J. Dawson, T. Cannon.
- 5.. G. Wardman, D. Williamson, H. Williamson, W. Mansfield, A. Bryson.
- 4.. R. Chapman
- 3.. B. Cannon, M. Brown, J. Hackett
- 2.. K. Reece.
- 1.. K. Jennings, W. Ryan.

Attendance by Delegates at Branch Meetings could have been greatly improved.

EXAMINATIONS

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

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| Instructor's Certificate | - D. Williamson. |
| Bronze Medallion | - B. Binskin, J. Pasfield, P. Byers,
R. Sommerville. |
| Qualifying Certificate | - F. Casey, G. Burton, B. Anger. |

Also congratulations to the 13 members of the Ladies Auxiliary who passed their Resuscitation Certificate examination.

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals and the N.S.W. and Australian Championships recording seven wins and a number of minor placings. Wins were gained by Clyde and Clarrie Budd in the Branch Double Ski Championship, by Clyde Budd in the Kiama Ski race, by Keith Newell in a Novice Surf Race and by Bob Field in four cadet surf races, whilst the effort by Norman Moseley in twice finishing second in Novice Surf Races was also most heartening. The Club congratulates these Members and hopes that more wins will be recorded in the coming season.

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

- K. Newell - Senior Surf and Belt Championships, Senior Surf and Beach Point Scores
- N. Moseley - Junior Surf Championship.
- T. A. Mott - Junior Belt Championship, Junior Surf Point Score.
- P. Byers - Junior Beach Point Score.
- R. Chapman - Board and Ski Point Score.
- G. Burton - Cadet Beach Point Score.
- R. Field - Cadet Surf Championship and Surf Point Score.

The Patrol Point Score was well won by K. Newell, R. Sommerville, L. Morton and P. Byers.

The Winter Point Score competition of varied events was well contested and again achieved its object of keeping the Members together during the winter months.

Due to the Olympic Games Carnival the usual visit by Bronte Club did not eventuate and, through no fault of ours, the Coalcliffe contest did not take place. It is hoped that both these functions will be restored this season.

GEAR AND CLUBHOUSE

All gear and the Clubhouse have, as usual, been well maintained. The road and area at the rear of the building also received attention.

FINANCE

In this regard the season was very satisfactory.

Donations were received from - R. Anger, W. & J. Sutherland, N. O'Brien, G. Kinnell, R. Jackson, H. Williamson, D. Kinnell, B. Williams, F. James, J. Dignam, G. Prosser, R. Chester, H. Riece, W. May, J. Russell, Levers Driver's Club, W. Mansfield.

The Club participated by selling tickets in an Art Union sponsored by Michael's Menswear Store of Wollongong, the financial result of which was most satisfactory.

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 Albert Clarke and his band of willing helpers. Continued keenness in this regard would materially assist in attaining further conveniences for our Club.

The off-season social nights were held and again proved successful.

Visits were paid to Bronte and Coalcliffe Surf Clubs and each visit was most enjoyable.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVAL, 1958

At a Special General Meeting held on Easter Sunday a motion was carried that, as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations, our Club should apply for the State Championships for 1958. Subsequently at the State Centre Meeting held in July, out of three Clubs applying for the carnival, Stanwell Park was selected by a majority of one

vote. It can be held as no small compliment that we should be entrusted with the running of this most important carnival which is second only to the National Championships. It therefore behoves all members to put every possible effort into making this carnival an outstanding success as it will certainly put Stanwell Park on the map. We will receive every assistance from the Illawarra Branch and the State Centre, but the Club must put its whole weight into the organisation on the spot.

AIMS

Now that water has been laid on 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; to those who assisted in the various working bees; to the Wollongong and Northern Zone Councils; to Messrs. A. 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; to Clyde Budd for loan of trailer; to Australian Siskraft for donation of an excellent flag pole 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 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.