

HELENSBURG STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

GOLDEN JUBILEE SEASON 1957-8

Gentlemen:

The Club Executive has pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Annual Report for the season which was highlighted by the Club's win in the Illawarra Branch Patrol Competition, by the State Surf Championship Carnival and by the Golden Jubilee Anniversary Dinner.

ILLAWARRA BRANCH S.L.S.A. PATROL COMPETITION

This competition was conducted over a period of about six weeks, resulting in a win for our Club, proving that our all round efficiency was the best within the Branch. The prize for the competition was an Atlas Television Set.

Another such competition will be held within the Illawarra Branch in the coming season with an excellent trophy as the prize.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SURF CARNIVAL

This carnival, held on our beach on Saturday, February 1st, has been generally voted the best ever, due mainly to the all out effort of Club Members, local bodies and supporters. It was most fortunate that the surf and weather was near perfect resulting in excellent competition.

Appreciation of the efforts of Members of this Club have been officially recorded in the minutes of the N.S.W. State Centre. Also at a council meeting of the Illawarra Branch held on 9th August last, receiving the Carnival Balance Sheet, the President, Mr. Scoble, officially expressed to the Stanwell Park Delegates the Branch's appreciation of the efforts of the Stanwell Park Members and the very good results obtained.

GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Social event of the year from the Club point of view was this dinner when old and new Members met at the Coronation Hall, Arncliffe. Unfortunately, some were unable to obtain tickets which were sold out well before the event. The occasion was such a success that a similar function will be held on March 15, 1959.

PATROLS, RESCUES AND FIRST AID

It is pleasing to report that patrol attendance was nearly 100%, and it will be necessary for this state of affairs to continue if we are again to be successful in next season's competition.

The Committee has decided that the patrol hours in future shall commence at 8.45 a.m. and conclude at 5.15 p.m.

Rescues recorded were -

With line and belt.....16
Without gear.....17
and once again no lives were lost on our beach.

A total of 296 people received first aid from our First Aid Officer, Mr. Tom Cannon.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER

Club Member, Jack Brandwood, again held this position and as usual did an excellent job.

MEMBERSHIP

Active increased by 5 to 48, and the total was 133. We again appeal

to all Clubmen to endeavour to recruit new Members.

MEETINGS

Nine Committee Meetings were held and, as will be seen by the following list, some Committeemen did not attend as often as could be desired.

9	K. Newell, W. Hunt, C. Asmussen, B. Redshaw, P. Byers
8	W. Mott, A. Moloney, H. Williamson, J. Pasfield, R. Whittaker
7	K. Chapman, D. Williamson, G. Wardman, J. Brandwood, N. O'Brien
6	G. Land, T. Cannon
5	B. Cannon, R. Cavanah
4	S. Field, H. Sale
3	A. Clarke, W. Ryan, P. Anger
2	W. Mansfield
1	M. Brown, S. McDonald

Attendance by Delegates at Branch Meetings was reasonably satisfactory.

EXAMINATIONS

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

Instructor's Certificate	W. T. Mott
Bronze Medallion	P. Dunford, F. Casey, G. Bonnette, R. Bray, R. Field, B. Moroney, W. King, J. Beattie, K. Stringer, W. Moss, M. Fraser, G. Burton, M. Toppenberg, R. Brunton
Qualifying Certificate	J. Moloney

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals, the N.S.W. Championships and the Royal Carnival. The main success was obtained by Lance Morton won the Branch Single Ski Championship. Improvement in the March Past was most noticeable and the consistent swimming of Bob Field and Keith Newell was heartening, also some of our newer Members showed promise. As we will have new March Past costumes, etc. next season, it is hoped for further improvement in this event.

Club Competitions were well conducted but unfortunately handicapper, Mr. Roy Whittaker, who did a good job, was not rewarded by the support of Members.

Event winners were -

K. Newell	Senior Surf and Belt Championships, Carnival Point Score.
P. Byers	Senior Beach Point Score.
W. Moss	Senior Surf Point Score.
R. Field	Junior Surf and Belt Championships, Junior Surf Point Score.
G. Burton	Junior Beach Point Score
B. Anger	Cadet Surf Point Score, Cadet Beach Point Score
L. Morton	Surf Ski Point Score
J. Byers	Cadet Beach Point Score
Patrol Point Score	- R. Chapman, J. Joy, D. Williamson, G. Wardman, B. Moroney, R. Sommerville, A. Bryson.

The Committee, realising that additional competition is necessary to obtain better carnival results, have decided to double the number of swimming and craft point score events next season. Early in the season Bronte paid us a visit and a good day was had by all, the Bronte Members stayed for the Social which followed the State Carnival. Once again, Clalcliffe did not contest the Easter Cup.

GEAR AND CLUBHOUSE

As usual gear was maintained in good order, and a boat and ski trailer was purchased. The inside of the Clubhouse was repainted as was the roof. The work of installing hot showers, sink heater and new sink and an outside convenience for socials and carnivals is well in hand.

FINANCE

Once again, the Financial position has been well looked after - mainly by the Social Committee, who were even more energetic than usual. Most prominent in the efforts were L. Dole, H. Sale, and D. Williamson, and to these gentlemen, their assistants and to the Ladies Auxiliary, go the sincere thanks of the Club.

Donations were received from N. O'Brien, R. Chester, C. Williamson, J. Sutherland, W. Sutherland, W. May, F. James, A. Clarke, R. Johnson, G. Kinnell, J. Higgins, R. Marshal, J. Dignam, B. Williams, M. Stringer, C. Furhagen, Dr. Brennan, and the Marine and General Engineering Company.

CLUB ART UNION

Following the Committee's recommendation, adopted by a General Meeting, the Television Set won in the Patrol Competition, is to be first prize in an Art Union. The co-operation of all Members is sought in selling these tickets as the proceeds are to be used in further additions to the Club's amenities.

AINS.

A Building Sub-Committee has been brought into being with a view to further improving and adding to the present building.

APPRECIATION

Thanks are due to all Members who fulfilled their allotted duties; to those who assisted in the various working bees and running the State Carnival; to the Wollongong Council; to Messrs. A.S. Hawley, Kennedy & Co. (Hon. Auditors); to Les Dole for work done on reels; to the various kiosk proprietors for their full co-operation; to Mrs. Cannon for her good care of competition caps and to all other well-wishers who lent their support.

The usual appeal goes out to Members generally to assist by accepting and fulfilling positions for which they are capable, and thus lighten the load usually shared by the energetic few.

Finally, it is felt that the job of effecting improvements and adding facilities for the convenience and enjoyment of Members will be financially possible in the near future, and it is hoped that YOU will lend all the support you can to the incoming Committee with a view to bringing this about.

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