

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT - 1958-1959

Gentlemen:

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

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

In this competition the Club was unfortunate to lose on a count back after triple dead heating with Bulli and Port Kembla Clubs, and ultimately finished second. It is again gratifying to report that the general efficiency in patrols was maintained.

This competition next season will assume greater importance as the prize will be a fully equipped surf boat.

PATROLS, RESCUES AND FIRST AID

Once again patrol attendance was nearly 100%, and, as stated above, it is hoped that this state of affairs will either continue or improve in order that we might finish in the lead in the patrol competition for the third successive season.

Rescues recorded were -

With line and belt	27
Without gear	30

and once again no lives were lost whilst patrols were on duty.

Recorded first aid cases treated totalled 230, including three who required resuscitation. Most of these cases were handled by Tom Cannon who as usual did an excellent job as First Aid Officer.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER

Once more Jack Brandwood fulfilled this position quite capably.

MEMBERSHIP

Active Membership remained at 138 and the total Membership increased by 7 to 140, and this included 26 lads in the cadet age group, and an appeal is directed to all Club Members to endeavour to recruit new members.

The Committee decided at its November Meeting that something should be done to enlist the interest of youngsters in the activities of the Club. The matter was delegated to the Club Executive to handle personally as a separate entity. The result was the formation of the Stanwell Park Seagulls. This has been most successful in gaining the interest of the boys and their parents. We were most fortunate in inducing Kevin Grinham to take charge of their activities and training - who provided at his own expense very much appreciated trophies.

The Executive recommends that the Club should now officially control this small organisation.

MEETINGS

Attendance at the eight Committee Meetings held could have been better as will be seen by the following attendance list:-

8	... L. Dole, W. Hunt, C. Asmussen
7	... G. Wardman, H. Williamson, B. Redshaw, R. Chapman, W. Mott
6	... K. Chapman, T. Cannon
5	... G. Land, J. Brandwood, N. O'Brien, D. Williamson, P. Byers
4	... S. Field, C. F. Budd
2	... R. Whittaker, J. Pasfield, P. Anger, A. Clarke, H. Sale
1	... W. Sutherland, W. Mansfield, R. Budd.

Two Special General Meetings were held. One was to deal with the proposal to continue with endeavours to have the Clubhouse licensed as a Picture Theatre. It was resolved that no further action be undertaken to obtain such a license.

The second meeting considered changes in Club rules as recommended by a sub-Committee elected for the purpose. Proposed alterations were circularised to all Members and all the proposals were adopted.

EXAMINATIONS

A pleasing feature was the 100% pass obtained by candidates and accordingly congratulations are extended to the Instructors and the following members who were successful:-

Bronze Medallion: B. Anger, J. Moloney, W. Williamson, D. McDonald,
J. Stephenson, N. Power, B. Webb and J. Lupica.

Qualifying Certificate: M. Adams, W. Wilson, A. Hardaker and K. King.

CARNIVALS & COMPETITIONS

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals and the N.S.W. Championship Carnival. Most successful in these were -

Lance Morton and Clarrie Budd---Branch Double Ski Championship and several wins and placings in other carnivals.

March Past Team---Second in Branch Championships and nine other placings including two wins.

Bob Field---Second in Branch Junior Surf Championship. Wins in Junior and Novice surf races and numerous placings.

Other consistent performers were Barry Anger, Ron Chapman, Fred Casey, Keith Chapman, Don Williamson, Keith Newell, Graham Burton and Bill Moss.

Our own carnival was well conducted, and was awarded top points in the Branch Competition. Our Club also was showered with congratulations for the part played as host to boat crews on their overnight stop in the Bondi to Wollongong marathon.

It was unfortunate that the inter-Club competition with Coalcliff again was not held as no suitable date before Easter could be arranged. It is hoped that the contest will be revived next season.

Club competitions were again well conducted, this time by George Land, whose efforts should have been rewarded by the support of more Members.

Event winners were -

K. Newell ... Senior Surf & Belt Championships
Senior Surf Point Score
Club Championship

P. Byers ... Senior Beach Point Score

R. Field ... Junior Surf & Belt Championships
Junior Surf Point Score

F. Casey ... Junior Beach Point Score

W. Wilson ... Cadet Surf Point Score
Cadet Beach Point Score

D. Rees ... Cadet Surf Championship

R. C. Budd and L. Morton ... Surf Ski Point Score

Patrol Point Score G. Wardman, R. Field, P. Byers,
J. Joy, W. Mott, B. Cannon, T. Mott,
G. Burton, W. Wilson, B. Anger,
B. Webb, N. Power, J. Beattie

FINANCE

It is again pleasing to record that the Club's finances were well looked after, due mainly to the following reasons:-

Art Union - The Art Union conducted to dispose of the Television Set won in the previous Season's Patrol Competition showed a profit of £470. Thanks are

due to all organisers and sellers, especially those who took part in the final rally in Helensburgh.

Social Committee - This Committee raised approximately £500. This figure was somewhat less than the previous season largely due to inclement weather and a falling off of support. The Club's thanks are also extended to those Social Committee members, and members of the Ladies Auxiliary who carried out their jobs.

State Carnival, 1957-58 - Our share of the profit from this carnival was £100 and was received early in the season.

Donations were received from R. Johnson, B. S. Williams, W. Mansfield, C. Williamson, L. Dole, J. Sutherland, W. Sutherland, Dr. Hickson, V. Shelton, G. Kinnell, F. James, H. Williamson, Cleveland Inn Social Club, J. Dignam, A. Petunis, L. Baker, S. Bartlem, J. Wright, Traversi Jones, Froulop & Paton, Miss Bevan, Marine & General Eng. Co., and S. Rickson.

CLUB CABARET

This function was again held at the Coronation Hall, Arncliffe, and was a most enjoyable occasion; however, due to the fact that attendance of Club Members was disappointing, it is recommended that the event be discontinued for the present.

GEAR AND CLUBHOUSE

As usual, gear and Clubhouse have been well maintained. Painting of the entire Clubhouse is under way. Hot shower, sink heater, new sink and outside convenience have all been installed.

As directed by a Special General Meeting, the work of installing a septic tank appears to be now in hand. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining a contractor to do the job.

Additional gear acquired was: two Eve Rockers, E. & J. Resuscitator, March Past Costumes and Pennant, record player, transhaler and one reel.

OBITUARY

Regretfully we have to record the passing of two esteemed Members in Adolph Albers, who though not active in the Club for many years, did sterling work previously and was granted Life Membership in 1920; and W. J. (Wally) Mansfield who was always a stalwart and driving force when anything had to be done during his twelve years' membership.

AIMS

A Building Sub-Committee, previously set up, has been retained and will consider the possibility of further improvements to the Club building once the septic tank job is completed.

APPRECIATION

Again thanks to all Members who fulfilled their allotted duties, to the Wollongong Council, to Messrs A. S. Hawley Kennedy & Co. (Hon. Auditors), to Les Dole for excellent job done on reels, to the various kiosk proprietors for their continued full co-operation, to Mrs. Cannon for her usual good care of competition caps and to all others who gave their support.

A strong appeal is made to Members to assist by accepting and fulfilling positions and jobs for which they are capable, and thus lighten the load usually shared by the energetic few. During the last few years many added facilities have been provided for the convenience and enjoyment of Members and it is hoped that YOU will lend your support to further improve and add to these facilities.

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