

HELENSBURGH-STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 1959-1960

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

Again the Club was well to the fore in this competition, finishing a very close third, and patrol members who co-operated so well are thanked for their splendid effort.

PATROLS, RESCUES AND FIRST AID

Once again patrol attendance was excellent, and it is hoped that this state of affairs will continue.

Six rescues were recorded and, once again, no lives were lost.

A total of 157 people received First Aid attention, one of whom required resuscitation. As usual, Tom Cannon performed a good job in handling these cases.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER

The Club was again fortunate in having Jack Brandwood rostered to our beach to look after the bathers on week days.

MEMBERSHIP

Active Membership fell to 32, and the total fell by 24 to 116. Alarm is expressed at the small percentage of Active Members, and it is felt that something should be done in this regard.

MEETINGS

Seven Committee Meetings were held and attendance at them was as follows:

- 7 .. L. Dole, W. Hunt, K. Chapman, C. Asmassen, P. Byers, R. Chapman, R. Field.
- 6 .. B. Redshaw, T. Cannon, N. O'Brien, G. Wardman, J. Mawson.
- 5 .. S. Field, G. Land, J. Dawson, J. Collins, B. Cannon.
- 4 .. P. Anger, A. Clarke, H. Sale.
- 3 .. J. Brandwood, R. Whittaker.
- 2 .. H. Williamson (sick leave).
- 1 .. G. Burton (forfeited seat on Committee).

EXAMINATIONS

At the beginning of the season it seemed that several squads would face the examiners, but by the time the examinations were held, many had fallen by the wayside. The Club's congratulations go to the following successful candidates:

- Instructor - B. Webb
- Bronze - T. Stephen, B. Squire, A. Hardaker, P. Purches, C. Palmer
- Qualifying
- Certificate - R. Ogilvie, A. Petunis

A greater effort will have to be made in future to ensure that all who begin training remain in the squad until examination time.

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals and at the N.S.W. and

Australian Championships. Most successful competitors at these Carnivals were:

Bob Field	2nd in Branch Junior and Open Surf Championships Member of team which finished 3rd in Branch Open Teams Championship. 4th in Australian Junior Surf Championship. 5th in State Junior Surf Championship. 1st in Australian Junior Non-Championship Surf Race. Plus four 1sts and 12 minor placings in Club Carnivals.
March Past Team	2nd in Branch Championships, plus two wins and six placings in Club Carnivals.
Lance Morton	3rd in Branch Single and Double Ski Championships. 2nd in Australian Non-Championship Ski Race. Plus five wins and seven minor placings in Club Carnivals.
B. Anger	Won Novice Surf Race and was a member of team which finished 3rd in the Branch Open Teams Championship.

Our own Carnival was well conducted and we were again awarded top points in the Branch Competition.

Club Competitions which could have been better supported resulted:

K. Newell	Senior Surf and Belt Championships
T. A. Mott	Senior Surf Point Score
P. Byers	Senior Beach Point Score
R. Field	Junior Surf and Belt Championships
	Junior Surf Point Score
J. Moloney	Junior Beach Point Score
W. Wilson	Cadet Beach Point Score
A. Petunis	Cadet Surf Championship and Point Score
	Cadet combined Point Score
Patrol Point Score	R. Field, P. Byers, L. Morton and J. Moloney

It is regretted that the "Seagulls" did not receive sufficient instruction or competition and it behoves the Club to ensure that this position is rectified.

#### FINANCE

Income during the year was greatly below that of recent years, mainly due to the reduced profit from the Social Committee.

Donations were received from ..

W. Sutherland, L. Dole, Specified Concrete, K. Redshaw, N. O'Brien, R. Budd, Dudley Locke, R. Jackson, M.L.A., Mrs. Mansfield, W. May, J. Sutherland, Dr. Hickson, B. S. Williams, Helensburgh Workmens Club, Northern Suburbs Leagues Club and H. O'Grady.

Of the above, special mention must be made to Mrs. Mansfield for her donation of £150, to the Northern Suburbs Leagues Club (£78) and to Helensburgh Workmens Club (£25).

Approaches were made to the Stanwell Park Local Committee and to the Wollongong Council for 25% of the Parking Fees collected on the Stanwell Park Reserve, and we are pleased to report that these negotiations were successful. The money must be spent on improvements and maintenance of gear and premises.

#### GEAR AND CLUBHOUSE

Both, as usual, were well maintained. Les Dole and George Wardman are to be congratulated for the jobs done by them in this regard. Early in the season, volunteers painted the inside of the Clubhouse.

OBITUARY

Regretfully we have to record the death of one of our most unobtrusive Members, Bill Sutherland, who in his own quiet way gave sterling service over many years.

NEW LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES

With the introduction of "Expired Air Resuscitation" all Members will need to become fully conversant with the new methods.

APPRECIATION

Again, thanks to all Members who fulfilled their allotted duties, to the Wollongong Council, and to the various kiosk proprietors for their continued full co-operation, to Mrs. Cannon for her usual good care of competition caps.

Once more, Members are specially asked to assist by fulfilling jobs of which they are capable, and thus lighten the load usually shared by the energetic few...

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

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