

HELENSBURGH-STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 1960-1961

Gentlemen:

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

PATROLS, RESCUES AND FIRST AID

Once again patrol attendance was good, and general attention to patrol requirements enabled the Club to again finish near the top of the Branch Patrol Competition. This time we filled fourth place. A repetition, or slight improvement, would again be satisfactory for the incoming season.

Five rescues were effected and once again it is pleasing to record that no lives were lost.

The Club was greatly indebted to Tom Cannon who treated 170 First Aid cases.

COUNCIL LIFESAVER

Jack Brandwood was rostered to our beach and as ever gave excellent service.

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership remained steady, however there was a slight increase in Active Members but not nearly sufficient to ease the burden on the Patrol Roster. Actual Membership was:

Active	38		
Active Reserve	34		
Cadets	10		
Associates	34	-	Total 116

MEETINGS

Attendance at Committee Meetings could have shown improvement. As will be seen by the figures below some Committeemen did not fulfill their obligations. Nine Committee Meetings were held, the attendance being:

9... R. Whittaker, C. Asmussen
8... T. Cannon, W. Hunt, G. Wardman, K. Chapman, R. Chapman
7... R. Field, N. O'Brien
5... B. Redshaw, J. Moloney
4... A. Clarke, P. Byers, G. Land, K. Stringer
3... S. Field, J. Brandwood, J. Mawson
2... B. Cannon, B. Webb, A. Petunis

Delegates to Illawarra Branch also were not often in attendance. Possibly transport difficulties sometimes made attendance difficult.

EXAMINATIONS

The season showed great promise at the beginning with a large attendance at early instructions and it is regretted that many candidates withdrew from the squads. This was caused partly by the shortage of instructors and, an appeal is made for members to qualify as instructors to assist in training additional candidates who are sorely needed to improve the patrol position. Successful candidates, as under, are to receive their awards at a function to be held over the "Eight Hour Day Weekend".

Examiner - C. K. Asmussen

Bronze Medallion - K. King, A. Petunis, J. Connell,
I. Kohlhardt, W. Wilson, W. Andrews,
J. Huggett

Qualifying Certificate - J. Powell, T. Daintry

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Club Members competed at all Branch Carnivals and at the N.S.W. Championship Carnival, and whilst not many wins were achieved it was pleasing to see some Members competing each week.

Lance Morton and Fred Casey are to be complimented on winning the Illawarra Branch Double Ski Championship. Lance also had placings in several Club Carnival single ski races.

The Maroh Past team finished third in the Branch Championship and had several placings in other carnivals.

Bob Field again qualified for the N.S.W. Championship Surf Race, won one Open Surf Race and was placed in numerous others.

Club Competitions, which again could have received more support resulted:

R. Field (Senior Surf and Belt Championships
Senior Surf Point Score)

W. Wilson (Beach Point Score)

T. Stephen (Junior Surf Championship)
(Junior Surf Point Score)

I. Kohlhardt (Junior Belt Championship)

G. Andrews (Cadet Beach Point Score)

T. Daintry (Cadet Surf Championship)

M. Russell (Cadet Surf Point Score)

D. McCullick ("Seagulls" Point Score)

Patrol Point Score - J. Moloney, F. Casey, J. Brandwood and K. Stringer.

The coaching and handicapping of the "Seagulls" was well done by G. Lend and B. Phillips and we look forward to them carrying on their good work with the youngsters.

FINANCE

Despite the fact that money was harder to raise our financial position improved, thanks mainly to the marvellous efforts of our Ladies Auxiliary, support of local organisations and by receipt of part of our share of Parking Fees received from Wollongong Council.

Donations were received from:

K. Redshaw, Dr. Hickson, R. Jackson M.L.A., N. O'Brien, H. Sale, C. Redshaw, H. Williamson, J. Dignam, R. Johnson, K. Grinham, F. James, T. Brown, J. Sutherland, H. Umpleby, Combined Miners Union, Helensburgh, Coalcliffe Miners and Helensburgh Workmens Club.

A. Petunis (Senior) gave appreciated assistance by running a competition which raised £50.

GEAR AND CLUBHOUSE

Whilst these were well maintained as usual, however due to shortage of members and full weekend programmes it is regretted that more could not be done. Wollongong Council renewed the iron on a small section of the roof, but it is obvious that before long most of the roof will need new iron.

As directed at the last Annual Meeting the Club's Projectors were put up for sale and seem likely to be disposed of shortly.

During the season a hot shower was installed in the Ladies Room and an "Ambu" training manikin was purchased to assist teaching Members the new Resuscitation methods.

OBITUARY

The passing of Ron Sommerville was sad news to all Members as was evidenced by the large number who attended his funeral. The Club is much poorer by his death. The Committee decided to purchase a Perpetual Trophy in his memory.

CLUB BADGES

A few years ago a Club Badge was struck. It is regretted that very few of these are being purchased and worse still Members who have badges are not wearing them.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Stanwell Park Local Committee

To this Committee and its Secretary, P. Anger we are greatly indebted. Every approach by our Club has been promptly acknowledged and assisted.

Northern Suburbs Leagues Club

Verbal advice has been received that we are to be granted a "Night" on Saturday October 7th. We are fortunate to receive such support.

Helensburgh Workmens Club

Again this season we participated in this Clubs handout to charitable organisations such as ours. A cheque for £50 was presented at a recent function.

Miners Lodges

Both Helensburgh and Coalcliffe Miners held a collection day on behalf of our Club, a gesture which is much appreciated.

Wollongong Council

After much disagreement we received a part of our share of Parking Fees held by Council and at the expense of the Council part of the Clubhouse roof was repaired after your Committee had disputed the right to use the Clubs Parking Fees to finance the repairs.

The Council's decision on the cabins on the Camping Area has caused alarm to your Committee in view of the number of Members who depend on the cabins for their weekend accommodation and especially as the Council order applies to cabin which the Council gave written permission to our Club to have erected as accommodation for our First Aid Officer. The whole matter has been the subject of much correspondence and approaches to Council Officers and Aldermen. At the time of compiling this report a most unsatisfactory state of affairs exists, particularly as Council has refused to hear a Club deputation.

APPRECIATION

Again, thanks to all Members who fulfilled their allotted duties, to Mrs. Field for her care of competition caps, to the various kiosk proprietors for their continued assistance, to Alderman George Hanley, to Tony Bevan and the Aerial Patrol Service, to R. Jackson M.L.A., to the Illawarra Branch S.L.S.A., and to Jack Sutherland for printing of letterheads.

As usual it is hoped that all Members will assist by accepting positions which they are capable of fulfilling and general help in any way they can.

N. H. O'Brien	President
W. J. Hunt	Captain,
R. Field	Vice Captain
C. K. Asmussen	Honorary Secretary/Treasurer.