

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 1961 - 1962

Gentlemen

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

PATROLS, RESCUES AND FIRST AID

As usual attendance was very good and this together with attention to patrol requirements enabled the Club to again finish near the top of the Branch Patrol Competition. In a Branch such as Illawarra, where patrols are of such a high standard, it speaks volumes when it is considered that during the five seasons that Patrol competitions have been conducted that our Club has recorded one win, two seconds, one third and one fourth. This is especially pleasing as the Branch has the largest number of Clubs in Australia. This result has been obtained even though our Membership requires many more Active Members. Keep up the good work fellows and let our beach remain among the best patrolled in the Association.

Due to the vigilance of the patrols only five rescues were necessary and these were accomplished in a most satisfactory manner.

Once again Tom Cannon is to be complimented on his usual fine job as First Aid Officer. A total of 227 treatments were recorded. Thanks also to Arthur Hardaker who deputised during the absence of the First Aid Officer.

MEMBERSHIP

There was a drop of 18 in the total membership but fortunately the Active section remained steady at 39, and again it must be emphasised that more Active Members are urgently required to ease the burden on Patrolmen.

Actual Membership was:

Active	39	
Active Reserve	25	
Cadet	9	
Associate	17	
Life	8	- Total 98.

MEETINGS

Attendance at Committee Meetings could have been much better as will be seen by the following list of attendances at the seven Meetings held:

7 ... C. Asmussen.  
6 ... N. O'Brien, J. Moloney, R. Chapman, P. Anger.  
5 ... A. Clarke, W. Hunt, R. Field, P. Byers, J. Andrews, K. Chapman, T. Daintry, R. Whittaker, G. Land, J. Mawson.  
4 ... W. King.  
3 ... K. Newell, W. Ryan.  
2 ... P. Dunford, F. Daintry.  
1 ... K. Stringer.

The Club was represented at most of the Branch Meetings.

EXAMINATIONS

Thanks mainly to the efforts of W. King and J. Moloney, both of whom obtained their Instructors certificates, the Club also gained 10 Bronze Medallions by the following successful candidates: G. Andrews, T. Daintry, J. Powell, I. McManus, M. Nugent, F. Manning, P. Jones, R. Ogilvie, E. Clark and W. Burke.

Congratulations to all successful members and let us strive to recruit even more this season.

GARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Whilst representation at carnivals was on a much reduced basis compared with other seasons, the Club was represented at all Branch carnivals and at the N.S.W. Championships.

Our most successful competitor was Bob Field who qualified for the N.S.W. Championship Surf Race, won one Open Surf Race and was placed in several others.

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

R. Field	(Senior Surf and Belt Championships Senior Surf Point Score)
P. Byers	(Beach Point Score)
T. Stephen	(Junior Surf Championship Junior Surf Point Score)
W. Wilson	(Junior Belt Championship Surf Board Point Score)
W. Phillips	(Cadet Surf Championship Cadet Surf Point Score)
(M. Trestrail) (C. Freeman)	"Seagulls" Point Score

Patrol Point Score .... P. Byers, N. Power, W. Piper, A Hardaker.

Special compliment must be paid to the "Seagulls" who performed with distinction at the Special Carnival held at North Wollongong, also at the inter Club displays at Austinmer and Stanwell Park. With successes in surf, beach and carft events it is felt it can be confidently anticipated that these lads will be a great asset when they grow old enough to qualify for life saving awards. The effort put in by Brian Phillips in coaching these boys is most appreciated by all Members, and it is hoped that he will again take on the job in which he obviously gains much pleasure.

FINANCE

Due to many reasons finance was much harder to raise, however the efforts of the Social Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary were commendable. No doubt had the weather been kinder, and had the Social Secretary not met with a couple of accidents a much healthier balance would have been achieved. It is hoped that next season will be more favorable and thus enable those already mentioned to fulfill the promise shown at the beginning of the season.

A good response was received to the special appeal launched to assist in the purchase of a new Surf Boat. This is referred to later in this report.

GEAR AND CLUBHOUSE

Gear was well maintained and we received the usual compliments from the Illawarra Branch and Wollongong Council inspectors. It has become abundantly evident that the entire Clubhouse roof needs renewing, and this matter has been taken up with the Wollongong Council, through the Stanwell Park Local Committee. It has been suggested that new fibro roofing, gutter and downpipes be fitted on the understanding that the material cost come from the Clubs share of Parking Fees held on our behalf, and that the Council supply the labour.

A Special General Meeting of Members decided to place an order for a new boat to replace our present 9 year old craft, and delivery has been promised for early in the incoming season. To assist in the purchase of the boat an Appeal was launched, and thanks to the marvellous efforts of Phil Anger and a couple of helpers it is expected that half the cost will be raised.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONSStanwell Park Local Committee

Again this Committee has been most sympathetic to our every approach. We are greatly indebted to the Committee, and especially its Secretary for their assistance.

Northern Suburbs Leagues Club

An enjoyable night was held on our behalf resulting in a very satisfactory financial return, besides providing a most entertaining function for those fortunate enough to be in attendance. This Leagues Club is to be complimented for the good job they do for all Surf Clubs in their area.

Application has been made for another such night which it is hoped will be granted in the near future.

Helensburgh Workmen's Club

This Club continues to recognise the worth of our Surf Club to the Community, and again we have benefited by a substantial donation.

As the Workmen's Club similarly assists other organisations they also are to be complimented on their public spirit.

Wollongong Council

The position regards the Cabins on the Camping Area is still causing alarm, and the Committee has kept itself fully conversant with the position, and have solicited and received support from all those in a position to assist.

Council was approached for permission to use our share of the Parking Fees collected at Stanwell Park towards the cost of a new surf boat. For some reason, which your Committee could not follow, permission to use the cash as requested was refused. It is to be hoped that Council adopts a more sympathetic attitude regards your approach for a new Clubhouse roof.

25 YEAR AWARDS

The Surf Life Saving Association has struck a lapel badge to be issued to Members who have given 25 years service. Your Club has nominated the following for this award:

B. Russell, J. Mawson, J. Hand, C. Redshaw, G. Kinnell, F. Harper,  
H. Williamson, K. Redshaw, D. Harper, S. Field.

It is hoped that the badges will be ready for issue at an early date.

APPRECIATION

Again thanks to all Members who fulfilled their allotted duties, to Mrs. Field for her care of competition caps, to the local businessmen 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 all who assisted financially.

A special appeal is made to Members to assist by accepting positions of which they are capable of fulfilling, and to help in any way they can.

Would all members please note the changed time of the Annual Meeting.

N. H. O'Brien	President
W. J. Hunt	Captain
R. Field	Vice Captain
C. K. Asmussen	Hon. Sec./Treas.