

OFFICERS 1963-64

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- BranchDelegates.....A.E. Clerke, B.W. Phillips
- Publicity Officer.....W.T.Mott
- Committee.....J.Beattie, I.Kohlhardt, T.Cannon,
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- Assistant First Riders.....T.Mott, A. Frankland
- Social Committee.....R.Whittaker, H.Sale, A.Andrews E.Clarke
F.Dainton, D.Rees.
- "Seagull" Instructor.....B.Phillips
- Hon. Caretaker.....G. Land

CLUB FEES DUE AT MEETING

Dear Sir,

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Clubhouse on Sunday September 20th at 10 A.M.

CLUB RULES PROVIDE:-

- (a) that all non Honorary Members must have paid the incoming season's subscription prior to the meeting to be entitled to vote at the meeting.
- (b) that no person may be elected to any of the following positions should he not be present at the meeting, unless he furnishes written acceptance of nomination viz: Patron, President, Captain Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Vice Captain, ~~Boat~~ Boat Captain Boat Vice Captain, Chief Instructor, Secretary, Asst.Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, General Committee and Delegates.
- (c) All subscriptions must be paid before the end of October to retain membership.

Yours Sincerely,

C.K. ASMUSSEN (Hon. Secretary)

IMPORTANT-----PLEASE NOTE TIME AND DATE OF MEETING.

The Secretary,
Helensburgh Stanwell Park S.L.S.C.

Dear Sir,

I will be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.

I am willing to accept nomination for the position of

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(Signature)

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Annual Report. Usually this report is compiled by your Executive but this season, for various reasons it is solely produced by your Secretary. This being the eighteenth such report which I have had the honour of compiling or assisting to compile, I have no hesitation in professing, that, providing present Members pull their weight, the future has seldom or never been brighter.

PATROLS RESCUES AND FIRST AID.

Excepting for the latter part of the season patrols were conducted most efficiently. Unfortunately towards Easter there was quite an amount of absenteeism. This state of affairs must be remedied as the Club has long had a high reputation for the standards of its patrols and it would be a shame to have our record blighted through the thoughtlessness of a few. Happily it can again be reported that NO LIVES WERE LOST ON OUR BEACH. Rescues recorded were:- With line, 22, without line 8, with other gear 1 a total of 31. Most of these rescues were of a minor nature, that is if saving a life under any circumstances can be called minor, however a few rescues required considerable effort one of these was that which received front page publicity in the City papers over the Easter period.

The number receiving first aid was not as high as usual, however 139 people received attention.

MEMBERSHIP.

There was a slight drop in the overall and Active Membership. A regrettable feature was that no fewer than 22 members left the Club without so much as a notification that they intended not to renew their membership. I feel that we are entitled to more consideration from our Members. Those who remained, together with the new members recruited, enjoyed a most memorable season.

A comparison over the last three seasons can be gauged from the following figures:-

	<u>1961-2</u>	<u>1962-3</u>	<u>1963-4</u>
Active.....	39	55	42
Active Reserve.....	25	23	25
Cadet.....	9	10	7
Associate.....	17	18	17
Life.....	8	9	10
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	98	115	101

Whilst it will always be admitted that quality is better than quantity, it behoves us all to endeavour to recruit new members to help carry on our good work.

Unfortunately the uncertainty of the position on the Camping Area continues to cause us to lose Members.

There was a slight improvement in the attendance at Committee Meetings, and usually the business was disposed of in an efficient manner. Attendance at the seven meetings held was:-

- 7..L.Morton, R.Chapman, B.Phillips, C.Asrussen.
- 6..J.Andrews, I.Kohlherdt, E.Clarke, J.Moloney.
- 5..T.Cannon, H.Williamson, J.Hawson, N.O'Brien, A.Clarke
W.Mott, P.Anger, A.Frankland, K.Mewell.
- 4..B.Redshaw, J.Andrews, R.Whittaker, J. Beattie,
T.Anderson, B.Anger.
- 3..K.Chapman.
- 2..G.Land.
- 1..P.Dunford.
- 0..W.Ryan.

Members elected to positions requiring their attendance at Committee Meetings should make special effort to attend and thus take a hand in the running of your Club. Members on Patrol when meetings were held have been shown as present.

EXAMINATIONS.

Again we had 100% success with our candidates, though it is disappointing that some would be candidates fall by the wayside after a few drills.

The magnificent record achieved is a tribute to John Moloney in the main, to Bryan Phillips and to Jim Powell all of whom did a great job of instruction.

Successful candidates were:-

- Instructors Certificates....Bryan Phillips, Jim Powell
Bronze Medallions.....John Bringolf, Ken Reid, Des O'Brien,
Ray Cameron, Andrew McCabe, Will Rogers
"Ned" Sparkes, Terry Thorne and
Will Phillips.
Qualifying Certificates.....Albert Trivett, Norman Finney, Robin
Coleran, Ray Land, Keith Stoddart,
Robert Whittaker.

Congratulations to all these successful candidates and it is hoped that you each continue to fulfill your obligations to the Club. Whilst on the topic of Instruction and Examination this report would not be complete without special mention and thanks being accorded to the Association District Supervisor Ken Corbett, who has been ever ready to assist----thanks a lot Ken.....

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS.

The Club was represented at all Illawarra Branch Carnivals as well as at the State and Australian Championships. Regrettably many Members who could reasonably be expected to compete do not do so, and also some Members allow themselves to be entered for events and fail to start which disappoints supporters and officials, besides incurring unnecessary expense for themselves and the Club.

By far the most successful was Will Phillips who won 16 carnival races including the Clubs first ever State Championship. We know more championships are well within Will's ability and we shall closely watch his future efforts.

Also successful in a title event, this time the Branch Ski title, was our popular Captain, Lance Morton, who collected his fourth Branch Championship. Early in the season he had to be contented with a series of wishes and minor placings, but these were eclipsed with a well merited win in the Single Ski Championship.

John Bringolf collected a couple of hard earned wins in surf events, besides numerous placings. He qualified for a start in the State Junior Surf Championship but was denied a start as the event was held whilst John was taking part in the March Past.

training will achieve, which could be copied by others.

Successes at the Carnivals were also gained by Danny Ross and Des O'Brien.

On the beach the Club was occasionally to the fore in a couple of events and it is certain that with a little training and teamwork we could easily be a force to be reckoned with. It is regretted that the March Past team made but few appearances. As we ourselves look forward to other Clubs starting in the March Past at our carnival we should make an honest effort to march as often as possible.

The "Seagulls" competed with distinction at all carnivals open to them, and now that the Illawarra Branch has officially recognised the Juvenile Association, to which our "Seagulls" are affiliated, future reports must contain a more detailed account of the accomplishments of these youngsters. Also the Club generally will have to concern itself more with the welfare of these lads. A great deal of praise goes to Bryan Phillips for his continued interest and assistance to these boys. Their efforts at the Branch Juvenile Championships were most commendable especially as the weather was so unpleasant.

Our own open carnival was very successful and received praise from officials, clubs, competitors and the press. A welcome addition to the field of competition was the resumption of the Coalcliff versus Stanwell Park displays in which we were successful. It is hoped that these displays can be staged annually.

Club Competitions, which often could have been better patronised resulted:-

Patrol Point Score.....	Phillips, Ray Land, Ray Dudley and Will Phillips.
Warren Wilson.....	Junior Beach Point Score.
Tom Anderson.....	Junior Surf Point Score.
Keith Stoddart.....	Cadet Surf Point Score.
John Beattie.....	Senior Belt Championship.
Robert Sams and	
Kim Coghlan.....	"Seagulls" Point Score.
Bryan Phillips and	
Barry Anger.....	Resuscitation Point Score.
Keith Newell.....	Senior Surf Point Score and Senior Surf Championship.
John Bringolf.....	Junior Surf Championship and Junior Belt Championship and Junior Beach Point Score.
Lance Merton.....	Boat and Ski Point Score.
Will Phillips.....	Cadet Surf Championship and Cadet Beach Point Score and Carnival Point Score.

The continued assistance of Mr. Bill Hingston and the Shell Oil Co in providing free petrol for conveyance of the surf boat to all carnivals is greatly appreciated.

FINANCE.

It is with regret that it must be reported that the season was very bad financially. At the Annual Meeting a Finance Committee was elected, and they met and examined the trend and made some recommendations as to ways of raising money but these suggestions were not put into force. Whilst the Club's Bank Balance is not perilous a couple more seasons like the last two will force us to either find ways of economising or raising cash.

Donations were thankfully received from: C. Williamson, N.O'Brien, H. Williamson, R. Jackson, A.A., R. Johnson, C. Redshaw, R. Chester, J. Thomson, Helensburgh Miners Lodge, K. Redshaw, R. McLaren, Northern Suburbs Leagues Club, Pennant Hills Congregational Church, W. Hingston and Shell Oil Co and Mr. Red. Knell.

All gear remains in good order. A start has been made on the annual overhaul of the two boats and it is hoped they will be in readiness for the beginning of the season. Thanks to the efforts of a few most of the exterior of the Clubhouse has received a coat of paint since time of writing the last report, however the outside walls still have to be painted, likewise the ceiling of the main hall and nesting room have to be painted. The paint for these jobs has been on hand for a long time now.

Lockers bought just over twelve months ago are falling in to disrepair partly through lack of use and partly because of their location in the building, and unfortunately there appears no other suitable place for them.

Just after Easter it was resolved to approach Wollongong Council to have alterations and additions made to the Gear and Observation Rooms. The Council and the Stanwell Park Local Committee have approved of the work being done, which will be financed from our share of Parking Fees collected on the Picnic Area. It is hoped that all work will be finished early in the new season.

SOCIALLY.

Generally social functions were few and far between, and when one reflects on four which were conducted it can only be regretted that more are not organised. They serve to provide not only good fellowship, but also a good financial return. The four functions which stood out like beacons were the Barbeque at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Redshaw - a good night, a good meal and a good financial return. The night at the Northern Suburbs League Club was the usual good show and we look forward to an even bigger night in the near future. The Presentation Night at the Clubhouse was voted among the best ever even though it was a "lemonade" night. Last but not least, was the Social arranged for the presentation of the 25 Year Awards when nine of the ten eligible honourees of the Club with their presence and received their badges from Mr. Ted Marshall (ex Branch President and Superintendent.)

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

Usual good relations were maintained with all local bodies. Northern Suburbs League Club again gave us a "night" and a donation, and as stated earlier we hope for an even bigger night early next season. Of course it requires our members and their friends to roll up to make a bigger success of the function. The next "night" will be well publicised in advance.

Stanwell Park Local Committee. This Committee obviously appreciates the job being done by our Surf Club and they have assisted us each time they have been approached.

Wollongong Council has assisted whenever called upon and as already reported it is expected that they will make an early start on the additions to the Clubhouse.

APPRECIATION.

Thanks to all Members who carried out their all duties. to local businessmen for their continued assistance, to Mr. Bevan and the Aerial Patrol Service to the Illawarra Branch to all friends and relatives who assisted over the year, and to assistant secretary, Ron Chapman for his help.

As usual an appeal is made to all members to encourage you to recruit new members and to assist, where possible, by accepting positions in the Club thus easing the burden on present officials.

Would all Members please check the time and date of Meeting.

C.K. Asmussen,
Hon. Sec.

YOUR CAPTAIN REPORTS.

Competition in the Club improved over the past season with keenly contested events. Stanwell Park was well represented in interclub carnivals and Championships, with a big interest shown in our up and coming young swimmers who did so well.

The enthusiasm of the boat crews improved late in the season, but lack of training held them back, however with more teamwork and training we could produce several strong crews.

The keenness of our "Seagulls" at carnivals and on our own beach was Al. The young lads set a fine example of sportsmanship and took a keen interest in Surf Lifesaving.

L.J. NORTON,
(Club Captain.)

PRESIDENTS ADDENDUM

As the Annual Meeting draws near our thoughts will be turned to the coming surfing season and the elections of your Officers and Committee for the ensuing year. I am happy to say that last season was a good one.

A proud double was achieved last season as for the first time in the history of our Club we had bestowed on one of our Members the high honour of Life Membership of the N.S.W. State Centre, in the person of our Secretary, and also had Will Phillips annex our first State Surf Championship - Congratulations on behalf of the Club to each.

Your Building Committee decided on some alterations to the gear room and observation room. Inspection was made by the Council's Building Inspector who agreed that the work was £840, and I am pleased to say that the project was endorsed by the Local Committee. I received a letter from the Council dated 29th July stating that the money can be found, and I hope the job will be completed before the Annual Meeting. While writing this a start has been made on the extension of Beach Road to the Clubhouse.

N.H.O'Brien,
(President.)