

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK

— SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB —

58th ANNUAL REPORT

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the CLUBHOUSE

AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY SEPT 19th 1965

HELMINGBURGH STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Gentlemen,

Again I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration this, our 58th, Annual Report. Last year when your Report prophesied that we were headed for a bright season provided Members generally pulled their weight, it is doubted if the tremendous success achieved was envisaged, and now we can look forward to an even brighter future, again, of course, provided that full co-operation is continued.

Rescues, Patrols and First Aid

Patrols generally were quite satisfactory, but regretfully towards the end of the season some members became lax.

Our high reputation for excellent patrols requires a rectifying of this attitude. Happily it can again be reported that no lives were lost on our beach, though our Members were called upon to recover two bodies - one which had washed in from an accident elsewhere, and one due to a cliff fall. On each occasion our Members proved most efficient.

Though the total number of rescues increased to 47, this was no reflection on the keenness of patrols, rather did it indicate that our beach was better patronised than in recent seasons. Most of the rescues were of a minor nature, that is if the saving of a life can be considered as minor. Of the rescues 19 were made with line and belt, 5 by boat and 20 without gear. None of these rescued required resuscitation.

First aid treatments registered were fewer at 101.

Membership

There was very little alteration in this regard as will be evidenced by the following figures :-

	1961-2	1962-3	1963-4	1964-5
Active	39	55	48	45
Active Reserve	25	23	25	26
Cadet	9	10	7	7
Associate	17	18	17	19
Life	8	9	10	10
	<u>98</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>107</u>

Again attention is drawn to the necessity of recruiting more members to train for awards.

Meetings.

Committee Meetings were held monthly during the surfing season, and at times these could have been better attended. Those accepting positions requiring their attendance at Committee Meetings should make a special effort to fulfill their obligations.

Meetings (Contd)

The following list shows the attendances of your Committeemen at the Meetings -

- 5... E. Clarke, H. Williamson, B. Phillips, G. Wardman, A. Frankland, C.K. Asmussen
- 6.. P. Anger, I. Kohlhardt, L. Morton.
- 5.. R. Butt, E. Clarke, A. Prestage.
- 4.. R. Chapman, J. Moloney, M. Nugent, G. Land, K. Newell, W. T. Mott, K. Chapman, W. King.
- 3.. J. Mawson, N. O'Brien, T. Anderson, T. Daintry.
- 2.. D. Jones (Possible 3)
- 0.. J. Powell.

Unfortunately meetings of the Illawarra Branch were altered to week nights and our Delegates were unable to attend.

Examinations.

A very pleasing feature of the season was the success of candidates presented for awards, and possibly the most pleasing result of all was the winning of the stainless steel reel, line and belt in the B.P. competition. After numerous placings in these competitions a win finally came our way, when, represented by John Moloney, Stanwell Park finished ahead of all other Branch Clubs, and the new reel will grace our beach next season. A grand effort John and to you goes the appreciation of all members.

Also thanks to John Moloney, Bryan Phillips and District Supervisor Ken Corbett the following candidates obtained their various awards -

Bronze Medallion -- John Castle, Mark Jury, Craig Burke, Ross Birrell, Ray Land, Keith Stoddart, Paul Lucas, Bob Whittaker, Dick Whitefield, and Norm Finney.

Qualifying Certificate-- Michael Billings, Paul Lucas, Bob Pugh, Steven Craig, Terry Hargrave, Robert Sams, Wayne Wilson and father and son Alan and Bill Prestage.

Instructor's Certificate-- Michael Nugent.

Congratulations to all successful candidates and it is hoped that each will, in turn, present themselves for higher awards.

Carnivals and Competitions

It is safe to say that in the entire history of our Club we have never been more successful than in the season under review. Bill Phillips won several Junior Surf Races including the Branch Championship, and finished a very close second in the State Championship thus qualifying for a start in the Australian title in which he was unplaced, and also he was a member of the successful Illawarra Branch team.

Carnivals and Competitions (Contd)

John Pringolf won numerous Junior Belt Races and finished a very close second in the Branch Championship, he was first home in the Junior Team Championship which we also won, the team being John Pringolf, Craig Burke, Mark Jury and Will Phillips. Mark Jury was also successful in a belt race, won his novice and was placed in Junior Surf and Belt Races. Craig Burke and Will Phillips also gained wins in Novice Surf races. The above four plus Ross Pirrell and Bob Part competed regularly in Rescue and Resuscitation events, and showed considerable improvement thanks to their own efforts and to the coaching of Ken Corbett - again thanks a lot Ken. As all these members will still be Juniors in the coming season we can look forward to even better results.

In craft events Lance Norton and Bryan Phillips finished second in a disputed decision in the Branch Double Ski Championship. During the season they had a win and several placings in double ski races. Lance was also a force to be reckoned with in single ski events being regularly placed and gained a very creditable third in the Branch titles.

A second placing was also obtained in the Branch Cadet Beach Relay Championship, the team being Paul Lucas, Robory Gams, Rob Fugh and Michael Billings.

Regrettably participation by "Seagull" members was not up to the standard of previous years, and this is no reflection on the efforts of their Instructor. Actually the interest of Club members generally in the "Seagulls" was not so evident as formerly, and this state of affairs should be remedied for the good of all of us.

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals, at the State Championships at Coober and by Will Phillips at the Australian titles in Perth. Our own carnival got off to a good start, then swimming events had to be cancelled due to the presence of uninvited guests (sharks).

The surf boat competed at only a couple of carnivals, and the continued offer of free petrol for transport by Mr Kingdon was much appreciated.

An appeal was conducted to finance the expenses of our sole representative at the Australian Championships, and even though the next National titles will be held much closer to home (Queensland) it behoves the Club to concern itself about the expenses of likely qualifiers to these titles, especially as it is hoped that a number of our Juniors will qualify.

Again our own Club competitions could have been much better patronised, but just the same each winner, as listed below, was a worthy winner --

Patrol Point Score Howell, G. Hand, R. Hittaker,
T. S. Odhart, F. Lucas.

John Pringolf. Junior Belt Championship, 3rd and 1st
Point score

Carnivals and Competitions (Contd)

E. Phillips	Junior Surf Point Score
E. Newell	Senior Belt Championship
	Senior Surf Championship
Mark Jury	Junior Surf Championship
Tom Anderson	Senior Surf Point Score
Steven Craig	Cadet Surf Point Score
	Cadet Surf Championship
Lance Norton	7ki and Board Point Score
Warren Wilson	Senior Beach Point Score
Bob Butt	Junior Beach Point Score
Robert Gams	Cadet Beach Point Score
Edwin Clarke	Resuscitation Point Score
Alan Thompson	"Seagulls" Point Score
Kim Cochlan	"Seagulls" Point Score

Finance

The trend of decreased income and increased expenditure continued, and as pointed out in the last report this position will demand reckoning with in the not distant future. I must stress the fact that if we are to materially assist any of our juniors who may qualify for the Australian titles in Queensland, an early effort will have to be made in raising finance.

Though our income was not as high as usual this in no way was the fault of our donors who were more numerous and more liberal.

Donations were thankfully received from :-

L. Redshaw, Mrs Walsh, Thompson and Rosen, C. Williamson, J. Thompson
B. Williamson, C. Redshaw, H. O'Brien, R. Jackson M.A., G. Collier,
J. Sutherland, T. Stephens, R. Chester, D. Robson, R. Thell, M. Kingston,
A. Johnson, J. Higgins, P. Brinolf, Northern Suburbs Leagues Club,
Helensburgh Bowling Club, Sutherland United Services Club, and
members of the Helensburgh Workmens Club.

Thanks to Albie Frankland and a few helpers the Social Committee was able make a respectable contribution to our funds. Likewise the generosity of Northern Suburbs Leagues Club in giving us our usual night was much appreciated.

Clubhouse and Gear.

Gear generally was reasonably well maintained. Council did some maintenance on a couple of their reels but several need repainting, likewise the new surf boat is overdue for a coat of varnish.

As previously recorded gear has been increased by the new stainless steel reel, line and belt won in the B.P. Competition, and further by another such reel received from the N.S. State Centre of the Association from a donation given by an anonymous donor.

The ceiling of the Meeting Room has at last been painted but still the ceiling of the main hall has received no attention even though the last Annual Report drew attention to the fact that

Clubhouse and Gear (Contd)

paint has been on hand for some time.

Soon after the start of last season the Wollongong Council completed the extension of the Gear and Observation Rooms (paid for by our share of Parking Fees.) These additions have proved most beneficial.

Just after Easter Wollongong Council's order requiring the demolition of all buildings on the Camping Area became effective, and together with all other structures our own First Aid Cabin had to be demolished. This was cavalier treatment from the Council which in the first instance gave written permission for the erection of the cabin, but it would entertain no approach from representatives of our Club to discuss its retention. Besides the First Aid Cabin the weekenders of a number of members also had to be demolished and this of course will have effect on our future membership, and this also did not seem to interest the Council.

Appreciation

Thanks again to all Members who fulfilled their obligations, to local businessmen for their continued support, to Tony Bevan and the Aerial Patrol Service, to the Stanwell Park Local Committee, to the Illawarra Branch, to our District Supervisor (Ken Corbett), and to all supporters for assistance given.

Congratulations to those members who have participated in various winter sports and for any success achieved, and congratulations also to "Stanwell Park Surfside" girls Basketball team for their magnificent win in the Illawarra competition.

Finally it is imperative that stress be laid on the necessity to retain our present membership and to increase it by recruiting additional members to train for their awards. Also it is requested that members make themselves available for positions of which they are capable of fulfilling, thus easing the load on your officers.

C.K. ASMUTHEN
Honorary Secretary

Your Captain Reports.

With the coming of the 1965-66 season it could well be the most successful up to date.

The Club Juniors did very well last season, but to see our surfers on top in all Junior events this year, including the A. S. A.

As a matter of interest our Club had 21 wins, and 19 placings at carnivals during the season..

It is hopeful that a boat crew can be arranged to compete this season as this would create more sporting interest in the Club.

LANCET WORTON
Club Captain.

President's Address

As the 1964-65 season draws to a close I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who made this such a successful season.

It is only with teamwork that we succeed, and teamwork was certainly what carried us to one of the premier Clubs in the Illawarra Branch. A special prize to our Juniors whose success you know of. The A. S. A. team worked hard, and to finish 7th in the State titles after only a few starts was a fitting climax. Bad luck dogged our Junior team in the State Championships thus denying them a chance of competing in the Australian titles. Keep up this team spirit boys.

The Observation Room and Tour Room were finally rebuilt by Council after a lot of pressure, and a good job resulted.

We yet has some little to the rebuilding of Beach Road as promised last year.

To all those who hold positions in the Club I say thanks again for a job well done, and a repetition of this Club spirit will bring us to the very top next season.

ALBERT CLARKE
Club President.