

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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59th ANNUAL REPORT

To be Presented at

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the Clubhouse

at 10 a.m. on SUNDAY, September 18th, 1966

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OFFICIALS 1965 - 1966

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Patrons: C. Williamson, R. Jackson, M.L.A.  
President: A. E. Clarke  
Senior Vice-President: W. K. Chapman  
Vice-Presidents: E. Clarke, K. Corbett, K. Read, N. O'Brien,  
G. Land, A. Frankland, B. Phillips, W. T. Mott,  
H. Williamson, G. Wardman, J. Mawson, K. Newell  
Captain: L. J. Morton  
Vice-Captain: I. Kohlhardt  
Secretary & Treasurer: C. K. Asmussen  
Assistant Secretary &  
Treasurer: R. P. Chapman  
Boat Captain: A. McCabe  
Boat Vice-Captain: J. Castle  
Chief Instructor: J. Moloney  
Assistant Instructors: All qualified Instructors  
Branch Delegates: Positions not filled  
Publicity Officer: F. Mulholland  
General Committee: R. Whittaker, P. Glendenning, M. Nugent,  
R. Hallebone, R. Birrell, W. Phillips,  
M. Jury, W. King  
Hon. Medical Officers: Drs. Walsh, Rosen and Thompson  
First Aid Officer: J. Moloney  
Asst. First Aiders: W. Mott, P. Glendenning  
Social Committee: A. Prestage, W. Prestage, P. Glendenning,  
E. Clark, J. Castle  
"Seagull" Instructor: I. Kohlhardt  
Honorary Caretaker: C. Redshaw  
Gear Steward: M. Nugent.

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## HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Gentlemen,

In presenting this, our 59th Annual Report, I regret that the rosy predictions made in our last report did not materialise, though the season under review had many encouraging aspects. It had been felt that, as several of our star juniors would be in their final season in that division, coupled with our other juniors, we would have been a greater force to be reckoned with in the competition field than proved to be the case.

Even though 1965-66 may not have been as successful as we would have liked, the season ahead could be a most satisfactory one, providing of course that all members combine as a team and give of their best.

### RESCUES, PATROLS AND FIRST AID

Patrols for the most part were quite good, though some members did not fulfil their obligations as well as they could and should have done. This was partly brought about through their participation in Sunday and Holiday carnivals.

Rescues increased to 51; none of these required resuscitation and our "No Lives Lost" record was maintained.

Calls on our First Aid were fewer than usual. Only 93 people sought attention.

### MEMBERSHIP

An increase of 11 made our total membership 118, which is gratifying; on the other hand a reduction of 7 in our Active Members is most unpalatable. The figures for the last five seasons are:-

	1961-2	1962-3	1963-4	1964-5	1965-66
Active	39	55	42	45	38
Active Reserve	25	23	25	26	27
Cadet	9	10	7	7	12
Associate	17	18	17	19	30
Life	8	9	10	10	11
	<u>98</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>118</u>

As usual we must strive to recruit more members to train for awards and thus improve our number of Active Members available for patrols.

### MEETINGS

To enable your Secretary to fulfil obligations above Club level it was decided a couple of times to alter the date or time of Committee Meetings, thus it would be unfair to list the actual attendances of each Committee Member. However, it must be said that most times the meetings could have been much better attended. It should be remembered that acceptance of office requires regular attendance at Committee Meetings.

As Branch Meetings again were held on Friday night, it was not possible to recruit two regular Delegates. However, our Club was represented at most meetings by various members, to whom we are indeed indebted, especially as in some cases it necessitated trips from Sydney to Wollongong.

## EXAMINATIONS

At the commencement of the season it appeared that we would have several squads to present for examinations. However, this was not to be, as quite a few fell by the wayside. This, I feel, is a reflection on the Club, for surely it is possible to provide sufficient members to ensure that all candidates are given instruction each and every week-end. It is true that a couple of members did give time in instruction. However, except for the perseverance of our District Supervisor, it seems certain that we would not have gained the 12 awards which eventually came our way. It is pleasing that every member who finally went for examination was successful - congratulations to each of them.

Qualifying Certificate: Stuart Wallace, Frank Krinks,  
Russell Barnett and Peter Beehag

Bronze Medallion: Roger Hendry, Geoff Birrell, Will Prestage,  
Andrew Wallace, Robbie Pugh, Ron Grinham  
Warren Grinham and Steven Craig.

## CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

As indicated earlier, successes were not as frequent as had been anticipated. Possibly too much had been expected. The Club made reasonable arrangements in the way of new R. & R. costumes, new swimming trunks for the Junior Teams, new reel trailer to ensure that it is always possible to have sufficient reels at carnivals, and was prepared to arrange mid-week instruction. It became quite obvious that in the R. & R. and boat, much more training is necessary if it is hoped to be successful in our strong Branch, and in individual events training is equally important. These remarks are not intended to detract from the following notable successes which were obtained by our members:

Lance Merton - Branch Single Ski Championship - his 5th Branch title.  
Branch Junior Belt placing by John Bringolf.  
Branch Junior Surf placing by W. Phillips and R. Allebone.  
Branch Junior Surf Teams second (first placing was lost on a count-back).  
Second placing by R. Sams in the State Juvenile Musical Flags.  
Wins by Gary Mercer in the Branch Juvenile sprint and flags.  
Selection of Roger Allebone in the Branch team which was narrowly and unluckily beaten.  
Success against Coalcliff in the annual inter-club display;  
and about twenty wins in various carnival events.

The Club was represented at all Branch Carnivals and the State Carnival, and to some degree at the Australian Championships and some Sunday and holiday carnivals outside the Branch. However, whilst there were many entries at the latter carnivals, more than half the entry fees were wasted because of the large number of scratchings.

Again the "Seagulls" did not compete as frequently as they have in previous seasons, and again it must be said that the Club could and should give more encouragement to these lads. The efforts of Ian Kohlhardt in this respect could well be copied by others.

As usual, the Club competitions should have been better patronised, for in these events members can get much needed training for Carnival events

and possible patrol requirements; in any case it is always "the more the merrier" in Club events. So, why not be in it! The efforts of race organiser George Land were much appreciated by those competing. Despite the reduced number of starters it can be truthfully said that no winner won easily. Successful were:

Patrol Point Score:	W. King, K. King, R. Butt, R. Allebone, G. Birrell
"Seagull" Point Score:	G. Coghlan and G. Hargraves.
Ray Land:	Resuscitation and Cup and Junior Beach Point Score.
Steven Craig:	Cadet Surf Point Score and Championship
Bill Prestage:	Cadet Surf Point Score
Will Phillips:	Carnival Point Score
Robert Sams:	Cadet Beach Point Score
Roger Allebone:	Junior Surf and Belt Championships
John Bringolf:	Junior Surf Point Score
Bryan Phillips:	Surf Ski Point Score
Ian Kohlhardt:	Senior Beach Point Score
Lance Morton:	Senior Surf Point Score
Keith Newell:	Senior Surf Point Score, Senior Surf and Belt Championship

Our own carnival was well organised, well patronised and well conducted and proved quite satisfactory financially.

Competitively the season ahead could prove most interesting with Roger Allebone and John Bringolf competing in the senior ranks, and Will Phillips competing in his final year with the juniors together with our other juniors - best wishes chaps for an even better season.

#### FINANCE

A pleasing feature was the improvement in the earnings of the Social Committee mainly due to the efforts of Alan Prestage and his few regular helpers. It shows what can be done when an endeavour is made. It is to be hoped that this improvement will be maintained.

Our night at Northern Suburbs Leagues Club was a great Social and financial success. The idea of a "get-together of present and ex-members" certainly hit the jackpot thanks mainly to Bryan Phillips and Alan Prestage. We are most grateful to Norths and it is genuinely hoped that even more of our members will patronise that Club.

Thanks to the following donors, new and old, and may your support continue: Ken Redshaw, Alan Prestage, Hal Williamson, Drs. Walsh, Rosen and Thompson, Rod Chester, Clarrie Williamson, Albert Clarke, Reg. Johnson, Cec Redshaw, Rex Jackson, Jack Sutherland, Bulli Greyhound Racing Club, Jack Mawson, Sutherland United Services Club, Fred Daintry, A. Hosa, Northern Suburbs Leagues Club, and Australian Iron and Steel Co.

## CLUBHOUSE AND GEAR

As usual, Club gear was kept in good order. At present the Council has two of their reels receiving regular maintenance.

We were extremely grateful to receive, free of cost, a new surf reel trailer, thanks to the generosity of Alan Prestage.

During the winter months a start was made with the maintenance and re-varnishing of the surf boat.

Heavy seas soon after Easter caused some damage to the ramp and the Clubhouse retaining wall, and this was remedied by the Wollongong Council, who also supplied the paint for the re-painting of the Clubhouse, which was done by Cec Redshaw. Thanks a lot, Cec.

## OBITUARY

It was indeed sad news when it was learnt that Archie Moore, a member for over thirty years, had passed away. Your Club was suitably represented at his funeral. Archie was one man of whom people spoke well whilst he was alive, and those of us who were fortunate enough to know him well will always cherish the memory.

Likewise the passing of an esteemed ex-member, Neal Coffey, saddened all who knew him. Neal was an ex-President and always endeavoured to assist the Club in any way he could.

## APPRECIATION

The Club is indeed lucky to have so many supporters and well-wishers; and besides our donors our appreciation is expressed to Coalcliff Club for their visit to contest the Easter Cup in which we were successful: a good afternoon despite the foul weather and the shortage of competitors;

to the Bulli Greyhound and Racing Club for conducting a night of racing to assist Illawarra Surf Clubs. Besides a handsome donation we also received a dozen competition caps;

to Northern Suburbs Leagues Club for the wonderful night they put on for us;

to the Metropolitan Colliery for the renovation of the "Captain Webb Cup";

to Jack Mawson for his continued interest in Surf Lifesaving which was recognised by the Illawarra Branch by making him a Life Member; and similarly to Harold Williamson whose Life Membership nomination is being considered by the Branch as this report goes to print;

to Ken Corbett, District Supervisor, for his continued interest in, and assistance to, our Club;

to Alan Prestage for our new reel trailer; to Bill Hingston for again supplying carnival transport petrol; to Ken McEnallay for painting surf reel drums; to local businessmen Clarrie Williamson, Dob Robson and Rod Kneill for their continued support; to the Aerial Patrol Service; to Don Moir and the Illawarra Branch; to the Stanwell Park Local Committee; to the Wollongong Council for work done and paint supplied; to Alec Bryant for his job as Council Lifesaver; to all members who fulfilled their obligations and to all supporters for assistance given.

In conclusion, thanks to all those who helped me by their co-operation, especially to the Executive and my assistant Secretary; and on behalf of your Club I appeal to all Members to interest themselves in the workings of the Club, to lend assistance wherever possible and to offer for positions which you are capable of fulfilling. Once again the hope is expressed that we might recruit more members to train for awards and thus ease the load on Active Members.

C. K. ASMUSSEN,  
Honorary Secretary.

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Your Captain speaks:

In the 1965-66 season competition proved to be well up to standard with 27 wins and 44 placings at Surf Carnivals. During the season our Club did very well in junior events but missed out on winning the Championships. The Club competition was fair but a lot of our members failed to participate regularly.

The "Seagulls" competition was keen and did very well in their championships.

The highlight of the coming season is the visit by the South African team to the Illawarra during their stay in N.S.W. As these visitors will be competing in the inter-Branch competition to be held in the Illawarra area it is to be hoped that some of our members will again be in the Branch team.

Lance Morton (Club Captain)

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PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM:

Once again thanks to all members who strove to make the 1965-66 season a successful one. Perhaps the person who should get the biggest pat on the back is our secretary, Con Asmussen. Once again as Deputy President of the N. S. W. State Centre the full burden fell on his shoulders when President Tom Meagher was forced to retire from duty early in the season through ill-health. Con then had to shoulder the burden of Acting State President as well as his job as our Club Secretary. Never once did he falter in his job, and his usual cheery smile was always there. Thanks again, Con; we all appreciate your efforts.

Remember fellows, it is only as a team that we will succeed, so let's all strive this season to pull our weight, do all jobs that we undertake successfully, and thus remain as a solid Club.

One final request: that is, that those contemplating withdrawing from competition prematurely, will again saddle up and even try to improve on their previous efforts. Remember, everyone gets more out of Surf Lifesaving than they can ever put into it.

Here's to another safe and successful surfing season.

Albert Clarke,  
(Club President.)