

HELENSBURGH - STANWELL PARK

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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60TH ANNUAL REPORT

To be Presented at

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the Clubhouse

at 10 a.m. on SUNDAY, September 17th, 1967

to be followed at 2 p.m. by the launching of the new surf boat -

"CLICKA"

OFFICIALS 1966 - 1967

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Patrons: C. Williamson, R. Jackson, M.L.A.
President: A. E. Clarke
Senior Vice-President: W. K. Chapman
Vice-Presidents: N. Bartlem, K. Corbett, B. Phillips, A. Frankland,
G. Wardman, J. Craig, B. Redshaw, L. Morton,
A. Prestage, R. Whitefield, P. Anger, A. McCabe
Captain: I. Kohlhardt
Vice-Captain: T. Daintry (later J. Castle)
Secretary & Treasurer: C. K. Asmussen
Assistant Secretary &
Treasurer: R. Chapman
Boat Captain: R. Hendry
Boat Vice-Captain: A. Andrews
Chief Instructor: W. King
Assistant Instructors: B. Phillips, J. Powell
Branch Delegates: P. Anger, A. Clarke
Publicity Officer: P. Anger
General Committee: W. Phillips, A. McCabe, J. Castle, R. Whitefield,
R. Allebone, R. Butt, R. Birrell, G. Land.
Hon. Medical Officers: Drs. Walsh, Rosen and Thompson
First Aid Officers: H. Garner, J. Powell
Social Committee: W. Prestage, R. Land, K. King, E. Clarke,
K. Newell, A. McCabe, R. Grinham, W. Grinham
"Seagull" Instructors: I. Kohlhardt, R. Birrell, R. Sams, R. Butt,
R. Allebone
Hon. Caretaker: C. Redshaw
Gear Steward: A. Andrews

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ANNUAL REPORT 1966-67

Gentlemen,

With the presentation of this, our 60th Annual Report, I feel that a memorable milestone has been reached. Your Club has provided sixty seasons of unbroken service to the community, and wherever I may be critical I am sure you will agree it is desirable that we look at our shortcomings as well as our achievements.

In the last Report the hope was expressed that there would be more team spirit shown in patrol work inter-club competition, and in our own point scores, yet in no case did this eventuate. This does not mean that in each of those spheres all did not give of their best for some members were to the forefront in some or all sections, but unfortunately others were not so Club minded.

On many occasions, sometimes for days on end, our surf was badly polluted by the action of a colliery of pumping coal wash into the sea just a mile or so south of Stanwell Park. Your Club, like our neighbouring Clubs and the Illawarra Branch, protested to all those who it was thought could possibly bring pressure to bear to have the filthy practice discontinued; and it is pleasing to read in the press that an improvement of the position can be expected in future. Certainly all interested and affected parties will have to be most vigilant next season, and again be prepared to strive to have the nuisance stopped should it re-occur.

RESCUES, PATROLS AND FIRST AID

Regrettably patrols were not always well attended and, as this comment has had to be made two years in succession, it must be apparent that serious consideration will have to be given to this aspect of our activities. Whilst for the most part our patrols were quite good, it is not hard to remember when we were noted for the excellence of our patrols. Most patrol members did their job efficiently, but others did not measure up to the expected standard. This was particularly evident towards the end of the season.

Rescues from the surf totalled 29 and none of these needed resuscitation. However, one rescue from the lagoon did have to receive resuscitation, and on this occasion team work was definitely in evidence, as without the prompt attention given, it is felt that a young life would have been lost. Whilst all concerned with this rescue did a grand job, the effort of Ron Grinham stood out like a beacon.

The number recorded as having received first aid was eight-one. It is felt that more than this number may have been treated and not entered in the book provided.

MEMBERSHIP

As will be seen by the following table our membership has remained fairly steady:

	<u>1961-2</u>	<u>1962-3</u>	<u>1963-4</u>	<u>1964-5</u>	<u>1965-6</u>	<u>1966-7</u>
Active	39	55	42	45	38	43
Active Reserve	25	23	25	26	27	14
Cadet	9	10	7	7	12	5
Associate	17	18	17	19	30	42
Life	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
	98	115	101	107	118	116

In our Golden Jubilee Report of ten years ago it is interesting to note that membership totalled 133 and then, as now, it was felt that a drive for new members should be made.

MEETINGS

Attendance at Committee Meetings left a lot to be desired, and it would appear that, similar to patrol defaulters, Club rules will need to be implemented regarding those who accept office and fail to attend Committee meetings.

Meetings were held each month during the surfing season and the affairs of the Club were competently handled by those who attended.

Our Club was represented at most Branch meetings and this was quite a feat, bearing in mind that the meetings are held on Friday nights, necessitating, in most cases, trips from the city by our delegates.

EXAMINATIONS

A late start, and a falling-off of interest by some candidates resulted in only seven awards being gained, and had it not been for the efforts of Bryan Phillips and our District Supervisor, Ken Corbett, in the main, coupled with our elected instructors, successful candidates may have been even fewer. It is hoped a lesson will have been learnt and that more enthusiasm and drive is in evidence in future.

Congratulations to the following successful candidates: Peter Beehag, Colin Bower, Ron Turner, Adrian Jones, Fred Dobbs, Russell Barnett and Stuart Wallace.

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Inter-club carnivals were for the most part poorly attended, and again scratchings were heavy, resulting in quite a lot of entry money being wasted. Only at our own carnival was it possible to field a March Past team and no starts were made in R & R events. However, those who did compete at carnivals performed quite creditably, and it is disappointing that they are not better supported by others who could well be expected to take part.

The only Championship to come our way was clinched by Robert Sams who won the Branch Cadet Musical Flags, though a number of minor Branch

Championship placings were gained. Congratulations to those who won or were placed in events at Club carnivals, and especially congratulations to those who competed regularly even though success did not come their way. Your efforts could creditably be copied by others. Altogether nine carnival wins and about twenty minor placings were obtained.

Coalcliffe Club visited us for the Annual inter-club competition which resulted in a thrilling draw. Thanks and congratulations to the hard hit Coalcliffe Club for their sterling effort.

It was pleasing to note that our own carnival was, as usual, very well organised. Entries were excellent and attendance quite up to standard.

Pleasing features of the carnival were the presentation of Branch Life Membership medals to Jack Mawson and Harold Williamson, the inclusion of a Taplin Relay event for the first time in the Illawarra and the attendance of the State Superintendent Mr. Lionel McDonald who was "volunteered" as Carnival Referee.

It seems like annual repetition to report that the "Seagulls" did not compete nearly as often as we got to expect at their inception. This in no way is meant to reflect on the few who did encourage and assist the lads, but rather castigation of the rest of the Club who do not take the interest in these future lifesavers which could be expected. Again I say that our Club will have to take more positive measures if it is hoped to continue to hold the interest of the juveniles available to us.

As usual participation in Club competitions left a lot to be desired, and the fact that all beach point scores had to be discontinued because of lack of competitors is a sad reflection on the appreciation of members. Those who did compete in the various events made them interesting, and all winners were indeed worthy ones. Contested events resulted:

Patrol Point Score:	K. Newell, F. Dobbs, R. Bray, R. Whitefield, W. Prestage and J.O'Brien
Resuscitation Point Score:	W. Wilson
Cadet Surf Point Score:	S. Wallace
Cadet Surf Championship:	S. Wallace
Junior Surf Point Score:	W. Phillips
Junior Surf Championship:	W. Phillips
Junior Belt Championship:	W. Grinham
Senior Surf Point Score:	A. Jones
Senior Surf Championship:	A. Jones
Senior Belt Championship:	K. Newell
Surf Ski Point Score:	W. Prestage
Carnival Point Score:	L. Morton
"Seagulls" Point Score	D. Todner and G. Mercer

FINANCE:

North's Night

Only Club Social Function of any note was our night at Northern Suburbs Leagues Club, and this proved quite a success and also quite a money

spinner. We are indeed indebted to the Committee and members of Norths for their continued support.

Assurance Day

For the first time ever we participated in the Illawarra Branch Assurance Day Appeal and besides being very satisfactory financially, it also proved a good trial for future years and made contact with many ex-members and long-standing supporters. Those who assisted with the collections did a good job. Net result was \$278.00 - quite a windfall.

Beach Girl Competition

Ablly represented by Miss Sue Byers, we benefited well financially and again gained worthwhile experience should this competition be repeated. To our candidate and her immediate family go our thanks for a job well done.

Donations and Raffles

Our regular raffles started later than should have been the case. Just the same the income from them was reasonably satisfactory and, as this has been our main source of income for quite a number of seasons it does seem that a more positive approach should be made to this form of fund raising.

Donations were comparable to those received in recent seasons and, besides those received in connection with Assurance Day and Beach Girl Appeals, were received from Drs. Walsh, Rosen and Thompson, C. Williamson, K. Corbett, H. Williamson, T. Cannon, J. Andrews, C. Redshaw, N. O'Brien, R. Jackson MLA, R. Johnson, K. Redshaw, K. Grinham, R. Marshall, A. Palmer, Reschs Social Club, R. Robb, St Patricks College, J. Sutherland, Forthern Suburbs Leagues Club, Mid South Skin Divers Club, Sutherland United Services Club and R. Knell.

A number of badges, suitable for car stickers and for fixing to beach attire, were purchased and are available at 40¢ each.

CLUBHOUSE AND GEAR

All gear was kept in first-class order both in respect of Club owned gear and Council gear and an Air Viva was purchased.

Our old Surf Boat was given to the recently re-formed Camden Haven Club, and a deposit has been paid on a new boat which will be available for the beginning of the incoming season. Congratulations to our President - CLICKA - after whom the craft will be named.

Wollongong Council laid a new floor in our main hall, paid for by our share of parking fees, and it behoves our Club to use all means at our disposal to see that this form of income is not interfered with, as all finance raised in this manner is used in maintenance and improvements.

GENERAL

Wollongong Council have given the Club specific details of its control of the clubhouse parking area and surrounds and now it's up to the Club to exercise control.

Our co-Patron Clarrie Williamson suffered a severe illness and had

quite a spell in hospital. It's pleasing to see him getting right back to his best again

Due to family responsibilities, Terry Daintry had to relinquish his position of vice-Captain and he was succeeded by John Castle for the latter part of the season

One highlight was the visit by the South African touring team to our Clubhouse early in February. Accompanied by Manly Warringah and Illawarra Branch officials they joined our members in morning tea, to which most of the "Seagulls" members were permitted to attend by courtesy of school teacher, Mr. Belford. The visit by the South Africans was the first ever by a touring team to our Club.

Arrangements are well in hand with the organisation of our 60th Anniversary Dinner to be held in February next. If you do not get in early for your tickets you have only yourself to blame

APPRECIATION

We are indeed lucky to have members and supporters who assist us season after season, and to all these go the thanks of the entire Club.

Repetition may help to impress, so again we say thanks to Northern Suburbs Leagues Club - our annual benefactor.

A special 'thank you' goes also to Ken Corbett for the mighty effort he does in instruction and supervision.

In common with all other Surf Life Saving Clubs in the Illawarra, we are well served by the local mediums of publicity, and we are indeed indebted to Radio 2WL, Channel 4, and the Mercury and the South Coast Times. Undoubtedly Clubs in our Branch receive better publicity than in any other area.

Bill Hingston of Stanwell Park Shell Service Station again donated the petrol for carnival transport and his generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our other local businessmen - Clarrie Williamson, Rod Knell and Don Robson supported us at all times - thanks a lot.

Although we had few calls to make we received, as usual, the full support of the Stanwell Park Local Committee and this is most pleasing.

Wollongong Council and the Aerial Patrol Service were most helpful. We look forward to continued support.

When we had occasion to complain about the pollution of our beach, utmost support was received from Mr. Don Dobie MHR and Mr. Rex Jackson MLA both of whom brought pressure to bear in the correct quarters. Their efforts were appreciated.

Running Club competitions is always a thankless job, and this task was ably carried out by George Land and his efforts could not be allowed to pass without due thanks.

In conclusion, thanks to all those who assisted me, as due to other commitments I could not spend as much time as usual at our beach, and it was only through the assistance I received, that I was able to fulfil my office. May I again express the hope the the season ahead - our 60th - will be the best ever, with every member giving of his utmost in the sphere best suited to his particular talents.

C. K. ASMUSSEN,
Honorary Secretary.

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YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKS

Thanks to all Club Members who carried out their duties and supported me throughout the season. As already commented upon by our Secretary, patrols were not quite up to standard and, as this is our number 1 responsibility, I feel that the few members who are concerned must be more punctual next season - for the sake of a few the Club efficiency is at stake.

I must also pass on thanks to the "Seagulls" who turn up each weekend for their competition. Many of the senior members could take a lesson in this aspect of club activity.

On the whole I feel the club had a satisfactory year, and in conclusion I will leave members with this thought: team effort makes for a solid and efficient club.

IAN KOHLHARDT,
(Captain)

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PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Once again I offer my thanks to all members who did everything asked of them during the 1966-67 season. Especially to those who did all their patrols, and committeemen who attended all meetings. To those who missed patrols, may I say that some person's life may depend on your being there; so if you are unable to attend, notify your captain or vice-captain and also arrange for a replacement.

To our Secretary, Con Asmussen, congratulations on officially taking over the position of N.S.W. State President for 1966-67, and may he carry on for years to come.

Remember, fellows: team work is the only way to success; so pull together and combine as a club, and let's make 1967-68 our Jubilee Year - much more successful than the previous 60 years.

ALBERT CLARKE,
President.