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HELENSBURGH - STANWELL PARK

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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64TH ANNUAL REPORT

To be Presented at

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the Clubhouse

at 10 a.m. on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1971

OFFICIALS 1970-71

PATRONS: - C. Williamson, R. Jackson  
PRESIDENT: - G. Land  
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K. King, P. Beehag, R. White, A. Andrews,  
B. Phillips  
MEDICAL OFFICER: - Dr. Walsh  
FIRST AID OFFICERS: - H. Garner, R. Turner plus all instructors  
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: - R. Burke, P. Ainsworth, P. Beehag, A. Prestage,  
W. Prestage  
HON. CARETAKER: - A. Prestage  
GEAR STEWARDS: - J. O'Brien and P. Beehag

JUVENILE SECTION "SEAGULLS"

PRESIDENT: - A. Fitzgerald  
SECRETARY: - B. Piper  
TREASURER: - K. Mills

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ANNUAL REPORT - 1970-71

Gentlemen,

This is the first time in 24 years that our Annual Report has not been prepared by Con Asmussen who this season stepped down from the position of Secretary-Treasurer. As your new Secretary-Treasurer I can fully appreciate the great service that this devoted man has given to our Club. It is truly fitting that he was once again elected State President this season. I feel sure that you will all join me in saying "thanks a million, Con, not only for the excellent job that you have done but for the great example that you have set for each and all connected with the Surf Life Saving Movement".

Once again there were "NO LIVES LOST" on our beach this season, but I feel that we will not maintain this fine record if a few of our members do not take a more active part, not only in fulfilling their duties on patrol but in Club activities as a whole. However, it was very pleasing to see our youngest patrol consisting of Rodney Burke (Captain), Bobo White, Phil Ainsworth (all Juniors) and Graham Cook a Cadet, win our Patrol Competition. I feel that with young keen members such as these along with Ian Anger and the other youngsters moving up from the "Seagull" ranks we can look forward to a few good seasons if these lads are given the correct tuition and encouragement.

We had two presentation functions again this season - one for the "Seagulls" and one for the more senior members. The "Seagulls" function was held in the Clubhouse one Sunday morning and was attended by most of the lads together with many parents and friends. Once again this was a very rowdy but highly successful function.

Our other presentation was held at the Helensburgh Workman's Club. This too was a highly successful function except for the fact that our Cadet members were unable to attend. However, a presentation of trophies to the Cadet winners (Ian Anger and Graham Cook) will be made at the Annual General Meeting. Frank Crinks, the Asst. Manager of the Workmans Club, presented our President with a cheque for fifty dollars which was very much appreciated.

Northern Suburbs Rugby Leagues Club again granted us a night which was a very successful function both socially and financially. Two members who had a lot to do with making this night so successful were Bryan Phillips who wrote to out out-of-town members bringing the night to their attention and Roy Whittaker who most generously donated several beach towels for us to raffle. To the committee and members of North goes our thanks for your continued support.

Prior to the commencement of this season, thanks mainly to the efforts of Arthur Finney a most successful golf tournament was held between our members and the Helensburgh Workman's Club Golf Club. The two Clubs contested "The Spike Redshaw" Memorial Trophy which is a fine trophy donated by the "King Kids". This day was run as a benefit for the Surf Club and thanks to the many generous donors it was a great success both financially and socially. The members of our Club are looking forward to defending the trophy on the 11th September, 1971.

Our annual competition was held against Coalcliff this year at Coalcliff beach and resulted in a dead heat. Once again our boys dominated the water events with Coalcliff taking the honors on the beach. The host club entertained us in good surf club fashion with a couple of cold kegs - thanks for a most enjoyable day, Coalcliff.

Another very enjoyable day was spent when we entertained Mona Vale Surf Club at our beach, despite the absence of our good friends Tony Cassidy and Brian Holloway. They are overseas, and considered it a bit far to travel for a feed and a few beers. Although our boys built up a big points lead in the water events, Mona Vale proved too strong on the beach and ran out eventual winners by a margin of three points.

Thanks mainly to Era Surf Club's hard working Woggy Josland, a very successful day was held on Sunday the 21st of March with the boys of his Club. In the morning on our beach we held a carnival between the two Clubs, with the home team running out the eventual winners. At this carnival fine performances were put up by our Terry Hargreaves and Will Phillips and Era's Ken Holloway. In the afternoon we all adjourned to the Helensburgh Bowling Club where a benefit Bowls tournament was held on behalf of Era and our Surf Clubs. Fortunately the Jardine boys and Co. put down some really fine bowls during the afternoon and took the honours from the Era contingent. I would like to say thank you to the Helensburgh Bowling Club for their support and hospitality and to all those who donated such fine prizes for us to raffle. The handsome shield for which we competed and were fortunate enough to win was donated by the Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce.

On Sunday the 28th March last we were honoured with the presence of the South African Surf team at our Clubhouse. After the Springboks were introduced by Gil Grant our Branch President, they were officially welcomed by George Land our President, who presented them with a Club Pennant. In response their Team Manager thanked us for our hospitality and complimented our Club on its fine long standing record. At the conclusion of his speech he presented us with a South African Pennant, then our "Seagulls" swapped badges with each of the Springboks. At the conclusion of formalities we all settled down to a very informal morning tea at which a lot of new friends were made. The only regrettable thing about their visit was that it was too short.

One of the more successful functions of this season would surely have to be the "Re-union of Old Members", held at the Helensburgh Workmans Club one Sunday during November 1970. To Jack (Daki) Mawson and Jimmy Thorne go our congratulations for their organisation of such a highly successful day once again - hope to see you all again next season.

To the Juvenile section of our Club I would like to say congratulations kids for the fine performances that you have put up this season both on our beach and at the various carnivals in which you competed. The manner in which this section of the Club is run is truly a credit to Alan Fitzgerald and his team of hard-working instructors. Once again thank you very much, fellows, for the fine job that you have done.

It was very pleasing to see Bryan Phillips back on our beach again this

year as Council Beach Inspector. Once again he carried out his duties in a most efficient manner.

RESCUES, PATROLS AND FIRST AID

Despite some members not fulfilling their patrol obligations this season there were a total of 46 rescues. Perhaps the most memorable of these rescues was that of a young girl found on the bottom of our southern lagoon. Although she was not breathing when brought to the shore she was soon restored thanks to the actions of a few of our members, especially Bryan Phillips. It was very pleasing to see that this particular rescue did not go unnoticed and a letter of congratulations to the members of our club was received from the Mayor of Wollongong together with a letter of thanks from the little girl's most grateful parents.

First aid was administered to a total of 85 people.

MEMBERSHIP

As seen from the table below our active membership still leaves a lot to be desired. Fortunately there was not the decline in active membership this season that there has been in the past couple of seasons.

	<u>1963-4</u>	<u>1964-5</u>	<u>1965-6</u>	<u>1966-7</u>	<u>1967-8</u>	<u>1968-9</u>	<u>1969-70</u>	<u>1970-71</u>
Active	42	45	38	43	48	44	32	33
Active Reserve	25	26	27	14	10	10	8	11
Cadet	7	7	12	5	8	14	10	9
Associate	17	19	30	42	68	69	77	70
Life	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>101</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>137</u>

MEETINGS

Early in the season it was decided to hold our committee meetings on Friday nights instead of Sunday afternoons. Unfortunately this prevented a few members attending but generally speaking the change proved very popular. One very pleasing factor at this season's meetings was the increased participation by the younger Committee members. Although we were well represented at the Branch Meeting early in the season it was disappointing to see attendance fall off as the season went on.

EXAMINATIONS

Full credit must go to our Chief Instructor Billy King and his team for the excellent job they did in training our members for their various awards. Although the Surf Life Saving syllabus was completely changed this season our instructors successfully trained a total of 10 members for Bronze Medallions, 5 for Qualifying Certificates and 3 for Instructors' Certificates. A presentation of these awards will be made at our Annual General Meeting. Congratulations go to our instructors and successful award winners.

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\* VALE - Jack McMahon. The passing of this member was a sad occasion for \*  
 \* all members and to his relatives go our deepest sympathy. Jack joined \*  
 \* the Club in 1948 and held a position on the committee for several seasons.\*  
 \* He was most popular and a very willing worker. \*  
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## CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Without a doubt our most successful competitor at Surf Carnivals this season was Bill Prestage. Throughout the season Bill dominated Surf Ski events at most carnivals in which he competed. Capping off the season with a brilliant win in the New South Wales single surf ski championship, his second State title win in two seasons. This alone must establish young "Billy Bang" as our most successful competitor. Billy was selected in several representative surf teams this season including the victorious New South Wales team. On all occasions he put up fine performances. "Bill, to you go our congratulations and we wish you every success when you represent New South Wales at the Melbourne Cup Surf Carnival."

The versatile Will Phillips once again turned in some very fine performances chalking up several wins at surf carnivals in Double Surf Ski events.

Another good performance was turned in by the much improved Des O'Brien when he teamed with Billy Prestage and Will Phillips to win the Branch Ski Teams Championship title.

It was very disappointing to see the lack of enthusiasm shown by most of our members to compete in Club point score and championship events. However, it is hoped that next season things will improve, so that talented young members may get the competition that they require not only to make them top competitors but to make them efficient life savers.

Winners of Club Competitions were:-

Patrol Point Score	-	R. Burke (Capt.), R. White P. Ainsworth, G. Cook
Carnival Point Score	-	W. Prestage
Cadet Surf Championship	-	I. Anger
Cadet Surf Point Score	-	I. Anger
Surf Ski Point Score	-	D. O'Brien
Junior Surf Championship	-	R. White
Junior Surf Point Score	-	R. White
Junior Beach Point Score	-	R. Burke
Senior Surf Championship	-	W. Phillips
Senior Surf Point Score	-	W. Phillips
Senior Beach Point Score	-	R. Glasson

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### ASSURANCE DAY

It was very pleasing to see the marked improvement in members' attitudes towards this day. As a result of their fine efforts and the response of the local residents we had our most successful Assurance Day for many seasons.

### DONATIONS

We are most appreciative to each of the following for their donations (in addition to Assurance Day donations):-

J. Hill, J. Sutherland, H. Williamson, K. Chapman, A. Clarke,  
N. O'Brien, P. Dunford, F. Ryan, R. Palmer, C. Williamson,  
F. Daintry, C. Ryder, R. Bailie, J. Stewart, A. Barnett,  
H. McDonald, F. Wooldridge, Mrs. D. Hood, J. Watson,

DONATIONS (Contd.)

R. Johnson, A. McKenzie, M. Nixon, D. Russell,  
St. Patrick's College, A. Prestage, Northern  
Suburbs Rugby League Club, The "Seagulls",  
Helensburgh Workmans Club, Surf Life Saving Assn.,  
Anonymous Donor Fund.

Before concluding this section of our report I would like to thank the following for the excellent job that they did in selling raffle tickets at Clifton Hotel: Dick Pavert, Billy King, Keith King and Ron Turner. Thank you very much for your fine efforts.

CLUBHOUSE AND GEAR

Several repairs and improvements were made to the Clubhouse this season the most noticeable being the face lift given to the First Aid room by John Collett and Bryan Phillips.

Our gear has once again been well maintained with several minor repairs being carried out on our newest boat. In this department goes a special thank you to one of our most devoted members, Alan Prestage, for the magnificent job that he did in restoring our boat trailer. Yet another good job was done by Bryan Phillips and Dick Pavert in restoring several of our old surf boat oars.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor in donating our Club with an "Oxy-Viva" resuscitator, we can now boast of one of the best equipped First Aid rooms on the coast.

APPRECIATION

Thanks to those who assisted with Club management during the season, and special thanks to members who helped on Assurance Day and on our Carnival Day.

To Illawarra Branch goes our thanks for their co-operation and advice throughout the season.

Thanks also to the Aerial Patrol and Surf Rescue Boat for their vigilance.

And for every possible assistance from the local stores, thanks a lot.

To our artist, Clive Collins, goes our thanks for the excellent pen and brush work that he has done for us throughout the season.

Once again Jack Sutherland has saved us considerable expense by printing our new letterheads free of charge - thanks a million, Jack.

To the women associated with our Club goes our thanks for the help that you have volunteered throughout the season.

Last but not least goes my personal thanks to our Captain, Ian Kohlhardt and Bryan Phillips for their assistance.

CONCLUSION

Although this report indicates a marked improvement in many departments of Club activities, it is felt that we still have a long way to go before we

once again become the force that we should be. To quote our retiring Secretary/Treasurer at the conclusion of his report last season "To my successor I offer every help and guidance". I would like to bring to the attention of members that he was every bit as good as his words. Con, to you goes my sincere gratitude for your assistance and good advice. It was always a comfort to know that you were only a phone call away when needed.

K. A. NEWELL,  
Honorary Secretary.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen;

I would like to thank all members for their support during the season and offer my congratulations to those who had success at carnivals and gained representative honours.

Another season has come and gone but, looking back, for a Club of the size of ours, we have again done well.

Our Secretary must be congratulated on the way he has organised Club members for fund-raising activities. Also, our captain and our vice-captain for carrying out their duties in a competent manner.

Remember, as a team we remain strong!

Thanks again,

G. LAND.

#### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I would like to thank all members who helped with the Club throughout the season. Special mention must be made of the few members who helped our Secretary with raising money for, without finance, we cannot continue. Competition-wise the Club had a good year and my congratulations go to members who gained awards and those who were successful in competitions. Club competitions could have been better attended as it is generally the same ones who help with Club duties and who compete. I feel the Club had a reasonable year and naturally look forward to next year being a better one.

I. KOHLHARDT  
Club Captain

#### "SEAGULLS" REPORT

Once again there was plenty of hard work for all who assisted and organised competitions, etc. for the Seagulls who numbered 85 for the 1970-71 season.



During the season the boys competed in eleven branch carnivals, the Illawarra Branch Championships, the N. S. Wales State Titles and an Invitation Carnival at Wanda Beach. The result from these competitions was outstanding and showed a marked improvement on last season. Overall the boys came in first on 143 occasions, second 120 times and third 132 times.

Stanwell Park Seagulls finished second top club in the Illawarra Branch both in weekly competitions and in Branch Championships.

At the State Titles the Seagulls proved they were in State class even though they were able to bag only one silver medal, which was won by Lloyd Griffiths when he finished second in the 8-year flags event. After finishing second in the 8-year relay final, the boys were bitterly disappointed when they were forced to re-run the race because of a protest by another club. In the re-run they were unlucky and didn't fill a place.

For the first time Stanwell Park entered a Surf Team in the Branch Championships and shocked Branch officials with a first up win which gave our lads the honour of representing Illawarra at the State Titles. At the State Titles the Seagulls contested 13 finals.

CARNIVAL RESULTS WERE:

Branch Carnivals	109	Firsts	96	Seconds	109	Thirds
Branch Championships	11	"	6	"	10	"
Wanda Invitation	22	"	18	"	13	"
State Titles			1	"		

STANWELL PARK POINT SCORE COMPETITIONS RESULTS WERE:

<u>Beach Sports</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
5 Years	DAVID VAN-ZIL	CHRIS MERCER	TERRY MOTT
6 Years	ROSS BURNS	WARREN COLLINS	MARK McDONALD
7 Years	NEVILLE CAMPBELL	BRADLEY FULLER	GRANT LITTLE
8 Years	GLEN CONNOR	LLOYD GRIFFITHS	AARON FULLER
9 Years	GRAEME MERCER	ANDREW GRIFFITHS	(MARK FITZGERALD) (STACEY MERCER)
10 Years	PETER MILLS	JOHN THOMPSON	KEVIN McDONALD
11 Years	MARK BILBIJA	CRAIG PICCINELLI	GEOFF WOOD
12 Years	JOHN CROOKS	GARY BARRACLOUGH	ALAN HUNT
13 Years	JEFF HUNT	PAUL MERCER	ROBERT JAWORSKI

Swim Events:

5 Years	DAVID VAN-ZYL	CHRIS MERCER	KEVIN MORTON
6 Years	ROSS BURNS	BILLY STEWART	HAROLD WARREN
7 Years	GREG WATTS	NEVILLE CAMPBELL	BRADLEY FULLER
8 Years	LLOYD GRIFFITHS	JOHN GRIFFITH	RONALD SULLY
9 Years	MARK FITZGERALD	GRAEME MERCER	DENE GLASSON
10 Years	PETER MILLS	PAUL SKELTON	KEVIN McDONALD
11 Years	CRAIG PICCINELLI	MARK BILBIJA	GORDON BURNS
12 Years	GARY BARRACLOUGH	IAN ANGER	JOHN CROOKS
13 Years	JEFF HUNT	PAUL MERCER	ROBERT JAWORSKI

POINT SCORE COMPETITIONS (Contd.)

MOST OUTSTANDING "SEAGULL" ... LLOYD GRIFFITHS  
MOST CONSCIENTIOUS "SEAGULL" ... JIMMY CLARKE who was presented  
with the Neil Langdon Trophy.

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To Helensburgh Workmans Club a very special thanks for providing buses to all local competitions and Branch Championships.

To all the business people in Helensburgh and Stanwell Park I wish to convey my thanks for your donations towards our Easter Gift Competition and end of season party. Without your kind help we would not have had the success that we have enjoyed this season.

A final "thank you" to all organisers and team managers and senior club members for all your help. We hope to see you again next season.

B. PIPER  
Hon. Secretary.

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FINANCE:

It is very pleasing to announce that our financial position is much better than it has been for several seasons. This is due mainly to the generosity of a new member of our Club - Alex McKenzie - who is the publican at the Imperial Hotel Clifton. To you, Alex, and your patrons, goes our sincere thanks for the support you have given us. I would also like to thank Mrs. Betty Hill, Mrs. Ruby King and the Staff at Clifton Hotel for their assistance in running our raffles.

Doctor and Madame Savikis's gift of one of Doctor's fine paintings raised in excess of \$200.00 for the Club, thanks not only to the quality of the painting but to the great job that the ever reliable Bryan Phillips did in organising the raffle of same.

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