

OFFICIALS 1972 - 73

PATRONS - A. McKenzie.
PRESIDENT - G. Land
SENR. VICE PRESIDENT - B. Phillips
VICE-PRESIDENTS - A. Prestage, N. Langton, C. Asmussen,
D. O'Brien, D. Ryder, R. Palmer, F. Ryan.
CAPTAIN - I. Kohlhardt
VICE-CAPTAIN - C. Collins
SECRETARY - P. Dove
TREASURER - P. Dove
ASST. SECRETARY/TREASURER - G. Thompson
BOAT CAPTAIN - R. White
VICE-BOAT CAPTAIN - P. Beehag
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR - W. King
ASST. INSTRUCTOR - All active instructors
BRANCH DELEGATES - G. Land, W. King, (W. Prestage-Proxy)
PUBLICITY OFFICER - (Position vacant)
GENERAL COMMITTEE - R. Burke, K. King, G. Hunt, J. Powell,
R. Turner, M. Ryan, B. Keating
MEDICAL OFFICER - Dr. Crossley-Teates
FIRST AID OFFICERS - D. O'Brien, all instructors
SOCIAL COMMITTEE - R. Bourke, P. Beehag, A. Prestage, J. Cook,
W. Prestage, B. Keating
HON. G. RETAKER - A. Prestage
CLUB STEWARDS - R. White, A. Prestage, B. Phillips

JUVENILE SECTION "SEAGULLS"

PRESIDENT - A. Fitzgerald
SECRETARY - P. Piper
TREASURER - K. Mills

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HELENSBURGH-STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT - 1972-73

Gentlemen,

It is very pleasing for me to be able to report that once again there were "NO LIVES LOST" on our beach whilst it was being patrolled this season. To the valiant few who carried out patrols go my congratulations.

Again, this season the Seagull presentation function was held in the Clubhouse for their strong contingent of members. As usual, this was a very successful function.

The senior presentation was not held this season.

The "Reunion of Old Members" day was again held with great success at the Helensburgh Workman's Club, who generously support this function each year. To those who arrange and support this memorable day go my thanks.

November this season we were guests at the Era Surf Club to contest the "Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce Shield" and I am informed that after a hard battle Era won the shield. Perhaps next season will see it back in our Clubhouse. After the Carnival members once again adjourned to the Helensburgh Bowling Club for an afternoon of bowls. Thanks to the support of our many donors and the Bowling Club this proved to be a successful day.

It was pleasing to see the Mona Vale contingent back on our beach this season. After a very brief carnival and in true Surf Club fashion we ploughed into steaks and beer. Although the carnival was considered a draw our boys believed we won the day through the efforts of "Baby" John McKenzie and Dicky Van De Pavert.

This year saw the holding of the Clubs 65th Annual Dinner at the Masonic Hall Sutherland. I think we all agree the evening was a splendid success and thanks are extended to Keith Newell and his team for a most enjoyable night.

Congratulations are also extended to Lance Morton who was presented with his Life Membership at the function.

Mentioned in our previous seasons report was the attempted rescue of a fisherman, washed off the rocks at Bolga, by Lance Morton and Peter Beehag. Lance and Peter were requested to attend the N.S.W. Championships, where they were presented with the "Meritorious Award in Bronze", the most coveted award in Surf Life Saving. Congratulations Lance and Peter on your courageous actions.

We were again fortunate to have our Senior Vice-President Bryant Phillips as our Beach Inspector. To you, Bryant, I would like to say thanks for a job well done and for an excellent Patrol Dinner which was a great success.

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Unfortunately, due to lack of active members support a Carnival was not held this season by the senior club. However, our champion surf ski team, Bill Prestage and Will Phillips managed a few wins. Out of 11 starts on Doubles, Will and Bill scored 5th, 4 2nd, 2 4th and 2 no placings. On singles Bill scored 7 1st, 7 2nd, 2 4th and 2 no placings out of 18 starts.

A very fine effort Will and Bill, congratulations.

It is with regret that I have to advise again, that due to lack of active members support the club Point Score was unable to be conducted this season. To those few members who made themselves available to compete in the limited events held, go my thanks.

FINANCE

Sincere thanks are once again extended to our Patron Alex McKenzie and his good wife, who are responsible for our present sound financial position. Alex very generously donated prizes for our raffles on Friday nights and Saturday, approximate profit \$1,000.

These figures, of course, would not have been possible except for our hardworking ticket sellers, who did an excellent job. Thank you fellows, good work.

Thanks are also extended to the patrons and staff of the Imperial Hotel who gave their most generous support.

ASSURANCE DAY

I regret to report that due to a lack of club members and bad weather on the proposed day, the door knock appeal was not held. This situation should never have arisen and I hope that next seasons Assurance Day is held with more success.

DONATIONS

We are most appreciative to each of the following for their generous donations.

A. McKenzie, Helensburgh Workman's Club, St. Patrick's College Strathfield, J. Sutherland, H. Williamson, Old Members Re-union, Pre-School Kindergarten and Mr. & Mrs. Harper.

CLUBHOUSE AND GEAR

There have been a few minor repairs and improvements made to the Clubhouse during the season, the most noticeable being the laying of Lino Tiles in the kitchen by Vic Kemp, Ray Rankin and Bryant Phillips. Bryant also laid tiles in the shower, thank you fellows for a job well done.

Our Boat Captain, R. White did a marvellous job of sanding and painting "Clia" as did the gear stewards in maintaining the gear in tip top condition.

APPRECIATION

Thanks are extended to those who assisted with the Club management during the season and to the Illawarra Branch for their co-operation and advice throughout the season.

Once again to the small group of women associated with the Club I thank you for the help you have volunteered.

Again our appreciation is extended to the Helensburgh Workman's Club for their continued support.

Thanks are also extended to the Areal Patrol and Surf Rescue Boat for their vigilance and also to the Club Executive for their assistance.

RESCUES, PATROLS AND FIRST AID

A total of 56 rescues were made by the few reliable members who continue to fulfill their patrol obligations. 54 of these rescues were carried out with a line, the remaining 2 were carried out without a line. First aid was administered to 123 persons.

MEMBERSHIP

Although the table below states that we have an average active membership of 33 it is disappointing to report that approx. 9 to 12 made themselves available for patrols. To these my personal thanks are extended.

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>
Active	33	34	33
Active Reserve	11	12	18
Cadet	9	10	5
Associate	70	71	63
Life	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
	137	142	135

MEETINGS

It was pleasing to see that our committee meetings were well attended again this season. To George Land and Bill King go our appreciation for their attendance at Branch meetings.

EXAMINATIONS

A great job was once again done by Bill King in successfully passing his boys through their exams.

Congratulations are extended to Mark Ryan for obtaining his Bronze Medallion and to Mark Thompson, Glen Mitchell, Peter Mills and Geoffrey Wood on obtaining their Qualifying Certificate.

IN MEMORIAL

The year 1912 saw young Jack (Daki) Mawson join our club and he remained a member till his death on Tuesday, August 21st, 1973 - 63 years of yeoman service.

As he worked at Garden Island it was only natural that he took an intense interest in surf craft.

During his long term of membership he was instrumental in many notable rescues and possibly the most meritorious of these was the rescue of a Corrimal competitor at a North Wollongong Carnival in 1924, which brought congratulations from the Head Centre of Surf Life Saving.

For 16 years he was Delegate to the Branch and for a number of years represented the whole Branch on the controlling body.

He constructed the first plywood Surf Boat manufactured in N.S.W.

His guidance and discipline helped many young life savers who became members during his 24 years as Captian.

Those who were most fortunate to have associated with William Jack Mawson are certainly much richer for that association.

CONCLUSION

To all members I say thank you for your help throught the year, but regret that I have to announce my resignation ar Secretary/Treasurer

P.V.Dove
Honorary Secretary.

"SEAGULLS" REPORT FOR 1972-73 SEASON

With the 1972 season behind us, our lads proved they are among the best in N.S.W. In the Illawarra carnivals we beat Warilla Barrack Point in four out of six carnivals to win the point score. At the Branch Championships we only managed third place with some of our fancied lads not in a place.

In the N.S.W. Championships we had the most successful year to date. Our boys contested 21 finals, winning one, second in one and thied in one. Not a bad effort when you consider that 4,000 lads from 90 clubs took part. The March Past team missed out by one point in taking the N.S.W. Country title.

The 12 years chariot team had a great win and have a very fine record.

Congratulations also to G.Mercer and P.Doran for places in the beach flags.

M.Fitzgerald won our swimming award and was pushed all the way by T.Lloyd. I.Campbell was the beach champion with P.Mills only one point behind. G.Mercer won the Seagull of the year award. The individual winners at our branch carnivals are to numerous to mention, so good luck boys, see you next season.

Our Sunday point score on the Park beach was very keenly contested and fine efforts resulted. With the Secretary away, I don't have the information to publish winners names.

We are very proud of the 4 boys who gained their qualifying at the end of last season and who will pass on to the senior club. Also we have 12 boys who will become of age and go into training when the instructors are ready. Asthis is the real aim of our club we hope to continue to pass on a steady flow of good boys.

Our thanks to the ladies auxiliary, the business people of Helensburgh and Stanwell Park, Mr. & Mrs. Knell and our life blood, the workmen's Club. Without their support we would be floundering.