

HELENSBURGH - STANWELL PARK S.L.S.C.

ANNUAL REPORT 1973 - 1974

OFFICIALS 1973-1974

Patrons	-	A. McKenzie
President	-	G. Land
Senior Vice President	-	B. Phillips
Vice Presidents	-	R. Palmer, D. Ryder, F. Ryan, A. Prestage, C.K. Assmussen, K. Mills, E. Griffiths, L. Morton
Captain	-	R. Burke
Vice Captain	-	R. White
Secretary	-	I. Kohlhardt
Chief Instructor	-	W. King
Boat Captain	-	R. Henderson
Vice Boat Captain	-	G. Cook
Assistant Instructor	-	All Instructors
Branch Delegates	-	R. Burke, G. Land
Publicity Officer	-	R. White
General Committee	-	J. Powell, M. Ryan, G. Cook, B. Keating, W. Phillips, P. Beehag, K. King
Medical Officer	-	Dr. Meates
First Aid Officer	-	J. Powell
Social Committee	-	A. Prestage, R. Burke, P. Beehag, G. Cook, B. Keating, M. Ryan,
Honorary Caretaker	-	A. Prestage
Gear Stewards	-	B. Phillips, A. Prestage, W. Phillips

JUVENILE SECTION " SEAGULLS "

President	-	A. Fitzgerald
Secretary	-	K. Mills
Treasurer	-	A. Wallace

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Gentlemen,

Again 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 members who turned out for their patrols go my congratulations.

On the patrol side members please roll up for your patrol next season as this year the patrols were done by all too few members.

The seagulls annual presentation was held in the clubhouse and once again proved to be a success. My congratulations go to the seagulls who received trophies and to the parents and members who run this most successful part of the club.

No senior presentation was made this year as no competitions were held. A most unsatisfactory situation and one that will have to be rectified next season.

The Old Members Reunion Day was again well attended and it is pleasing to see all the older members turning up to this yearly function to swap old tales. Our thanks go to the Workman's Club for their generous support of this function.

The annual Helensburgh-Stanwell Park versus Era Day was once again a great success both financially and socially thanks mainly to Wogie Joslin Era and the Bowling Club. I hope this day continues as it is a chance to meet some of the older members of both clubs.

Carnivals and Competitions

Whilst not one of our strongest points Bill Prestage, Des O'Brien and Will Phillips again won the Branch ski teams for another year and the seagull side of the club kept our flag flying at the carnivals that they attended. Special mention must be made to the cadets who competed at carnivals - keep it up boys the club needs you.

Finance

Once again our sincere thanks are extended to Alex McKenzie, Mrs. McKenzie and John for their continued support and help by donating the prizes for our raffles for without your help Alex our financial position would be only a fraction of what it is.

Assurance Day

A total of four members turned up for our annual assurance day so once again this excellent way of raising finance was by-passed. Please support this day next time as members this is only ONE (1) day and it is of great benefit to the club.



DONATIONS

We are most appreciative to each of the following for donations:

T. Cannon, N. O'Brien, C. Ryder, H. Williamson, F. Ryan, K. Chapman, A. McKenzie, Late R. Palmer, John Lysaghts, Late J. Mawson, J. Sutherland, Helensburgh Workman's Club and Helensburgh Bowling Club.

Clubhouse and Gear

This aspect of our club was well looked after by our beach inspector and member Will Phillips. Thanks Will for the efficient way you patrolled our beach during the weeks throughout last season.

Rescues, Patrols and First Aid

Once again many rescues and first aid cases were carried out and attended to throughout the season which was marred by the unfortunate tragedy of three young girls in the northern lagoon.

Thanks go to the club members, Coledale hospital and other people who attempted to revive the girls.

<u>Membership</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1973-74</u>
Active	48	34	21
Active Reserve	10	12	10
Cadet	8	10	12
Associate	68	71	90
Life	13	15	15

Meetings

Committee meetings were well attended again this season and we were represented at quite a few branch meetings by our delegates.

Examinations

To all the boys who obtained their awards throughout the season go my personal thanks and to Bill King and the instructors who helped in getting the boys through to their examinations.

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x The year was saddened by the loss of our vice x

x president Ray Palmer who always seemed to be x

x around the clubhouse when needed. To his x

x Wife and Family goes our deepest sympathy. x

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Appreciation

To the Illawarra Branch goes our thanks for their co-operation and advice throughout the season. To the Helensburgh Workman's Club for their continuous generous support both to the senior club and to the juvenile section of our club.

To the Helensburgh Bowling Club for the continued support in holding the annual Era V. Stanwell Park Day.

To Alex McKenzie and patrons of the Clifton Hotel for their continued support.

To the Aerial Patrol and Surf Rescue boat for their vigilance and help when called upon.

To the small group of women who offered their help with our few social functions.

### Conclusion

A great deal of improvement will be needed next season if our club is to function. We have the members to do this providing everyone hops in and does his bit and I mean right through from the club executive to our newest cadet.

Trusting 1974-1975 sees an improvement.

I. KOHLHARDT

Honorary Secretary

### SEAGULLS REPORT - 1973-74

Again we can boast of another very successful season and our boys seem to be getting stronger every year.

Congratulations to Graham Mercer and Brett Mitchell, two of our members who have been selected to represent New South Wales at the interstate carnival to be held at Mooney, South Australia next season. Graham was selected for his great win in the beach flags in the State titles season, and Brett for his fine fourth in the surf swim.

The State titles were a great success for us. Besides Graham's win and Brett's fourth, Warwick Giddey was 2nd in the 5 years wade, K. Giddey was 3rd in 7 years wade, 11 years chariot team won and 13 years chariots won for the second year in succession, while the march past team came fifth. Congratulations to the boys for a fine effort.

With 6 Illawarra carnivals contested, we gained 98 firsts, 99 seconds, 95 thirds. In the branch championships the boys were placed 2nd in the overall point-score, beaten by one point by Wollongong, with 14 firsts, 20 seconds and 8 thirds.

Ten juveniles gained their Qualifying Certificates last season, giving the senior club a total of 14 (and possibly more) cadets for the start of the coming season. I now ask the senior members of the club to take a keener interest in the cadets, encourage them whenever possible and help them to become keen club members. They have always been keen as juveniles and can help put this club up near the top and carry on the good name that it has had in past years, but only with guidance and help from experienced members.

Our presentation day was a big success with 60 trophies being presented. Space and time prohibits the naming of trophy winners.

Finally, on behalf of the seagulls and officials, I thank every person that donated, and helped in so many different ways during the past season, to make this juvenile club the success that

it was. KEITH MILLS