

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

ANNUAL REPORT 1973 - 1974.

OFFICIALS 1973 - 1974

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

JUVENILE SECTION "SEAGULLS"

President	A. Fitzgerald
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Gentlemen,

I write this report with expectations of the next season being a really good one for our Club. No lives were lost on our beach during the past season during patrol hours thus preserving an enviable record - after all that is why we are here. Many thanks to all members who carried out their patrol duties.

Active Club membership has increased and all patrols now have at least six (6) members in them, thus taking a load off members who were doing more than their share when membership was down. A warm welcome is extended to all new members and I hope their association with the Club is a long one. The Senior Club has received quite a few cadets now from the Seagull ranks and thanks and praise must be given to our Club President, Keith Mills, not only for the time he has put in around the Club but to the way he has taken and encouraged the boys to compete at Surf Carnivals - thanks a lot Keith from all members.

The Old Members Annual Re-Union day was again well attended and our thanks go to the Management and Staff of the Helensburgh Workmen's Club for their continued generous support. I enjoyed the day and I feel all the older and younger members look forward to this once a year day - Thanks Again Workers' Club.

The Senior Club had its own Presentation Day and this was something new for we have not had one for a few seasons now. Hoping all members enjoyed the day and next year more members compete in the Club events - Remember, Brian Hunt is still showing the younger brigade his heels in a few surf races.

The Seagull Presentation Day was held in the Club House and once again proved to be a great success and as the Seagulls were top Club on the Illawarra Coast it looks good to the Senior Club providing the boys stick with it. Congratulations to all the boys who were successful and to Alan Fitzgerald (President, Seagulls) and the many parents and members who run this successful part of the Club.

Our other Social Day was the Era v. Helensburgh/Stanwell Park Day and again it was a success both financially and socially - including the mud bath. Our thanks go to the Helensburgh Bowling Club and Wogie Joslin Era for their help.

During the year the Club received two Wave Rescue Skis through the generous donation by Graham TYE, Harpervale Real Estate and all members sincerely thank him as they have been used quite a lot. I sincerely hope our new found association can continue Graham - thanks again.

Carnivals and Competitions:

This year the cap of our Club was seen in all Carnivals and quite a few FIRST'S were recorded by our Cadet Squad; the best being in a Branch Title relay win and several placings. Five (5) Seniors and the Cadets attended the State Titles at Blacksmiths Beach, Newcastle with the Cadets again going well, Peter Mills, Ricky Fulton and the relay team making the finals - although no places boys - Congratulations and better luck next year.

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Finance:

Our sincere thanks are again extended to our Patron, Alex McKenzie of the Imperial Hotel, Clifton, Mrs. McKenzie and John for their continued support and help by donating the weekly prizes for our raffle. In this respect special mention must be made of Bill and Keith King who have for quite a few years sold the tickets each Saturday afternoon. I know they like a beer but a little help here some Saturdays would not go astray.

Assurance Day:

At least we made an effort this year thanks to Keith Mills and Bryant Phillips and a few members. To those people and the business sector of Helensburgh who gave to this day, thanks again.

Donations:

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

A. MCKENZIE; G. TYE; C. BROOMHAM; J. SUTHERLAND; T. CANNON;
F. RYAN; H. WILLIAMSON; N. O'BRIEN; C. RYDER; LAMBERT'S BAKERY;
HELENSBURGH FLORIST; R.HASTIC BUTCHERY; W. McMILLAN: HALLS MENSWEAR;
SAFEWAYS; DORAHY BROS; A. SCHREIVER; AMPOL GARAGE; HELENSBURGH
SMASH REPAIRS; J. LYSAGHTS; P. DUNFORD; T. DAINTRY; MR. & MRS. MITSAK.

Club House and Gear:

The gear in the Club House has been looked after quite well but the Club House is showing some signs of deterioration and a little time spent on the small things will save a lot. The water service is still bad despite several letters to Wollongong Council to rectify this, here's hoping it is fixed during the winter.

Rescues, Patrols & First Aid:

Again many rescues and first aid cases were carried out and thanks again to the patrol members who carried out their allotted patrols.

<u>Membership:</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>
Active	48	34	21	46
Active Reserve	10	12	10	10
Cadet	8	10	12	9
Associate	68	71	90	92
Life	13	15	15	15

Meetings:

Committee Meetings were well attended again this season and we were again represented at all Branch Meetings thanks to our Club Delegates Bryant Phillips and Keith Mills.

Examinations:

With the influx of new members awards were plentiful this season, thanks go to the instructors and to Con Assmussen for his efforts in putting twelve (12) members through for their Advance Resuscitation Certificate. A special mention must also be paid to Don Gray for the help and attendance at each training night - it was sincerely appreciated Don, by all the boys - Congratulations go to the following:

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Bronze Medallion -

Gary Rigby, John Russell, Alan Davis, Chris. Powell, David Hughes, Bill Fordham, Glenn Fordham, John Thompson, John McLeod, Bernie Ryan, Bill Ryan, Ron Easton.

Qualifying Certificate:

Mark Wallace, Chris Emmett, Greg Wood, Grahame Foran.

Advanced Resuscitation Certificate:

Andrew McCabe, Peter Beehag, Graham Cook, John Russell, Alan Davis, David Hughes, William King, Keith Mills, Ian Kohlhardt, Des O'Brien, Robert White, Keith King.

Vale: Laurie Mitchell - Les Hill.

The year was saddened by the loss of Laurie Mitchell and Les Hill. To their families and friends goes our deepest sympathy.

Appreciation:

- * To the Illawarra Branch goes our thanks for their co-operation and advice throughout the season.
- * To the Helensburgh Workmen'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:

The improvement in the Club that everyone has been hoping for over the past few seasons has happened and providing the influx of new members continues next season the Club can only improve and here's hoping some senior caps are seen at next year's Carnivals.

My personal thanks go to all members who have helped me throughout the year and in particular to Keith Newell who offered his services to fill the Secretary's position while I was on holidays.

(Ian Kohlhardt,
Hon. Secretary.)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to be able to say that the Club has shown a marked improvement on last year's performance and we can look forward to an even better season next time, competitive, social and patrol wise. A total of thirteen (13) new members earned their Bronze Medallions and five (5) gained the Qualifying Certificate. Congratulations to these members, also to the twelve (12) who gained the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate thereby making Stanwell Park a much safer beach for surfing.

I thank all the kind supporters who gave donations during the past season, for without their support the Club could not function as an efficient life saving body. I hope we can look forward to their continued support next season.

Many thanks to our Club Patron, Mr. Alex McKenzie, mine host of the Clifton Hotel, to Peter Beehag, our Chief Instructor and his assistant instructors, to Ian Kohlhardt our Secretary/Treasurer, Bryant Phillips, Club Vice-President, and all Club members who gave me such solid support in this, my first year as Club President, I would also like to give my personal thanks to our Cadets for the fine way they conducted themselves at the Club and at all Carnivals attended during the season. They were a credit to the Club and we can be proud of them.

Thanks to all the retired members who came out of retirement to do patrols when the Club needed them most. Your help was most welcome.

Congratulations to the juveniles for their very fine performances in the Branch and State Championships; also to Graham Mercer and particularly Brett Mitchell for their great efforts in the Australian Championships.

The "Old Boys'" Annual Dinner and Re-Union held at the Helensburgh Workman's Club was a big success and I look forward to the same next year.

Unfortunately the Annual Era/Stanwell Park Bowling Club Day was washed out by heavy rain, but the financial side of it was a huge success, raising \$320 for the day, \$160 going to each Club.

We have the Helensburgh Bowling Club to thank for this fine effort.

To all Club members and the surfing public I wish you all good health, fine weather and good surfing for 1975/76.

(K. Mills,)
President.

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SEAGULLS' REPORT.

With the close of the 1975 season behind us, we can boast of the most successful ever in competition and 100% in life saving awards. Four (4) boys turned 13 this year, all gained their Qualifying Certificates and will go on patrol at the start of next season, thanks to Peter Beehag their Instructor.

There were six (6) Saturday morning Carnivals held and our boys won four, drew one and lost one. At the Illawarra Branch Championships held on our own beach, our Club was outright Champion with fourteen (14) gold medals coming our way and a bag of silver and bronze. The list of names is too big for me to mention.

At the New South Wales Titles, again we did well. Graham Mercer won the 13 year old Flags, Ian Campbell 10 year old Sprint, Brett Mitchell 11 year old Surf Race. We also won the 11 years old Chariot, 12 years old Chariot, Warwick Giddy was 2nd in the 6 years old wade. We gained 3rd in the 10 years old relay, 3rd in the 6 years old relay. Our surf team of Mark Fitzgerald, Darren Bogg, Brett Mitchell, Garry Clarke was third out of 17 teams.

IT WAS THE PROUDEST DAY OF MY LIFE WHEN I LEARNED OUR BOYS WERE PLACED FIRST IN NEW SOUTH WALES WITH WANDA.

Our Presentation Day was a big success and a lot of trophies were presented. The list of winners is too long for me to mention by name.

Finally, on behalf of the Seagulls and Officials, may I extend our thanks to every person who helped in so many ways, especially to the Senior Club for their Water Safety.

(Alan Fitzgerald,)
President.