

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

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OFFICIALS 1975-1976

Patrons	-	A. McKenzie
President	-	K. Mills
Senior Vice President	-	B. Phillips
Vice Presidents	-	R. Turner, G. Land, J. Powell D. O'Brien, W. King, K. Newell
Captain	-	R. White
Vice Captain	-	G. Thompson
Secretary/Treasurer	-	I. Kohlhardt
Assistant Secretary	-	D. O'Brien
Chief Instructor	-	G. Cook
Boat Captain	-	A. Davis
Vice Boat Captain	-	M. Ryan
Assistant Instructor	-	All Instructors
Branch Delegates	-	B. Phillips, K. Mills
Publicity Officer	-	W. Fordham
General Committee	-	C. Powell, B. Keating, P. Beehag K. King, R. Burke, G. Hand, J. McLeod
Medical Officer	-	Dr. Meates, Dr. Jordan
First Aid Officer	-	J. Powell
Social Committee	-	R. Burke, P. Beehag, G. Cook, M. Ryan, R. White
Honorary Caretaker	-	A. Prestage
Gear Stewards	-	J. Russell, Kings

JUVENILE SECTION "SEAGULLS"

President	-
Secretary	-
Treasurer	-

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Members,

Again it is pleasing to report no lives were lost on our beach during patrol hours although the season was marred by the drowning of a youth during the lunch break of the council lifesaver. This unfortunate incident happened despite the valiant efforts of one of our club members attempting to rescue him in big seas.

Patrols were fairly well attended although towards the end of the season a few members failed to show for their last couple of patrols.

Presentation nights were held for both seniors and juvenile clubs and both were a huge success. The Senior Club's Presentation night was held at A. McKenzie's Clifton hotel and was voted by all who attended one of the better presentation nights.

The Old Members Reunion day again was a very good day and really enjoyed by all who attended. As usual our thanks go to the Helensburgh Workmans Club for their continued support of this club day.

The Annual Era v. Helensburgh-Stanwell Park was again a good financial success and our thanks again go to the Bowling Club and to those who gave so freely.

Carnivals and Competitions:

It was good to see a marked improvement in Club competitions this year. In this regard thanks go to our Club President K. Mills, Club Captain R. White and A. Fitzgerald for their efforts to get members to start in races.

Though not as successful as in past seasons the carnivals were well attended though mainly by our cadets. Congratulations go to all who competed and had success.

Finance:

Once again the King Kids were the main stay of our money problems with their attendance each Saturday at Alex McKenzie's Clifton watering hole. Thanks go to Alex, staff and patrons for their continued support of the weekly raffle.

The Bowling Club day showed an increase and thanks go to all businesses, members and friends who donated prizes for our raffles in which tickets were freely bought by the Bowling Club fraternity.

Assurance Day:

This day also showed an improvement and the Club thanks all members who did turn up to help with collections - but please remember to turn out again this year as the more collectors there are the easier it becomes.

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Donations:

Donations this year were received from many donors and our sincere thanks go to all who donated and we hope for continued support.

Club House and Gear:

The club house and gear were reasonably looked after although not as well as in previous seasons and a little more effort here is needed.

Rescues, Patrols & First Aid:

Again many rescues and first aid cases were carried out. Thanks go to all members who turned up regularly for their patrols, to those who did NOT - get a stand-in for yourself as non-attendance of patrols put an extra load on the regular attendance.

<u>Membership:</u>	1971-72	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
Active	34	21	46	40
Active Reserve	12	10	10	10
Cadet	10	12	9	2
Associate	71	90	92	63
Life	15	15	15	14

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VALE DAVE HARPER - LIFE MEMBER

The passing of Dave Harper saddened the year and from all members and friends of the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park S.L.S.C. our deepest sympathy goes to Dave's family.

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Meetings:

Committee meetings were well attended throughout the seasons and branch meetings were attended fairly regularly.

Examinations:

To all members who gained awards throughout the year go my congratulations and to the instructors thanks for the time and effort put into the boys to help them obtain their awards - Instructors - Robert White, Bronze Medallion - Kevin Barry, Peter Mills, Phillip Doran, Paul Potter, M. Thompson, Qualifying - Aaron Fuller, Stephen Clarke, Tony Vanzyl, Brad McGraw.

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 generdus 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.

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- \* 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 Club continued much the same as the previous season and the improvement shown during the 1974-1975 did not continue and all members will have to put in that little extra effort to ensure that we do not go backwards.

A lot of good and firm friendships are made through life saving so lets get into it and make the season 1976-1977 a season we can be proud of.

My personal thanks go to all members who helped me throughout the year.

Ian Kohlhardt  
Club Secretary.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to see that last season was the best this club has had for some considerable time with our active and associate membership showing a big increase.

Most patrols were very well attended, with only a small minority of patrol members shirking their duties.

I give my personal thanks to all those members who carried out their club duties conscientiously, to our Patron, Alex and Mrs. McKenzie, to the Helensburgh Bowling Club, Helensburgh Workman's Club, all business people who kindly gave donations and everyone who made donations of cash or prizes to assist.

I hope the forthcoming year will be as successful, if not more so, than last year, and as I will not be standing for re-election as Club President, I take this opportunity to wish the next President all the very best and I hope that all club members give their full support.

(K. Mills)  
President.