

HELENSBURGH STANWELL PARK S.L.S.C.ANNUAL REPORT 1976-1977.OFFICIALS 1976 - 1977.

Patrons	-	A. McKenzie
President	-	G. Hand
Senior Vice President	-	A. Fitzgerald
Vice Presidents	-	D. Rider, F. Ryan, D. O'Brien, N. O'Brien, G. Land, J. Powell, K. Mills, R. Turner, J. Thorne
Captain	-	R. White
Vice Captain	-	G. Cook
Secretary/Treasurer	-	I. Kohlhardt
Chief Instructor	-	P. Beehag
Boat Captain	-	M. Ryan
Vice Boat Captain	-	K. Barry
Assistant Instructor	-	All Instructors
Branch Delegates	-	A. Fitzgerald, W. Fordham
Publicity Officer	-	W. Fordham
General Committee	-	B. Keating, T. Daintry, K. King, T. Thorne, G. Woods, P. Potter, M. Nugent, M. Thompson.
Medical Officer	-	Dr. Meates.
First Aid Officer	-	J. Powell, J. Drysdale, D. O'Brien
Social Committee	-	W. Fordham, B. Keating, K. Mills, G. Cook, M. Ryan, R. White
Honorary Caretaker	-	A. Prestage
Gear Stewards	-	K. Barry, D. O'Brien.

JUVENILE SECTION "SEAGULLS"

President	-	Darby McGaw
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MEMBERS:

Once again it is with pride and pleasure that we can say no lives were lost on our beach last season during patrol hours.

This season has been a great improvement in all Club activities with great improvement in competition and a lot more social get-togethers which do a lot towards keeping the club together. There are many members who are contributing to the improvement and I sincerely hope the trend continues as it rubs off on other members.

During the winter we had a few working get-togethers which improved the general condition of the Club House.

CARNIVALS & COMPETITIONS.

Congratulations go to all members who competed in Club, Branch, State and Australian Championships. The most successful being Brett Mitchell who came 2nd in the Australian Championships. Mark Fitzgerald, Roger Smith and Graham Mercer were right up there with the best and Tony Van Zigle kept the Cadets ranks flying high. Graham and Roger winning the Branch Titles. Also congratulations go to all the other competitors who kept our flay flying at most carnivals

We were fortunate enough to win a rescue board - our march past team would you believe, so congratulations go to all who took part - Special thanks go to Alan Fitzgerald for making some of us get off our bums and start going and competing at Carnivals.

FINANCE:

Our sincere thanks are again extended to our Patron, Alex McKenzie of the Imperial Hotel, Clifton, Staff and Patrons who continue to buy the raffle tickets so freely. Special mention again must be made of Bill and Keith King who again have kept the Club going financially - Thanks again Bill and Keith.

Thanks are also extended to the Committee and members of the Helensburgh Bowling Club who contributed to make the Era v. Stanwell Park Day a high financial success. Special mention must be made of Keith Miles and Waggie Joslin for their help in setting up the day. Thanks also go to all donors of the prizes for the raffles too many to mention.

DONATIONS:

The Club is most appreciative of each of the following for donations throughout the year:

Annie J. Collins, E. Grabara, C. Ryder, N. O'Brien, F. Ryan, J.R. Logan, T. Daintry, I. Melville, A. McKenzie, J. Lysaght, B.H. Winter, R. Pavert and the Woonoona Rotary Club.

CLUB HOUSE AND GEAR:

The Club House has been one place where considerable improvement has been made and our thanks are given to Terry Daintry and Andy McCabe who have been responsible for generating the enthusiasm needed to get working bees together. To all members who helped thanks and just remember many hands make light work.

RESCUES, PATROLS AND FIRST AID:

Patrols this year were an improvement on past years. Our Vice Captain, Graham Cook, helped here and all members who gave him support throughout these must be thanked.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>1972-72</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1976-77.</u>
Active	34	46	47
Active Reserve	12	10	8
Cadet	10	9	15
Associate	71	92	78
Life	15	15	15

MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings were well attended this season and we were again represented at most Branch Meetings thanks to Alan Fitzgerald, Bill Fordham and K. Mills.

EXAMINATIONS & AWARDS:

Here the Club owes a real debt of thanks to Peter Beehag, Graham Cook and Bobo White for the hours they gave to training the boys. The Club sincerely appreciates the effort you members put in and hope that you continue for you have been responsible for many new members.

The following are congratulated on gaining Awards:

BRONZE:

B. McGraw, M. Fitzgerald, C. Emmett, G. Mercer, G. Foran, R. Smith, M. Davis, D. Smith, P. Shobert, G. Harris, S. O'Grady, Geoff Wood, Peter Duffy, Greg *MULLANE*

QUALIFYING:

G. McGaw, J. Griffiths, A. Doran, A. Layhe, P. Teudt, M. Higgins, G. Clarke, P. Little, G. Little, B. Fuller, I. Van Zyle.

By the above list you can see the effort put into the boys by our instructors - THANKS AGAIN BOYS.

VALE:SEAN I. SULLIVAN.

The year was saddened by the passing of Sean. A member who was taken too young. From all members and friends of the Helensburgh Stanwell Park S.L.S.C. our deepest sympathy goes to Sean's family.

SOCIALLY:

There were quite a few social get-together throughout the year.

Presentation Night was held in the Surf Club and was voted by all who attended as a huge success. It was most pleasing to see so many families coming along to this important Club function.

Quite a few Sunday B.B.Q's were held and these did a lot to get members together.

1977 saw the resurrection of the Annual Car Rally Trophy and it was most pleasing to see the number roll-up ensuring that this event will be held again next year with the organisers having to work a little harder in setting the rally to make it a little harder, as most competitors were pretty much on the ball. The rally was open to anyone and was won by a Club Associate Member, Chris. Weston, who with his navigator/wife nearly handed in a faultless paper.

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CLUB COMPETITION:

Congratulations go to the following members who were successful in the following events. To all members who don't get a mention lets get in the events and try and make sure the same names are not there next year.

Senior Surf Point Score	R. White
Senior Surf Champion	R. White
Senior Belt Champion	R. White
Senior Beach Point Score	G. Cook
Junior Surf Point Score	M. Fitzgerald
Junior Belt Champion	M. Fitzgerald
Junior Surf Champion	M. Fitzgerald
Junior Beach Point Score	P. Mills
Cadet Beach Point Score	T. Van Zyl
Cadet Surf Point Score	T. Van Zyl
Cadet Surf Champion	B. Mitchell
Old Mug Champion	J. Clarke
Patrol Competition	J. Thompson, G. Cook, J. Clarke

APPRECIATION:

- * To the Illawarra Branch goes our thanks for their co-operation and advice throughout the season.
- * To the Helensburgh Workmen's Club for support to both the senior and juvenile section of our Club.
- * To Helensburgh Bowling Club for continued support in holding the annual Era v. Stanwell Park Day.
- * To Alex McKenzie and Patrons of the Clifton Hotel for continued support
- * To the Aerial Patrol, Surf Rescue and Police for their vigilance and help when called upon.
- * To all members who helped make the season just closed one I think we can be proud of.

CONCLUSION:

I feel this season we are at last getting somewhere. Most members have been responsible for this and I hope that it continues. My own personal thanks go to the following for help given to me over the past season.

President: G. Hand
 Assistant Secretary: Des. O'Brien
 Keith Mills and Alan Fitzgerald.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

I would like to thank every member for a very successful year all round, Patrols and competition were tremendous.

A special thanks to Cookie for the great job he did as Vice-Captain. He was so keen that he even did the work of other people, especially mine.

Peter Beehag did a great job as Chief Instructor with many boys earning Awards. His only error in my opinion was that he did not persuade anyone to go for their Instructor's Certificat sot that they could take over his job.

And so I ask Peter to change his mand and be Chief Instructor for one more year and to train someone to replace him.

CONGRATULATIONS PETER ON A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

One of the most pleasing things to see this year was the return of some of the more mature members who have become very active with new ideas, plenty of encouragement and giving their experience to the younger members. They have helped to put a good solid backbone into the Club.

I won't say anything about the work done around the Surf Club, I'll let you see that for yourself, but a special thanks to Andy, Terry, Greg and their band of MERRY MEN.

Bobo.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I am pleased to be able to report that the 1976-77 Season has proved to be another successful one for our Club, and current trends indicate that we are on the threshold of even better things to come. If we continue next Season with the same vigour, diligence and responsible attitude then the benefits will accrue, not only to the Club but also to each individual member.

Surf Club life is not always easy and is often time-consuming but the rewards are always there in terms of comradeship and the great sense of self-achievement. The continued success of our Club relies on the active participation of those willing to assist whenever called upon.

My 12 months as President were made enjoyable and satisfying because of the efforts of a number of individuals and because of the consistent support of the Committee. Loyalty and teamwork have got us this far; let's hope we can continue in the same manner.

My thanks go to all those members who did their best no matter what the task and my congratulations go to those who gained awards and who competed at carnivals. Competitively, the Club is experiencing a wonderful rejuvenation and appears set to capture increasing prominence in many aspects of competition.

Our representation in local carnivals and at the State Championships was befitting of a Club with our tradition and indicative of the enthusiasm of our younger members. In reviewing our performance, I must also make mention of Brett Mitchell's attainment of the Silver Medal in the Cadet Surf Championship at the 1977 Australian Titles. The Club is indeed proud of this achievement and it would appear that Brett, already with an impressive list of Titles and successes, is set for a very successful future.

While the majority of our active members are young and many are still in the Junior and Cadet ranks, it is very encouraging to see that a few of our older members still take a keen interest in patrols, competition and fund-raising. It is also very pleasing to report that we have managed to harness some of the energy and innovation ability of Terry Daintry and Andy McCabe. The improvement to the internal appearance of the Club Rooms is only one of their current programmes. Their 'working bees' have been well attended, so let's not let them down in the future.

Special thanks also must go to our "electricians" for their job of re-wiring the Clubhouse. It is a great pity that we cannot report on any great assistance offered to us by Wollongong Council but this is a matter we are currently pursuing.

To the incoming officers and Committee I offer my best wishes for a rewarding and successful Season in 1977-78.

(G. Hand)
President.

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SEAGULLS REPORT

1976 - 1977

Again we have had a successful season of which we are very proud. Eleven (II) boys gained certificates of qualification to the senior ranks. Those who qualified are ; Brad Fuller, Paul Little, Grant Little, Ian Van Zyl, Peter Teudt, Grant McGraw, John Griffiths, Garry Clarke, Colin Doran, Andrew Layhe and John Coughlan. Our thanks go to those of your Instructors who gave their valuable time and knowledge to train these boys.

Our club competed in the Illawarra Branch Championships, held this season at Bellambi beach, our achievements were ; Eleven gold, Two silver and Three bronze medals, most of which were won in the water. The two outstanding swimmers on the day being Brett Mitchell and Ian Giddey. Our March Past team dead heated for first place but lost on a count back on wheels.

A large number of boys competed in the New South Wales Championships at Coffs Harbour but competition was very keen and we only managed to bring home Two gold and Two silver medals, those going to, 13 yrs. Chariot and Brett Mitchell 13yrs. Swim won gold and Warrick Giddey 10 yrs Flags and Junior Surf Teams won silver.

The Illawarra Team that competed in the Inter-Branch Carnival contained a large number of our boys for the first time this season namely ; Andrew Layhe who represented on the beach and Steven Clarke, Grant McGraw, Ian Giddey, Kelvin Giddey and Chad Mitchell who were chosen as swimmers.

Brett Mitchell was our one and only competitor to represent N. S. W. in the National Titles , he never the less managed to win a gold medal in the 13yrs. swim. A fine individual effort .

Presentation night was held, for the first time, at the Workmens Club and a large variety of trophies were once again handed out to those who had worked hard to earn them through the season.

On behalf of the Seagulls and their Officials I extend to all who helped make the past season a success, our sincere thanks.

PRESIDENT: Darby McGraw
SECRETARY: Jim Teudt

VICE PRESIDENT: Frank Little
TREASURER: Evan Griffiths