

HELENSBURGH - STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

74th ANNUAL REPORT

To the President and Members,

It is with pleasure that I table for your consideration and adoption the 74th Annual Report of the Helensburgh - Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, covering the activities of the Club during the 1980-81 season.

For surf life saving, the year saw an important change with the infiltration of females into the ranks of yet another male domain. The Club once having decided to accept the girls, took up the challenge and within the first few weeks of the surfing season, welcomed its first female Bronze holder, Tanya Lean. We hope to see more female Bronze holders next season, along with some more female Cadets.

For the Club in its prime aim of saving lives, it is pleasing to once again report 'No lives lost on Stanwell Park beach during Club patrol hours for the 1980-81 season'

Competition wise, the Club claimed two first placings in the Illawarra Branch Championships (Open Boat and Junior Single Ski), a third in the Branch Championships (Junior Boat), a second in the N.S.W. State Stillwater Championships (Junior Single Ski), and a second placing in the Australian Championships (Open Flags).

In other areas, the overall situation of fund raising was excellent with \$1,461 achieved through general donations and a further \$4,330 towards the new club building.

All in all, the year has had many successes and generally been progressive. This is not to say however, that we cannot do better next season.

Harley Dreghorn
Hon. Secretary.

2.8.81.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

So much can be said about the past season, both in acclaim and disgrace, but our proud record of NO LIVES LOST whilst a patrol was on duty is the most important statement that can be made by any surf club in their Annual Report. Let me warn you however that if there is not a vast improvement in patrol punctuality, attendance and attitude next season, this cherished record could be wrenched from our grasp. If this does happen, we all become responsible and will be hanging our heads in shame this time next year.

Do not let it happen.

Awards - I congratulate those who have been successful in gaining S.L.S.A. awards and am pleased to report a substantial increase in the number this season compared to last season.

Still more awards could have been gained with a more diligent effort from all those responsible for instruction. Whilst it is not perhaps as glamorous as carnivals and competitions, and not as much fun as social functions, instruction is nevertheless one important area of the life saving movement and indeed our own Club, that cannot be allowed to take a back seat if we want a totally successful club.

Competition - Intra-club competition was fair this season and the inclusion of the Iron Man Championships created a surge of interest towards the end of the season. However, we must provide more support towards the organisers of the Sunday morning point scores and the Club Championships, and you can do this by simply competing each Sunday and in the championships. It can be a lot of fun and we all know we may one day need to use our surf skills in a more serious situation; consider the events as practice and enjoy yourself during some light hearted competition.

Carnival Competition - Too few members attended Carnivals and represented the Helensburgh - Stanwell Park Club during the season, but those who were there each carnival equitted themselves well and gave the club a number of placings in the Illawarra Branch titles, the State Stillwater titles and the Australian titles.

Without personal mention, I congratulate all competitors on their efforts in representing the Club and hope you will be supported by more competitors, and spectators from the club, next season. We do have the talent within the Club so lets encourage our competitors even if by just going to the Carnivals to shake the hand of the successful, and console and encourage the not so successful. It will make their efforts seem more worthwhile when they can see the Club and its members behind them.

Administration - This has not been easy this season, as in the past few years, too few members are left to do too much. If you cannot fulfil a position for the entire season, please do not nominate or accept a position as it only upsets the balance of work distribution later in the season.

An Administrative Congress was held in the off season to try to overcome some of the administrative problems and a summary of some of the items discussed and the recommendations made is included later in the report.

New Club House - We have now moved in part to the new club building and are looking forward to the commencement and completion of Stage II so that the Club will be housed in a comfortable, functional building to make our duties as surf life savers more efficient and our equipment more secure from theft and vandalism.

I will make no attempt to name individually those who contributed to what I consider to be a moderately successful season, but I do ask that we all bind together in 1981-82 with a far more concerted effort. We have the people, the experience and capability to do a great deal more for surf life saving, the youth of the area and our own Club -

So have a go, we can do it.

Personally, I sincerely thank the Executive, the Committee and the members of the Club for their assistance during my term as President of a Club of which I am extremely proud. I wish the Club every possible success in the ensuing season.

Terry Daintry
President

PATRONS

We are honoured to have as one of our Co-Patrons this season, the Hon. Les Johnson, M.P., Member for Hughes, who has been a continued stalwart of the Club over the years.

Popular local publican, Jim Young of the Centennial Hotel, Helensburgh, was also re-elected as a Patron for the 1980-81 year, and once again has shown continuing support to the Club, both financially and with his assistance in training, not to mention the fact that his establishment always has an open door for the Club and its members.

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR DONORS

Life Savers Collection Day during November raised \$1,066.00 through donations by local residents in the Helensburgh and Stanwell Park areas. The funds raised were used to purchase and renew life saving equipment.

With the assistance of East West Airlines Ltd., who kindly donated air tickets for two persons to the Sunshine Coast, and Wayamba Motor Inn, Maroochydore, who provided one weeks accommodation in connection with the air tickets, the Club was able to raffle a worthwhile prize during a week long promotion at the Westfield Shopping Centre at Liverpool during November. Raffle ticket sales raised \$1,125.22 towards the construction of the new club building.

Many individual donors, some of whom were formerly club members, and some local residents, have kindly donated funds to the new club building by purchasing 'Bricks'. These donors, who also include some of the local shopkeepers, will eventually have plaques displayed within the surf club, showing details of their donation.

The Club again took advantage of a \$ for \$ grant offered by the Australian Government to surf clubs, and purchased life saving equipment to the value of \$504.00

Tooth and Coy. Ltd. provided sponsorship of \$200.00 as prize money for a Marathon Ski Race conducted by the Club on the day of the Carnival.

Fidelity Permanent Building Society of N.S.W. Ltd., provided \$150.00 as prize money for the junior section of the Marathon Ski Race.

Jim Bisset Auto Spares Pty. Ltd., of Engadine donated goods to the value of \$100.00 for prizes for the Clubs car rally.

\$159.80 was raised at the Old Boys Re-union as a further contribution towards the Jack Mawson Memorial Fund.

At this time of the year, the Club likes to acknowledge with thanks the tremendous assistance it receives regularly from the 'locals' - there are too many to name individually but the help is always there when we need it; not necessarily cash donations, but a little bit of labour here, advice there, etc. Helensburgh Workmens Club and the Bowling Club perhaps deserve a special mention. Likewise the Lions and the people who buy our raffle tickets and generally make donations to the Club.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to all these people particularly, and to all who have assisted the Club in some way or other during the year gone by.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

I would like to thank all those members who did their bit around the club during the last season, and so enable the club to function in the right way.

The patrols generally left a lot to be desired, with many members not turning up for their rostered patrols. This not only let the club down, but also left fellow patrol members short making it difficult to properly patrol the beach and ensure that the beach was adequately protected.

I realise that at times we have other things to do and we cannot make our rostered patrol. But if you cannot do a patrol, or you need to give it away, please find a stand-in or let either the Captain, Vice Captain or your Patrol Captain know beforehand so that something can be arranged to provide another member for that patrol.

Instruction last season improved and was on a par with recent years, with a reasonable number of awards being gained by members, thanks to the efforts of the Club's instructors, and to the perseverance and assistance of our highly rated examiner 'Bobo'

Competition was an improvement, with a number of competitors doing well in the Branch and Australian Championships.

In 1981-82, lets all make Helensburgh - Stanwell Park No. 1.

Graham Cook
Club Captain.

PATROLS

During the season, there were nine patrols, each with an average of six members.

Attendance of members at patrols averaged only 4.5 on each patrol - not a very satisfactory figure.

Rescues during the season totalled 44 as follows -

Without the aid of any rescue gear	15
With reel, line and belt	6
With rescue tube	1
With rescue board	13
With rescue ski	2
By I.R.B. crew	7

No persons required resuscitation, whilst first aid was rendered to 91 persons by club members, mainly due to a large number of blue bottle stings.

COMPETITION

Sunday morning point score competitions, and the Club Championships, were again run during the season by John Clarke, assisted by Keith Mills.

Results of the various events are shown hereunder -

Senior Surf Championship	Brad McGraw
Senior Belt Championship	Not held
Senior Iron Man Championship	Peter Mills
Veteran Surf Championship	Lance Morton
Junior Surf Championship	Stephen Clarke
Junior Belt Championship	Not held
Junior Iron Man Championship	Kevin Morton
Cadet Surf Championship	Leanne Whitehouse
Cadet Iron Man Championship	Paul Hobby

Sunday Morning Point Scores

Senior Surf	1st	Brad McGraw
	2nd	Lance Morton
	3rd	Peter Mills
Senior Beach	1st	Mark Thompson
	2nd	(Chris Emmett (Peter Mills
Senior Wave Ski	1st	Lance Morton
	2nd	(Peter Mills (Brad McGraw
Junior Surf	1st	Gary Clarke
	2nd	Kevin Morton
	3rd	Stephen Clarke
Junior Beach	1st	Ian Van Zyl
	2nd	Brad Fuller
	3rd	Andrew Lahye
Junior Wave Ski	1st	Kevin Morton
	2nd	Ian Van Zyl
	3rd	Gary Clarke
Cadet Surf	1st	Leanne Whitehouse
	2nd	Brett Daintry
	3rd	Scott Daintry
Cadet Beach		Not contested

The Patrol Competition was won by Patrol 3, with Captain Kevin Barry, and members Keith Stoddart, Paul Little, Grant Little, Peter Teudt and Ian Van Zyl.

Kevin Morton, tied with Graham Mercer, to win the Most Consistent and Successful Carnival Competitor Award. Both these members, as well as Lance Morton, represented the Club at carnivals throughout the season, and all three competed at the Branch, State and Australian Championships.

The results of the Illawarra Branch Championships record the following, so far as Helensburgh-Stanwell Park is concerned -

Open Beach Flags	2nd	Graham Mercer
Open Boat Race	1st	Helensburgh-Stan.Park (Chris Emmett Geoff Woods David O'Grady Phil Doran Graham Cook)
Junior Boat Race	3rd	Helensburgh-Stan.Park (Brad Fuller Ian Van Zyl Robert Reynolds Andrew Lahye Graham Cook)
Junior Single Ski	1st	Kevin Morton
Junior Wave Ski	3rd	Kevin Morton

The results of the N.S.W. State Stillwater Championships record -

Junior Single Ski	2nd	Kevin Morton
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The results of the Australian Championships record -

Open Beach Flags	2nd	Graham Mercer
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The Club extends its congratulations to the above competitors for their successes, and extends its appreciation to them for competing on behalf of the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park club.

CLUB CARNIVAL

A successful, although small Carnival was held on Saturday afternoon, 28th February 1981. A Sydney Branch carnival held on the same date, robbed many competitors from the Stanwell Park carnival.

A sponsored marathon ski event from Coal Cliff to Stanwell Park attracted only a small number of starters despite the prize money offered to placegetters in both senior and junior sections.

AMENDMENT - ADD UNDER ILLAWARRA BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

<i>OPEN WAVE SKI</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>LANCE MORTON</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>KEVIN MORTON</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>REYER MILLS</i>

S.L.S.A. AWARDS

During the season a total of 25 awards were gained by Club members, including some by members of the juvenile club. Congratulations to the following members who gained their Bronze Medallion -

David Anger	Geoff Hodge	Robert Reynolds
Ray Beecroft	Tanya Lean	David Van Zyl
Gary Clarke	Kevin Morton	Mark Wallace

Congratulations and welcome to the following younger members who gained their Qualifying Certificate and joined as Cadets -

Brett Daintry	Tracey Harris	Mark Phillips
Scott Daintry	Paul Hobby	Leanne Whitehouse

Congratulations also to Chris Emmett and Michael Keating who gained their Instructors Certificate during the season.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Equipment has been maintained reasonably well during the season, and is now housed in the new building.

New equipment purchased during the year includes -

One rescue board	\$400.00
Two rescue skis	540.00
One I.R.B. radio (waterproof)	340.00
One surf line	78.00
Set competition marker cans and flags	317.00
One inflatable rescue tube	90.00
Boat trailer	710.00

At the close of the season, club equipment was valued at approximately \$6,500.00, and includes in addition to the abovementioned items, the following major pieces of equipment -

- One oared surf boat
- One I.R.B.
- Two I.R.B. motors
- Four reels, lines and belts
- Four rescue tubes
- One set radio equipment (two portable and one base unit)

NEW SURF CLUB BUILDING

During mid-April 1981, Wollongong City Council handed over the first stage of the new building to the Surf Club, although some earthworks still remain to be done. The new building has provided the club with modern and functional male and female shower and toilet facilities, boat shed/gear room and a first aid room.

Up to 8th May 1981, costs of the building had totalled \$88,872.11, of which nearly half was expended on concreting.

Funds for the project were raised from the following sources, with a total of \$102,000.00 being committed -

* New South Wales State Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation	\$35,000.00
* New South Wales State Government through the State Centre, Surf Life Saving Association	10,000.00
* Wollongong City Council	37,000.00
* Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC by donations	10,000.00
* Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC by a donation from Kembla Coal and Coke Pty. Ltd (Coal Cliff Colliery)	10,000.00

Towards the end of May 1981, the Club Executive met with Council officers and aldermen to press for commencement and early completion of Stage II of the building, but advice received as this report was being printed, indicated that Council had decided to give priority to another project before the Surf Club building was commenced.

Whilst costs are not known at this time, it can be expected that the Club will itself be required to raise a further \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to enable the construction of Stage II to proceed, hopefully during 1982.

THE SOCIAL SCENE

The social side of the Surf Club, as most of the members know, is the fun side. It is necessary to develop and maintain good relationships between the members of the club, the committee members and the executive members. Unfortunately, as a number of members have been heard to say, there could have been more social functions during the year.

Many suggestions were in fact made at the Administrative Congress about the lack of social contact amongst members and the need to improve the situation next season.

Notwithstanding, a number of very successful functions were arranged during the past year. Probably the takings of \$470.00 from the Annual Era v Stanwell Park Bowls Day makes this function the most successful, particularly as those who attended seemed to have a good time.

The Golf Day at Boomerang Golf Course was another successful social function, although not a winning one, with the trophy going back to the Helensburgh Workmens Club for another year.

The car rally with the tour of Helensburgh and Engadine and the bar-be-que almost adjacent to the starting point was another good day with \$130.00 raised in entry fees.

A Christmas social evening was well attended, although we did not make a profit. Another enjoyable function.

The fairly regular bar-be-ques after the committee meetings seemed to be popular, and probably should be continued next season.

However, the Golf Days, the Bowls Days, the Social evenings, all require organisation and assistance. The biggest problem seems to be no one will commit themselves into saying they will help until the last minute, and a lot of members will not even commit themselves to attend, making the organisers job of arranging catering, etc., a nightmare.

To the members who have been involved in organisation of the above functions, please accept the Club's appreciation for a job well done. Next season, we hope to have a greater range of members available to help, and if we do, it is likely that a greater number of social events can be held.

It is up to you.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLUB

Office Bearers and Committee Members, 1980-81 Season

Patrons	The Hon. Les Johnson, M.P. and Jim Young
President	Terry Daintry
Senior Vice President	Greg Hand
Vice Presidents	Andy McCabe, Jim Thorne, Bobo White, Keith Mills, Ron Turner, D. Ryder, John Clarke, Jim Teudt, W. Thompson Des O'Brien.
Club Captain	Graham Cook
Vice Captain	Geoff Woods
Secretary	Harley Dreghorn
Assistant Secretary	John Clarke
Treasurer	Ron Turner
Assistant Treasurer	Lyn Daintry
Chief Instructor	Brad McGraw
Asst. Chief Instructor	Con Asmussen
Instructors	All Instructors
Boat Captain	Chris Emmett
Vice Boat Captain	David O'Grady
I.R.B. Captain	Peter Shoobert
Board and Ski Captain	Lance Morton
Carnival Co-ordinator and Organisers	John Clarke and Lance Morton
Gear Stewards	Jim Teudt, Michael Keating, Mark Ryan
Radio Officers	Peter Shoobert Grant McGraw Scott Daintry
Branch Delegates	Greg Hand, John Clarke, Michael Keating
Public Relations and Promotions Officers	Terry Daintry, Jim Teudt
Chief First Aid Officer	John Walker
First Aid Officers	Bobo White, Brad McGraw, Brett Daintry Peter Shoobert
Building Committee	Club Executive, Club Patrons, Board and Ski Captain; I.R.B. Captain, Boat Captain.
General Committee	Ian Kohlhardt, Darby McGraw, G. Land Peter Beehag, Rick Dzapolic, Frank Little, Tony Van Zyl
Social Committee	Graham Cook, Clive Collins, Keith Mills Grant McGraw, Lyn Daintry, Mark Ryan, Ian Van Zyl, Scott Daintry

Office Bearers and Committee Members (Ctd)

Hon. Medical Officers Dr. P. Crossley-Meates
 Dr. B. Kalapesi
 Dr. D. Lam

Caretakers Andy McCabe, Brian Phillips
 Alan Prestage, Jack Riddell

Although Committee Meetings had intended to be held each month, only eight meetings took place with an average attendance of 12 members at each. Executive members met as required during the season.

Active Membership of 62 this season is slightly less than last season with 67. A number of members lost interest during the year and left, we are hopeful of some new Cadets from the juvenile club next season.

	70/71	77/78	79/80	80/81
Active members	33	42	52	54
Active reserve	11	8	3	2
Cadets	9	13	12	6
Life Members	14	16	17	18
Associate members	70	120	65	85

Long Service Awards - application has been made to State Centre for the granting of eight 25 year and one 50 year service awards to members.

Life Membership was conferred at the conclusion of the 1979/80 season on Andy McCabe

Three members were elected as Branch Delegates this season to attend Branch meetings. Unfortunately there are still difficulties in ensuring representation at Branch meetings and consideration may need to be given by the Club to nominating a greater number of delegates/alternate delegates.

The Club continued to support the juvenile club (the Seagulls and Seagalls now being combined) and arranged training of some junior members. However it is known a greater number of juveniles will need to be trained next season with the inclusion of surfing awareness, resuscitation and swimming tests now being necessary on a progressive scale from eight years up.

Midway through the season, strong complaint was received from the juvenile body about an apparent lack of interest from the senior club and during discussion, the Committee decided that a better working relationship between the two clubs needed to be devised and brought into effect. The Presidents of the two clubs have already met and discussed the problem on an informal basis and it is hoped the juvenile club will nominate delegates to attend senior club meetings next season.

SEAGULLS REPORT

The 1980-81 season commenced with a new President and Secretary (Stan Andrews and Maria Rosseeuw) and to-day I am thankful that our Treasurer Evan Griffith did not resign.

The season was a mixture of good and bad, good in the sense that the children that turned up at carnivals nearly always gained a place, the bad was that only on an average of 13 children would turn up.

The other good news was that Brian Morton, Tracey Stoddart Rosalie Doran and Julian Rosseeuw were all chosen to train, and if successful, represent the Illawarra District. I wish these children the best of luck for the coming season.

Sincere thanks to those who donated trophies for the last season and in particular to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins who donated a new trophy (The Endeavour Trophy) for the girls. Many thanks once again to all, as without your donations we would find so much difficulty in buying surf equipment let alone trophies.

Congratulations to all our junior members, as they all did their very best, but in particular I would like to mention Tracey and Simone Stoddart and Brian Morton who were all outstanding in water events. Natalie and Julian Rosseeuw entered every swim event at carnivals. Unfortunately they did not come a place, but it was good to see ones so young entering the surf when the majority of the time the surf looked terrifying.

There is another junior that I feel must be mentioned, as he will be a future champion and that is Shane Luck. He has won for the past two years the State Titles in Flags, and to compound this was chosen as Seagull of the Year - so when you consider this guy is only nine years, just imagine his potential at 19.

Naturally there are so many other junior members that should be mentioned - Brendan Claverie, Todd Andrews, Steven McDonald, Carmen Major, Petta Lawrence, Katherine Harris, Sandra Long and Anne Dreghorn are but a few, and the list could go on and on. However, us Mums and Dads know our children and the efforts they put into the beach and water events, and we are proud as we know it was their very best.

Finally sincere thanks to the senior club for their help in training of the juniors to obtain their Resuscitation Certificates and also for training of the older members of our club to enable them to succeed in obtaining their Qualifying. Thanks also to the senior club for their efforts in patrolling the beach not only for the safety of our children but also for the safety of visitors to the area.

Maria Rosseeuw
Secretary - Seagulls

ADMINISTRATIVE CONGRESS

Summary of suggestions made -

- * Set up a calendar of club functions, events, etc.
- * A more active Social Committee with a greater number of functions to improve social contact.
- * More general social functions to include the Seagulls (parents and members) and the local residents.
- * Improved patrol competition
- * More responsibility to be placed on members to attend their rostered patrols.
- * Greater use of patrol captains as club officials.
- * More responsibility to be placed on club officials other than Captain and Vice Captain, in the formation of patrols; i.e. Patrol Captains to assist.
- * Meeting of Patrol Captains to be held before start of season to explain requirements.
- * Patrols to be based on having an IRB driver, a good swimmer and an ARC holder
- * Family ties in patrols to be broken up, if necessary to obtain evenly matched patrols with IRB driver, swimmer and ARC holder.
- * Additional equipment to be provided to assist with training.
- * Additional manuals to be purchased, deposit to be charged when issued to members.
- * Competition caps to be issued to members on a deposit, refundable on return of cap at end of season.
- * Greater involvement with other surf club, i.e. in competition and social events.
- * Greater involvement with juvenile club, even to the extent of amalgamation of the two committees.
- * A budget to be prepared and worked to during season.
- * A newsletter to be provided for members
- * Improved club competition, to include girls only events
- * Greater involvement and liaison with Branch officials
- * Improved public awareness campaigns, publicity, etc.
- * Improved maintenance of equipment
- * Re-organisation of the club to provide three basic management sectors - Life saving; Competition, and Social
- * Seek more sponsors
- * Improve incentives for patrol members.
- * Provide a Cadet Manager

HELENSBURGH - STANWEL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB BALANCE SHEET 1980/81

Balance as at 1.7.80 \$2419. 96

EXPENDITURE

Equipment	\$2631. 15
Repairs	275. 42
Rent	2. 00
Electricity	46. 00
Phone, Stationery, Printing	899. 51
Insurance	348. 86
Branch Affiliation	50. 00
Audit	45. 00
Secretary's Honorarium	40. 00
Sundries	792. 69
Carnival Entry Fees	95. 80
Expenses to members attending Carnivals	240. 00
Trophies, medallions, etc.	438. 36
Carnival prizes, Stanwell Park Carnival	350. 00
Social Committee	2235. 72
Transfer to Building Account	2105. 00
Uniform (members purchase) A/c	731. 71
	<u>11327. 22</u>

Balance as at 30.6.81 c/f

933. 32
\$12260. 54

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	308. 00
Interest	269. 70
General Donations	1461. 61
Promotion, Westfield Shopping Centre, Liverpool	1125. 22
Sale of redundant equipment	40. 00
Carnival prizes won	15. 00
Donation of carnival prizes, Stanwell Park Carnival	350. 00
Social Committee	2596. 05
Donations Building Account	3205. 00
Uniform Account	470. 00

\$12260. 54

<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u>		<u>JACK MAWSON MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT</u>	
Cash balance 30.6.81	\$933.32	Bank balance as at 30.6.81	\$968.12
Plus stock on hand at cost -			
23 cartons canned beer	230.00		
@ \$10.00 per carton			
3 cartons soft drinks	15.00		
@ \$5.00 per carton			
Tee shirts, shorts, etc	<u>125.00</u>		
	\$1303.32		
Plus Interest Bearing Deposit	<u>2000.00</u>		
	3303.32	Bank balance as at 30.6.81	\$10147.13
Less funds not yet transferred		Plus funds not yet transferred	<u>2225.22</u>
to Building Account	<u>2225.22</u>	from General Account	12372.35
NETT BALANCE	<u>1078.10</u>		
		Less payment due to Wollongong	<u>10000.00</u>
		City Council not yet paid	<u>2372.35</u>
		NETT BALANCE	