

HENLEY LIFE-SAVING CLUB

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

to be held in the

HENLEY TOWN HALL,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, at 8 p.m.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF

HENLEY LIFE-SAVING CLUB

SEASON 1926-27.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Your Committee has very great pleasure in submitting to you the second annual report of our Club.

In doing so, we have every just reason to be proud of the achievements of our members.

Henley Beach is the only town in South Australia that instructs and equips a band of young men, who, voluntarily give up their spare time to patrol the beach, and impart their knowledge to others, without fee or reward.

The good character of the lads is exemplified when you take into consideration the large numbers that have met at the Town Hall for drills in Life Saving. Not one complaint has been made, either to the Council, the Police, or your Committee, with regards to the misbehaviour of any of our members.

CLUB HOUSE.

The first task we had ahead of us, was securing dressing-room accommodation, and through the kind efforts of our President, the Mayor, Mr. H. May, and the Town Clerk, Mr. C. M. Yeomans, the Henley and Grange Corporation granted us the free use of the Life-Boat Shed.

To fit this shed up, as suitable for the members, was another big task for your Committee. Busy bees were formed with the utmost enthusiasm. All the lads entered into the work of clearing out about thirty tons of sand and seaweed from the shed.

Mr. Oscar Tucker, a prominent city business gentleman, came to our assistance and donated all the boards for the floor, and Mr. Yeomans again assisted us in providing the floor-joists and the frame work of ten lockers, each with ample space to accommodate two patrol members.

With Mr. Cyril Newland as Supervisor, assisted by Mr. Norman Gray, Jack and Cliff Gamlin, and many other members, the shed was soon fit for habitation.

The only draw-back being the smallness of the shed, compelled your Committee to limit the number of members, but the instructors were to give free tuition to anybody attending the night classes in Life-Saving methods.

DRILL NIGHTS.

By the kindness of our Council, the Town Hall was again granted free for Drill Nights.

Thirty-seven drill nights, in all, were held, and large numbers of young men and boys from our town availed themselves of the opportunity of acquiring the very necessary knowledge. To give the public some idea of the task before the instructors, we mention that ninety-one lads under fifteen years of age have received tuition. The total number of hours spent on instruction, was 2,960. Unfortunately, all these lads were unable to go up for examination, the want of safe-water practice being the greatest draw-back, and the continual windy week-ends being also against us.

We are very pleased to state that the proprietor of the City Baths, Mr. C. Bastard, has agreed to give our members concessions next season to enable us to improve our practical work expeditiously in the future.

As a sample of the enthusiasm of some of our youngsters, we do not think it out of place to mention Rex Thredgold. He has not missed one drill night for water practice, busy bees, or meetings of the Henley Life-Saving Club, since its inception, and there are many others who have missed only one or two.

PATROL WORK.

During the summer season, our seaside resort was again visited by large numbers of people, but owing to the frequent reports of the presence of sharks all along the sea coast, bathers confined themselves to keeping close to the shore. This necessitated the Patrols being removed from the jetty and placed on the beach. Consequently the members in the Patrol were reduced from six to two.

Four very outstanding rescues were performed by four Senior Members of our Club, during the season.

Douglas Gryst, in rescuing a would-be suicide from the Torrens (the most severe test of all for a Life-Saver); Frederic Siggs, in rescuing Allen Anderson at Henley. In this case restorative methods had to be employed, and it was some time before the patient recovered. The third rescue was by Don Leonard, who rescued Jack Ingham at Henley. Eye witnesses praised Don very highly for the promptness in which he acted. The quickness of one of our Hon. Members, Mr. Jack McDonald in going to the assistance of a young lady off the end of the Henley Jetty, no doubt saved very serious consequences.

In offering our heartiest congratulations to these members, we hope that they will continue with us for many a season to come and carry on this laudable work.

The total time rendered by our members during last season, while on patrol work, was 470 hours. This necessitated spending 36 Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and six public holidays. In making public these figures, your Committee is desirous of giving every credit to these young lads for their self-sacrifice in such humane work.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF SWIMMING.

During the season, three afternoons were set apart to encourage our younger members in competitive swimming events. Programmes were arranged so as to encourage and improve young Life-Savers. Swimming on the back with arms folded, breast stroke race, release rescue race, free style race, and diving being the chief of 15 events held. Through the talent exhibited we are very confident that in the very near future our Club will be able to add State Championships to its credit.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

At the invitation of the Ethelton Club, our members gave a demonstration in their reserve in the Port River, before a very large audience, and were highly commended by the President, Mr. S. Verran, M.P., for their display.

At the Commonwealth Bank Carnival, our members again demonstrated their ability. The President, Mr. McComus, was so highly pleased with the display, that he presented our Captain (Dan Dineen) with a silver lead-pencil, as a small token of appreciation.

Several of our members, with other Clubs, gave a demonstration at the High Schools' Carnival, and again our boys were commended.

The effects of physical fitness and discipline were demonstrated to our lads, on a visit of inspection of the Adelaide Fire Station, and we are deeply indebted to Superintendent Dickie and his officers and men, for their kindness on that evening.

Through the kindness of the proprietor of the Henley Pictures (Mr. Len Northey), your Committee arranged a picture benefit night, which was largely patronised by the Henley residents.

With the proceeds, your Committee was able to give the members a social in the Henley Kiosk, and a large number of members and friends attended.

Musical items, games, dancing, presentation of trophies and awards, were the means of spending a very enjoyable evening. A dainty supper was served by the Committee.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY'S EXCELLENCE SHIELD.

The Port Lincoln Life-Saving Club were the successful winners of this Shield last season. To that Club we tender our heartiest congratulations.

COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCES.

During the season twelve Committee Meetings were held at which the attendance of Committee was as follows: His Worship the Mayor (Mr. May), 11; Captain Dan Dineen, 12; Vice-Captain Norman Gray, 12; Messrs. M. Greenwood, 10; H. J. Newland, 10; C. Newland, 7; D. Gryst, 10; Hon. Treasurer N. Zimmermann, 8; Hon. Secretary J. L. Stapleton, 9 out of 9; C. V. Fischer, 5 out of 5; M. Judell, 2 out of 2.

ANNUAL PICNIC.

The annual picnic was again held at Noarlunga; members being conveyed there by motor car, lorry and bus, supplied by Messrs. Eitzen, W. G. Watkins and E. Windibank. During the day six members went up for the Award of Merit and held up the high standard of efficiency of the Club by all passing with credit. Several swimming and diving contests were indulged in. Sight-seeing and surfing were some of the means in which all the members spent a very enjoyable outing.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS WON.

D. L. Gryst, Club Champion, Bar to Award of Merit, and Bar to Bronze Medallion.

Norman Gray, Second Club Champion, Bar to Award of Merit.

Frederic Siggs, Most Meritorious Performance, Award of Merit.

Ron Drew, Most Improved Member, Award of Merit, Bronze Medallion, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates.

Wallace Thredgold, Junior Champion, Bronze Medallion, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates.

Cedric Hele, Second Junior Champion, Bronze Medallion, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates.

Mayne Whitehorne, Best Gentlemenly Behaved Junior, Bronze Medallion, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates.

W. A. Howe, Best Gentlemenly Behaved Senior, Bronze Medallion, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates.

D. G. Fisher, Award of Merit.

A. A. Renfrey, Bar to Award of Merit.

C. V. Fischer, Bar to Bronze Medallion.

J. Gamblin, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates.

J. V. Brady, Second Best on Patrol and Proficiency Label.

W. C. Stafford, Proficiency Label.

Bruce Wheeler, Elementary Certificate.

Rolland Stafford, Elementary Certificate.

Edgar Spears, First Prize, Best Attention to Patrols.

APPRECIATION.

Your Committee wishes to place on record the very kind and generous donations made to our Club by public spirited citizens. There is no doubt that the trophies and the purposes for which they were donated, has been one of the most contributing factors towards the success of our Club, and we sincerely hope that we may again have their practical and financial support in the coming season: His Worship the Mayor (Mr. H. May), Aldermen Cyril Chambers, J.P., and W. Barrey, and Hon. Tom Gluyas, M.L.C., Crs. Rhoades, H. W. Mitton, A. E. Northey, H. Annells; Messrs. C. M. Yeomans, Fred Lines, Miss E. K. Barker, Messrs. Fred Scarfe, Oscar Tucker, J. K. Lee, G. E. Wiloughby, S. L. Thredgold, A. E. Belcher, E. E. P. Buring, D. Ferrier, A. E. Jolley, M. F. Hamblett, Coles & Hughes, J. Tomlinson, J. McCawley, N. Zimmermann, A. K. Klose, of Menz and Co., J. G. Wagstaff, S. Fielder, D. Fielder, W. F. Neilson, T. Whitehorne, Mort Daly, W. G. Watkins, Crump & Buckley, the Hon. W. G. Duncan, V. Daebler, S. Johns, C. Johns, W. Griggs, J. E. Presgrave, Vic. Cressdee, W. H. Wheeler, A. E. Strutton, Reg. Scrutton, Bowden & Warhurst, Oscar de Laine, Glen Ewin Jam Factory, L. Bowes.

MEDICAL.

We cannot close our report without making reference to the wonderful support given to our Clubs during the past season by the medical gentlemen that are residents of our town. Not only have they rendered financial support, but at all times they have only been too pleased to render practical assistance, and in the way of improving the further knowledge of our members by giving free lectures and demonstrations. Notably Dr. F. Burden, Dr. L. G. Muirhead, Dr. J. R. Muirhead, and Dr. Gar Hone.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we extend our heartiest thanks to all those friends who have rendered assistance in any way, and if any friend's name is left out, we extend our apologies. Again thanking all those who helped to make the season so successful.

We are,

President, H. MAY.

Captain, D. DINEEN.

Hon. Secretary, JAS. L. STAPLETON.

BALANCE SHEET WILL BE PRESENTED AT ANNUAL
MEETING.