

HENLEY LIFE-SAVING CLUB

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OFFICERS.

JOINT PATRONS:

His Worship the Mayor of Henley and Grange
(Mr. W. W. Barrey), and Mr. A. W. Jolly.

PRESIDENT:

Cyril Chambers, J.P. (Life-Member).

CAPTAIN:

Cedric Hele.

VICE-CAPTAIN:

Wallace Thredgold.

HON. TREASURER:

Norman Zimmerman.

HON. SOLICITOR:

C. Crumps, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY AND FOUNDER.

D. F. Dineen.

ASSISTANT HON. SECRETARY:

C. V. Fischer.

REPORT

The Committee has very much pleasure in submitting the Fourth Annual Report of our Club.

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

Henley is the only town in South Australia that has a band of young men who, voluntarily, give up their spare time to patrolling the beach on all Saturday and Sunday afternoons and all day on holidays during the summer. For this very laudable work there is no fee or reward, in fact, the members pay a fee to join and other fees toward their own education.

CHARACTER.

The good character of the lads is exemplified when you take into consideration that there were 47 drill nights held at the Henley Town Hall, on 53 days patrols were carried out, and not one complaint has been made either to the Council, the local police or our Committee with regard to the misbehaviour of any of our members.

CLUB HOUSE.

Your Committee are very pleased to report that the accommodation and outside appearance of the Club shed has been very much improved, 20 more lockers having been installed and the Club House being painted inside and outside. This was a great strain on the Club's finances. We are very sorry to report that the accommodation available caused your Committee to limit the membership to 35, but we trust that in the near future some organized attempt will be made to extend the present building in keeping with the town's progress. We are very pleased to be able to state that 25 per cent. of the nett proceeds of the next Regatta are to be handed to our Club for equipment, such as reels, etc. Members are requested to do all in their power to make this carnival a success.

PATROL.

The recent season, 1928-29, has been one of the driest on record, and as a glance at the patrol chart will show, the members had to patrol the beach every Saturday and Sunday afternoon and every holiday during the season, making a total of 53 days in all.

The total hours spent in this very necessary work is 1,600 hours, and the number of cases assisted from the water is 40.

We do not claim that we have saved 40 persons from drowning, but 21 cases had to be carried to our Club House and restored by artificial means.

In the other cases the watchfulness of our members and their quickness in getting to the patient has prevented a good deal of suffering.

TEACHING OF SWIMMING.

This important part of natation has engaged the members of the Committee in a large amount of thought. The small space of our Club House has been the greatest deterrent in allowing us to devote more time to the teaching of those unable to swim. A large number of residents and visitors were supplied with certified instructors and tuition given. Altogether, we were instrumental in teaching 34 people to swim at least 25 yards, no fee being charged by either instructor or Club. In the very near future we contemplate approaching the Government for an annual grant to assist us in this very necessary work.

SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

We are hoping that our efforts in life-saving will admit us to that wonderful organisation known as the Surf Life-Saving Association of Australia, which has its headquarters in Sydney. A representative of that body (a Mr. Griffiths) watched our members at work, and he informed us that we would be accepted next year. If we are accepted, that means that every Saturday, Sunday and holiday over 80 Clubs, with a membership of 5,000 young men, will be patrolling the beaches of Australia.

SHARKS.

During the season a large number of cases from other States were reported of attacks on bathers by sharks. Several of these ended fatally. We, in South Australia, have had several experiences of this menace. This is the most trying experience for life-savers. The constant staring at the water becomes quite a strain at times. Three times during the season we had visits from some of these monsters while the patrols were on, but the ringing of the bell and the hoisting of the red flag soon warned the bathers.

RESCUES.

The names and numbers of rescues are:

Cedric Hele (Captain).....	9	William Sincock	1
Ronald Drew	9	Ron Rheinhiemer	1
Malcolm Clode	7	Percy Banister	1
Cliff Fischer (Asst. Sec.) ..	5	Lawrence Cleary	1
Alan Leonard	2	Mayne Whitehorn }	1
Rex Presgrave	2	William Norman }	1
Don Manning	1		—
		Total.....	40

HONOUR.

Through the kind generosity of Dr. L. G. Muirhead a medal has been donated annually for the most meritorious performance.

This year, owing to the large number of rescues, the competition has been keen, but the medal was finally awarded to Malcolm Clode. Malcolm has been a member of the Club since its inception. He holds the Award of Merit and one bar, Bronze Medallion and bar, Teacher's, Instructor's Proficiency and Elementary Certificates of the R.L.S.S.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

During the recent season many applications were made to this Club to give demonstrations of restoring the apparently drowned, but owing to limited time at our disposal, the Club was only able to accept a small number. On Regatta Day, at Henley, two effective demonstrations were given before a large number of onlookers. The carriage and bearing of the members was instrumental in their being awarded first prize for the best uniformed party in the annual procession. Undoubtedly the flag carried at the head of our troop and the caps worn by the members were a contributing factor towards our success on that day, both being donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hele.

Other displays given were: Adelaide Electric Supply Company's Carnival (Unley Baths), the State Bank Carnival (Unley Baths), and Warehousemen's Carnival (Unley Baths). At each of these carnivals eulogistic references were made to our members on their display by the controlling officials. At the termination of the Warehousemen's Carnival, Mr. William Bushby (a Life-Member of the Swimming Association and a Life-Member of the Royal Life-Saving Society), in commending the members, said it was the finest display of life-saving he had seen in South Australia.

POLICE.

Your Committee desires to place on record its best thanks and appreciation to Sgt. A. Kroemer and Constable R. Fischer for their very valuable services rendered since the Club's inception. Nothing being too much trouble to them in rendering us assistance, and their firm stand in putting down hooliganism to which our members were subjected very frequently during the past season, has earned our everlasting gratitude.

PRIZE LIST.

MEMBER	HONOUR	
C. V. Fischer	Club Champion	Silver Cup
Donor: The President (Mr. C. Chambers, J.P.).		
L. R. Thredgold	Junior Champion	Silver Cup
Donor: The Patron, His Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. W. Barrey).		
Cedric Hele	Gentlemanly Conduct....	Gold Medal
Donors: Messrs. Fidler & Kendrick.		
William Norman	2nd Gentlemanly Conduct....	Gold Medal
Donor: Mr. H. F. Wallman.		
Malcolm Clode	1st Most Meritorious....	Gold Medal
Donor: Dr. L. G. Muirhead.		
A. Leonard	2nd Most Meritorious....	Gold Medal
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hele.		
D. Manning	Best Instructor	Trophy
Donor: Dr. Frank Burden.		
A. Bannister	Best Teacher	Trophy
Donor: Dr. Millhouse.		
W. Thredgold	Best Service Rendered	Trophy
Donors: Messrs. Coles & Hughes.		
H. Tingey	Most Improved	Trophy
Donor: Mr. Norman Zimmermann.		
R. Drew	Award of Merit Points	Gold Medal
Donor: Alderman H. G. Annells.		
R. Lucy	2nd Champion Junior.....	Trophy
Donor: Mr. E. E. P. Buring.		
A. Lucy	Best Bronze Class.....	} Trophy
Donor: Mr. S. L. Thredgold.		
K. Stevenson	Best Bronze Class.....	
Donor: Mr. L. R. Northey.		
R. Presgrave	Utility Member	Medal
Donor: Mr. A. Rosewarne.		
L. Cleary	} Best Patrol	Trophy
W. Blight		
Donor: Mr. A. H. Klose (of Menz & Co.).		

THE HENLEY CORPORATION.

To the members and officers of the Corporation we extend our very best thanks, for they undoubtedly recognise the valuable work rendered by our members to our town. They place the Town Hall at our disposal one night a week for six months, and they also supply us with a Club House all free of charge. We may mention, if these concessions were done away with, our Club would cease to exist.

APPRECIATION.

Your Committee wish to bring under the notice of members the best thanks we owe to those city business and professional gentlemen who came to the Club's aid, not only during the recent season, but since the Club's inception.

We desire to point out to the members that their efforts in life-saving are appreciated outside of our town as well as within.

CITY.

The names are: Messrs. C. Chambers, A. W. Jolly, E. E. P. Buring, Fidler & Kendrick, A. H. Klose (of Menz & Co.), F. H. Wallmann, A. Rosewarne, Edgar Forwood, F. J. Parton, and Bowden & Warhurst.

LOCAL.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. W. Barrey), Messrs. N. Zimmermann, S. L. Thredgold, Lionel Ryan, Coles & Hughes, L. R. Northey, P. J. Kearne, R. E. Hyman, C. Laubman, Alds. H. G. Annells, A. E. Northey and W. Mitton, Crs. R. Lloyd, W. Badenock, A. O. Rhodes, Town Clerk (Mr. C. M. Yeomans), Mr. F. Lines, Dr. Burden, Dr. Millhouse, Dr. L. G. Muirhead, Dr. Hone, Mr. George, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hele, Mrs. D. F. Dineen, Messrs. Harry Milhard, Bert S. Knill, A. H. Gartrell, Tom Cassidy, P. Bryden C. Halliday, Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew, members of Hiltonic Concert Party, and William Kennedy.

THANKS TO MEDICAL PROFESSION.

To the doctors of our town we express our best thanks, for they not only gave their time to our cause, but assisted us financially, and every season they have each presented us with a trophy to further encourage the boys.

LIFE-MEMBERSHIP.

During the season it was unanimously decided amongst the members that a Life-Membership, our first, should be conferred upon Mr. Cyril Chambers, our President, for valuable services rendered. He has been the donor of our championship cup every year since the Club's inception, and has assisted the Club on innumerable other occasions in financial and other ways. "A Honour Well Merited" is our unanimous verdict.

EMPLOYMENT.

Since the Club's inception a number of employers have made application to us for a boy. We are very pleased to report that our members have given every satisfaction.

MOTORISTS.

To all those motorists who assisted in restoring patients to their homes, we offer our sincere thanks. It made our work much lighter when we had the patient O.K. to find that there was always a volunteer with a motor who was only too pleased to assist us.

HON. TREASURER.

We feel that our report would not be complete without making reference to that wonderful asset our Club has in Mr. N. Zimmermann. No Club could wish for a more enthusiastic or tireless worker.

OFFICERS.

As founder of your Club, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the Captain (Cedric Hele), and the Vice-Captain (Wallace Thredgold). They have been two excellent and hardworking leaders, showing discretion and patience. The Assistant Secretary (C. V. Fischer), Alan Banister and William Norman have been other outstanding members that have helped to make the Club the success it is to-day.

FIRST-AID CABINET.

During the season a much-needed item was added to our Club's assets, and that was a very kind and thoughtful donation of F. H. Faulding & Co. of a First-Aid Cabinet. Considerable use has been made of this set during the season, but, we are sorry to have to report, that a very few of the public took the trouble to replace even a bandage.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

Your Committee would not think its Annual Report complete without paying its homage and respect to this noble band of workers in its aid to relieve the suffering.

The move to have these people on the beach emanated from our Corporation, and it is entirely due to the fact and discretion of Superintendents McLacklan and Burns that we are working very amicably together.

Our thoughts are best exemplified when these gentlemen's names are mentioned as

"Hats off, Life-Savers."

We are,

C. CHAMBERS, J.P., President.

D. F. DINEEN, Hon. Secretary and Founder.