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HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB



TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1934-35.

As Presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING, held in Council Chamber, Henley
Beach, on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1935,
at 8 p.m.

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB.

OFFICERS, SEASON 1934-5.

Patron:

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Mr. C. H. E. HELE

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Mr. R. McK. STRANG.

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Messrs. F. C. HILL, D. M. McGARRY, E. R. LUCY.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. C. H. E. HELE, J. A. MANNING, F. C. HILL.

Delegates to R.L.S.S. Carnival Committee:

Messrs. J. A. MANNING and D. M. McGARRY.

Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. E. A. BANISTER and B. CHRISTIAN

Hon. Medical Officers:

Dr. F. BURDEN, Dr. G. M. HONE and Dr. G. E. PETERS.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Gentlemen,

In submitting for your adoption the Tenth Annual Report your Committee wish to thank you for the support given it in the past season.

Whilst our year's successes in competitions did not constitute a record, we are confident that the Club next season will be well to the fore in this branch of activity.

AFFILIATIONS.

The Club is affiliated with the following bodies: The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia; The Royal Life Saving Society (S.A. Head Centre); The S.A. Amateur Swimming Association.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership of the Club at the close of the season was:—Active, 22; Active Reserve, 1; Life, 5. Total, 28.

During the season six applications were made: five for active membership, one for active reserve membership. Of the five for active membership three were accepted and two were rejected owing to the applicants' inability to complete the Club's 400 yard test swim in the prescribed eight minutes. The one active reserve applicant was accepted.

Five previous members failed to qualify this season and one resigned.

LIFE SAVING.

During the season nine persons were assisted from the water and two other persons received artificial respiration.

One of the most outstanding rescues was performed on the 8th January, when Messrs. C. V. Fischer, A. H. J. Hallett, and K. Coulter, who, with much courage and daring paddled about one mile in canoes from the shore to an overturned yacht. The canoes were totally inadequate, other than to tow the yachtsmen ashore, and through this fine effort three lives were undoubtedly saved.

The hours for actual jetty patrols furnished by the Club totalled 78; this does not include numerous canoe and beach patrols which were carried on throughout the season.

CARNIVALS.

The following list appended below gives the Club's results in the R.L.S.S. Surf Carnivals.

First Carnival held at Glenelg:—First, Grand March Past Competition; Second Surf Rescue Competition; Third Surf Relay Race; First Belt and Reel Race on land. Third Carnival, held at Seacliff: Second Grand March Past Competition; First Surf Rescue Competition; First Surf Relay Race. Championship Carnival at Henley: Second Grand March Past Championship; First Surf Rescue Championship; First Belt Championship (C. H. E. Hele, Beltman).

Owing to the necessity of patrols we were unable to participate in the Second Carnival held at Port Noarlunga on the 28th January. This deprived us of the chance of winning the "Dudley Angas Shield" for the highest aggregate in Surf Rescue Competitions throughout the season.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At the Championship Carnival held at Henley on the 9th March, 1935, we were successful in winning the Surf Rescue Championship of South Australia for the third year in succession, and our Vice-Captain (Mr. C. H. E. Hele) again annexed the honour of being the Champion Beltman of the State. We heartily congratulate him on his magnificent swim.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

Several Surf Rescue Demonstrations were given on the beach during the season, which were proved successful by the enthusiasm of the public who witnessed them. A demonstration of still water methods of release and rescue and artificial respiration was given by members to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade Nursing Division on March 4th.

AWARDS.

The members who were successful in obtaining R.L.S.S. awards during the season are as follows:—

Award of Merit (Bars)—

3rd year bar: J. W. Ellis
2nd year bar: E. R. Lucy
1st year bar: M. W. Oliver

Bronze Medallion—

C. M. Calnan
A. B. Fuss
F. O. Horsey

Award of Merit—

R. Calnan
B. Christian
A. B. Fuss

Intermediate Certificate—

C. M. Calnan
L. R. Calnan
A. B. Fuss
F. O. Horsey

Surf Bronze Medallion—

A. C. Lucy

First Class Instructor's

Certificate—

M. W. Oliver

Elementary Certificate—

L. R. Calnan
A. B. Fuss

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

The Club Championship this season was won by Mr. F. C. Hill. This Championship embodied all work within the scope of Life Saving. The trophy presented for this competition was kindly given by Messrs. Fidler and Kenwick.

The trophy presented by V. Bergamin, Esq., for the most patrols rendered by a member for the season was won by Mr. B. Christian.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to these two members.

SWIMMING ACTIVITIES.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate our worthy Captain (Mr. C. V. Fischer) on his sterling effort in winning the 1935 "Henley to Grange Swim."

Our Vice-Captain (Mr. C. H. E. Hele) was successful in winning the aggregate points for "The Swim Round the Jetty" which was inaugurated during the season. This event proved very beneficial in improving members' swimming ability and a handsome trophy was donated and presented to Mr. Hele by Mrs. C. R. Oliver at the conclusion of the last swim.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT.

The accident on the 8th of January, 1935, when a yacht upset about one mile from the shore, and several members of the crew were unable to swim, brought the necessity of a suitable rescue boat in the public eye. The use of Sea Scouts' boats (the oars since made available to the public) was impracticable owing to their size and an insufficient number of men to man them. At the time of the accident the Club negotiated with the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia and procured plans of the latest type of surf boat, but owing to the cost and the lack of room for storage, the matter was deferred until such time (we hope in the very near future) that finance and accommodation will be available for such a project. The surf boat, for which the plans were purchased, is light and can be easily managed by a crew of four, and it is of a self-emptying, self-righting construction, and is used extensively in the Eastern States.

At the beginning of the season, a pair of binoculars were purchased for the use of patrols.

Enquiries were also made for the installation of a telephone in the Club shed. Owing to the cost of this equipment we were unable to proceed any further with this venture. However, through the generosity of the proprietor of the Henley Deck Chairs (Mr. W. Griggs), who has offered to deliver urgent 'phone calls to the Club, the difficulty of communication has been somewhat reduced.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Management Committee met on 16 occasions during the season. The average attendance at a meeting was eight members.

The following is the list of individual attendances:—Fischer, C. V., 16; Lucy, A. C., 16; Lucy, E. R., 16; Strang, R. McK., 16; McGarry, D. M., 15; Hill, F. C., 12; Hallett, A. H. J., 12; Manning, J. A., 12; Hele, C. H. E., 11.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

The Ninth Annual General Meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 17th October, 1934. Mr. C. V. Fischer presided over the meeting, owing to the absence of the President (C. Chambers, Esq.). The Ninth Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Zimmerman), and on the motion of Mr. A. H. J. Hallett, seconded by R. Strang, it was carried. The Statement of Finance was also read by the Hon. Secretary, and the motion of acceptance was proposed by Mr. C. Hele, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Manning. Twenty members were present.

A Special General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 11th December, 1934, at the Club Shed, and the following alteration to the Club's Constitution were made.

That an extra class of membership be included, that of Junior members, who could be boys up to the age of 16 years, with necessary qualifications for membership. The framing of the rules of Membership was left to the Management Committee. It was also moved that no junior member could vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

A slight alteration to the clause governing "Renewal of Membership" was made allowing members to renew their membership after the Annual General Meeting without the necessity to re-apply for membership.

The fact that earlier in the season it was rather difficult for new members to complete their entrance swim within the specified three weeks and the meeting saw fit to call on the Captain's discretion when holding the test swim for new members.

The number to form a quorum was altered in clauses 15 and 17, from fifteen to three-fifths of the past season's members and three-fifths of members respectively. As the Annual General Meeting is held early in October, it was found difficult to collect the members' subscriptions and to bring the Constitution on a workable footing it was moved that all members at the conclusion of the past season could record a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

A clause governing the Ladies' Committee, which has been functioning for several seasons now, was included in the Constitution. An alteration was made to the Club's blazer, and a more popular design was adopted, the new cloth being of blue and white striped material, the stripes being five-eighths of an inch wide, which on being procured was proclaimed as a definite improvement.

The confirmation of these minutes is listed on the Agenda for the Tenth Annual Meeting.

Sixteen members were present.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

Through the untiring efforts of the Ladies' Committee our finances and Club property have benefited considerably.

Assistance was given at several Club dances during the season, and several bridge evenings were arranged by the ladies. Our expression of thanks is hardly adequate when we realise the time spent by some of these ladies in helping the Club.

The Ladies' Committee comprises:—Patroness, Mrs. F. Chambers; President, Mrs. Decimus Smith; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. McGarry; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Lucy; Hon. Assist. Secretary, Mrs. L. Peake; Members, Mesdames G. Gurner, E. Perkins, W. Neilson, H. Hicks, C. R. Oliver, Nelson Reid, F. Roberts, C. R. Stevenson; Miss M. Syme.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Second Annual Ball was held in the Henley Town Hall on July 9th and through the efforts of the Ladies' Committee, it was one of the most successful functions conducted by the Club. The decorations were particularly effective, and special thanks are due to Mrs. E. Perkins and her co-designers of the scheme.

Several dances were held during the season and they all proved very successful and at one of these functions the Mayor of Henley and Grange (E. W. Mitton, Esq.) presented the trophies and awards won during the season.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

We wish to thank the St. John's Ambulance Brigade for their co-operation during the season, and to congratulate them on their very noble example.

OBITUARY.

The death of Mr. H. Gaetjens deprived the Club of a generous benefactor and keen supporter, and we feel that the town of Henley and Grange has suffered a great loss by the late Mr. Gaetjens' untimely passing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Again this season our Patron (A. W. Jolly, Esq.) rendered financial support to our Club, and it is extremely encouraging to know that our work is being followed so keenly by such a generous citizen.

We also wish to thank the 1935 Henley and Grange Carnival Committee and all who contributed to the success of the carnival, for the donation of part-proceeds to our funds. This grant has been reserved for the purchase of additional equipment.

One of the most essential additions will be in the form of an oxygen respirator, which will be on the beach early next season.

The Corporation of Henley and Grange again rendered material assistance in the form of a grant, and we feel greatly indebted to them for their support since the inauguration of the Club.

In addition we are extremely grateful to the following for their donations and assistance to the Club.

Messrs. W. W. Winwood, F. Liddiard, W. R. Badenoch, E. W. Forwood, A. W. Barnfield, W. A. Howe, Hon. W. G. Duncan, G. Lonsdale, Dr. G. M. Hone, L. Gehlert, Wiles Chromium Plating Coy., C. Russell, V. Bergamin, Henley Sea Scouts' Troop, Decimus Smith, Fidler & Kenwick, C. A. Lucy, D. Fielder, W. Neilson, G. Gurner, Nelson Reid, L. Peake, Bowden & Warhurst, F. Roberts, V. L. Cornish, G. Krischock, W. Griggs, Magill Vice-Regal Band, F. E. Brice, Mesdames W. Presgrave, C. R. Oliver.

CONCLUSION.

From the foregoing, though rather a concise record of our activities, for the season, it may be seen that the Club has still maintained its traditional standard and the support given by the citizens of Henley and Grange is indeed very gratifying.

In conclusion we trust that our many friends will again honour us with their continued associations.

For, and on behalf of, the Committee.

C. V. FISHER, Chairman
ROSS McK. STRANG, Hon. Sec.