

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB



— FOURTEENTH — ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1938-39.

As Presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING, held in Council Chamber,
Henley Beach, on Wednesday, September
13th, 1939, at 8 p.m.

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB.

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Mr. A. McDONOUGH.

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HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB.

Fourteenth Annual Report

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present the following report, on behalf of your President and officers, for your adoption. It shows the Club standing on a more solid foundation than ever. In all the Club's activities a very high standard has been maintained. A turning point in Club history has been reached and passed. The Junior Section of the Club has already produced men quite capable of upholding the honour and traditions of the Club, both in competitive and administrative positions, so that it can be easily seen that the Club is in a better condition to-day than ever before to handle its problems and carve out a glorious future.

AFFILIATIONS.

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

LIFE SAVING.

The following is a summary of the Patrol Captain's (C. M. Calnan) report:—

The roster system of patrols was continued as in previous seasons.

Patrols of four men operated for 1½ hours on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. At expiry of 1½ hours a fresh patrol relieved these men.

Twenty-five persons were rescued for the season.

The oxygen apparatus was used on one occasion by M. W. Oliver (Captain), whilst C. M. Calnan (Vice-Captain) applied artificial respiration; there is no doubt that the oxygen, plus the skill in using same, saved the life of the patient.

A record number of patrol hours was recorded for the season, viz., 323 hours 5 minutes.

The Club were again successful on two occasions, i.e., Easter and Christmas, in obtaining permission to patrol the beach at Chiton Rocks. M. W. Oliver (Captain) was in charge of the former, and J. Carpenter of the latter. These patrols were carried out in an efficient manner, and a report furnished to the R.L.S.S.

The Club was able to give its services to several schools by patrolling the beach at Grange whilst school picnics were being held.

Assistance was rendered to overturned yachts and crews by means of reel and line and surf boat.

The surf boat, which is always kept in excellent seaworthy condition by Surf Boat Captain K. Coulter, again proved itself invaluable on numerous occasions.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Club for the season was as follows:—Active, 32; Active Reserve, 5; Junior, 22; Life, 6; total, 64; showing a further progressive increase of eight on last year's figures.

The resignation of the Hon. Secretary (D. Medwell) in February was greatly regretted. A. B. Fuss was elected to Hon. Secretary position and R. J. Gubbins to Assistant Hon. Secretary.

The Junior Section of Club membership is one of the reasons why your President and officers face the future with courage and confidence. It has proved itself a success.

CARNIVALS.

The Club competed in the three Carnivals organized by the Royal Life Saving Society, with more than usual success. Following are the details:—

At Seacliff on 17/12/38.—March Past, 2nd; Surf Rescue, 1st and 2nd (two teams); Open Surf Race, 2nd (M. D. Gebert).

Junior Events.—March Past, 1st; Land Drill, 2nd; Open Surf Race, 1st, 2nd, 3rd (A. W. Pearce, D. M. Reid, K. Gubbins respectively).

At Glenelg on 21/1/39.—March Past, 3rd; Surf Rescue, 1st; Alarm Belt Race, 2nd. Open Surf Race, 1st and 2nd (C. H. E. Hele and M. D. Gebert respectively).

Junior Events.—March Past, 1st; Surf Rescue, 1st; Flag Relay, 1st; Land Drill and Resuscitation, 1st; Open Surf Race, 1st, 2nd and 3rd (C. Fielder, D. Reid, and A. Pearce respectively).

At Henley Championship Carnival on 25/2/39.—March Past, equal 2nd with Police; Surf Rescue, 1st; Alarm Belt Race, 1st; Open Surf Race, 1st (C. Hele).

Junior Events.—March Past, 2nd; Land Drill and Resuscitation, 1st; Flag Relay, 1st.

The Dudley Angus Shield was again won by Henley, with highest aggregate points for Surf Rescue events in carnivals for season. Henley, 199.98; Brighton, 194.7.

The Captain Gordon Liley Cup was won by Brighton, 266.5 points; Henley, 2nd, 256.75 points. This cup is presented to the Club with highest aggregate points for March Past events for season.

Our success in carnivals is mainly the result of more drills and training, the extra keenness of the whole Club, and the excellent work put in by Instructors J. Doherty and F. Hill. It has indeed been a pleasure for the Club to compete and mix with such fine bodies of men, such as are in other clubs, to beat or be beaten by men fired with the ideal of saving lives on the beaches of South Australia.

LONG SWIMS.

The Club showed its ability to produce long distance swimmers, besides doing exceptionally well in all other branches of our activities. Indeed, not only have we men who can stay the distance in surprisingly great numbers, but also men who can win these events, too.

In the **Henley to Grange Long Swim** (longest open water event in Australia) there were 24 starters and finishers from the Club, which constituted one-third of the nominations. This event was won by C. Feilder by 200 yards. C. Reynolds brought glory to the Club by securing the trophy for youngest competitor to finish. Of our 24 starters eight were juniors.

Rosewater Long Swim.—Seven starters and finishers. A. McDonough, who won this event two years ago, finished third; K. Coulter, another Club man, seventh.

Swim Through Port Adelaide.—Only two starters and finishers in this, explained by the fact that a R.L.S.S. Carnival was a fixture for the same date.

Swim Through Adelaide.—This event was won by K. Gubbins in excellent style. Figures not to hand for Club men starters and finishers.

All these races were one mile or over, and the results are chronicled to the undying fame of Henley Life Saving Club.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Some of the outstanding accomplishments of the Club and members are as follows:—

Winning the Dudley Angus Shield for aggregate points in Surf Rescue events.

Winning three firsts and one second in Championship Carnival.

The really outstanding success of juniors in all carnivals, especially open surf races.

Won Surf Rescue Championship.

Henley wins two out of three open surf races for season.

C. Calnan won Club Championship.

K. Gubbins won Junior Championship.

Fielder won Henley to Grange Long Swim.

K. Gubbins won Swim Through Adelaide.

Fielder won 440 yards State Championship in under 16 class.

Inadvertently omitted from 13th annual report was the record of A. McDonough in Interstate and Inter-dominion Championship Carnivals in Sydney, 1937-38 season. This young man represented the State in all Junior events competed in by South Australians in these carnivals.

C. H. E. Hele recovered body of girl lost in Balhnanah pool after many divers were unsuccessful.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

The following men receive our congratulations for winning these events:—

C. M. Calnan—Club Championship.

K. Coulter—Aggregate points for "Weekly Swim Round Jetty."

L. E. R. Northey—Most patrols.

R. Gubbins—Most improved member for season.

K. Gubbins—Junior Championship.

A. Roberts—Aggregate points for weekly Junior "Swim Round Jetty."

T. Barnes—Most improved Junior.

P. K. Sandiland—Best conducted Junior.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

	Total.
C. M. Calnan, 1st	86.75%
K. H. Coulter, 2nd	84.27%
A. McDonough, 3rd	83.0 %

The Club is once again indebted to J. A. Manning, Esq., for conducting the examination for this event.

"ROUND JETTY RACES."

The handicappers are worthy of mention for the patient way they received all queries from competitors who thought they should be given a better handicap.

This competition resulted in K. Coulter, 1st (57 points); C. Fielder, 2nd (46 points); R. O'Connel, 3rd (44 points).

The Junior event resulted in A. Roberts, 1st (81 points); T. Barnes, 2nd (51 points). Third place was a tie between C. Reynolds and C. Penhall, with 48 points.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

These consisted mainly of dances, one of the greatest of which was the Championship Carnival Dance, which was supported strongly by visiting life-savers. Figures show about 250 people present, and £12 profit, and seems to recommend a dance after every Carnival at the Home Beach. This would give our Club a chance to return a compliment with no transport problem, and would further the interests of life-saving in general, as full coffers means active, well-equipped clubs.

Five dances in all were arranged by the Committee for the season. A ball was also held. These functions were all profit-makers for the Club, and reflects the energy and enthusiasm of the Committee. Our special thanks go to M. Butterfield, who carried out his duties as Ball Secretary in an efficient and praiseworthy manner.

A prize-giving social was held, also a Club dinner. For these functions a charge was made merely to meet expenses; profit-making was not an objective.

On Saturday, 5th August, the annual prize-giving and social was held in the Masonic Hall, Henley Beach. A. E. Northey, Esq., presided. The absence of the President, F. Bowden, Esq., was much regretted.

His Worship the Mayor of Henley and Grange, V. Harvey, Esq., presented trophies to winners thereof.

A. E. Northey, Esq., commented on Club activities for past season, and the Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society (Mr. J. Sandow) delivered an address on the Iron Lung Respirator recently donated to the R.L.S.S., after which he presented awards to award winners for season. The Club is indeed grateful to the Ladies' Committee for the attractive and appetising supper so generously supplied for this occasion.

AWARDS.

1st Class Instructors' Certificate—

C. M. Calnan

2nd Class Instructor's Certificate—

C. M. Calnan

Award of Merit Bar—

M. W. Oliver (5th year bar)

B. Christian (4th year bar)

A. B. Fuss (3rd year bar)

J. G. Carpenter (1st year bar)

M. B. Butterfield (1st year bar)

A. J. McDonough (1st year bar)

C. M. Calnan (1st year bar)

Surf Bronze Bar—

M. W. Oliver (4th year bar)

C. M. Calnan (2nd year bar)

A. J. McDonough (2nd year bar)

M. D. Gebert (2nd year bar)

J. M. Doherty (2nd year bar)

K. H. Coulter (2nd year bar)

M. B. Butterfield (1st year bar)

R. H. Holtom (1st year bar)

L. E. R. Northey (1st year bar)

R. P. O'Connell (1st year bar)

D. McDonald (1st year bar)

K. G. Gubbins (1st year bar)

Bronze Bar—

M. W. Oliver (3rd)

K. H. Coulter (2nd)

M. D. Gebert (2nd)

J. M. Doherty (2nd)

A. J. McDonough (2nd)

C. M. Calnan (2nd)

K. G. Gubbins (1st)

R. P. O'Connell (1st)

Award of Merit—

R. H. Holtom

R. J. Gubbins

Elementary Certificate—

C. A. Fielder

J. A. Doherty

Intermediate Certificate—

C. A. Fielder

J. A. Doherty

Bronze Medallion—

C. A. Fielder

I. A. Doherty

T. Barnes

G. J. Johns

SPORT DRILLS.

The Hon. Instructor-in-Chief (J. Doherty) performed prodigious efforts in drilling carnival teams, bronze squads, and everything from a raw recruit to a polished finished life-saver. Our successful season was in no small part due to his efforts, and he has earned the Club's warmest thanks.

F. Hill is worthy of special mention for instructing. He put the final polish on No. 1 team, which won us the Championship Carnival.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There were several meetings of the Management Committee. We are indeed grateful for the lion-hearted support of our President, Mr. F. Bowden, whose efforts on the Club's behalf seem untiring, and are an inspiration and an example to the whole Club. His absence from meetings were due entirely to ill health. The following is a list of individual attendances:—A. McDonough, 18; B. Christian, 16; M. Butterfield, 16; J. Doherty, 16; A. B. Fuss, 14; C. M. Calnan, 13; J. Carpenter, 13; C. V. Fischer, 9; R. Gubbins, 9; M. W. Oliver, 8; D. Medwell, 8; F. Bowden, 5; K. Coulter, 3; T. Baldwin, 1. The careful observer may note that the name of T. Baldwin is down on attendance list. This gentleman, a Vice-President of the Club, acted in the capacity of chairman in one of the absences of the President, Mr. F. Bowden.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

The 13th Annual General Meeting was held in the Henley Town Hall on 23rd August, 1938. The President, Mr. F. Bowden, was in the chair. The annual report, compiled by L. R. Calnan, Hon. Sec., was read and adopted on a motion of G. Elliot, seconded by A. H. J. Hallet.

The Hon. Treasurer read the financial statement for the year. This was adopted on a motion of G. Elliot, seconded by A. McDonough.

Seventeen members were present, also there were five Juniors present who, of course, had no power to vote or speak.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was called for 8th September, 1938. This meeting was held, but was later proved unconstitutional, and erased from the minutes.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Club doffs its hat in recognition of how the Ladies' Committee have done their work for the Club, and note with pleasure the increased number of members. We congratulate the following officers on their election to office:—President, Mrs. Roberts; Hon. Sec., Mrs. Stevenson; Hon. Treas., Mrs. Pearce. Also congratulations to Mrs. Lucy and Mrs. Peake on appointment to life membership.

SURF BOAT.

The Club surf boat is kept in extra good seagoing order by our stalwart Boat Captain, K. H. Coulter, and has proved itself of use on numerous well-remembered occasions. In rendering assistance to men well beyond reach of reel and line equipment, it is invaluable, and whilst the Club boasts of being the best equipped Club in South Australia, a surf boat will always be part of the indispensable equipment.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The best equipped Club in South Australia cannot continue to remain so without its supporters, who may render assistance financially, in goods, in work, or in the propaganda field; in short, the amount of work that is done by the life-saving part of the Club is almost equalled by public-spirited people, who bountifully loosen their purse strings whenever the Club's need is urgent.

Chief amongst these fine people is our Patron (A. W. Jolley, Esq.), whose financial assistance has often been called the backbone of the Club. All this is given with a warm-hearted fatherly interest in Club affairs that endears our Patron to every man in the Club.

We tender our thanks to the Corporation of Henley and Grange for their assistance in the form of a grant and for supplying materials for Carnival arenas.

We are also grateful for donations and assistance from the following, and to any supporter whose name by an oversight may have been omitted:—E. W. Forwood, Esq., W. W. Winwood, Esq., Dr. G. M. Hone, T. Baldwin, Esq., V. Harvey, Esq. (Mayor of Henley and Grange), E. W. Mitton, Esq., P. H. King, Esq., A. E. Northey, Esq., V. Bergamin, Esq., Hon. W. G. Duncan, W. R. Badenoch, Esq., V. G. Jennings, Esq., L. Griggs, Esq., A. W. Barnfield, Esq., R. J. Parker, Esq., A. R. Matheson, Esq., Henley and Grange Women's Service Association; donors of trophies for Championship Carnival, viz., L. Gelbert, Esq., A. E. Northley, Esq., L. Smith, Esq., V. Bergamin, Esq., V. Harvey, Esq., Miss Peggy Scrutton; donors towards Annual Ball, viz., Blacks Ltd., Rundle Street; McFarlane's, Rundle Street; Stevenson's, jewellers, Rundle Street; Glenelg Dry Cleaners, L. Atterton, Esq., Miss Bowman, Thebarton. Thanks are also due to Wiles Chromium Plating Co. Ltd., the management of the "Australian Worker" newspaper, Mr. K. Bardolph, Mr. Kelly, Editor of "Glenelg Leader" newspaper.

OBITUARY.

The Club was sincerely sorry to hear of the death of the mother of our Patron. Mrs. A. B. Jolly has been a supporter of the Club in past years, and the Club mourns with its Patron (A. W. Jolly, Esq.) in this sad loss.

CONCLUSION.

After perusing and studying this detailed list of Club activities, the reader will see that the year in every branch of our activities has been successful to the point of triumphant. In no phase of our work has the word failure been spelt. Indeed, with the advent of one-time Juniors, not only into the Senior Club, but on to the Committee, and, in view of what they have done and are doing in both these spheres, it would seem that previous record years, will, when history has been written a few years hence, be a time when the Club was in the doldrums. So that with a successful past behind us, and a glorious future to look forward to, it seems that prospects have never been brighter.

Our highest praise is given to the officers and members who in their competitive, patrolling, official spheres have made all the foregoing possible.

It is the Club's sincerest wish that all those who in the past have heard the tocsin sounded for money or service, will continue to be liberal, so that the ideal of the Club—saving life on the beaches—will still go on being realised.

F. BOWDEN, President.

A. B. FUSS, Hon. Sec.

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period ending 22nd August, 1939.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions—						
Active Senior	8	0	0			
Active Reserve	1	5	0			
Junior	2	15	0			
Donations	12	0	0			
Sundry Sales	44	0	0			
Sale of Club Coat Badges	1	17	4			
Exam. Fees Refunded by Members	2	16	0			
Ladies Committee—	2	18	6			
Grant for Surf Boat Wheels	11	11	0			
Donation for Junior Trophy	0	15	0			
Dance Proceeds, etc	49	12	11	12	6	0
Less Ball and Dance Expenses	16	2	3	33	10	8

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Affiliation Fees—						
Royal Life Saving Society	0	10	6			
Surf Life Saving Assoc. of Aust.	1	1	0			
S.A.A. Swimming Assoc.	1	1	0			
Royal Life Saving Society—						
Entrance Fees to Carnivals	2	12	0	2	12	6
Examination Fees	4	13	0			
Surf Boat Expenses—						
Ukceep of Boat	3	8	7			
2 Canvas Covers	3	11	0			
Set of New Oars	7	4	0			
Iron Frame and Wheels to carry Boat	13	8	11			
Ukceep of Club Shed	27	12	6			
Printing, Stationery and 1937-38 Annual Reports	1	10	1			
Postage Stamps	9	17	0			
Club Coat Badges	2	15	0			
Purchase of Trophies and Engraving	7	17	6			
Honorarium to Secretary for part 1938-39 Season	7	9	0			
Club Picnic	1	1	0			
Fire Insurance Premiums	3	17	9			
Bank Charges	1	3	9			
Sundry Expenses	0	13	9			
Cash at Bank, 22/8/39	29	9	6			
Cash in Hand, 22/8/39	1	12	2			
Petty Cash, 22/8/39	1	11	9			
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Cash at Bank, 31/7/38

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Cash in Hand, 31/7/38

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