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# HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB



## — FIFTEENTH — ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1939-40

As presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING held in the Council Chamber,  
Henley Beach, on Wednesday, 2nd October,  
1940, at 8 p.m.

# HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

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Mr. A. McDONOUGH.

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## Selection Committee:

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# HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

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## *Fifteenth Annual Report*

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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 financial foundation than ever, but, owing to the war having been in progress for twelve months, the Club has lost thirteen of its members, four of whom were occupying committee positions.

In expressing appreciation for the co-operation of members during the past season, the Executive Committee feels confident that, while all members work together, the Club will make greater progress than ever before.

### 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 (A. McDonough) report:—

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

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-four persons were rescued for the season.

The Club was again successful, on two occasions, i.e., Easter and Christmas, in obtaining permission to patrol the beach at Chiton Rocks. F. Hill (Captain) was in charge of the camp. These patrols were carried out in an efficient manner and a report furnished.

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

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

The surf boat captain, J. Carpenter, had to resign early in the season owing to Naval duties, and was succeeded by J. Doherty, who, with the assistance of C. V. Fischer, kept the boat in excellent seaworthy condition.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Club for the season was as follows:—Active, 30; active reserve, 7; juniors, 12; life, 7; total, 56.

The resignation of R. Christian in May from the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, owing to his joining the R.A.A.F., was greatly regretted by the Club members. L. Northey was appointed Honorary Secretary, with A. McDonough as Assistant Honorary Secretary, and C. Fielder as Treasurer.

The junior membership of the Club had a slight setback at the beginning of the year, but it began to pick up rapidly soon after.

### CARNIVALS.

Owing to the war, all carnivals for the season were cancelled.

## LONG SWIMS.

As the Club could not show its superior ability in life saving this season, its members concentrated on long swims, and did nearly as well in these as they would have done in life saving if they had had a chance.

In the Henley to Grange (the longest open water event in Australia) there were 22 starters and finishers from the Club. This event was won easily by J. Ellis, with K. Gubbins third. B. Barnes secured the trophy for being the youngest competitor to complete the course.

Rosewater Long Swim.—Fifteen starters and finishers. A. McDonough, the winner of this swim three years ago, again completed the course, and N. O'Brien came third.

Swim Through Port Adelaide.—There were 18 competitors in this swim. S. Stagg swam strongly through this race to finish second. A. Pearce had bad luck in this race, for he was leading just before Jervois Bridge was reached, but, owing to a misunderstanding in the course, he was disqualified just when he looked like a certain placegetter.

Swim Through Adelaide.—Eighteen starters and finishers. The members were again unlucky in not gaining places in this swim, but as this is fresh water and they are not used to this, they could hardly be expected to swim to their best ability.

All these swims are one mile or over, and the results prove the superior ability of our members.

Some of the outstanding accomplishments of the club members are as follows:—J. Ellis, first in swim from Henley to Grange; K. Gubbins, third in swim from Henley to Grange; S. Stagg, second in swim through Port Adelaide; K. Gubbins, won the Club Senior Championship; A. Roberts, won the Club Junior Championship; 24 persons were saved by members on patrols.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS.

The following men receive our congratulations on winning the under-mentioned events:—K. Gubbins, Club Championship; K. Gubbins, Aggregate points for weekly swim round the Jetty; R. O'Connell, Most Patrols; A. Roberts, Junior Championship; R. Sandilands, Aggregate points for Junior Weekly Swim Round the Jetty; R. Lawrie, Most Improved Junior.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

Senior.—K. Gubbins, 85.5 per cent.; C. Calnan, 84.5; A. McDonough, 83.5; M. Butterfield, 78.25.

Junior.—A. Roberts, 75.5 per cent.; T. Barnes, 72.5; G. Johns, 69.5; P. Sandiland, 64.5.

The Club is once again indebted to J. Manning and C. V. Fischer for conducting the examination for this event.

## ROUND THE JETTY RACES.

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

This competition resulted in:—K. Gubbins, first; C. Fielder, second; D. McDonald, third.

The Junior event resulted in:—P. Sandilands, first; A. Roberts, second; R. Lawrie, third.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

These consisted mainly of dances, which were held throughout the summer and were a great financial success.



Much of the success of these dances can be handed on to the Ladies' Dance Committee, the members being:—J. Roberts, R. Robins, V. Lucas, M. Hicks, N. Hicks, S. Flamank, J. McCallum, and K. O'Connell.

On Saturday, the 3rd August, the annual prize-giving and social was held in the Masonic Hall, Henley Beach, and the President, Mr. A. E. Northey, presided.

The President commented on Club activities for the past season, and Dr. Charles Moody presented the awards won during the year. Mrs. F. Roberts, President of the Ladies' Committee, presented the trophies to the winners thereof.

The Club is once more very grateful to the Ladies' Committee for the attractive and appetising supper so generously supplied for the occasion.

### AWARDS.

#### Award of Merit Bars—

M. Butterfield (2nd year)  
C. Calnan (4th year)  
A. McDonough (2nd year)  
C. V. Fischer (7th year)  
B. Christian (5th year)  
A. B. Fuss (4th year)

#### Surf Bronze Bars—

K. Gubbins (2nd year)  
M. Butterfield (2nd year)  
C. Calnan (3rd year)

A. McDonough (3rd year)

R. Holton (2nd year)

L. Northey (2nd year)

#### Bronze Bar—

K. Gubbins (2nd year)  
M. Butterfield (1st year)  
C. Calnan (3rd year)  
A. McDonough (3rd year)

#### Award of Merit—

K. Gubbins  
R. O'Connell

### DRILLS.

Owing to the cancelling of all the carnivals this season, there were not any regular drills called, but F. Hill can be congratulated on the efficient way in which he handled the release and rescue drills, which were held several times during the season.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There were several meetings of the Management Committee. The attendances were as follows:—A. E. Northey, 1; C. V. Fischer, 14; B. Christian, 13; F. Hill, 13; A. McDonough, 12; A. B. Fuss, 10; M. Butterfield, 14; J. Carpenter, 1; J. Doherty, 13; C. Fielder, 2; L. Northey, 13.

You will notice that the President only attended one meeting, the reason being that military duties mainly kept him away.

### GENERAL MEETING.

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Henley Town Hall on the 13th September, 1939. Mr. A. E. Northey was in the chair. T. Baldwin moved and F. Hill seconded that the report compiled by A. B. Fuss be taken as read.

The Honorary Treasurer, B. Christian, read the financial statement. This was adopted on a motion by A. B. Fuss and seconded by F. Hill.

Thirteen members were present, including Mr. T. Baldwin, who is a Vice-President.

### LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Club doffs its hat in recognition of how the Ladies' Committee, under the Presidency of Mrs. F. Roberts, have done everything in their power to help the Club along.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Much of the success that this Club has achieved can be attributed to the influence and generosity of our Patron, Mr. A. W. Jolly. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Jolly, not only for his wonderful financial assistance, which facilitates the working of the Club, but his personal interest has been a great stimulant to the members, and we express our deep appreciation for all that he has done for us.

To the Henley and Grange Corporation, who again rendered material assistance in a grant, we express our thanks and appreciation.

In addition, we are extremely grateful for donations and assistance from the following and to any supporter whose name has been inadvertently omitted:—The Mayor of Henley and Grange (V. Harvey, Esq.), Messrs. H. Thompson, W. R. Badenoch, W. W. Winwood, W. H. Hicks, W. T. Martin, E. W. Forwood, V. Bergamin, W. L. Jennings, C. E. Eldridge, E. W. Mitton, W. Allison, H. A. Christian, L. Gehlert, S. Baldwin, A. E. Northey, H. B. Hill, F. Bowden, J. A. Manning, L. Leo, A. C. Lucy, D. M. McGarry, K. Coulter, G. Elliott, and C. Hele, Drs. Burden, C. Moody, B. Moody, Peters, and Miller, Western Oxygen Co., Adelaide Rope and Nail Co., Messrs. M. W. Oliver, L. Griggs, C. L. Alexander, G. Lonsdale, A. W. Barnfield, and Hon. W. G. Duncan.

## ENLISTED.

The Club pays tribute to the following members who have enlisted, and wishes them good luck and a speedy return:—

M. Gebert, R.A.N.R.  
J. Carpenter, R.A.N.R.  
K. Coulter, R.A.N.R.  
W. Miller, R.A.N.R.  
L. Calnan, A.I.F.  
R. Strang, A.I.F.  
J. Manning, R.A.A.F.

B. Christian, R.A.A.F.  
J. Doherty, R.A.A.F.  
A. Bannister, R.A.A.F.  
D. Medwell, R.A.A.F.  
A. Lucy, R.A.N.R.  
R. Lucy, R.A.N.R.

## CONCLUSION.

From this, a resume of the Club for the season, it may be seen that the standard of previous years has been equalled. To our officers and members who have given such excellent service in patrol and official work, the highest praise is due and we are proud that the traditions and ideals of the Club have been adhered to.

In conclusion, we trust our many friends will again honour us with their continued association, and the work this Club is doing will, in the future, progress further than has ever been contemplated.

A. E. NORTHEY, President.  
L. NORTHEY, Hon. Secretary.



# HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB. Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period Ending 31st July, 1940.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in Bank .....	29 9 6	Royal Life Saving Society—	
Cash in Hand .....	1 12 2	Affiliation Fee .....	0 10 6
Petty Cash .....	1 11 9	Examination Fees .....	2 10 6
	32 13 5		
Subscriptions—		S.A.A.S. Association Affiliation Fee .....	3 1 0
Active Senior .....	7 1 0	Postage Stamps .....	1 1 0
Active Reserve .....	1 5 0	Annual Reports (1938-39) .....	0 15 0
Junior .....	1 15 0	Stationery, Printing, etc. ....	5 1 4
	10 1 0	Surf Boat Expenses .....	0 6 5
Donations .....	40 12 0	Fire Insurance Premiums .....	10 16 4
Examination Fees Refunded by Mem- bers .....	0 12 6	Chroning, Repairs and Painting Reels	6 16 3
Proceeds from Dances .....	22 9 2	Dance and Social Expenses .....	8 17 1
Sale of Club Bathers' .....	1 1 6	Purchase of Bather Badges .....	2 14 0
Sundry Sales—		Club Shed Expenses .....	3 13 3
Coat Badges .....	1 0 0	Sundry Expenses .....	2 14 2
Bather Badges .....	1 0 0	Cost of Club Picnic .....	1 10 0
R.L.S.S. Hand Books .....	0 3 0	Donation to F.F.C. Fund .....	4 0 0
Club Keys .....	0 3 0	Cost of Club Rosettes .....	1 0 6
	2 6 0	Cash at Bank .....	58 9 8
Proceeds from Dance held in Aid of Fighting Forces Comforts Funds	4 0 0	Cash Petty .....	1 15 1
	£113 15 7		60 4 9
			£113 15 7

Audited and found correct with vouchers produced.  
23rd September, 1940.

DONALD M. McGARRY, A.U.A., A.A.I.S.,  
Hon. Auditor.  
Prepared by B. CHRISTIAN, Hon. Treasurer.