

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB



— SIXTEENTH —
ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1940-41

As presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING held in the Council Chambers,
Henley Beach, on Wednesday, 8th October,
1941, at 8 p.m.

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

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HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

Sixteenth Annual Report

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that, on behalf of your President and Committee, I present for your adoption the following report:—

It shows the Club standing on a more solid financial basis than ever before. Owing to the continuation of the war the active membership of the Club has gradually become less, due to the enlistment of 18 members in the fighting forces.

In expressing appreciation for the co-operation of members during the past season, the Executive Committee feels confident that while all members continue to work together the progress of the Club will excel all expectations.

AFFILIATIONS.

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

LIFESAVING.

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

The members have again upheld the Club traditions by their devoted and untiring duties towards the patrols on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Patrols were not carried on under the old roster system, owing to the ever-increasing enlistments and irregularity of the remaining members because of defence work.

F. C. Hill (Captain) is to be credited with a new and simple system for patrol, i.e., names and hours patrolled by the members to be kept on a sheet on the notice board, therefore a member lacking in patrol hours would endeavour to make up any lost hours.

Juniors were also introduced on patrol; they filled their positions admirably and gained much experience for the coming season.

Chiton Rocks was again efficiently patrolled by members during Christmas and Easter. Four rescues were effected there.

The boat captain (C. V. Fischer) has brought the surf boat to the fore this season by the rescue of Dr. Moody's highly valued motor launch, "Warrior." Credit is due to the boat captain for his cool and quick decisions on that stormy night.

Assistance was also rendered with the surf boat and the reel and the line to overturned yachts and their crews.

The patrol hours were not great, as the season was very mild, but the beach was patrolled for a total of 115 hours, and twelve rescues were effected.

The picnics at Henley and Grange were again given every attention by our members, ably assisted by the juniors.

Sharks were numerous this season, but owing to the patrol's vigilance and the effective siren in the tower, no casualties were reported.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Club for the season was as follows:—Active, 29; active reserve, 4; juniors, 12; life, 7; total, 52. Number of members enlisted, 18.

The Committee was widely applauded for the decision in making those whom enlisted from the Club Honorary Members for the duration of the war.

CARNIVALS.

Owing to the continuation of the war the Royal Life Saving Society decided not to arrange any carnivals.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

P. Sandilands, a junior member of the Club, was successful in annexing the junior 110 yards back-stroke championship of South Australia.

LONG SWIMS.

As members of the Club were not able to show their ability in life saving during the season they concentrated on long swims, and did exceptionally well, as can be seen from the following:—

In the Henley to Grange swim (the longest open water swim in Australia), R. Holton was successful in winning this race, while H. McKenzie and L. Northey finished second and fifth respectively.

Rosewater Long Swim.—The Club was again to the fore, as R. Paterson swam brilliantly to win this event.

Swim through Port Pirie.—In this swim A. McDonough swam very strongly from a middle mark to obtain third position.

Swim Through Port Adelaide.—In this race P. Read, one of the older members of the Club, swam well to secure third position.

Swim Through Adelaide.—In this event P. Sandilands, one of the Club's most promising juniors, staged a brilliant sprint from the City Bridge, and passed all but the winner, but owing to a misunderstanding in the course was placed fourth by the officials of the race.

All these swims are conducted over a distance of one mile or over, and the above results prove the swimming prowess of our members.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

The following members receive our congratulations on winning the undermentioned events:—K. Gubbins, club championship; R. Paterson, aggregate points for the weekly swim around jetty; P. O'Connell, most patrols; A. Roberts, junior championship; B. Barnes, aggregate points for junior weekly swim around jetty; T. Reid, most improved junior.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

Senior.—K. Gubbins, 88.25 per cent.; M. Butterfield, 88 per cent.; C. Calnan, 87.25 per cent.

Junior.—A. Roberts, 90.75 per cent.; R. Lawrie, 87.25 per cent.; T. Reid, 85.50 per cent.

The Club is indebted to F. Hill for conducting the examinations of these events.

ROUND THE JETTY RACES.

The handicappers are again worthy of mention for the patient way in which they received all enquiries and complaints from competitors, and for their sterling services in attending the beach every week to handicap and to judge these swims.

The competition resulted in:—R. Paterson, 1st (56 points); K. Gubbins, 2nd (54 points); A. McDonough, 3rd (48 points).

The junior event resulted in:—B. Barnes, 1st (87 points); A. Roberts, 2nd (58 points); P. Sandilands, 3rd (57 points).

R. J. McDONOUGH SWIM.

Once again Mr. R. J. McDonough, an enthusiastic Vice-President of the Club, presented three excellent trophies for the place-getters of the last senior swim of the season. These trophies were won by:—K. Coulter, 1st; D. Reid, 2nd; C. Fielder, 3rd.

R. SANDILANDS SWIM.

Mr. R. Sandilands generously donated a trophy for the winner of the last junior swim of the season, which was won by R. Olson.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

These consisted mainly of dances, which were held throughout the summer, and were great financial and social successes. Much of the success of these dances can be attributed to the Dance Committee, headed by our enthusiastic Vice-Captain, M. Butterfield.

The Annual Presentation Social and Dance was held in the Masonic Hall, Henley Beach, on Saturday, 7th June, 1941. The President (Ald. A. E. Northey, Esq.) presided.

The President commented on the Club activities for the season, and the Mayor of Henley and Grange (Mr. V. Harvey) presented the Club trophies to the successful competitors.

On behalf of the Royal Life Saving Society, Dr. C. A. Moody presented the awards won by the members.

During Easter 14 members, including two instructors, successfully passed the examinations for the Australian Surf Life Saving Association Bronze Medallion. These members were examined at Chiton under the Sydney surf conditions by Mr. L. Turner, a visiting examiner from Sydney.

These were presented on behalf of the Sydney Surf Life Saving Association by Mr. J. R. Crocker, Secretary of the South Australian Head Centre of the Royal Life Saving Society.

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

AWARDS.

Award of Merit Bars.—C. V. Fischer (8th year), M. Butterfield (3rd year), L. Northey (1st year), K. Gubbins (1st year), A. McDonough (3rd year), C. Calnan (5th year).

Australian Surf Bronze Medallion.—H. Penhall, L. Northey, J. Doherty, T. Barnes, H. McKenzie, R. Gubbins, R. Holtom, H. Healey, M. Butterfield, K. Odgers, P. O'Connell, G. Johns.

Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallion.—R. McDonough, J. Mc-

Donough, P. Sandilands, A. Roberts, H. Penhall, R. Olson, R. Paterson, H. McKenzie, T. Reid, B. Barnes, R. Lawrie.

Royal Life Saving Society Intermediate Certificate.—J. McDonough, R. Paterson, B. Barnes, T. Reid, H. Penhall, H. McKenzie.

Royal Life Saving Society Elementary Certificate.—H. Penhall, J. McDonough, T. Reid, H. McKenzie, B. Barnes, R. Paterson.

Royal Life Saving Society First-class Instructor's Certificate.—K. Gubbins, M. Butterfield.

Royal Life Saving Society Second-class Instructor's Certificate.—M. Butterfield.

Australian Surf Instructor's Certificate.—F. Hill, C. Calnan.

DRILLS.

The Chief Instructor (C. Calnan), aided by the Captain (G. Hill), deserved mention for the patient and efficient way in which they conducted the forty drills of the season. Apart from these drills, every active member participated in at least one release and rescue drill each month throughout the season.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the season the Management Committee held twenty meetings. The attendances were as follows:—A. E. Northey, Esq., 2; F. Hill, 18; L. Northey, 4; K. Gubbins, 18; A. Hallett, 16; K. Odgers, 9; R. J. McDonough, Esq., 10; R. Gubbins, 20; M. Butterfield, 17; A. McDonough, 17; C. Calnan, 14; C. V. Fischer, 15.

Owing to military duties the President (A. E. Northey, Esq.) was able to attend only two meetings.

The Committee hereby places on record its appreciation of the attendance of R. J. McDonough, Esq. (a Vice-President), who took the chair in the absence of the President.

GENERAL MEETING.

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Henley Town Hall on the 2nd October, 1940. Mr. F. Hill was in the chair. The report of the previous season's activities was read by the Secretary (L. Northey).

In the absence of the Treasurer, the financial statement was read by the Secretary. Twenty members were present, including R. J. McDonough, Esq., who is a Vice-President.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Club doffs its hat in recognition of how the Ladies' Committee, with Mrs. D. Fielder as President and Mrs. C. Stevenson as Secretary, 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.), the President (Ald. A. E. Northey, Esq.), Messrs. H. Thompson, W. R. Badenoch, W. W. Winwood, H. Hicks, W. T. Martin, E. W. Forwood, V. Bergamin, V. L. Jennings, C. E. Eldridge, E. W. Mitton, W. Allison, H. A. Christian, L. Gehlert, S. Baldwin, H. B. Hill, F. Bowden, L. Leo, D. M. McGarry, K. Coulter, C. Hele, Drs. C. Moody, B. Moody, G. Peters, W. Miller, Western Oxygen Company, Adelaide Rope and Nail Company, Messrs. M. W. Oliver, L. Griggs, C. Alexander, G. Lonsdale, A. W. Barnfield, H. Leaney, J. Ellis, F. Hill, M. Butterfield, C. Calnan, R. J. McDonough, R. Sandilands, and Hon. W. G. Duncan, Mesdames C. Calnan, W. Williams, and Misses L. Withers and V. Lucas, Stephenson Bros., Clarkson's Ltd.

ENLISTED.

The Club pays tribute to the following members who have enlisted in the fighting forces, and wishes them the best of luck and a speedy return:—

M. Gebert, R.A.N.	L. Calnan, A.I.F.	B. Christian, R.A.A.F.
J. Carpenter, R.A.N.	R. Strang, A.I.F.	J. Doherty, R.A.A.F.
K. Coulter, R.A.N.	J. Ellis, A.I.F.	A. Bannister, R.A.A.F.
A. Pearce, R.A.N.	W. Miller, A.I.F.	D. Medwell, R.A.A.F.
M. Butterfield, R.A.N.	H. Healey, A.I.F.	J. Manning, R.A.A.F.
R. Lane, R.A.N.	A. Lucy, R.A.N.	R. Lucy, R.A.N.

CONCLUSION.

From this, a resume of the Club's activities, it can be seen that the high standard of efficiency and success has been equalled, the traditions and ideals upheld, and the financial position bettered.

To our officers and members, who have rendered yeoman services at all times, both in patrol and official duties, the highest praise is due.

In conclusion, we trust our many friends will again honour us with their continued association and financial assistance. In doing so they will greatly help the Club to attain an unprecedented future.

ALD. A. E. NORTHEY, J.P., President.
R. J. GUBBINS, Hon. Secretary.

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31st July, 1941.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Cash in Hand, 31/7/40—			
Cash in Bank	58 9 8	Royal Life Saving Society—	
Petty Cash	1 15 1	Affiliation Fee	0 10 6
		Examination Fees	3 14 6
		Hand-books	0 15 0
Subscriptions—			
Active Senior	7 10 0	Surf Life Saving Society—	
Active Reserve	1 0 0	Examination Fees	1 15 0
Junior	1 10 0	Hand-books	1 0 9
Donations	10 0 0	South Australian Amateur Swimming	
Exam. Fees Refunded by Members	51 10 0	Association Affiliation Fee	1 1 0
Proceeds from Dances	2 5 0	Postage Stamps (see Sect. Book)	0 19 1
Sundry Sales—	24 15 0	Annual Reports (1939-40 Season)	4 0 2
R.L.S.S. Hand-books	0 5 0	Printing and Stationery	1 15 1
Surf Hand-books	0 13 6	Trophies and Engraving (1939-40 and	
Coat Badges	0 8 0	1940-41 Season)	10 3 6
Bather Badges	0 18 0	Surf Boat Expenses	11 15 11
		Fire Insurance Premium	1 3 9
Sundries	2 4 6	Dance and Social Expenses (includ-	
Proceeds from Club Picnics	0 13 10	ing 1939-40 Social Expenses)	12 3 7
	10 19 0	Club Shed Expenses and Gear	11 6 2
		Sundry Expenses	5 1 3
		Cost of Club Picnics	12 15 0
		Donation to F.F.C. Fund	4 4 0
		Cash in Hand, 31/7/41—	
		Cash at Bank	73 14 7
		Petty Cash	0 13 3
		One £5 War Savings Certificate	
		Purchased	4 0 0
			78 7 10
			£162 12 1

Audited and found correct with vouchers produced.
25th August, 1941.
(Signed) DONALD M. McGARRY, A.U.A., A.A.I.S., Hon. Auditor.

Prepared by K. GUBBINS, Hon. Treasurer.
31st July, 1941.