

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB



Nineteenth *Annual Report* SEASON 1943-1944.

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MEETING held in the Council Chamber,
Henley Beach, on Thursday, 5th October,
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HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

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HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

Nineteenth Annual Report

Gentlemen,

Your Management Committee has much pleasure in submitting for your adoption, the Nineteen Annual Report and Financial Statement, covering the Club's activities for the season 1943-44.

Although during the season activity in life-saving spheres was limited, and perhaps passed unnoticed by many, the fundamental object of life saving—patrolling of the beaches—was carried out efficiently, but at times under some difficulty.

In thanking members for their co-operation in the past, the Executive Committee would like to point out that while members continue to stick together and pull their weight, the Club will continue to go ahead.

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.

LIFE SAVING.

The following is a summary of the Patrol Captain's (T. Barnes) report:

The members once again patrolled the beach in an efficient manner.

Although senior members were scarce at times, those that were available were ably assisted by junior members, who gained valuable knowledge for the years to come.

The number of patrol hours was not great, being 96, and the number of individual rescues was 11. We do not claim that these were spectacular exhibitions of courage and endurance, but where assistance was required it was given. This total is official, but the actual number is probably greater, as some members are too modest to record a rescue achieved off patrol.

We were fortunate in having a handful of young seniors and juniors available to do week-day patrols during the warmer part of the summer, and the beach was patrolled on a number of occasions for school picnics. As a result, an extra 21 patrol hours were recorded by Juniors.

The winner of the Most Patrols Trophy was J. Crispe, with a total of 14 hours.

J. Crispe also deserves special mention, as he recently received an award for gallantry, the Silver Cross of the Bay Scout Movement, for assistance rendered last year to two men from an overturned boat, 400 yards out to sea.

The shark siren was restored to us by the A.R.P. authorities during the season, and proved its effectiveness on one occasion as a warning against sharks.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Club for the past season was as follows: Active, 25; Active Reserve, 3; Junior, 12; Life, 8. Total, 48.

The drain on our active membership to the Forces is happily not as pronounced as it was several years ago.

CARNIVALS.

It had been hoped to run a Life Saving Carnival at Henley at the beginning of the season, but as arrangements could not be facilitated it was abandoned.

However, two were held, one at Port Noarlunga and the other at Glenelg, and satisfactory performances were registered.

In the view of the probable fact that the Royal Life Saving Society will be running competitive carnivals next season, the participants in these carnivals gained some valuable experience in regard to carnival conditions. Results:

Port Noarlunga, 16/1/44. March Past, 1st; Alarm Reel Belt Race, 2nd (K. Gubbins), 3rd (T. Barnes); Surf Race, 2nd (C. Calnan), 3rd A. McDonough); Teams Surf Race, 2nd; Tug-of-War, 1st, 2nd; Beach Relay, 3rd; Musical Flags, 2nd, 3rd; Pillow Fight, 3rd.

Glenelg, 31/1/44. March Past, 2nd; Alarm Reel Belt Race, 2nd (C. Calnan); Surf Race, 2nd; (A. McDonough), 3rd (K. Gubbins); Musical Flags, 1st, 2nd.

LONG SWIMS.

As usual, many of our members entered for the four annual long swims, and some registered good performances.

In the swim through Rosewater our members finished fairly well, gaining fourth, fifth, and seventh positions.

W. Fletcher won the swim through Port Adelaide in fine style, and M. Butterfield swam well from a middle mark to reach second position in the Henley to Grange long swim.

In the swim through Adelaide K. Gubbins, a previous winner of this swim, finished sixth.

At the Glenelg Aquatic Gala we were successful in winning the first holding of the Smerdon for teams points in the "Wall to Wall" swim round the jetty. Those responsible for winning the shield for us were: C. Reynolds, 2nd; T. Jennings, 4th, and J. Crispe, 6th.

During the season a swimming carnival was held in the Henley Baths between this Club and the Henley and Grange Amateur Swimming Club.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

To the following trophy winners we offer our congratulations: W. M. Oliver, (Club Championship); W. Fletcher (senior swim round jetty, aggregate points); W. Fletcher (M. W. Oliver Trophy for senior swim); J. Crispe (most patrols); G. Clift (Junior Championship); G. Clift (junior swim round jetty, aggregate points); K. King (most improved junior); A. Hallett (R. J. McDonough Swim); W. Delaine (R. Sandilands Swim).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

The services of Messrs. L. May, M. Butterfield, C. V. Fisher, J. R. Hardy of the R.L.S.S. and F. Hill were appreciated in the judging of this event.

The competition was carried out on consecutive Sundays, and the surf work was done under difficult conditions.

The results were as follows: 1st, M. W. Oliver, 90.75%; 2nd, K. Gubbins, 89.75%; 3rd, C. Calnan, 86%. Junior: 1st, G. Clift, 86.5%; 2nd, K. King, 83.5%; 3rd, E. Spears, 83%.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The only social function run this year was the Annual Presentation Night

and Social, which was held in the Henley Kiosk on Thursday, 29th June, 1944. There was a large gathering of parents and friends present, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Mr. C. V. Fisher presided, and introduced His Worship the Mayor (Mr. V. Harvey), who presented the trophies, and Mr. Allen of the Royal Life Saving Society, who presented the awards.

The Ladies' Committee provided an excellent supper for the large crowd present, and we sincerely express our appreciation for their help.

Representatives of other clubs were present, and our members have reciprocated by attending their functions, thus strengthening the bonds of union between rival clubs for the common ideal.

AWARDS.

Award of Merit Bar—

M. W. Oliver (10th year).

C. M. Calnan (8th year).

A. B. Fuss (5th year).

K. G. Gubbins (5th year).

M. B. Butterfield (5th year).

G. J. Johns (1st year).

C. W. Reynolds (1st year).

D. Hemsley (1st year).

G. R. Clift (1st year).

M. V. Barltrop (1st year).

Bronze Medallion Bars—

M. W. Oliver (8th year).

K. G. Gubbins (5th year).

A. J. McDonough (5th year).

C. M. Calnan (4th year).

T. Barnes (3rd year).

G. J. Johns (1st year).

C. W. Reynolds (1st year).

D. Hemsley (1st year).

L. K. Burton (1st year).

G. R. Clift (1st year).

Award of Merit Medallion—

B. Barnes.

J. Crispe.

D. Hemsley.

D. Green.

W. Fletcher.

C. W. Reynolds.

G. J. Johns.

First Class Instructor's Certificate—

B. Barnes.

Second Class Instructor's Certificate—

B. Barnes.

Reel and Line Medallion Bar—

M. W. Oliver (9th year).

A. J. McDonough (5th year).

C. M. Calnan (5th year).

K. G. Gubbins (4th year).

W. Fletcher (1st year).

J. Crispe (1st year).

T. Barnes (1st year).

Reel and Line Medallion—

T. Jennings.

D. Green.

B. Cleal.

L. K. Burton.

Elementary and Intermediate Certificates and Bronze Medallion—

K. King.

E. Spears.

W. DeLaine.

R. Ross.

The number of awards gained was less than last year, and the Management Committee would urge members to continue gaining bars, as recent awards mean maintained efficiency.

DRILLS.

Many drills were arranged in preparation for carnivals and examinations, and credit is due to the Chief Instructor, C. M. Calnan, ably assisted by F. Hill, for their efforts.

ROUND THE JETTY SWIMS.

Our thanks go to Messrs. R. J. McDonough, R. Barltrop and L. Griggs for handicapping and conducting the swims. These swims have become a regular Sunday afternoon feature during the summer, and attract a large following of spectators.

The senior section was won by W. Cletcher with 51 points, T. Jennings was second with 46 points, and C. Reynolds and K. Gubbins tied for third with 45 points. G. Clift won the junior trophy with 59 points, with L. Burton (53) and K. King (52) following.

R. J. McDONOUGH SWIM.

Our enthusiastic President, Mr. R. J. McDonough, presented for the sixth three handsome trophies to be won by the place-getters in the last swim of the season. These were won by A. Hallett, with F. Hill and K. Gubbins second and third respectively.

R. SANDILANDS SWIM.

Once again Mr. Sandilands generously donated a trophy for the winner of the last junior swim. This was won by W. Delaine.

W. M. OLIVER TROPHY.

This was a trophy donated for the Swims Round the Jetty. Every competitor who finished was allotted points according to his position. It was hoped by this means that a man who swam consistently, but missed a place, would compile points. However, W. Fletcher swam very consistently throughout the year, and well deserves this trophy.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Management Committee met on 19 occasions during the season, and the following is a list of individual attendances: B. Barnes, 19; G. Johns, 19; F. Hill, 16; T. Barnes, 15; R. Gubbins, 15; M. B. Butterfield, 15; A. McDonough, 14; R. Gubbins, 14; C. M. Calnan, 12; Mr. R. J. McDonough (President) 8; Mr. R. Barltrop (Vice-President) 8, G. Cleal 8, K. Gubbins 6, R. Olson 5, K. Odgers 3, C. V. Fisher 2.

During the year Messrs. R. Olson and K. Odgers resigned their positions as Surf Boat Captain and Assistant Hon. Secretary, respectively, and G. Cleal and R. Gubbins were appointed to these positions, and K. Gubbins filled the vacant Committee position.

We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Gubbins for allowing us to use their home on a number of occasions to hold these meetings.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Henley Kiosk on 12th October, 1943. Thirty-one persons were present, including 9 juniors, some of whom were entitled to vote, and two interested parties who have become members this season.

In the absence of the President, Mr. F. C. Hill took the chair. The eighteenth annual report was read by the Secretary, and the financial statement was read by the Treasurer, K. Gubbins.

At this meeting a certificate of Life Membership was presented to F. C. Hill.

SURF BOAT.

Under the care of our young and enthusiastic Boat Captain, G. Cleal, the surf boat is freshly painted and in good seaworthy condition, ready for any emergency.

To stimulate interest in the surf boat amongst members, an annual surf boat race was inaugurated, and a shield made. The competition was run on a Sunday afternoon, late in the season, and was won by a crew consisting of G. Cleal (sweep), W. Fletcher, J. Menhennett, G. Johns, and D. Wright, from two other crews.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Club is indebted to the Ladies' Committee for any services during the season, and congratulations them on keeping their P.O.W. Group going under adverse conditions.

A TRIBUTE TO FORESIGHT.

The present Committee pays tribute to the committees of five and six years ago, who had the foresight to foster and develop the junior section of the Club, and especially to "Father" Fischer, who was mainly responsible.

During the difficult war period these juniors stepped in and took the places of older members who enlisted, and even when their ranks were depleted by enlistments, those that remained stuck together, determined not to let down their fighting comrades and their Club, and to-day we believe that the Club would not have been able to withstand the tide of wartime exigencies had it not been for these juniors. To them the highest praise is now due.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The great interest of Mr. A. W. Jolly, our Patron, over the years has been many times a life-saver to us. When things were hard, with his generous support we always managed to pull through. Words cannot express our debt of gratitude to him.

To our President, Mr. R. J. McDonough, for his stimulating interest and ready support, our thanks and appreciation are due.

To the Henley and Grange Corporation, for an annual grant and other assistance, we express our appreciation.

To all other of our many friends who have helped us by donations, trophies and assistance, goes our thanks, and to anyone whose name has been inadvertently omitted.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr. V. Harvey), Messrs. F. W. Forwood, L. Griggs, J. Abbott, R. Bartrop, V. Benjamin, R. Sandilands, C. R. Stevenson, A. L. Wheatley, Lockleys School Committee, C. V. Fischer, F. C. Hill, K. Gubbins, M. Butterfield, G. Walter, M. W. Oliver, L. May, J. R. Hardy, Mrs. Fidler, Mrs. M. Butterfield.

ENLISTED.

M. Gebert, R.A.N.
J. Carpenter, R.A.N.
K. Coulter, R.A.N.
A. Pearce, R.A.N.
D. Reid, R.A.N.
R. Lane, R.A.N.
A. Lucy, R.A.N.
R. Lucy, R.A.N.
M. Butterfield, R.A.N., discharged.
R. Lawrie, R.A.N.
A. Roberts, R.A.N.
G. W. King.
C. W. Reynolds.
B. Christian, R.A.A.F.
J. Doherty, R.A.A.F.
A. Bannister, R.A.A.F.
D. Medwell, R.A.A.F.

D. McGarry, R.A.A.F.
P. Sandilands, R.A.A.F.
J. Manning, R.A.A.F.
H. McKenzie, R.A.A.F.
M. Clode, R.A.A.F.
H. Patterson, R.A.A.F.
L. Calnan, A.I.F.
R. Strang, A.I.F.
J. Ellis, A.I.F.
W. Miller, A.I.F.
H. Healy, A.I.F.
L. Northey, A.I.F.
R. Gubbins, A.I.F., discharged.
P. O'Connell, A.I.F.
H. Penhall, A.I.F.
C. Hele, A.I.F.
C. Fielder, A.I.F.

The Club pays tribute to members who have enlisted in the Fighting Forces, and wish them a safe and speedy return, and say that we feel "it won't be too long now".

CONCLUSION.

From this review of the season's activities it can be seen that the Club has maintained the standard of former seasons, while looking ahead and making ambitious plans for an unsurpassed future.

To our officers and members who have given excellent service in patrol, competitive and official work, the highest praise is due.

Also many thanks to the Henley Sailing Club for their practical support and financial assistance.

In conclusion we trust that our many friends will again honour us with their continued association, and that the work of the Club will continue to progress.

R. J. McDONOUGH, President.

GORDON J. JOHNS, Hon. Secretary.

HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st July, 1944.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, 1/8/43—						
Cash in Bank	407	1	2			
Cash in Hand	1	8	0			
Petty Cash	0	7	2			
One £5 War Saving Certificate ..	4	5	0			
				413	1	4
Subscriptions—						
Senior	7	0	0			
Junior	1	10	0			
				8	10	0
Donations				43	2	0
Sale of Fan				30	12	6
Receipts of Social				12	9	0
Refund of Examination Fees				1	10	0
Sundry Sales—						
Coat Badges	1	0	0			
Bather Badges	0	9	0			
Hand Books	0	8	0			
				1	17	0
Sundries (Receipts, Hire Bus)				4	1	6
Interest of Bank, War Bonds, etc.				8	14	10
				£523	18	2

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Presentation Night Expense	7	16	9
Printing and Stationery	9	5	0
Insurance	1	3	9
Annual Reports, 1942-43	4	17	6
Surf Boat Expenses	15	17	2
Awards R.L.S.S.	7	7	6
Sundries	14	18	0
Affiliations	1	11	6
Trophies and Engraving	18	6	6
Club Shed Expenses	5	17	0
Petty Expenditure	0	10	5
Cash in Hand, 31/7/44—			
Cash at Bank	£409	7	5
Cash in Hand	1	12	5
Petty Cash	0	1	9
One £20 War Bond	20	0	0
One £5 War Saving Certificate ..	4	7	6
One £1 War Saving Certificate ..	0	18	0
	436	7	1
	£523	18	2

Audited with Books and Vouchers produced, and found correct. Existence of War Bonds verified.
 6th September, 1944.
 Prepared by B. O. BARNES, Hon. Treasurer.

A. L. WHEATLEY, A.F.I.A.