

Henley Life Saving Club



Twenty-Fifth ANNUAL REPORT

Season 1949-50

As presented at the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, Henley Beach
on FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST, 1950, at 8 p.m.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEASON 1949-50

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Henley Life Saving Club will be held in the Council Chambers, Henley Town Hall, on Friday, 4th August, 1950, at 8 p.m. sharp.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 2nd September, 1949.
3. Business arising out of Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Notice of Motions.
6. Election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
7. Presentation, Consideration, and Adoption of 25th Annual Report.
8. Presentation, Consideration, and Adoption of 25th Annual Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report.
9. General Business.

C. D. FIELDER, Hon. Secretary.

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB ARE:

- (a) The study and practice of the methods of Life Saving and First Aid.
 - (b) To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing Life Saving Apparatus.
 - (c) To promote demonstrations and arrange classes of instruction so as to bring about a widespread and thorough knowledge of the principles of the art of natation, and further generally the best interests of bathing.
 - (d) To appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress.
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HENLEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR SEASON 1949-1950

Patron: A. W. JOLLY, Esq.

Vice-Patron: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF HENLEY & GRANGE (G. T. Gurner, Esq.)

President: A. H. J. HALLETT, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

E. W. FORWOOD, Esq.
SIR WALTER DUNCAN
A. W. BARNFIELD, Esq.
V. BERGAMIN, Esq.
L. LEO, Esq.
N. TUCKER, Esq.
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J. STOCKS, Esq.
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H. HICKS, Esq.

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A. E. NORTHEY, Esq., J.P.
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R. BARLTROP, Esq.
S. G. JOHNS, Esq.
R. W. WELLINGTON, Esq.
C. AMBER, Esq. (M.I.D.)
E. W. MITTON, Esq.
INSPECTOR W. H. KING
J. RUSSELL, Esq.

W. STAFFORD, Esq.

Captain:

A. F. ROBERTS

Vice-Captain:

D. HEMSLEY

Hon. Secretary:

C. D. FIELDER

Hon. Asst. Secretary:

J. HILL

Hon. Treasurer:

G. W. KING

Hon. Chief Instructor:

D. G. GREEN

Hon. Surf Boat Captain:

J. DOHERTY

Committee:

F. TUCKER, K. THORSEN, G. CLEAL, F. O'CONNELL

Hon. Surf Instructor:

W. FLETCHER

Hon. Still Water Instructor:

M. AITCHISON

Hon. Gear Stewards:

D. THOMAS, F. O'CONNELL, L. TUCKER, M. WELLINGTON,
R. PARNELL, G. LUCAS

Hon. Handicappers:

R. J. McDONOUGH, R. BARLTROP, C. FIELDER

Hon. Timekeepers:

L. GRIGGS, N. TUCKER, C. FIELDER, W. TUCKER

Selection Committee:

A. F. ROBERTS, D. HEMSLEY, D. GREEN

Hon. Publicity Officer:

C. REYNOLDS

Delegates to R.L.S.S.:

J. DOHERTY, D. HEMSLEY

Delegates to S.A.A.S.A.:

D. GREEN, P. SANDILANDS

Hon. Auditors:

N. F. TUCKER, A. S. WHEATLEY

Hon. Solicitor:

H. E. IRVING

Hon. Medical Officers:

Drs. G. E. PETERS, C. A. MOODY, W. A. NAIRNE,
J. K. BOWLER, B. PETERS

Life Members:

Messrs. A. W. JOLLY, C. CHAMBERS (M.H.R.), D. F. DINEEN,
W. G. ZIMMERMAN, C. V. FISCHER, C. H. HELE, F. C. HILL, R. J. McDONOUGH.

Gentlemen,

The President and Committee have pleasure in presenting the 25th Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Again the season's results are a credit to members. The Club participated very successfully in five Carnivals, and for the second successive year were unbeaten in the Rescue and Resuscitation Event.

Patrol hours have increased and it is pleasing to report that no drowning fatalities occurred at our beach. Rescues totalled 20; this alone speaks well of the efficiency of members.

Easily the most pleasing feature of the season is the renewed activity in the Junior Section; from no junior membership last season we now have 12 lads, and although most of them did not sign up till late in the season we will have the material to work on next season.

AFFILIATIONS

The Club is affiliated with the South Australian Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society and the South Australian Amateur Swimming Association.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club, with last season's figures in parenthesis, was as follows:—

Active	36	(37)
Active Reserve	7	(6)
Junior	13	(—)
Life	8	(8)
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	64	(51)

LIFE SAVING

Patrol Captain D. Hemsley has supplied the following report:—

During the past season efficient Patrols were posted and an increased number of Jetty and Beach Patrol hours were recorded: the season's total hours being 216, an increase of 28 hours on last season. However, 216 hours does not include the many hours spent patrolling and rescuing per medium of the surf boat. Next season Boat and Beach Patrols will be incorporated in the one patrol report.

Although several Sunday beach carnivals were held, requiring a large percentage of members to be away from Henley, an adequate patrol was always left to look after the public.

A total of 20 persons were rescued (an increase of two on the previous season), F. O'Connell leading the way with four rescues. A notable feature was the complete justification of the purchase of the surf boat, which was used to assist the crews of numerous capsized yachts.

Our tireless Patroller, Max Aitchison, although illness caused his absence for part of the season, again recorded most individual patrol hours with a total of 21½ hours. Captain Sam Roberts was a close second with 20 hours.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Congratulations are extended to the following trophy winners:—

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	W. Fletcher	87.90
2nd	A. Roberts	87.35
3rd	L. Burton	86.53

The winner of this event receives the A. W. Jolly Perpetual Trophy. The Walker & Hall Perpetual Trophy and Outright Trophy donated by His Worship the Mayor of Henley and Grange, G. T. Gurner, Esq.

MOST IMPROVED CLUB MEMBER

This Trophy, presented by the Ladies' Committee, was won by Frank Tucker, who, amongst other things, put up an excellent effort as a new member of the first R. & R. Team.

WEEKLY SWIM AROUND JETTY (Aggregate Points)

1st	A. Roberts	72 points
2nd	N. F. Tucker	61 points
3rd	C. Reynolds	60 points

The winner of this event receives the Perpetual Trophy donated by T. H. Brown, Esq., and an Outright Trophy.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY (Most Rescues)

Frank O'Connell with four rescues won this trophy, which was inaugurated for the first time this season.

We thank President A. H. Hallett, Esq., for his gesture in donating the trophy.

MOST IMPROVED SWIMMER

This trophy, presented by Vice-President L. Griggs, Esq., was won by W. Salisbury, who, in his second year with the Club, was a consistent member of the unbeaten Surf Race Team.

MOST PATROLS

M. A. Aitchison, for the third successive year, has won this trophy with a total of 21½ hours. Well done, Max.

THE R. J. McDONOUGH HANDICAP

Life Member and Past President R. J. McDonough, Esq., again handicapped and supplied the trophies for this event. Placings being:—

1st	F. Tucker
2nd	L. Tucker
3rd	F. Hill

THE J. M. HOSKING HANDICAP

J. M. Hosking, Esq., has presented the trophies for this event, which was also inaugurated for the first time this season.

It resulted in a very popular victory for one of the most consistent "deaduns" in the Club. It is to his credit that he knew when to "go." Perhaps we'll have to replace our stewards for next season, as no inquiry was made. Placings were:—

1st	J. Doherty
2nd	F. Hill
3rd	J. Hill
Fastest Time—L. Tucker	

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Bronze Medallion Bar.

L. Bailey	1st yr.
F. Tucker	2nd yr.
M. Wellington	2nd yr.
D. Thomas	2nd yr.
W. Fletcher	3rd yr.

G. Cleal	3rd yr.
F. O'Connell	3rd yr.
C. Reynolds	4th yr.
A. Roberts	5th yr.
L. Burton	6th yr.

Reel and Line Bronze.

L. Bailey
P. Atkins
M. Tucker
W. Salisbury

G. Lucas
R. Hosking
J. Olson

Reel and Line Bronze Bar.

R. Hosking	1st yr.
L. Bailey	1st yr.
F. O'Connell	2nd yr.
F. Tucker	2nd yr.
B. Aitchison	3rd yr.
J. Hill	3rd yr.
D. Thomas	3rd yr.

M. Wellington	3rd yr.
A. Roberts	3rd yr.
W. Fletcher	5th yr.
L. Burton	5th yr.
C. Reynolds	5th yr.
G. Cleal	5th yr.
D. Hemsley	5th yr.

Award of Merit Bar.

L. Burton	1st yr.
M. Wellington	1st yr.
L. Tucker	1st yr.
P. Sandilands	2nd yr.
F. Tucker	2nd yr.
G. King	2nd yr.
B. Aitchison	2nd yr.

R. Parnell	2nd yr.
D. Green	3rd yr.
C. Reynolds	4th yr.
J. Doherty	4th yr.
D. Hemsley	5th yr.
A. Roberts	5th yr.
C. Calnan	12th yr.

Surf Instructor's Certificate.

C. Reynolds

SURF BOAT REPORT

Supplied by the Surf Boat Captain, Jim Doherty.

The Boat, A. W. Jolly II, was officially named and launched by Mrs. A. W. Jolly on November 6th, and within three weeks had been instrumental in saving a lad from almost certain drowning when his leaky canoe had been blown over a mile out to sea.

Many hours were spent of a week-end and during holidays patrolling swimmers, and several rescues were made during these patrols; numerous yacht crews were also given assistance. Four sharks were sighted on patrols and the alarm signalled from Boat to Jetty Patrol, who sounded the siren.

The most exciting experience with the boat was the battle with a shark on February 26th. The shark, which had been seen for several days close in shore, was speared near the head and made out to sea.

An hour or so later, it again appeared swimming towards shore. The boat was launched, and after jockeying for position for some time it was again speared deep in the side, throwing itself out of the water to dislodge the spear and heading for sea leaving a trail of blood. That night it was reported washed ashore at West Beach.

Members have every confidence in the boat, which they believe will amply fill the needs of this Club and beach for some years to come. It is an all-weather craft and the lads will take it out in the roughest weather if there is a job to be done.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members for their assistance in transporting the boat to and from the shed, and particularly those who have helped in its maintenance.

CARNIVALS

Glenelg, 31/12/49.

March Past	2nd	
Surf Rescue	1st	(No. 1 team)
	2nd	(No. 2 team)
Open Surf Race	1st	(F. Tucker)
	2nd	(P. Sandilands)
	3rd	(L. Tucker)
Alarm Belt	1st	(R. Hosking)
	3rd	(G. Cleal)
Novice Surf Race	2nd	(C. Reynolds)
	3rd	(R. Hosking)
Teams Surf Race	1st	
Beach Sprint	2nd	(L. Bailey)
	3rd	(L. Burton)
Beach Relay	2nd	

Séacliff, 14/1/50.

March Past	2nd	
Surf Rescue	1st	(No. 1 team)
	2nd	(No. 2 team)
Alarm Belt	1st	(R. Hosking)
Open Surf Race	1st	(P. Sandilands)
	2nd	(F. Tucker)
	3rd	(C. Reynolds)
Novice Surf Race	3rd	(A. Roberts)
Teams Surf Race	1st	
Beach Sprint	3rd	(L. Burton)
Beach Relay	1st	

Victor Harbour, 29/1/50.

March Past	1st	
Surf Rescue	1st	(No. 1 team)
	3rd	(No. 2 team)
Alarm Belt	1st	(G. King)
	2nd	(R. Hosking)
Open Surf Race	1st	(P. Sandilands)
	2nd	(L. Tucker)
	3rd	(F. Tucker)
Novice Surf Race	1st	(C. Reynolds)
	2nd	(A. Roberts)
Teams Surf Race	1st	
Beach Sprint	2nd	(K. Thorsen)
	3rd	(L. Bailey)
Beach Relay	1st	(No. 1 team)
	2nd	(No. 2 team)
Musical Flags	3rd	(K. Thorsen)

Port Elliot, 12/2/50.

March Past	1st	
Surf Rescue	1st	
Alarm Belt	1st	(R. Hosking)
	2nd	(G. King)
Open Surf Race	1st	(L. Tucker)
	2nd	(P. Sandilands)
	3rd	(F. Tucker)
Novice Surf Race	1st	(T. Jennings)
	2nd	(R. Hosking)
	3rd	(C. Reynolds)
Teams Surf Race	1st	
Beach Sprint	1st	(C. Reynolds)
	2nd	(K. Thorsen)
	3rd	(L. Bailey)
Beach Relay	1st	(No. 1 team)
	2nd	(No. 2 team)
Musical Flags	1st	(D. Hemsley)
	3rd	(K. Thorsen)

Henley Beach, State Championship Carnival, 19/2/50.

March Past Championship	1st	
Surf Rescue Championship	1st	
Alarm Belt Championship	1st	(R. Hosking)
	2nd	(G. King)
	3rd	(A. Roberts)
Open Surf Race Championship	1st	(P. Sandilands)
	2nd	(L. Tucker)
	3rd	(F. Tucker)
Teams Surf Championship	1st	
Novice Surf Race	1st	(T. Jennings)
	2nd	(C. Reynolds)
	3rd	(R. Hosking)
Beach Sprint	2nd	(F. O'Connell)
	3rd	(K. Thorsen)
Beach Relay	1st	
Musical Flags	1st	(F. O'Connell)
	2nd	(K. Thorsen)

For the second successive year the first Rescue and Resuscitation Team completed the season with an unbeaten record; this is all the more commendable when it is remembered that two new men came into the team at the beginning of the season. Further credit to the ability of Club Coach, Merv Butterfield.

The Club won both Carnival Aggregate Trophies. Results were:—

Rescue and Resuscitation Aggregate (Dudley Angus Shield)—

Henley No. 1	1st	454.7
Henley No. 2	2nd	394.73
Seacliff	3rd	315.90

March Past Aggregate (Gordon Liley Cup)—

Henley	1st	126.03
Seacliff	2nd	123.63

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Management Committee met on 20 occasions during the season. Individual attendances were as follows:—

Hallett, A. H. J. (Pres.)	15	Green, D. G.	12
Roberts, A. F.	20	Doherty, J. M.	19
Hemsley, D. H.	18	Tucker, N. F.	18
King, G. W.	16	Thorsen, K.	2
Cleal, G. N.	18	O'Connell, F.	8
Hill, J.	19	Fielder, C. D.	19

During the season K. Thorsen found it necessary to resign, and F. O'Connell was elected to the vacancy.

PROPOSED NEW CLUBHOUSE

The Management Committee at its meeting on 14/3/50 decided to inaugurate a Building Fund. Bonds to the value of £300, which the Club had recently purchased, were transferred to the Fund, and in the three months since the idea originated a further £200 has been invested in bonds and credited to the Fund.

A deputation waited on the Henley and Grange Council, and the Club has been told that a site in close proximity and north of the present shed will be made available for the building of a new clubhouse (the first major step).

The present intention is to erect a double-storey building which will be a credit to the town and a place where ex-members may gather and "pound one and another's ears" over old times. The present members consider that after years of free unselfish service to the public the "old hands" are at least deserving of a place to meet their former cobbers in their leisure hours.

We realise that it will possibly be four to five years before we will be in a position to build, so our aim in the meantime is to raise at least £4,000.

Swing Nights in the "Tivoli" are providing a good source of revenue for the Club, and in future proceeds will be credited to the Building Fund.

We have been told we're aiming too high, but we have confidence in our ability to see the job through. Remember the Surf Boat—"You'll never raise £300," sceptics said. In 18 months we had the boat ready for launching—we'll do it again.

This time next year we expect to be well above the first £1,000.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hon Treasurer G. W. King has supplied the following report:—

"It gives me considerable pleasure to present the twenty-fifth Annual Financial Statement. This season we have added a balance sheet to our records, and I'm certain everyone connected with the Club will agree it makes very good reading. Hard work has been rewarded and still harder work is ahead if we are to achieve our next major goal—a new and up-to-date clubhouse.

A total of £500 has been invested in Commonwealth Bonds this year and credited to the Building Fund.

This financial success of the Club, I feel, is due to the energetic work of the Committee in organising Swing Nights, etc. The Ladies' Committee and other generous helpers who assisted with the Badge Day and the numerous donors to Club funds, both large and small.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have assisted the Club and hope they will continue to give us their support in the years to come.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Council Chambers, Henley Town Hall, on Friday, 2nd September, 1949, at 8 p.m.

President A. H. J. Hallett, Esq., presided over the meeting, which was attended by 29 members. The Secretary, C. Fielder, presented the twenty-fourth Annual Report, and Treasurer G. King the Financial Statement; both of these were duly received and adopted.

Mr. G. P. Speirs, representing the Royal Life Saving Society, was welcomed by the President and gave a short, interesting talk on life saving.

The following amendments were made to the Club Constitution:—

(1) Rule 4c amended by deleting the words "Before entering the Club all prospective Juniors are to complete the 100 metres test swim in 2 min. 20 sec." and inserting "within three months of acceptance of nominations Junior members shall complete the 100 metres test swim in 2 mins. 30 secs."

(2) Rule 4a of the Junior Section of the Constitution amended by deleting the words "swim 100 metres in 140 seconds in the Henley Baths before acceptance of nomination" and inserting "swim 100 metres in 150 seconds in the Henley Baths within three months of acceptance of nomination."

(A new revised constitution book will be printed shortly after the Annual Meeting.)

REUNION SOCIAL

This function was again held in the "Green Dragon" late April. Nearly 50 past and present members attended and gave one another the biggest "ear pounding" ever.

Exploits of the past caused quite a few of the present members to raise their eyebrows, while comments such as "How are these young blokes?" were frequently uttered by the old hands.

All present voted the night a great success and promised to bring along a few of their cobbles next year.

Talking of next year, brings to mind that it is intended to hold a Past Members' Day at Henley. This will be a chance for many an argument as to who was best at what to be decided once and for all (more about that later).

Thanks are extended to the Past Members who came from near and far (Bob Lucy from the West Coast and Pud Hele from Pinnaroo are two examples) to make the night a success.

The action of Past Members in passing the hat around and collecting £5 for a trophy to be presented next season shows in no small way that they still have the Club's interest at heart.

SYMPATHIES

Our most sincere and deepest sympathy is extended to the following:—
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Dineen, Mrs. F. H. Hill and John, Merv Butterfield, Mrs. F. C. Hill, and Misses Forwood.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To the following for their generous support and assistance during the past season we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation:—

A. W. Jolly, Esq., Club Patron.

A. H. J. Hallett, Esq., our President.

R. J. McDonough, Esq.

The Mayor of Henley and Grange and Club Vice-Patron, G. T. Gurner, Esq.

Mrs. Stevenson for giving Club members an entertaining evening in the R.S.L. Hall.

The Henley and Grange Council for its generous grant and the excellent evening's entertainment given members.

William V. Holyoak, Esq., for producing our Swing Nights.

And to the following for their support, both financially and otherwise, we extend our sincere thanks:—T. H. Browne, P. K. Lee, A. E. Northey, Geo. Frogley, Sir Walter Duncan, G. Cameron, A. W. Barnfield, L. Leo, F. Hill, N. Tucker, J. Stocks, T. Heath, L. Newbold, L. Griggs, J. Russell, W. Stafford, G. P. Speirs, W. Threadgold, R. W. Wellington, C. Amber, E. W. Mitton, H. H. Hicks, W. Tucker, L. Smith, S. G. Johns, R. Barltrop, A. S. Wheatley, R. Lawrie, J. R. Lawrie, J. Teryell, Inspector W. H. King, V. Bergamin, G. E. Peters, B. Peters, C. A. Moody, J. K. Bowler, W. A. Nairne, Tiver's, Henley Swimming Pools Ltd., W. Gill, N. Gibson, Vin Jennings, R. May, Tom Cassidy, Mrs. Ramsay, C. R. Stevenson, P. & A. Johns, "Betta Sheen" Shampoo, The News, The Advertiser, Truth, Radio Call, Stations 5AD, 5DN, 5KA, and the A.B.C., and to those who have been inadvertently omitted.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

A. H. J. HALLETT, President.

C. D. FIELDER, Secretary.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1950.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Account as at 1/8/49	1,271	11	6			
Surplus for Year	161	17	6			
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Cash at Bank						238 8 6
Cash on Hand						5 0 0
Commonwealth Bonds (Building Fund)						500 0 0
Surf Boat and Equipment						297 10 0
Patrol Tower and Equipment						128 0 0
Reels and Carnival Equipment						135 17 6
Fittings and Fixtures						72 15 0
First Aid Gear and Sundries						52 5 6
Coat and Bather Badges						3 12 6

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The above receipts and payments statement has been checked with books and vouchers produced and is a correct record of the transaction for the year. The balance sheet shows the position of the Club as at 30/6/1950.

G. W. KING, Hon. Treasurer.

(Sgd.) A. L. WHEATLEY, A.F.I.A.,

(Sgd.) N. F. TUCKER, A.F.I.A., Hon. Auditors.