### Henley Surf Life Saving Club



### Twenty= Minth ANNUAL REPORT

Season 1953-54

as presented at the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held in the Council Chamber, Henley Beach
on FRIDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1954, at 8 p.m.



### Annual General Meeting

### AGENDA:

- 1. Notice of Meeting.
- Confirmation of minutes of 28th Annual General Meeting, held on 23rd October, 1953.
- 3. Business arising out of minutes.
- 4. Correspondence.
- 5. Notice of Motions of which due notice has been given.
- 6. Election of Officers.
- 7. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of 29th Annual Report.
- 8. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of 29th Annual Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report.
- 9. General Business.

F. TUCKER, Hon. Secretary.

### OBJECTS OF THE CLUB ARE

- (a) To study and practise the methods of Surf Life Saving as laid down by the S.L.S.A. of Australia handbook.
- (b) To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing proficient life saving apparatus conforming with S.L.S.A. of Australia standards.
- (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 generally further the best interests of Surf Bathing.
- (d) To appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress.

### HENLEY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

### OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THE SEASON 1953-54.

Patron: A. W. IOLLY

Vice-Patron: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF HENLEY AND GRANGE (D. J. NEWLANDS)

President: N. F. TUCKER.

Vice-Presidents:

SIR WALTER DUNCAN, M.L.C.
A. BARNFIELD
V. BERGAMIN
L. LEO
W. TUCKER
L. GRIGGS
H. HICKS
R. MAY
S. KALLIN
K. MACDONALD
W. SALISBURY, Senr.

L. FROST
P. K. LEE
N. GIBSON
J. LAWRIE
V. JENNINGS
G. CAMERON
L. NEWBOLD
W. STAFFORD
S. JOHNS
R. WELLINGTON
C. HUTCHENS, M.P.
A. WALTERS, Sent.

R. NASH
C. AMBER, M.I.D.
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J. RUSSELL
A. WHEATLEY
R. BURTON
K. ALFORD
J. PARKINSON
W. HOLYOAK
E. NUTT
J. WEINERT
W. PAGE

Captain: F. O'CONNELL,

Vice-Captain: L. BAILEY.

Hon. Secretary: C. FIELDER and F. TUCKER.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: F. TUCKER and P. ABBOTT.

Hon. Treasurer: G. KING.

Hon. Chief Instructor: T. JENNINGS.

Hon, Surf Boat Captain: M. TUCKER,

Hon, Surf Boat Assistant: B. FROST.

Committee: M. BUTTERFIELD, W. SALISBURY, R. LAWRIE was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. FIELDER.

Hon. Gear Stewards: JIM and JOHN SALISBURY, B. MENZIES, W. TEMBY and G. BATTERSBY.

Hon, Handicappers: H. PLEASS and ROBERT DUNLOP LAWRIE.

Hon. Timekeepers: H. PLEASS and ROBERT DUNLOP LAWRIE.

Selection Committee: F. O'CONNELL, L. BAILEY and T. JENNINGS.

Publicity Officer: C. FIELDER.

Delegate to S.L.S.A. State Centre: F. O'CONNELL, T. JENNINGS and F. TUCKER. P. ABBOTT replaced T. JENNINGS during season.

Delegate to S.A.A.S.A.: W. SALISBURY.

Hon. Auditors: N. TUCKER, A. WHEATLEY.

Hon. Solicitor: H. IRVING.

Hon. Medical Officers:
Drs. PAVY, LOVELL, PETERS, GROTE.

Life Members:

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

Gentlemen,

The President and Committee have pleasure in presenting the 29th Annual Report and Financial Statement.

This season when all the regulars had gathered together on the foreshore in October, they had before them the task of erecting the Nissen Hut so kindly supplied by the Henley and Grange Council. All that the boys had was a heap of wood and iron and the site on which to build the hut. Under the leadership of the Club Captain (Frank O'Connell) and Chief Instructor (Tom Jennings) the work was duly carried out, and most club members did their fair share towards the building of our temporary home. The hut measured 35 ft. x 16 ft., and into this 64 members, 1 surf boat, 5 reels, plus first aid equipment, etc., had to be placed, whilst locker accommodation had to be found for all members. True to form, the Henley boys found a way, and by mid-November we were established in our new home. In his report the Club Captain is full of praise for all members who assisted him during the season.

### CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The general discipline and performances of the Club members this season was good with few exceptions, especially as, on numerous occasions during the season they were called upon to do far more than usual, but the majority never failed to respond.

Once again this season was a successful one in the competition field, and the Henley flag is still at the top of the mast. The Management Committee once again worked well for the Club, and it was pleasing to see younger men on the committee taking an active part. In summarising my report I can only thank all members for their full co-operation, without which my job would have been impossible.

FRANK O'CONNELL, Captain.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Management Committee met 21 times up to the time that this report was compiled, the individual attendances being:

N. Tucker, President	17	M. Tucker, Boat Captain	21
F. O'Connell, Captain	19	M. Butterfield (Committee)	17
L. Bailey, Vice-Captain	20	W. Salisbury (Committee)	
T. Jennings, Chief Instructor		R. Lawrie (Committee)	10
P. Abbott, Assistant Secretary	20	F. Tucker, Secretary	18
G. King, Treasurer	13	C. Fielder, Secretary	11

### **AFFILIATIONS**

The Club this season was again affiliated with the S.A. State Centre of the S.L.S.A. of Australia and the S.A. Amateur Swimming Association.

### MEMBERSHIP

	1953/54	1952/53
Seniors (Active)	27	34
Junior (including Cadets)	20	11
Active Reserves	6	4
Lite	10	10
Associate	1	2
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	64	61

Although the figures show that our Senior Active membership was slightly down, our Juniors have increased their number from eleven to twenty, which is a very good sign indeed.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Again this season Henley was well represented in both teams that made Interstate trips for the purpose of competition. Firstly in the Southern States Carnival Team that went to Torquay to compete against New Zealand, Victoria and Tasmania, W. Salisbury, P. Abbott, M. and F. Tucker were successful in gaining a place in the side, while T. Jennings was appointed State Coach. Unofficially, junior members T. Park, W. Temby, and Michael Hocking represented the State in the Junior R. & R. event at this carnival.

In the team that competed in the Australian Championships at Southport, Queensland, F. O'Connell and Tony Park were successful in gaining selection. In addition, Merv. Butterfield was elected coach of this team. Congratulations,

fellows, keep the good work going.

### PATROL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

To cover all the facts contributing to this unusual season I have written more than is customary for a report of this nature, and to avoid confusion of these facts I have segregated this report into the following three sections.

### PATROLS

1953-54 proved to be one continuous season of abnormal weather which, though at times warm enough to draw good beach crowds, did not entice the usual number of swimmers seen in past seasons. Patrols, however, had to be maintained and were carried out efficiently by all members. Another deterrent to swimming, though to a lesser degree was the state of our beach following last year's storm. Higher tides have uncovered much broken concrete, rubble and glass. The Club first aid equipment was used quite extensively. Each patrol was increased this season to four members, comprising three bronze holders and one non bronze holder. Though not permitted to be actively engaged in rescue work, I feel that these lads have learnt the fundamental concepts of patrol work, and this should stand to their credit when they are qualified.

Patrols were lengthened to an hour and a half and the fixed patrol system of past seasons was replaced by week-to-week rostering. The adoption of this latter system ensures that members will do an equal, or near equal, number of patrol hours. Results justified expectations because 20 members finished with only 2½ hours separating the first and twentieth. The extensive changes made to the patrol system were very successful, and this can be attributed to the splendid

co-operation of all the lads.

Brice Menzies recorded the most Senior Patrol hours with 134 hours, and Michael Hocking had the best tally of the Juniors with 11 hours and 40 minutes. The following tables outline the season's Patrol activities.

This total, the most hours yet registered by the Club, comprises the following:

Beach and Jetty 251 hours 45 minutes Ski 100 hours 45 minutes Boat 10 hours 0 minutes

Total .... 362 hours 30 minutes

### RESCUES

Rescues decreased this season to 15 from last year's total of 31. This is a reflection of the fewer swimmers already mentioned. Ian Worth, a promising junior, recorded a triple rescue, and this meritorious effort gained him the most rescues. Older members will be interested to know that popular Life Member Ced. "Pud" Hele effected a rescue during Christmas. Four yachtsmen were rescued with the surf boat and details of this rescue are set out in the boat captain's report. While referring to our boat, I must endorse my predecessors' remarks regarding its value in rescue work.

Four children were rescued on different occasions by members of the public at varying times during the early evening. All were treated by Club members and one, a girl of seventeen years, required an hour's treatment on the ever-reliable "Eve-Rocker" before she recoverd. There were no fatalities at Henley this season, which is proof that the lads have worthily upheld their Club motto: "Vigilance and Service."

### GEAR AND EQUIPMENT

The season opened with most gear housed far and wide for safe-keeping following the May storm, and the erecting of our temporary quarters occupied much time usually devoted to maintenance work. Consequently our equipment was not in 100% condition when the first carnival was held on December 13th, and the increased number of carnivals that followed prevented much from being done, especially to the reels. However, all equipment will be in A1 condition for the coming season.

A new ski was purchased in December and, like the old one, which has been repaired, was set aside specifically for patrol work. The usefulness of surf skis in this capacity cannot be over stated, as they are ideal for patrolling our type of beach where swimmers are spread over large areas.

Other new acquisitions are a beach shelter, two 500 yard waxed lines and a boat trailer. A full report on the boat trailer is given by the boat captain. This season the standard patrol cap of the Australian Surf Association made its debut on our beach. This cap of red and yellow halves is easily discernible to the public and the Club has acquired two dozen. Finally, another change this year was the adoption of a new design for the Club competition caps. Three dozen of these have been made to replace the old stocks. Many thanks to Mrs. Butterfield, who made such a good job of them. To close this report I must thank all members for their assistance and co-operation during the season.

LAURIE BAILEY, Patrol Captain.

H. Holmes

P. McLay

J. Brown

### CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

The awards gained this season were not as many in number as previous seasons, which is only to be expected as under Surf administration members are only permitted to gain an award once. This does not stop many members passing their bronze examination each year, but new awards cannot be presented to them. Those who were successful this season are:

### Bronze:

M. Gamlin R. Lawrie
J. Nettle T. Park
R. Hill M. Hocking
P. Frost

Qualifying Certificates:

W. Reed R. Battersby I. McAskill B. Munro

Instructors' Certificates: L. Tucker K. Dalziel

As mentioned previously the Club was most successful in competition and our 1st R. & R. team was only beaten once this season, and that was by the Club's 2nd team, consisting mainly of Juniors under the coaching of Laurie Bailey. Actually the Henley Club has remained undefeated in R. & R. competition for the past six seasons. In remaining undefeated the Henley Club was able to win the Ampol Shield for gaining most points in R. & R. competition. It was also able to clinch the State title. The March Past team also continued its winning run by taking yet another title.

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS, 1954

Teams Events:

R. & R.—1st Henley .... ... 7.8 pts. deducted 2nd Moana .... .... 11.8 pts. 3rd Brighton .... 14.9 pts.

March Past—Henley, Moana, Seacliff. Surf Teams—Henley.

Boat Race-Port Elliot, Glenelg, Henley,

Individual Championships:

Senior:

Surf Race-3rd, F. Tucker (H.). Belt Race-1st, F. Tucker (H.). Musical Flags-1st, B. Menzies (H.).

Junior:

Surf Race—1st, T. Parks (H.); 3rd, M. Hocking (H). Belt Race—1st, T. Parks (H.).
Musical Flags—3rd, G. Mannix (H.).

Cadet:

Beach Sprint-3rd, P. Frost (H.).

Surf Race-2nd, W. Reed (H.); 3rd, J. Brown (H.).

Points for the day:

Henley, 85; Brighton, 62; Seacliff, 43; Glenelg, 37.; Port Noarlunga, 31;

Moana, 28; Port Elliot, 18; Semaphore, 11.

In conclusion I wish to thank members of the Board of Examiners, and in particular the State Superintendent (Merv. Butterfield) for assistance given with examinations and carnivals.

T. JENNINGS, Chief Instructor.

### LADIES' COMMITTEE

During the winter months this season the members of the Ladies' Committee have had regular meetings on the first Thursday of every month, and are becoming quite active in their money raising efforts. It is indeed pleasing to find such a willing band of workers, and the thanks of all Club members are extended to our Ladies' Committee. Our special thanks are also given to Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Fielder (Sen.) and Mrs. Oldfield, who have helped us from our very foundation

### EFFICIENCY CUP

This season it was the South Australians turn to compete for the Surf Life Saving Association award for efficiency. The award is known as the Nuffield Cup, being donated by Lord Nuffield, and is competed for by clubs in each State in turn. S.A. had their chance this season, and the Henley team, consisting of Bill Salisbury and F. Tucker, was successful in winning the trophy from Seacliff and Glenelg Clubs. The teams competing consisted of two men, one doing a patient swim and the other a belt swim; each man then completed a one-man carry and resuscitation drill.

### CLUB TROPHIES

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the Club Championships were conducted under difficulties. The first attempt was abandoned after climatic conditions proved too difficult for the three teams who lined up. When the second attempt was made the following Saturday only ten starters could be found. This time the lines fouled on concrete rubble which last years storm had washed out. Laurie Bailey had a narrow escape when he was dragged to the bottom by a fouled line. After continued interruptions this attempt had to be called off. A third and successful start was made at a later date, with the following results.

1st	F. O'Connell	8.9 pts.
2nd	F. Tucker	10.9 pts.
3rd	T. Parks	14.1 pts.
4th	M. Tucker	15.2 pts.
5th	R. Hill	17.9 pts.

Well done, "Dizzy," you certainly deserved first placing after the set-backs. Congratulations to Tony Parks, who is still a Junior by Surfing standards. Tony's effort in finishing third in the Competition was indeed a creditable performance. The Senior members will certainly have to look to their laurels next season. To all Club members who completed the Championships I say "Well done," and may I thank the State Centre officials who battled on with us at all times.

Frank will receive the A.W. Jolly and the Walker & Hall perpetual trophies, and also an outright trophy donated by His Worship the Mayor of Henley and

Grange (Mr. D. J. Newlands).

PRESIDENT'S SWIM

The President, Norm. Tucker, once again provided a special swim for the boys, the results being:

Seniors: Juniors:

A. Roberts
 L. Tucker
 J. Threadgold
 H. Holmes
 J. Doherty
 W. Reed

Congratulations to all place getters, especially the two "old fellows" in the enior event.

JETTY SWIM

Results of the weekly jetty swim points are as follows: Seniors: Juniors:

 1. R. Parnell (34)
 1. W. Reed (45)

 2. T. Jennings (33)
 2. T. Parks (39)

 3. F. O'Connell (29)
 3. H. Holmes (29)

Fastest time points went to F. Tucker and T. Parks respectively.

Ray Parnell will hold the T. H. Brown Perpetual Trophy for twelve months and receive an outright trophy presented by Messrs. Hill and Leo. Tom Jennings and F. O'Connell will also receive trophies. This season Mrs. Cawte has kindly donated a trophy for the most fastest time points gained. In Junior swims Bill Reed will receive the A. Walters (Sen.) trophy. Tony Parks and Howard Holmes will also receive trophies for their efforts. Tony will receive a fastest time trophy as well.

MOST IMPROVED SWIMMER

This trophy, which was generously donated by Mr. Les. Griggs, was won this year by John Salisbury. Well done, John!

MOST PATROL HOURS

Senior: Junior:

Brice Menzies Michael Hocking
A fine effort from two lads who have always been active in the Club. Brice

A fine effort from two lads who have always been active in the Club. Brice will receive a trophy donated by popular Bill Page, and Michael the Harold and Perce Johns Trophy.

MOST IMPROVED CLUB MEMBER

Tony Parks has won yet another trophy by being selected the most improved Club member for the past season. Tony, it seems, has gone from success to success. He was unbeaten in Junior competition this year, and took two State titles for himself and the Club at the Championship Carnival. He was also selected to represent the State at the Australian Championships, and was a member of the Junior R. & R. team that did so well at Torquay, in the Southern States Carnival. Keep up the good work, Tony. This trophy is presented each season by the Ladies' Committee.

BEST CONDUCTED JUNIOR

Peter McLay, a first season cadet, was successful in winning this trophy. Peter is a most conscientious lad and well deserves this trophy, which has been again donated by Ray Burton—our local "Astra" man.

MOST RESCUES TROPHY

Ian Worth, another of the younger brigade, won the trophy this year with a fine effort of three rescues. It is pleasing to see these lads, carrying out their job so well, and they are to be congratulated. Well done, Ian. Ian will receive a trophy donated by Mr. E. Nutt.

### BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

In its fifth year, the A. W. Jolly II has once again rendered valuable service to both the public and the Club. Ten hours' patrol were recorded by boat crews during the season, but only one rescue was necessary. This rescue was on the 10th of January, when two disabled yachts were sighted, approximately 400 yards off shore by the beach patrol. Both yachts had broken masts and had to be towed to the shore.

As boat races were included in our latter carnivals, a boat trailer was purchased to facilitate transport of our boat to them. As the other clubs are now purchasing their own boats, it has become noticeable that our own Club has become more boat minded. Whenever a decent sea is rolling there is always a crew ready to have a go at "cracking a few." Now as we have no experienced boat men in the Club some very spectacular crashes occurred. One incident that must be recorded happened on the 21st of March, when Merv. Butterfield took a crew out. There was a heavy sea running this day and, when they attempted to get off the beach, they caught a back-shoot. In doing so the sweep oar dug into the sand and snapped in two. The boat then turned sideways and rolled over. Another amusing incident, although at the time it was not amusing to the crew, occurred down at Port Noarlunga by the mouth of the river. This time Tom Jennings had a crew out. After a couple of mediocre shoots, they climbed aboard a real boomer. This proved too much for them to handle, and after broaching the wave the boat rolled completely over.

Space does not permit me to describe all the surf boat happenings this season, but I would like to thank my deputy and all those who have helped with the boat during the past season.

MICK TUCKER, Boat Captain.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT, 1953

A very successful night was enjoyed by all. The ever-ready ladies once again excelled themselves and "put on" a marvellous spread. His Worship the Mayor of Henley and Grange, Mr. D. J. Newlands, was once again in attendance and presented the trophies to the successful winners. As usual about this time each year, we are again looking forward to our presentation night of 1954. This night has been set down for September the 25th, so please keep that date in mind.

### RE-UNION SOCIAL

The Re-union Social for 1954 has yet to be arranged, but old members will get plenty of notice as to the time and date of this popular function.

### 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 28th Annual General Meeting was preceded by a special general meeting to debate and accept the new Club constitution. After several points were "ironed out" and most members were satisfied with the new rules, we commenced another well managed and orderly A.G. meeting. There were several changes in office bearers, and it was pleasing to see younger lads accepting appointments on the management committee.

### CLUB DINNER

At the completion of this season most Club members and representatives from the State Centre and kindred Clubs met in the dining hall of the Ramsgate Hotel to enjoy a very nice dinner. A smoke social followed the dinner, at which all enjoyed themselves immensely. Many a good story was told by some of those present, including the "Corn-Cobs" who entertained us. Our very good friends and supporters, Messrs. Walters, (Sen.) and Page, donated £20 each so that the dinner could become an annual affair, whilst our Club Treasurer, George King, "touched his kick" and donated £10 to the fund. Our thanks go to those gentlemen, and we look forward to our next Club Dinner.

### SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. Dan Dineen, whose wife passed away a few months ago. Both Dan, who was the founder of our Club, and his wife were always strong supporters of the Club, and to Dan we do extend our sympathy. To Mr. S. G. Johns and family we also send our sympathy at the death of Mrs. Johns. The Johns family have always had the interests of our Club at heart. To Mrs. M. A. Dalziel and Keith we extend our sympathy in their recent bereavement. Keith is a very active member of the Henley Club.

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Club extend hearty congratulations to Roma and John Hill, Val. and Ray Parnell and to Bette and Frank O'Connell, all of whom have "come to light" with little life-savers. A special good wish to Elga and Jim Doherty on the birth of their daughter. Good old "Doggerty." Congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Sandilands on the birth of their daughter.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mr. A. W. Jolly, the Club Patron.

Mr. D. J. Newlands, Mayor of Henley and Grange, and Club Vice-Patron.

Mr. N. F. Tucker, Club President.

The Henley and Grange Corporation.

The Ladies' Committee.

Mr. K. A. MacDonald and all at 5AD.

Mr. William V. Holyoak, the man behind the Swing Shows.

Mr. S. Kallin.

To these people we extend our thanks and appreciation for their generous support throughout the season, and to the following we extend the same thanks: Mr. A. Walters, Sen., W. Page, Sir Walter Duncan, W. Stafford, S. G. Johns, C. Amber, R. Burton, E. Nutt, A. W. Barnfield, L. Griggs, P. K. Lee, V. Jennings, W. Salisbury, Sen., L. Frost, A. Battersby, C. D. Hutchens, M.P., R. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawrie, Mrs. Butterfield, the Henley and Grange Sub-Branch of the R.S.L., Hunter Bros., Dept. of Works, Mr. J. Weinert, Mr. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, and our Hon. Medical Officers, and to all who have been inadvertently omitted.

### CONCLUSION

Finally I wish to thank all Club members for their support and attention to their drill and patrols. They are to be congratulated on keeping up the traditional high standard of the Henley Club. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to C. D. (Chook) Fielder, who found it necessary to resign his duties as Secretary this season. I would personally like to thank "Chook" for his guidance during the remaining portion of this season. His experience and advice have been a great help to me.

Trusting the coming season will be even more successful.

For and on behalf of the Committee, F. TUCKER, Hon. Secretary.

### **ADDENDUM**

I would like to express my thanks to the Members of the Management Committee for their work and co-operation during the past season. During the year Mr. C. D. (Chook) Fielder relinquished the duties of secretary and the Committee appointed Frank Tucker to fill the vacancy. I have been requested by the Committee to express their thanks and congratulations to Frank on the very capable and efficient manner in which he has picked up the threads and carried on this very responsible and arduous work.

I might add my personal congratulations and thanks to Frank for a job

well done.

N. F. TUCKER, President.

## HENLEY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

# Receipts and Payments Statement for Year Ending 30th June, 1954.

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## Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1954.

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The attached receipts and payments statement has been checked with books and vouchers produced and is a correct record of transactions for the year. The Balance Sheet shows the position of the Club as at 30/6/54.

G. W. KING, Hon. Treasurer.

A. L. WHEATLEY, F.A.S.A. Hon. Auditors. N. F. TUCKER, A.A.S.A.