
Henley Surf Life Saving Club



Thirty-First
ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1955-56

as presented at the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held in the Club Rooms, Henley Beach
on September 6th, 1956 at 8 p.m.



568 Lives Saved

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA :

1. Notice of Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 30th Annual General Meeting, held on 2nd September, 1955.
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 31st Annual Report.
8. Presentation, consideration, and adoption of 31st 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 1955-56

Founder: D. F. DINEEN

Patron: A. W. JOLLY

Vice-Patron: His Worship the Mayor of Henley & Grange
(D. J. NEWLANDS)

President: M. B. BUTTERFIELD

Vice-Presidents:

Sir Walter Duncan,

M.L.C.

L. Newbold

W. Stafford

A. Walters, Sen.

R. Burton

L. Freeman

W. V. Holyoak

W. Tucker

K. Macdonald

C. Brown

V. Jennings

A. Battersby

J. Weinert

N. Tucker

H. Brittain

L. Frost

P. K. Lee

S. G. Johns

J. Russell

J. Parkinson

J. J. Miller

A. W. Banfield

H. Hicks

G. Cameron

R. Nash

W. W. Salisbury, Sen.,

M.M.

L. Leo

C. Bird

F. Pavolich

F. C. Jeffries

C. Amber, M.I.D.

T. M. Bradie

R. Wellington

A. Wheatley

J. L. Medcalfe

E. E. Nutt

L. Griggs

S. J. Kallin

W. Stiller

J. Lawrie

W. Page

C. Hutchens, M.P.

H. J. Donnelly

G. King

Captain: R. PARNELL

Vice-Captain: L. BAILEY (R. Hill, resigned)

Hon. Secretary: F. TUCKER

Hon. Assist. Secretary: M. TUCKER

Hon. Treasurer: L. BAILEY

Hon. Chief Instructor: D. HEMSLEY

Hon. Surf Boat Captain: T. PARK

Hon. Surf Boat Assistant: H. HOLMES

Committee: V. CAPPO, A. ROBERTS, C. FIELDER

Hon. Handicappers: H. PLEASS and R. LAWRIE

Hon. Timekeepers: H. PLEASS and R. LAWRIE

Selection Committee: R. PARNELL, D. HEMSLEY, L. BAILEY

Publicity Officer: C. FIELDER

Delegate to S.A.A.S.A.: T. PARK

Hon. Auditors: N. TUCKER, A. WHEATLEY

Hon. Solicitor: H. IRVING

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

Life Members:

Messrs. A. W. Jolly, D. F. Dineen, C. V. Fisher, C. Chambers, M.H.R.
C. H. Hele, F. C. Hill, R. J. McDonough, W. Zimmerman, A. H.

Hallett, M. B. Butterfield, C. Fielder

Gentlemen,

The President and Committee of the Henley Surf Life Saving Club have pleasure in presenting the Thirty-first Annual Report and Financial Statement.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season was our first in our new Club house and presented members with duties well in excess of those experienced during previous seasons, although secure in our new home much time and labour had to be provided to result in the Club house we have to date. The response by members to the needs of the Club was admirable, the arduous construction, installations and maintenance, etc., performed by working gangs and individual effort throughout the season have co-operatively, done, a grand job.

Discipline during the season was excellent with few exceptions, patrols were regularly attended and well maintained. Regulations were generally adhered to, and overall conduct of the Club was exceptionally good.

Although far under the desired strength of active senior members this was offset to some degree by the large number of Juniors and Cadets. Possessing keenness and ability, they proved a very valuable asset in the competition field as well as making excellent club members.

Again successful in competition maintaining championship honours, the Club teams and individual members were prominent in all carnivals and deserved to be congratulated. With the advent of winter training programmes, namely winter carnivals and a club gymnasium we should see some fit and eager members "rearing to go" next season.

In conclusion, I congratulate members who gained selection for the Olympic Carnival, State Title and Club trophy winners. I also wish to express my gratitude to the management committee and all Club members for their co-operation during the season.

RAY PARNELL, Captain.

AFFILIATIONS

Once again it was our pleasure to be affiliated with the S.A. State Centre of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia and also the S.A. Amateur Swimming Association. Likewise it was with pride that we affiliated with the S.A. Amateur Water Polo Association, and many of the members enjoyed their games of polo during the season. The team did particularly well to reach the finals in their first time up.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(To end of July)

M. B. Butterfield (President)	16	G. M. Tucker (Asst. Sec)	14
R. H. Parnell (Captain)	17	A. A. Park (Boat Capt.)	15
L. G. Bailey (V-Capt. and		A. F. Roberts	16
Treas.)	15	V. J. Cappel	13
D. Hemsley (Chief Inst.)	17	C. D. Fielder	17
N. F. Tucker (Secretary) ...	13	R. J. Hill (resigned)	4

At the time of printing 18 Committee meetings had been held, while six special meetings have also been conducted for various reasons.

MEMBERSHIP.

	53/54	54/55	55/56
Senior Active	27	21	17
Junior and Cadet	20	16	27
Active Reserve	6	7	8
Life	10	11	11
Associate	1	5	1
Totals	64	60	64

Although over the past three seasons there has been a noticeable decline in the Senior membership, there has been this season, a remarkable increase in Junior membership which is a great thing for the club. It is also worthy of mention the fact that six members have been cleared to the newly formed Grange S.L.S.C. which is already a very active club.

STATE REPRESENTATION

This season the Australian Championships have been postponed until November 1956 to coincide with the Olympic Games in Melbourne. The Championships will be held at Torquay, a beach well known to most in the Henley Club. Four of our members have been selected to train in this year's squad, they are Tony Park, Jim Hamilton, Tony Page and Frank Tucker, while David Hemsley has been selected to train the team.

VICE-CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Patrols and Rescues

A record 920 hours 35 minutes were recorded in the patrol register this year making an increase of 538 hours on last year's figures. This splendid result can be attributed to the large influx of new members which enabled "Six-man patrols" to be formed. An inter-patrol competition was introduced including surf relay races and belt races and it proved reasonably successful.

Individual patrol hours were excellent with no less than 28 members recording more than 20 hours or more, and Sigmund Jacobsen, a Junior, in his first year of membership, led the way with 31 hours. Well done "Siggy".

Nineteen people were rescued during the season and as in the past the majority of patients were victims of the strong currents and deep holes around the jetty. Frank O'Connell, now on the Active Reserve, again proved his worth by recording four rescues.

Gear.

Having moved into our new premises we now have our much wanted storage area for the gear and equipment. There is also more room for carrying out repairs and promising junior Howard Holmes is handling this Department quite capably. Generous donations and good performances by our Juniors in competitions have resulted in much valuable equipment being acquired, this includes hot water bottles, blankets, first aid gear, stop watches and a new nylon surf line.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that the lads have co-operated really well throughout the season making my job relatively easier.

LAWRIE BAILEY, Vice-Capt.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

I have pleasure in being able to report on the past season of success in the competition field and achievement in the gaining of awards. In the sphere of competition our first R & R team comfortably won the Ampol Shield for the third season in succession by winning at all five carnivals which aggregated points towards this trophy. It was perhaps unfortunate that their only defeat was a narrow one by Port Elliot in the State Championships at Boomer Beach. The Junior R & R teams had a successful season and gained first and second places in the State Championships with only a fraction of a point between the two teams. By so doing they gained the right to represent our club at the Australian Championships to be held at Torquay on December 2nd. Mention must be made of the fine effort by Tony Page who while a member of the Junior R & R team also won the Junior Belt and Surf Titles in his first surf carnival. Our awards gained during the season numbered 14 Bronze Medallions, 7 qualifying certificates, 1 resuscitation certificate and 3 instructors certificates. We had the distinction of gaining more bronze medallions than any club in this State.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate all members on a fine achievement and especially thank the instructors for their co-operation and assistance throughout the season.

Ampol Shield Results

Henley "A"	35 pts.
Christies Beach "A"	15 pts.
Moana	12 pts.
Glenelg	11 pts.
Port Elliot	6 pts.
Seacliff	5 pts.
Port Noarlunga	4 pts.
Henley "B"	4 pts.
Brighton	3 pts.
Henley "C"	2 pts.
Christies "B"	1 pt.

Boat Shield Results.

Port Elliot	31 pts.
Christies Beach	29 pts.
Henley Beach	9 pts.
Port Noarlunga	3 pts.
Glenelg	3 pts.
Moana	—

Bronze Medallions

Reed, W. A.	Powell, R.	Jeffs, B.
Holmes, H. E.	Jacobsen, S.	Robinson, B. J.
White, K. A.	Griffiths, M. A.	Miller, J.
Owens, R.	Hook, B. D.	Battersby, R. R.
Constable, B. C.	Page, A. V.	

Qualifying Certificates

Jones, I.	Barnes, R.	Harris, P.
Jenkins, M. M.	Alcorn, W.	
Norman, P.	Drenth, M.	

Resuscitation Certificate

Griffiths, G.

Instructors Certificates

Gamlin, M.
Parnell, R. H.
Park, A. A.

DAVID HEMSLEY, Chief Instructor

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As in previous seasons the Club Surf Boat the A. W. Jolly II., served both the Club and the public with equal reliance. Many hours were spent patrolling the swimming areas not the least of which was our annual patrol of the long swim from Henley to Grange. Several rescues were effected with the aid of the boat which although it is about eight years old still has plenty of service left in her. At carnivals although we have not been able to break through to win any titles we were particularly unlucky not to have a start in the final at the State Titles. The senior team won their heat but the junior crew went under to a couple of big waves and capsized. In doing so they broke two oars and a sweep and put an end to the senior crew's hope of rowing in the final. Finally, I should like to thank my assistant, Howard Holmes, and members of the Club for their assistance with the boat at all times. In particular I wish to thank Graham Staker for transporting the boat to and from carnivals.

TONY PARK, Boat Captain

LADIES' COMMITTEE

Once again we have been fortunate to have assisting us a very energetic Ladies' Committee. Led by their President, Mrs. N. Fisher, they have conducted various functions during the year, not the least of which is their regular Wednesday night Bridge Evenings. Other officers elected this season were, Secretary, Miss G. Holmes and Treasurer, Mrs. N. Lawrie. On behalf of all club members I would like to thank our Ladies' Committee for their excellent support throughout another season. Particularly do we thank them for their efforts at our Club dinner and trophy nights.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 1956

The Presentation Night for 1956 was held on Saturday, July 14th and was something of a special occasion this season. The reason being that for the first time it was held in the club rooms, and proved a great success. Approximately 150 persons attended and witnessed the presentation of trophies and awards gained by the members. The President (Mr. M. Butterfield) welcomed all present and introduced the Mayor of Henley and Grange (Mr. D. J. Newlands) who presented the trophies and the State Centre President (Mr. J. L. London) who presented the surf awards.

TROPHY AWARDS

Club Championships

Senior

1st F. Tucker (Walker and Hall Perpetual Trophy) (A. W. Jolly Perpetual Trophy) (D. J. Newlands outright Trophy)

2nd M. Tucker (A. A. Battersby Trophy)

3rd T. Park (L. Frost Trophy)

Junior

1st H. Holmes (Newland Shield Perpetual Trophy) (D. J. Newland outright Trophy).

2nd A. V. Page (W. Stafford Trophy)

3rd W. A. Reed

President's Annual Swim (Trophies presented by M. B. Butterfield).

1st A. Roberts.

2nd W. Spears.

3rd R. Hill

Weekly Jetty Swims

Senior

1st T. Park (T. H. Brown Perpetual Trophy) (Hill and Leo outright Trophy)

2nd D. Hemsley (T. Whitehorn Trophy)

3rd F. Tucker (W. Cahill Trophy)

Fastest Times, T. Park, Trophy donated by Mrs. Cawte.

Junior

1st M. Hocking (A. Wheatley Trophy)

2nd S. Jacobsen (G. King Trophy)

3rd W. Alcorn.

Fastest Times A. V. Page (Trophy donated by L. & E. Bailey)

Most Improved Swimmer

W. Alcorn (Trophy donated by Mr. L. Griggs)

Most Patrol Hours

Junior S. Jacobsen (Trophy donated by Mr. W. Page)

Senior L. Bailey (Trophy donated by Mr. N. Tucker).

Most Improved Club Member

W. Reed (Trophy donated by the Ladies' Committee)

Most Proficient Cadet

M. Jenkins (Trophy donated by Mr. R. Burton)

W. Page Surf Race

1st Senior, I. Worth. 1st Junior, B. Robinson.

Trophies donated by Mr. W. Page.

R. McDonough Swim

1st D. Hemsley (Trophy donated by Mr. R. McDonough).

Surf Boat Time Trial Shield.

1st Crew, R. Hill, R. Powell, H. Holmes, R. Battersby and F. Tucker.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Thirtieth Annual General Meeting was held in the Club-rooms and was attended mainly by older members of the Club. There was a marked absence of many of the Juniors. The Club Founder, Mr. D. F. Dineen was in attendance and presented Bronze Medallions to three of the members. Mr. M. Butterfield was elected Club President for the ensuing year. The meeting was preceded by a Special General Meeting to consider the adoption of the Constitution. The Constitution however was not adopted and was referred back to the Management Committee with various amendments.

CLUB DINNER

Once again this event proved to be a very well attended function with approximately 95 people in attendance. During the evening two surf films were shown by Mr. Donnelly who kindly brought along a projector, these films proved to be very entertaining, and were enjoyed by all. We have once again to thank the Ladies for assisting us, in setting out the food during the afternoon in readiness for such a hungry team. Particular mention must also be made of the magnificent manner in which Tony Park and Ray Parnell organised the decorating of the club rooms on this occasion.

TORQUAY TRIP (EASTER 1956)

On March 29th at 6.30 p.m. we commenced a wonderful trip to Torquay (Victoria). The party consisted of 26 members of the club travelling by bus and about another ten travelling in private motor cars. After a rather boisterous night we arrived at Torquay at about 11 a.m. next morning, and took up residence in the Torquay Surf Club rooms. That is to say all except those who roughed it at the Torquay Hotel, the number of which increased as the going got a little harder. During Friday we did a little drill and generally became accustomed to the surroundings. Saturday was quite wet and it was decided that we would make a trip into Melbourne. The party split up in Melbourne but the majority of the lads tried their skill as ice skaters and it was a rather damp contingent that assembled at the bus at 5 p.m. to travel back to Torquay. Saturday night provided quite a deal of entertainment and lads continued to enjoy themselves at the "Local" dance and the Midget Golf Course. The highlight of the evening and perhaps of the whole trip was the unexpected happenings when all were ready for bed. A few members who for many reasons will remain unnamed proceeded to put a stop to anybody going to sleep and in fact dismantled and removed some of the late comers' beds from the clubrooms. The one who probably suffered most in this respect was Merv. Butterfield who, in spite of all his reasoning and pleading with the lads just didn't get his bed back until they were ready to give it to him, which happened to be 3 a.m. Sunday morning. During the events that night a wrestling match between one Butterfield and Stan (the bus driver) was staged which resulted in a one fall victory to the non-club member. On Sunday the weather cleared, apart from an occasional fine shower and we set off to participate

in the Easter Surf Carnival at Lorne. Teams from most of the Victorian clubs competed that day together with four teams from South Australia (Christies Beach, Moana, Brighton and Henley). Our lads certainly made a name for themselves by competing in almost every event and were by no means outclassed. Particular mention must be made of two fine swimming performances by our "Tony Twins". Tony Page for his fine effort against the Victorian Surf Belt Champion and Tony Park for his swim in the belt against John Marshall of world fame. Both our lads were only beaten into second place by a touch, so close that the decision had to be left to the "Judge in boat" for the final placings. After the Carnival refreshments were provided in the Lorne Surf Club rooms which were enjoyed by all who attended. On Easter Monday the return journey was commenced about 11 a.m. and continued until 6 a.m. on Tuesday and it was then that a very tired team arrived in Henley, determined that this would not be their last trip away.

May we take this opportunity to thank the Torquay members and their Committee for their hospitality during our stay and assure them that we will be always willing to return their favours at any time.

GYMNASIUM

Each Thursday night during this winter we have made the most of our new club house and under the instruction of Mr. "Snow" Miller a weekly gym has been conducted and although the attendance in recent weeks has dropped to 12 or 14 it has nevertheless kept the club together during the off-season which until this season was unheard of; this just goes to show how desirable a good club house is if we are to succeed in our work. On behalf of the members I should like to convey our thanks to Snow for giving up his time to put us through our exercises. Incidentally although Snow is much older than his 'victims' he can still show us a thing or two when it comes to solid work-out.

If any of the older members of the club have put on a little excess weight since we last saw them we recommend a little exercise down at the club.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Twelve months ago this club was virtually "broke." Since then £168 has been invested in new assets, £200 has been raised to meet the cost of running the club and our bank balance now stands at a reasonably sound £157.

This record speaks for itself and reflects highly on the manner in which the Management Committee has faced up to its responsibilities. The Committee's efforts to raise finance have been rewarded by the generosity of many Adelaide business firms, the Vice-Presidents of the Club and the general public. The Henley & Grange Amateur Swimming Club kindly assisted us early in the season, and the total income derived from Social Activities was most gratifying. It is hoped that the good work done by this year's committee will be continued over the next 12 months and that all club members will take an active interest for their own mutual benefit.

LAWRIE BAILEY, Hon. Treasurer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

May we take this opportunity to express our thanks to all those who have assisted us during the season both financially and in other ways. Particularly we would like to thank "a citizen of Henley Beach" for her very generous action in making available the necessary money for us to purchase our new nylon surf line. We should also like to place on record our thanks to all the trophy donors without whose generosity we would be unable to present such magnificent trophies on our Presentation evening.

Sincere thanks to you all.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I should like to add my personal congratulations to the new Junior members for their efforts this season. These lads although new to the surf game performed remarkably well in competition and "carried" the club through a most successful year. In particular I should like to mention the fine swims by four swimmers in the Junior R & R championships at Boomer Beach, Rod Powell, Brian Hook (patients) Peter Frost and Brian Constable (beltmen). They did very well in the kind of sea that was entirely foreign to them. Another Junior who must be congratulated for his efforts this year is Bill Reed. Bill graduated from the Junior R & R team to the Senior team and was a member of the undefeated "Ampol Shield" team by the end of the season.

I should also like to thank the Management Committee for their support during the season, particularly while I was on leave (for personal reasons) from committee meetings etc., from January to April.

During the season a number of members who have since left the club have mentioned that a feature lacking from Annual Reports in the past few seasons is the absence of Long Swim results. The answer is of course quite easy and that is the fact that the lads no longer enter for the races. So there is the challenge to the present members to prove they are still as good as they used to be in the good old days.

Thanks lads for your co-operation during the past season.

F. TUCKER, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

This season has resulted in a healthy growth in our membership of qualified members who have accepted the discipline and spirit of the S.L.S.A. and have settled down to achieve both an individual and club reputation, which will be theirs in the near future.

Their keenness to get the job down, whether it be Patrols or Competitions is the result, I am sure, of a hard working committee, who have applied themselves to their much greater responsibilities with the foregoing results.

I feel that the past season would not show such achievement if it were not for tireless efforts of your secretary, Frank Tucker, who has, on many an occasion, exceeded the normal hours of an honorary duty. Also the untiring outlook of the club treasurer, Laurie Bailey, whose book-keeping has yet to be rivalled, and also his efforts as vice-captain, which is a full time position for most men.

As this Club gained the most awards in South Australia for this season, then it must be said that the Chief Instructor, Dave Hemsley, gave his best to achieve these results.

As always, trying to make a "fast buck" Chook Fielder, whose efforts for raising finance knows no peer.

To all officers and members, my personal congratulations for a most successful season.

M. BUTTERFIELD, President.

HENLEY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Receipts and Payments Statement For Year Ending 30th June, 1956.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
To Cash in hand 1/7/55	3	8	0
Cash at Bank 1/7/55	9	3	10

Subscriptions
Donations
A. W. Jolly (Patron)	20	0	0
Trophies	14	11	10
Ladies Committee for fittings	18	7	10
For Nylon Surf Line	37	0	0
Sundry	83	1	7

Loan from H. & G. Amateur Swimming Club	173	1	3
Equipment and Facilities Appeal	100	0	0
Net proceeds	182	3	4
Net proceeds from Social Activities	146	2	1
Members Interstate Trip Fund:			
Amount raised by members	185	7	11
Less Expenses of Vic. Trip	178	19	6

Bank Interest	6	8	5
	4	9	1

£641 0 6

PAYMENTS

By Additions to new Clubhouse
New gear and equipment:—			
Reels and Carnival gear	47	1	6
First Aid gear	5	17	0
Social Activ. gear	5	0	0
Boat Gear	8	1	0
Clubhouse Fixture and Furnishings	36	4	11

Club Badges and H/Books	102	4	5
Printing, Postages and Stationery	12	12	3
Secretary's Honorarium	63	19	0
H. & G. A.S.C. Loan repaid	10	10	0
Repairs and Maintenance	100	0	0
Insurances	24	17	8
Affiliations:—	26	17	8
S.L.S.A.—S.A. State Centre			
S.A.A.S.A.	2	2	0
S.A. Water Polo Ass.	2	2	0
	1	1	0

Carnival buses	5	5	0
Carnival Entry Fees	19	3	0
General Expenses	32	19	6
Cash in hand 30/6/56	31	8	9
Cash at Bank 30/6/56	131	14	0

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Balance Sheet As At 30th June, 1956.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.
Accumulation Acc. 1/7/55.	3,443	14	5	
Add Surplus for year	313	8	1	
Balance as at 30/6/56.	3,757	2	6	

ASSETS		£	s.	d.
FIXED:—				
Club Premises	2,603	4	6	
Clubhouse Furnishings and Fixtures	36	4	11	
Surf Boat, Skis and Equip- ment	355	11	0	
Surf Boat Trailer	88	0	0	
Patrol Tower and Equip- ment	110	0	0	
Reels and Carnival Equip- ment	240	13	2	
Typewriters	20	0	0	
First Aid gear and Sundries	83	16	6	
Bather & Coat Badges & Handbooks	45	7	3	
Equipment for Social Activities	16	6	5	
	3,599	3	9	
CURRENT.—				
Cash at Bank	131	14	0	
Cash in Hand	26	4	9	
	157	18	9	
	£3,757	2	6	

The attached Receipts and Payments Statement has been checked with books and vouchers produced and is a correct record of the transactions for the year. The Balance Sheet shows the position of the Club as at 30th June, 1956.

N. F. TUCKER, A.A.S.A., Hon. Auditor.

A. L. WHEATLEY, F.A.S.A., Hon. Auditor.
24/7/56.