
Henley Surf Life Saving Club



Thirty-Third **ANNUAL REPORT**

SEASON 1957-58

as presented at the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held in the Club Rooms, Henley Beach
on Friday, 5th September, 1958, at 8 p.m.



575 Lives Saved

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

1. Notice of Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Thirty-second Annual General Meeting, held on 6th September, 1956.
3. Business arising out of Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Notice of Motion of which due notice has been given.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of Thirty-third Annual Report.
8. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of Thirty-third Annual Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report.
9. General Business.

BRIAN ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB ARE:

1. To study and practise the methods of Surf Life Saving as laid down by The S.L.S.A. of Australia Handbook.
2. To minimise the loss of life from drowning by proficient life-saving apparatus conforming with S.L.S.A. of Australia standards.
3. 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.
4. To appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress.

HENLEY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 1957-58

Founder: D. F. DINEEN

Patron: A. W. JOLLY

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

President: C. CALNAN

Vice-Presidents:

Sir Walter Duncan, M.L.C.

K. McDonald

L. Cornish

F. Walsh, M.P.

L. Newbold

A. Walters, sen.

R. Burton

W. V. Holyoak

V. Jennings

A. Battersby

J. Weinert

N. Tucker

L. Frost

P. K. Lee

S. G. Johns

W. Stafford

J. Russell

J. J. Miller

A. W. Bamfield

H. Hicks

G. Cameron

H. Brittain

L. Freeman

R. Nash

W. Salisbury, sen., M.M.

L. Leo

C. Bird

F. Pavolich

F. C. Jeffries

T. M. Bradie

R. Wellington

A. Wheatley

J. L. Medcalfe

E. E. Nutt

L. Griggs

S. Kallin

W. Stiller

J. Lawrie

W. Page

C. Hutchens, M.P.

H. J. Donelly

G. King

A. Northey

L. Northey

Captain: ~~M. BUTTERFIELD~~ **PARK**

Vice-Captain: J. HAMILTON (Resigned May, 1958) **B. ROBINSON.**

Hon. Secretary: ~~B. ROBINSON~~ **W. JACOBSEN.**

Hon. Assistant Secretary: ~~M. JENKINS~~ **WHITE.**

Hon. Treasurer: R. HILL (J. Hamilton resigned) **BALBY.**

Hon. Chief Instructor: ~~R. HILL~~ **S. JACOBSEN.**

Hon. Surf Boat Captain: ~~J. MILLER~~ **M. GRIFFITHS.**

Hon. Gear Steward: ~~R. OWENS~~ **B. JEFFS.**

Committee: B. JEFFS, M. GRIFFITHS, S. JACOBSEN, C. FIELDER

House Representative: T. JENNINGS

Hon. Handicappers: H. PLEASS, C. FIELDER, J. MILLER, sen.

Hon. Timekeepers: H. PLEASS, C. FIELDER, J. MILLER, sen.

Selection Committee: M. BUTTERFIELD, R. HILL (J. Hamilton resigned)

Publicity Officer: C. FIELDER

Delegate to S.A.A.S.A.: S. JACOBSEN

Delegates to S.L.S.A.: M. BUTTERFIELD and B. ROBINSON

Hon. Auditors: N. TUCKER and A. WHEATLEY

Hon. Solicitor: H. IRVING

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. J. PAVY

Life Members:

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

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Our members have worked hard this season to make it such an all-round success.

The highlight of our season's efforts was the recognition given to the Club's instructional tour of Kangaroo Island by Mr. Tom Meagher, the oldest Surf Life Saving Club in the world (Bondi Surf Bathers Life Saving Club).

It has often been heard for outsiders to say, "What makes these surf life savers put so much effort into the surf life saving movement?"

I now know the answer to this question:

Is not to be elected to office of one's own Surf Club, to win trophies in the field of competition, or to gain State representation.

It is to have one's Club's efforts recognised by a Club and its President of such calibre as that of Bondi and Tom Meagher.

On behalf of the Henley S.L.S.C. I wish to say thanks to Bondi S.B.L.S.C. for their bouquet in the Editorial of the May issue of the "Bondi Surfer."

We feel this is the greatest honour the Henley Club has ever earnt.

Of the three Surf Carnivals the Club ran this season, it must be said that the combined efforts of both the Grange S.L.S.C. and ourselves at Goolwa proved an outstanding success.

To our neighbours, the Grange boys, we say thanks for your co-operation at Goolwa. It was our pleasure to work with you on this venture.

Whilst everybody put their shoulders to the wheel for this particular carnival, I feel special mention should be made of the splendid and stout effort put up by our boat crew. They rowed the carnival's duty boat in heavy surf, and were swamped a number of times. They were on the go from 6.00 a.m., laying the buoys, throughout the day until 6.00 p.m. It was a pleasure to run the carnival with such a boat crew. Thanks, chaps.

To T. M. Burke & Co.: We did appreciate your very generous assistance at this Goolwa Carnival.

I know the rest of the Club joins me in congratulating our Secretary, who won the Club Championship. Well done, Brian. The Secretary's job is not so bad after all, is it?

To all new members who gained their respective awards this season goes congratulations and welcome to Surf Life Saving. You are now part of a great and worthy organisation, to which you will some day add to its history.

Our active members have done well for themselves in competition this season. On behalf of all other members, both past and present, I wish to congratulate those of you who gained honour by winning State titles, such as Senior and Junior R. & R.s, Senior and Junior Surf and Surf Teams races, Senior Belt and Beach events.

Special mention must be given again to the Senior R. & R., who again took the Ampol Shield for the fifth consecutive time.

The results of this season have not been easily achieved, and, of course, could not have been obtained without all the members' combined enthusiasm and co-operation.

We have enjoyed a good season's competition from all our kindred Clubs, who fought every event and made the winning worth while. We look forward to your keen competition in the coming season.

To all officers of the Club I wish to say a sincere thanks for your efforts and co-operation. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

MERV BUTTERFIELD, Captain.

AFFILIATIONS

We were this season, as in the past, proud to be affiliated with the South Australian State Centre of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, and also the South Australian Amateur Swimming Association and the South Australian Amateur Water Polo Association.

During the season 1957-58 we fielded two water polo teams, A and B. In the team races we did very well against swimming clubs of higher repute.

The teams, although fit, were lacking in ball handling and systematic team play, and so, considering, did very well.

From the "A" team we had four players in the State squad, and congratulations must go to J. Salisbury for his selection in the team that went to Sydney.

Both teams with more team training could become champions.

The Club had 17 registered swimmers in the Amateur Swimming Association this season. Two members who went very well were A. Page (backstroke) and N. Jacobsen (breaststroke). Both won championships.

The standard of swimming in this Club has always been very high, and is getting higher. This Surf Club could become very successful in still-water competition, as it has the potential but not as yet enough interest.

S. JACOBSEN,
Delegate to S.A.A.W.P.A. and S.A.A.S.A.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(To the end of July)

C Calnan (President)	19	C. Fielder (Publicity Officer) ..	14
M. Butterfield (Captain)	17	S. Jacobsen (S.A.A.S.A.	
B. Robinson (Secretary)	17	Delegate)	14
R. Hill (Treasurer and Chief		M. Griffiths	6
Instructor)	18	B. Jeffs	11
M. Jenkins (Asst. Secretary) ..	19	J. Hamilton (Resigned)	12
R. Owens (Gear Steward)	10	T. Jennings (Resigned)	7
J. Miller (Boat Captain)	18	A. Roberts (Resigned)	1

At the time of printing 19 Committee meetings had been held, while six special meetings have also been conducted for various reasons.

MEMBERSHIP

	53/54	54/55	55/56	56/57	57/58
Senior Active	27	21	17	16	28
Junior and Cadet	20	16	27	29	18
Active Reserve	6	7	8	8	9
Life	10	11	11	11	11
Associate	1	5	1	2	2
	64	60	64	66	68

The large increase in the Senior Field and the decrease in the Juniors this season was caused by the ascension of a large number of last year's Juniors to the Senior ranks.

The Club would appreciate interested new members in all ranks next season, especially Juniors, Active, Reserve, and Associate members.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in again reporting that a successful season was again credited to our Club.

This season the Senior R. & R. was regained at the State Titles. Thanks, Merv., for a wonderful job.

The Juniors again proved their worth by retaining the Junior R. & R.

The Club had four representatives in the State team which competed in W.A. in March. They were S. Jacobsen, N. Jacobsen, A. Page, and B. Mitchell.

The night display march past team gave a splendid performance, and took out the honours at the Wayville Showgrounds.. On behalf of the team J. Hamilton received a supplementary prize, which consisted of a kiss from Dawn Fraser.

Many thanks to B. Jeffs, R. Owens, J. Hamilton, and F. Tucker, who instructed the Bronze teams this season.

AWARDS GAINED THIS SEASON

Bronze Medallions		Qualifying	Instructors	Examiners
R. Robinson	P. Harris	M. King	B. Jeffs	R. Hill
B. Mitchell	G. Anderson	J. Schofield	R. Owens	F. Tucker
R. Kearn	B. Linke	R. Moore	J. Hamilton	
D. Buller	T. Mulvahill			
M. Drenth	C. Phillips			

In closing, I would like to thank all members for their co-operation and enthusiasm during the season.

R. HILL, Chief Instructor.

GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT

Last season saw a large increase in Club gear and equipment, both in standard and value. A grand job was done by the Gear Steward, R. Owens, who with a bit more assistance could have done a lot more.

During the year the Club received two new reels, one being bought and the other being won, along with other equipment, at the State Championships.

A new set of swimming, boat, board, and ski buoys was also made and painted various colours.

Much work will have to be done before next season, as the winter and salt air has taken its toll of the gear, the Gear Steward being in National Service during this period.

Many thanks to the lads who did buck in and give a hand.

B. JEFFS,

For R. Owens, Gear Steward.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The "A. W. Jolly II" throughout the past season has served the public and the Club with equal reliance. At the carnivals on the South Coast boat and crew performed exceptionally well, especially at the Goolwa Carnival, when the crew began laying the buoys in very high seas at 6.30 a.m.

This season I feel has been a very memorable and happy one, for we purchased the "D. J. Newlands," a brand-new moulded veneer tuck-stern surf boat. This would have been impossible except for the public and their kind donations. We must thank the "Local Resident" for support in this direction.

Next season the new boat and crew will be rowing hard at training and all carnivals, with an eye on the State boat title.

I would like to thank the boat crew and members for their assistance, especially Graham Staker for transporting the boat to and from the carnivals.

J. MILLER, Boat Captain.

Trophy winners for this season are as follows:

Event	Winner	Donor
Senior Club Champion	1. B. J. Robinson 2. R. Owens 3. R. R. Battersby	Mr. D. J. Newlands Ald. A. E. Griffiths Mr. L. Frost
Junior Club Champion	1. M. Jenkins 2. D. Liston 3. P. Harris	Mr. D. J. Newlands Mr. N. Tucker Mrs. C. W. Robinson
Senior Jetty Swims	1. S. Jacobsen 2. A. Park 3. M. Griffiths	Messrs. Hill and Leo Mr. J. Miller, sen. Mr. Jacobsen
Fastest Times	A. Page	Mrs. Cawte
Cadet Jetty Swims	1. A. McGregor 2. G. Griffiths 3. J. Schofield	Mr. A. Battersby Mr. J. Russo Mr. M. Butterfield
Fastest Times	G. Griffiths	Mr. W. Stafford
McDonough Swim	F. Tucker	Mr. R. McDonough
President's Handicap	B. Mitchell M. Griffiths A. Park	Mr. C. Calnan Mr. C. Calnan Mr. C. Calnan
Most Improved Member	B. Jeffs	Ladies' Committee
Most Proficient Cadet	G. Griffiths	Mr. Jenkins
Most Improved Swimmer	S. Jacobsen	Mr. L. Griggs
Most Patrol Hours	R. Owens	Mr. W. (Bill) Page
Ampol Shield Trophies	S. Jacobsen B. Robinson R. Battersby J. Hamilton A. Page A. Park J. Salisbury I. Worth	Ampol Co.

We thank all trophy donors for their very generous assistance, and congratulate all trophy winners. May you strive even further next season.

THE "D. J. NEWLANDS"

At last the dream of a new boat has come true. After years of dreaming and scheming we are the proud possessors of a new moulded, veneer ply, tuck stern surf boat. The boat was ordered in 1957, and duly arrived early in the season from Bailey Bros., the builders, in Sydney. But, alas, a hole had been knocked in the bottom, due to a packing bearer breaking in transit.

The boat was then sent back and the hole was repaired, and so by the end of the season we had the finished article in our hands, ready for use.

Here our thanks must go to Motor Transport Ltd. for the free transport they gave our boat three times, to General Motors-Holdens Ltd. for the unloading, and G. Staker for towing it to the club-house.

We must also thank Mr. Ken Watson for supervising all the necessary arrangements over the N.S.W. border. We do appreciate this, Ken.

We are most grateful to the Mayor of Henley and Grange, Mr. D. J. Newlands, for allowing us to name our boat after him, as he is a staunch and energetic worker for the Surf Association, in the capacity of Deputy President of the South Australian State Centre, and also is interested in this Club, of which he is Vice-Patron.

To Mrs. Newlands we say thank you for christening the boat, and we also thank Archdeacon Gooden for blessing it.

We thank "Local Resident" and all the interested persons and firms (too numerous to mention) for their very generous donations, without which all this would not have been possible.

"I wish to express my very sincere appreciation for the privilege of having the Club's lifeboat named in my honour, and extend to all members my grateful thanks for their kind and generous favour in this respect. The Mayoress also appreciates the special courtesy granted her in performing the christening and the launching ceremony. This honour also reflects members' appreciation of the support given at all times by the Henley and Grange Council, and every wish is extended for the Club's future success in its life-saving service to the community."

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

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

As all interested persons are aware, this Club formed a Social Club a few years back. This soon blossomed into a large concern. Social activities during the past twelve months have been exceptionally good, both in the entertainment field and finance.

Early last season it was decided to run a dance in the club-house every fortnight. The dance was an instant success with just over 600 registered Social Club members. But as rock-n-roll lost its popularity, and the attendances fell to just a few regulars, it was decided to call the dances off. Many thanks to University Jazz Band for the music they provided.

It was then decided to run the film shows every week, instead of alternate weeks. This has proved to be a very popular move, due mainly to the time and effort put in by Tom Jennings.

Early in June "Wida-Scope" films were introduced on a large 12 ft. by 6 ft. screen. The Club is very fortunate and grateful to have the projectionist, Mr. Len Cornish, Tom Jennings, Mr. Peter Sharp, and Harold Pleass for the management of these shows.

B. JEFFS.

PATROLS

At the early part of the season it was found that the general attitude of many members toward patrol duty was not all to be desired. But as the season progressed and the Club discipline improved the attitude to patrols did likewise.

This Club is here for one reason, as stated in the objects of the Club, and that is to have efficient patrols and render all possible aid to those in distress.

Thus the Management Committee was particularly severe with penalties appertaining to slackness on patrol.

Three rescues were effected by patrols: two without a surf line and one with the surf ski.

This Club is again proud to be able to state there were no fatalities on its beach while a patrol was on duty. This season over 1,500 hours were spent by members on patrol.

We extend our heartiest thanks to the members of the Active Reserve who carried out patrols while the Club was away at carnivals.

I would like to point out here than any member who has had five years' membership with the Club is eligible to apply for Active Reserve membership. If any member would still like to be in the Club in the not so active field, "Come and join us." We need you.

KANGAROO ISLAND INSTRUCTIONAL TOUR

At the request of Mr. Bert Oldfield, a past member of the Henley Club, the South Australian State Centre decided to send the Henley S.L.S.C. to Kingscote to instruct the members of the proposed Kingscote S.L.S.C.

A party of sixteen Henley members and the State Centre President visited the "Island" on March 21, 22, and 23.

After the foundation meeting on the Friday evening, our boys thoroughly initiated the boys of K.I. into the various lively activities of the S.L.S.A. Likewise I feel sure most of the Henley boys came home much the wiser after their experiences with the Kingscote boys.

Our boys thoroughly enjoyed your hospitality, Kingscote, and we look forward to seeing you this season in competition.

We wish to thank the State Centre for the opportunity to make this tour of Kangaroo Island, and feel certain that Kingscote S.L.S.C. will be the foundation of the future S.L.S.A. on K.I.

As manager of the team I would like to thank Mr. Ron Hill and Mr. Frank Tucker for their efforts as instructors; Mr. Chook Fielder, who leaves no stone unturned to assist a touring team to make it a success; and to all members of the Henley team.

To Mr. Arthur Barrington, State Centre President, we say thank you. Your help and guidance were much appreciated.

It was my pleasure to be manager of one of the best conducted teams to ever leave Henley Beach. You have brought praise and credit to our Club. Thanks again for your co-operation.

Guinea Airways earn our congratulations for the great effort in putting back the departure time of the return trip by two hours. This meant a great deal to the formation of the Club on K.I., as it allowed an extra four hours' drill.

Our hotel accommodation was capably taken care of by our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reece, who are, by the way, now living in Adelaide on the Anzac Highway.

Many thanks to "Snow" Miller for his effort in loading our gear and equipment at the airport.

Finally, we congratulate the Kingscote S.L.S.C. and all members who gained surf awards this season. Well done, lads; it was you, not us, who made this "overseas" instructional tour a success.

MERV BUTTERFIELD, Team Manager.

TORQUAY TRIP

(Easter, 1958)

On the evening of Thursday, April 3, at 6.30 p.m., a party of twenty-seven lads left the club-house by bus for Torquay, Victoria. The trip was managed by R. Owens.

The trip, however, had a bad start, as electrical trouble caused a three and a half hour delay after only one and a half hours' travelling. The bus eventually reached Torquay at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, after a slow trip, much time being lost by stopping at road-houses and cafes too long.

Saturday was a trip into Melbourne, most of the lads finding their way to St. Kilda to try their skill at ice skating and their luck at Luna Park. The bus returned to Torquay at 7.30 p.m. that evening.

Sunday was a trip to Lorne, for what turned out to be a badly organised Surf Carnival, at which Grange, Brighton, and Henley competed against the Victorian clubs.

The loading of the bus for the return trip began at 11.30 a.m., Monday morning, and by 1.00 p.m. we were on our way home.

It was a very tired and weary party that climbed from the bus at 5.30 Tuesday morning after a much speedier trip home.

It am sure that all the lads who made the trip will join with me in thanking Mr. Wadmore for his wonderful co-operation, and the two drivers, Stan and John, for the bright company they provided.

Our thanks also to Bob Owens: a good trip, well managed.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

This Club is highly indebted to the Ladies' Auxiliary for the support given by these willing workers, both financially and in other ways.

This season the Committee, headed by its able President, Mrs. Owens, has completed the kitchen. In this room there is a gas stove, a stainless steel sink, multi-coloured built-in cupboards, a ceiling, and as this report goes to press the floor is being covered with linoleum.

This is but one of the many ways our ladies have proved their worth.

We must thank them for the wonderful afternoon tea which they provided at the launching of our new boat, and also the time and effort that was put into the Club's floral carpet on Flower Day.

On behalf of the Committee and members of this Club I would like to sincerely thank all of our Ladies' Auxiliary for a good job well done.

CLUB DINNER

One of the highlights of the season was the Club dinner. This was held at the Seaton Hotel, and was the most successful dinner I have ever witnessed. The Club had over eighty guests, consisting of past and present members, vice-presidents, members from the kindred clubs, and special interested persons.

Special guests were the President of State Centre, Mr. Arthur Barrington, Mr. Dan Dineen, Founder of our Club, and Mr. Don Newlands, Vice-Patron of the Club and Deputy President of State Centre.

I was especially pleased at the number of past members who "fronted up" to help make it such a congenial evening. I would like to thank the past members for the way they mixed with our younger lads, helping them to understand the full meaning of club spirit and their responsibilities to the public on the beach.

The Club also thanks the various speakers for their kind remarks about it, and also Mr. Barrington for his enlightening report on the surf movement in South Australia. I would advise the juniors to disregard Ron Drew's talk of canoeing as a sport, though I must admit it is a good way of enjoying the water.

Many thanks to Ken Stevens for raising many a laugh during the evening with his ever-ready wit, and we feel sure that the shareholders will come through with flying colours.

To Mr. Kennedy we extend our grateful appreciation for a really first-class dinner at a first-class hotel.

Lastly I would like to thank all members for the way they conducted themselves throughout the evening, proving to the older members that the Club is as disciplined now as ever it was.

CONCLUSION

The success of the season just finished relied on three main things: Club Spirit, Discipline, and Support.

This season club spirit was at its highest. All members pulled together at carnivals, worked together on club-house routine, patrols, and drill work, and supported as a body all social functions held by the Club.

Discipline this year was enforced by means of heavier penalties, such as suspensions, expulsions, and penalty patrols, and every member now realises just how much the Club improved after each little individual effort. Our thanks must go to Merv Butterfield, who, as Captain, led this Club to a better and higher standard in all phases of lifesaving.

As for support, we thank our Patron, Mr. A. W. Jolly, the Women's Auxiliary, Mr. Len Cornish, Mr. Peter Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Newlands, our "Local Resident," and every other person who helped the Club financially or otherwise throughout the season.

Finally, I would like to give my thanks to the President, Clive Calnan, who has done so much to help the Club, and all the Committeemen for their help and support which they gave to assist me in the completion of my duties.

BRIAN ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

The season just concluded has shown that the membership of qualified members has been again maintained, and the spirit in which members have accepted the discipline can be well judged in the splendid achievements in both patrols and in the competitions held.

I feel that the splendid results achieved in competitions held this season by our Senior R. & R. team in winning the State Title, after a lapse of several seasons, and the Junior R. & R. team in again winning the State Title, has been mainly due to the co-operation of the teams to the drills held, and the tireless efforts of your Club Captain, Merv Butterfield, who was ably assisted by Frank Tucker in the handling of the Junior team.

I have been requested to convey our thanks and appreciation to the Ladies' Committee, who at all times are willing to give assistance, and to all of our other good supporters over the season.

I also desire to extend our thanks and appreciation for the support rendered by the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Newlands.

I would like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to all members of the Management Committee and all Club members for their co-operation given to me during the season, and it has been indeed a pleasure to be associated and work with them.

The high standard that the Club has again achieved this season bears well for the future, and we can look forward with confidence for even higher standards in the years to come.

CLIVE CALNAN, President.