



GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Ninth **ANNUAL REPORT** *and* **BALANCE SHEET**



FOUNDED
1938
DISBANDED
1942
REFORMED
1946

Season 1950-51

OFFICE BEARERS. SEASON 1950/1951.

Patron	Hon. J.J. Cahill M.L.A.
Vice Patrons	Trustees of the National Park Trust.
President	A. Glass (Res. 4.3.51) S. Walker (elected)
Vice Presidents	R. Howells, W. Last W. Cerrutti, S. Walker R. Moroney, H. Small T. Hoffman, E. Hatley (Deed) O. Millar, R. Heatherington G. Warnes.
Hon. Secretary	L. Ford
Hon. Asst. Secretary	J. Byrne
Captain	P. Duncan
Vice Captain	J. Hancock
Boat Captain	H. Hawker
Boat Vice Captain	C. McElroy
Hon. Treasurer	C. Robinson
Hon. Soc. Secretary	J. Hancock
Hon. Publicity Officer	F. Tibbles
Hon. Race Secretary and Handicapper	L. Ford
Hon. Chief Instructor	B. Tate
Chief Gear Steward	K. Smith
Asst. Gear Stewards	W. Bailey, J. Ferguson (Res. 10/2/51)
Delegates to S.L.S.A.	D. Cahill, N. Martin
Hon. Registrar	J. Byrne
Hon. Medical Officer	E. Miles
Hon. Solicitor	R. Dresser
Hon. Architect	P. Duncan
Hon. Auditor	R. Thorpe
Hon. Chief Amb. Officer	F. Tibbles
Asst. Amb. Officers	J. Hancock, O. Hailey N. Martin, H. Crooks, F. Hoffman
Management Committee	D. Cahill, N. Martin, V. Cooper.

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

For presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in the S.L.S.A. Rooms, 4th Floor, Underwood House, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, on Wednesday 1st August, 1951.

Gentlemen.....

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting for consideration, this, the Ninth Annual Report, together with the Financial Statement for the twelve months ended, 30th June, 1951.

MEMBERSHIP.

It is pleasing to report that membership increased considerably over the last 12 months.

Last years membership totalled 46. This year the total stands at 67. Of the new members, 12 are active and 4 probationary active, which augers well for the Beach patrols.

On the deficit side, the Club lost four members. Two were active and two honorary, unfortunately one of which was by death.

Just prior to last Christmas, word was received that Ted Hatley, who has been in ill health for a considerable time had passed away. Ted, whose parent Club was Cronulla, in which he had held many executive positions, including that of Captain, was always ready to pass his experience on for the benefit of the Association, and Garie gained a large share of this knowledge from him. The Association and Garie are that much poorer by his passing.

LIST OF MEMBERS.ACTIVE.

Bayley E.	Higgs F.	Schutes H.
Bray B.	Hodson M.	Smith C.
Byrne J.	Hoffman F.	Smith K.
Cahill D.	Hailey O.	Stewart D.
Crooks H.	Lane R.	Tasker J.
Cornwell G.	McElroy C.	Tate B.
Cooper V.	McKenzie R.	Tibbles F.
Duncan P.	Meurant T.	Wallace K.
Hancock J.	Robinson C.	Walsh G.
Hancock P.	Russell D.	Walsh J.

ACTIVE RESERVE.

Alfred B.	Grainger F.	Marks L.
Cleaver R.	Hawker H.	Martin N.
Ford L.	Makinson J.	

JUNIOR.

D'Ormay J.	Hoffman R.	Walker J.
Giddy G.	Salmon E.	Webb J.
Hines J.	Spicer A.	

ASSOCIATE.

Musgrave S.		O'Neill H.
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PROBATIONARY.

Smith J.	Rice J.	Culla R.
	Cheetam R.	

HONORARY.

Cerutti W.	Last E.	Small H.
Dresser R.	Millar O.	Thorpe R.
Hetherington R.	Miles Dr. E.	Walker S.
Hoffman T.	Moroney R.	Warnes G.
Howells R.		

LIFESAVING.

Patrols were again, this year, the main worry of the executives of the Club. The attendance was no better than the previous year, and efforts to improve this lapse met with little success.

It is incomprehensible that a member will join an organisation, whose main object is to protect the surfing public, permit himself to be trained to the high standard required by that association, and then deny the Club and association the use of the knowledge he has obtained by failing to be diligent in his patrol attendance.

This phase of our activities requires stricter control and stronger disciplinary action to restore it to the high standard expected of Garie Members.

Another year can be recorded as free from loss of life, while Garie Surf Club patrolled the beach.

To maintain this service to the public, the following rescues had to be made:

With line	13	With surf boat	2
without line	8	With surf board	1
24 in all.			

First Aid was rendered in 42 instances.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

This year has proved to be a strenuous one for your Committee members. Besides attending the regular and special committee meetings as listed, several committee men have been called upon to attend many sub. committee meetings to assure smooth function of the Annual Carnival and prepare a revised constitution.

As is shown below, many of the members were most diligent in their obligations to the Club, often at personal inconvenience, and members are well advised to peruse this attendance table when nominating next seasons committee men.

The following is a list of the committee members attendances at the sixteen General and Committee Meetings held during the year. It is pointed out that O. Hailey is not on the committee, but, as is shown, was a keen attender of the meetings.

P. Duncan	13
C. Robinson	15
L. Ford	16
J. Hancock	10
H. Hawker	14
J. Byrne	16
B. Tate	12
C. McElroy	13
O. Hailey	13
F. Hoffman	2
V. Cooper	7
K. Smith	15
D. Cahill	11
F. Tibbles	8
N. Martin	12
S. Walker	2
A. Glass	1

GEAR.

The Club is now in possession of more lifesaving gear than at any time in its history. Furthermore, most of this gear is in good condition.

The new surfboat, "Raffles", was added to the

equipment at considerable cost, and is in excellent condition. The "Waratah" has been completely overhauled... almost rebuilt, at the cost of approximately £120, and is now considered as good as new.

The new swimming bouys and 200 yards of hessian 6 ft. wide, were purchased along with oars and sundry items.

The purchase of this gear has proved a huge drain on the financial resources of the Club, but we can look forward to a new season with confidence that the members will be well equipped for any emergency.

The two original reels are showing signs of their age, but if the incoming gear stewards give all reels and lines a good overhaul prior to opening day, the gear inspection committee should declare gear to be in a one hundred per cent condition.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION.

We are again grateful to the officials of the S.L.S.C. of Aust. for their ready help and co-operation in our competitions. We are appreciative of their wise counsel and welcome their friendship at all times.

COMPETITIONS.

The year just closed was most assuredly the keenest competition year in the Club's history.

It was decided to contest the greater proportion of metropolitan carnivals, and the club was well represented at all D.J. as well as many other carnivals.

Competition by the larger Clubs was still too strong but the members who participated gained experience, and condition, which is beneficial to the Club in its primary duty... that of lifesaving.

Club competition found a new Champion in the form of Darcy Russell, Darcy, a new member to Garie Club, was too superior in the water for the other members, and carried off both Blue Ribbon water events... the Open Surf Championship, and the Belt Championship.

The Beach Sprint Championship still remains in the possession of Barry Tate. This consistent "Sand Shifter" only contested two rounds, but still took the honours.

The President's Point Score Handicap Surf Competition was won by Owen Hailey, who does not find this a new experience, having won this competition before.

Arthur Spicer, another newcomer, made his presence felt by taking off the Junior Belt and Surf Championships. Competition was keen between this lad and last years Junior Champion, "Teddy" Salmon, who keenly, but unsuccessfully defended his surf title and was unfortunate not to be able to swim in the Belt Championship because of an injury.

To all successful competitors in the following list we extend our congratulations. To those who did not rate a mention, we extend our sympathy.

Garie Beach is the possessor of a cantankerous surf and to compete in some of the water events is a feat on its own, but very necessary to maintain condition and fitness amongst members so that they may be ready for any emergency.

Era, once again, cleaned up big in the No. 1 District Competition, which was held this season without the traditional R & R event. Our congratulations to Era on their supremacy.

LIST OF EVENT WINNERS... SEASON 1950/51.

<u>EVENT.</u>	<u>WINNER.</u>
Open Surf Championship	D. Russell
Senior Belt Championship	D. Russell
Senior Beach Sprint Championship	B. Tate
Junior Surf Championship	A. Spicer
Junior Belt Championship	A. Spicer
Junior Beach Spring Championship	G. Giddy
Presidents P/score Surf Handicap	O. Hailey
Junior P/score Surf Handicap	E. Salmon
Senior Beach Events P/score	J. Byrne
Junior Beach Events P/score	G. Giddy } dead
	A. Spicer } heat
World War Trophy P/score	E. Bayley
Sid Maloney Teams Race	(P. Duncan
	(E. Bayley
	(F. Tibbles
	(R. Fletcher
Cecil Buck Brace Relay	(L. Ford
	(E. Salmon
F. McGlinchy Sealed Handicap	A. Spicer
Resuscitation Competition	D. Russell
Hard Luck Competition	F. Hoffman
	1st
	2nd
	3rd
Golf Championship	H. Hawker
Golf Handicap	F. Higgs
	J. Byrne
	L. Ford.

HONOUR ROLL.

Old members, along with friends and relatives of those who had served during the 1939/45 war, gathered at the Club House on Easter Sunday, 25th March, to witness the unveiling of the World War Honour Roll. A very impressive ceremony was held during which, Mr. K.W. Flockhart, M.C., Vice President of the National Park Trust, carried out the unveiling.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

It is pleasing to report this year of the improvement and efficiency our boat crews reached over the past season. A few disappointments were experienced at various times, with attendance to training and carnivals, but these were offset by the wholehearted efforts when we did participate in events.

The Club participated in each D.J. Carnival held last season, and although we did not gain an honour, we were there with the boat on every occasion to help build up those required points. As has been pointed out in other sections of the report, our result was not a disgrace by any means. Perhaps we only gained the minimum of points, but we gained much more valued practical experience which will not be forgotten.

It is obvious that with consistent training during this following season...even more than was done in that just past... we will put up a better showing. It has been proved that we have the rowers, by the close runs we had with various good Clubs. We cannot use enough emphasis as to the necessity of training. It is the only way we will take ourselves forward. Conditions must take number one position with boat work.

Seamanship is easily learned... by the majority of members interested in the work...but the conditioning is up to the member, and that of course means hard training to get results.

There is a point we must not forget with reference to our gear. It costs money. So I would impress on every member to take all reasonable care with this valuable equipment. We may be a little reckless and careless and allow our gear to be knocked about unnecessarily and thus cause inconvenience in emergency and such like, so bear it in mind.

On behalf of the officials of the Club, I wish to thank all those members who worked and participated with us during the season. It was very encouraging to see the members, both young and old, upholding the Club's prestige. Whether they were called upon to service or take out the boat, there was always a team for the job. Perhaps there was occasional good natured chaffing when the boat had to be carried to or from the water, or loaded on to the trailer, etc., but the thrills and spills that went with the load always seemed to brighten up the outlook.

Again thanking the members, we look forward to another good season this year, with both boats back in first class order.

AWARDS.

The following members gained S.L.S.A. awards during the year, and to them we extend our congratulations.

INSTRUCTORS CERTIFICATE.

C. Robinson
C. McElroy
J. Byrne
D. Cahill

BRONZE MEDALLION.

C. Smith	J. Walker	G. Giddy
B. Bray	A. Spicer	R. Hoffman
R. McKenzie	J. Webb	R. Lane
E. Salmon	M. Hodson	J. D'Ornay
J. Ferguson	J. Tasker	
J. Hines	V. Wych.	

As can be seen, 21 members gained awards. This is a large number for our Club, and due, no doubt to the large increase in the membership.

Four members have yet to be examined, but as they didn't join until the season had closed, this is no fault of the Chief Instructor.

The Instructors were right on the job, and put through three squads in all, the first on 10.12.50, second on 11/2/51, and third on 11/3/51.

Training showed a marked improvement on the previous year, and such keenness does much to lift the standard of the Club.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

The 5th Annual Carnival, held on Sunday, 3rd December was a huge success, even topping, financially, that of the previous season. Just prior to the carnival starting, Miss L.M. Ballhausen, christened our new surf boat, "Raffles".

The Carnival Organiser, Jack Hancock, worked hard to make this highlight of Garie season the success it was, and much thanks is due to him for the fine result of that work.

SOCIAL.

The Annual Ball, was held at the State Ballroom on Thursday, 3rd May. Whilst again being a great social success, the finance was not what had been hoped for. This was no fault of organisation, but the lack of interest shown by a good many members.

The biggest percentage of our finance was, apart from the Annual Carnival, raised at the beach by a few who sacrificed valuable surfing hours to raise funds for the Club, and to these members much thanks is due for the large amount of valuable equipment we now possess.

Social functions, must, for the time being, be considered as the social life of the Club, not so much as a means of raising finance.

The beach, properly worked, can prove very profitable to the Club, and if we are to rebuild our cash reserve, this seems to be the avenue to exploit.

GOLF DAY.

This year, the Golf Day was held at Wallacia, on Sunday, 3rd June. Fifty Five hit off, thirteen of which were contesting the Garie Golf classic. Competition was very keen between members, and the defending champ, John Byrne, managed to retain his title by one stroke.

The weather was perfect for a new innovation to the Garie Golf Day...the serving of meals a la barbecue. A very tired but happy bunch arrived back in Sydney at 9 p.m., much the better for having spent a day with the companions of their summer toil.

PRESENTATION DINNER.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Presentation Dinner, which this year will be held at Allambie House on Saturday, 7th July. As this is just over three weeks before the Annual General Meeting, the report will be compiled before the dinner is digested, thus only the date and place can be reported.

INTER CLUB VISITATION.

The Annual exchange of visits between this and Terrigal Club were carried out with old friendships being revived and new ones made.

Garie entertained Terrigal on the week-end of 17/18th February, whilst they repaid the hospitalities on the week-end of 31st March, 1st April.

The members voted these visits one of the major events of Garie's year, and are most enthusiastic that they continue throughout the years to come.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Our social efforts for the past year have been commendable, but limited. We were away to a flying start early in the season with quite a considerable amount of revenue being derived from guessing competitions etc. Our thanks are due mainly to Ken Smith for his very fine work in this sphere. Next followed our Annual Carnival at which particularly fine assistance was given by our Ladies Auxiliary. Our week-end trip to Terrigal followed upon that Club's visit to our beach. On both occasions, lots of enjoyment was to be had for those in attendance. Our thanks are especially due to Terrigal Club for the royal way in which we were entertained during our stay at that beach.

The 5th Annual Ball held early in May proved to be a great social evening, but unfortunately, was attended by only a minority of Club members. A greater effort would have been appreciated by your Organising Committee.

In summing up, we might say that our social ventures for 1950/51 season, although not vast, have been very successful, and it is with extreme confidence that we look forward to bigger and better functions in the forthcoming season.

BIRTHS.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. D. Stewart...a son.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The following gave rash promises:

H. Schutes, B. Tate, C. Smith, and P. Duncan.

This list comprises the names handed to the Hon. Sec. up to the time of the report being compiled.

KINDRED CLUBS

To our neighbouring Clubs, Era and Burning Palms, we wish to say thanks for co-operation, competition, and comradeship during the season just past.

APPRECIATION.

We would like to thank all supporters of the Club who rendered financial assistance during the past season. The Club's thanks is also due to Mr. J.J. Cahill, M.L.A. and his Trustees for their interest and assistance in the activities of the Club. Mr. Henderson for his co-operation; Mr. Stringer for making transport available to the beach and to various carnivals. Miss Ballhausen for the use of the National Park Trust Rooms for meetings and the various services she has rendered during the year. Messrs. Tibbles, Hoffman, Ford, and Duncan for assistance in social activities, and the various members of the National Park Trust who are always so willing to co-operate with this Club. To the girls who assisted on Carnival Day. The Glebe Division of the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for doctoring the various members complaints. To Coogee S.L.S.C. for the use of their gear and Club-house during our training periods, Alf Lane for First Aid lectures. Lady supporters of the Club who were ever ready to assist with social activities and raffles and many others, too numerous to mention in the space available.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee takes this opportunity of thanking all officials and members who by their efforts have assisted in maintaining efficiency.

In conclusion, the Committee appeals to any members who feel that he is fitted to hold any particular position to allow his name to be submitted for election. Similarly, members are requested to refuse nomination unless they are willing to devote

their time and energy to the Club's welfare, and unless they understand and feel that they are capable of performing the duties of the position.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

Lionel Ford

Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM.

It affords me the greatest of pleasure to add my sincere gratitude to all Club Members for their sterling and untiring efforts in making the Season 1950/51 such an outstanding success. It is most gratifying to note the enthusiasm, keen interest, and continued loyalty to the welfare of the Club by its members and their keen desire to see the Club progress. Our Club is very fortunate in having such an energetic band of office bearers and it is due to their enthusiasm that it has been made possible to present this satisfactory report. The years activities would not be complete without thanking our Club Secretary Lionel Ford whose untiring energetic services were rendered to our Club throughout the year, Lionel has the complete confidence of the Club executive officers and its members. I wish to thank our Patrons, the members of the National Park Trust for their kind co-operation and valued assistance to the Club during the year. The many requests from time to time by the Club to the Trust have always had very favourable consideration and the Club is very appreciative of the favours extended. I would also like to thank our Vice-Presidents and our many supporters who are not active members, but who have done so much for Garie Surf Club. I offer my sincere thanks and trust the ensuing year will give added enjoyment and pleasure to all concerned with the Club's activities.

Stan Walker

President.

