



GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET



FOUNDED
1938

DISBANDED
1942

REFORMED
1946

Season 1949-50

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

(Affiliated with the Surf Life Saving Association of Aust.)

823 Kingsway,

SUTHERLAND.

Notice is hereby given that the Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Garie Surf Life Saving Club will be held at the National Park Trust Rooms, 6th floor, Challis House, Martin Place, Sydney, on Wednesday, 2nd August, 1950.

Business:

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes
- (2) Adoption of Annual Report
- (3) Adoption of Financial Statement
- (4) Election of Officers for Ensuing Season
- (5) General Business.

L. Ford.

Hon. Secretary.

Office Bearers. Season 1949/50.

Patron
Vice patrons

President
Vice Presidents

Hon. Secretary
Hon. Ass Secretary

Captain

Vice Captain

Boat Captain
Boat Vice Captain
Hon. Treasurer
Hon. Social Secretary
Hon. Social Organiser
Hon. Publicity Officer
Hon. Race Secretary and
Handicapper
Hon. Chief Instructor
Chief Gear Steward
Ass. Gear Stewards
Delegates to S.L.S.A.

Hon. Registrar
Hon. Medical Officers
Hon. Solicitors
Hon. Architect
Hon. Auditor
Hon. Chief Amb. Officer
Asst. Amb. Officers

Management Committee

Hon. J.J. Cahill M.L.A.
Trustees of the National
Park Trust.

A. Glass
R. Howells, M. Flannagan,
B. Last, W. Cerrutti,
S. Walker, R. Moroney, H. Small
T. Hoffman, E. Hatley, O. Millar
R. Heatherington.

L. Ford
H. Schutes (res. 24/4/50)
J. Byrne elected.
H. Crooks (res. 8/8/49) P. Duncan
elected.
P. Duncan (res. 8/8/49)
D. Stewart elected.

H. Hawker
F. Tibbles
R. Cleaver
F. Tibbles
B. Tate
J. Byrne

R. Heatherington
B. Tate
K. Smith
F. Hoffman, J. Stewart
P. Duncan (res 12/3/50)
F. Tibbles, K. Smith

J. Byrne
E. & T. Miles
R. Dresser
H. Hawker
R. Thorpe
F. Tibbles
J. Hancock, O. Hailey, N. Martin
H. Crooks, F. Hoffman
J. Salmon, J. Hancock, T. Mourant

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

For presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the National Park Trust Rooms, 6th Floor, Challis House, Martin Place, Sydney, Wednesday 2nd August, 1950.

Gentlemen.....

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting for consideration, this, the Eighth Annual Report, together with the Financial Statement for the twelve months ended, 30th June, 1950.

MEMBERSHIP.

Once again it has to be reported that the membership has declined. Admittedly, only one on last year's number, but in a Club with only 32 Active and Active Reserve members, one is a high percentage.

Efforts were made earlier in the season to induce cadets to join the Club, and this action, whilst not proving as successful as hoped, did help to stem the drift of members.

Unfortunately, the Committee had to withdraw the privilege of membership from the odd members who lost interest. It was felt, that if the Club was to fulfill its obligation to the surfing public, members must fulfill their obligations to the Club. Better a minority of genuine members than a majority of members in name only, forcing their work on to the willing few.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Active Members.

E. Bayley	P. Hancock	D. Stewart
J. Byrne	F. Higgs	B. Tate
D. Cahill	F. Hoffman	F. Tibbles
H. Crooks	O. Hailey	J. Wallace
G. Cornwell	C. McElroy	G. Walsh
V. Cooper	T. Meurant	J. Walsh
P. Duncan	H. Schutes	
J. Hancock	K. Smith	

Active Reserve.

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

Junior Members.

R. Hoffman	C. Robinson
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Cadets.

J. Hines	E. Salmon
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Probationary.

J. Ferguson

Honorary.

W. Cerutti	R. Hetherington	H. Small
R. Dresser	T. Hoffman	R. Thorpe
A. Glass	R. Howells	S. Walker
E. Hatley	R. Maroney	Dr. E. Miles

LIFESAVING.

Patrols were a bitter disappointment to the executives of the Club. There were times when only one member rostered for a patrol turned up, and those who failed to carry out their duty to their patrol mates generally, failed to do the right thing and provide a substitute. A competition was instigated to try and improve the standard, but failed so miserably that it had to be abandoned.

There are a few members who adopt the attitude that the Club can't afford to discipline them, as members are sorely needed, so why worry? These individuals would do well to remember that those who are doing the bulk of the work would have nothing extra thrown on them by the loss of the loafer and would be happier knowing that all members were carrying the burden equally.

On the other hand, the majority of Club Members must be congratulated for the way they carried out their duties and attended carnivals when they knew they had no chance of winning, but entered into the spirit of the Club activities.

Our Club is no exception as all Clubs have their unruly members who have to have their faults pointed out, and in most cases realise that a member who co-operates is never in trouble.

The Club's reputation has been upheld in that Garie Beach has once again been maintained as a safe surfing beach for the general public and with pride we have to report that no lives were lost.

The following rescues were made: 6 with line, 3 without, and one with boat.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The season has proved to be one that entails a considerable amount of work for the Management Committee, which, due to the regular attendance of members concerned, was carried through in a most business like manner. Nine committee and five general meetings were held, mostly in the National Park Trust Rooms, Challis House, Martin Place.

A summary is outlined hereunder giving Members the opportunity of studying attendances of Committeemen at these meetings:-

P. Duncan	14
L. Ford	14
J. Hancock	10
K. Smith	12
D. Stewart	10
H. Hawker	13
B. Tate	12
R. Cleaver	8
J. Byrne	11
F. Tibbles	10
H. Schutes	8
R. Hetherington	5
A. Glass	2
T. Meurant	6

GEAR.

It was not necessary to add much new gear to that already owned by the Club which is now reasonably well equipped for any emergency. Most of the gear expenditure was for maintenance on equipment already in use and this was kept to a minimum by the efficient manner in which the gear stewards effected minor repairs and the respect the members show for Club property.

The boat is showing signs of service in heavy surfs and repairs will be necessary before the coming season. The Boat Captain has this matter in hand.

The Reel won at the Royal Easter Show was added to the gear which now brings the total of reels to four.

The Boat Captain, Gear Stewards, and some of the more enthusiastic members of the Club combined to build a boat trailer, with the result that the Club can now convey the boat to carnivals with the maximum of safety to the boat and complete comfort to the crew.

A tent 12 x 12 was purchased to enable members' wives & friends to change & keep their belongings under decent conditions.

A new boat has been ordered from N. & E. Towns at Newcastle, and if plans go as expected, it should be delivered in time to be launched on the opening week-end of the season. This valuable piece of equipment, it is hoped, will be housed on a bay in the Metropolitan area, and thus enable the crew to train during the week.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

Once again our book shows a clear sheet - no lives lost at Garic Beach. Although there were no mishaps, patrols throughout the season were very lax. Perhaps the greatest contributing factor was absence of members from patrols, and owing to the smallness of each patrol, the absence of one man greatly affects its efficiency.

Although you may be up the North End, the Club functions primarily to safeguard the surfing public. The clean record must not lead to complacency as vigilance is required at all times. The rescues made during the season appear under "Lifesaving".

Throughout the season, Club events were keenly contested, the majority of members competing each Sunday. Results of competitions appear elsewhere in the report.

Members on all occasions conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, even under the most provoking circumstances (remember Terrigal transport). There was a spirit of good humour.

Although unsuccessful in inter club competitions, it was shown that with conscientious training our boys could make Garie the leading Club on the South Coast.

BOAT CAPTAINS REPORT.

With almost a repetition of last years performance we did not enter into any number of carnivals, due, I would say, to the fact that our training did not bring us to a standard whereby justice could be done to the crews participating.

This is brought forward, not from criticism, but because we have not had the facilities to train as we would have desired them. These following points are some which have made progress exceedingly difficult—
A conveyance could not be placed at our disposal as was required for such training. The trailer was not yet ready for the road until well into the season. A regular crew was seldom available, thus necessitating a change at every row. Unfavourable conditions.

The object to be pointed out to those interested in assisting Garie Club in boat competitions, and with another season almost with us once more, is that we must endeavour to take advantage of every hour at the beach when conditions permit, to learn seamanship from our point of view and train hard. Good fortune being with us, we will have a new top class boat in the near future, and it will be ungratifying to the subscribers who have made the purchase possible if this is not enthusiastically and inefficiently carried: it.

AWARDS.

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

INSTRUCTORS CERTIFICATE.

Owen Hailey.

BRONZE MEDALLIONS.

F. Higgs
C. McElroy
C. Robinson

Two new members, one of whom joined the Club on the 22nd October, 1949, and the other on the 1st January, 1950, finished the season without being examined for an award.

This is contrary to the Club's best interest. Efficiency must be displayed by the officers of the Club if we are to expect the members to carry out S.L.S.A. work at the standard required by them.

Although the R. & R. team did not regain the No. 1 District R. & R. trophy, a very high standard of drilling was noticeable and must be attributed to the keenness developed by Fred Hoffman.

Quite a number of members improved their swimming times by competition events with the Railway Stores Branch Swimming Club. This may be a lead for organised training for members for the ensuing year.

INSURANCE

One bad accident occurred during the season, which may serve as an incentive should such be necessary, to keep members insurance conscious.

Jack Hancock had the misfortune to badly gash his leg in a surfboat spill. Despite the fact that our ever ready ambulance officer rendered prompt attention and had him rushed to hospital, tetanus set in, and although Jack is back with us again working just as energetically for the Club, a bad scare was had by all.

This member was one of the very few NOT INSURED. It is quite obvious the advantage of insurance in the surf movement, and all members, for their own safety and protection should take advantage of the scheme offered.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

The Annual Carnival was once again a huge success, being supported by a large number of the Metropolitan together with many of the South Coast Clubs. "Old man" weather excelled himself this time and in an effort to make amends for the last few wet carnival days, he turned on the hottest Sunday of the season. The Club owes its thanks to the Committee in general for its excellent work in connection with this carnival, and John Stewart in particular for his untiring efforts as organiser.

The net proceeds for the day were £90, this being a Club record.

COMPETITION.

Our congratulations must again be extended to Era Club on their fine performance on winning the No. 1 District Point Score and R. & R. trophies. Garie, whilst retaining its beach supremacy, has, over the last two seasons found Era too strong in the water events, and this factor, rightly so, has swung the point score and R. & R. in their favour. Burning Palms during the season just passed also proved a force to be reckoned with, and it is hoped that in the coming season, will once again help to maintain the standard of these carnivals which is so important to the Clubs of No. 1 District.

Representatives again competed at some of the metropolitan Carnivals, and as in the past, found some of the opposition of the major clubs too strong. A small number competing in many events prove too strenuous and members could not show out to their best ability in the events for which they were best suited. However, through the experience gained at these carnivals, members have devised a plan to concentrate on special events in the hope of bringing glory to the Club.

Club competition did not seem as keen as in previous years, this was possibly due to the consistently wet Sundays from Christmas onward.

The Perennial Fred Hoffman, again collected the coveted Open Surf Championship, making the big trophy his permanent possession.

Another popular win was Jack Hancock's belt victory, this member has been a consistent competitor since the Club was reformed and now has something to show for his diligence and service.

The member who had the most successful season was Charles Robinson, his bag including Junior Belt Championship Junior Beach Sprint Championship (Dead Heat), Junior Beach Events Point Score, Cecil Buck Sealed Handicap, Sid Maloney Teams Race, Frank McGlinchey Sealed Handicap, and the memorial Races trophy. This member joined the Club as a Cadet, and a very weak swimmer. His record this last season is proof of how a Surf Club can develop a lad who is keen.

As usual, Barry Tate won the Beach Sprint Championship, This lad was too fleet afoot for anyone to rest the title from him.

An outstanding feature of competition during the season was E. Salmon's winning the President's Point Score Handicap. This was ted's first season in Surf Swimming, and to cap it all he is still in the ranks of the Cadets. We look forward with interest to the coming season, expecting even better performances from this member now he has a years experience behind him.

To the other successful competitors, too numerous to mention, we extend our congratulations, and to the also Rans we offer our appreciation for their spirit in competing. These events are held with the express purpose of keeping members physically fit for any emergency, and to achieve this object, it is necessary that all members compete regularly.

LIST OF EVENT WINNERS. SEASON 1949/50.

<u>Event.</u>	<u>Winners.</u>
Open Surf Championship	F. Hoffman
Senior Belt Championship	J. Hancock.
Senior Beach Sprint Champ.	B. Tate
Junior Surf Championship	E. Salmon
Junior Belt Championship	C. Robinson
Junior Beach Sprint Champ.	C. Robinson) dead J. Hines) heat
President Point Score	
Surf Handicap	E. Salmon
Senior Beach Events Point Score	F. Hoffman
Junior Beach Events Point Score	C. Robinson
World War Point Score	C. Robinson
Sid Maloney Teams Race	F. Hoffman, D. Cahill
	C. Robinson
Cecil Buck Sealed Handicap	C. Robinson
R. Buck Brace Relay	F. Hoffman, E. Salmon
F. McGlinchy Sealed H'cap	C. Robinson
Resuscitation Competition	O. Hailey
Hard Luck Trophy	J. BYRNE
Golf Trophy	

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.

INTER CLUB VISITATION.

Once again the bonds of friendship between us and Terrigal Club were strengthened when we entertained Terrigal during the week-end of the 14/15th January. That Club reciprocated by inviting us to Terrigal on the week-end of 4/5th March, when a record number of members took advantage of their hospitality.

A good time was had by all, despite the discomfort suffered by members due to transport break downs, both going to Terrigal and returning. To Terrigal we say Thank You and look forward to a continuance of these fraternal visits.

SOCIAL.

The Social Committee once again contributed to the Club's financial position in no small manner. The three main sources of revenue being the Annual Carnival, the Annual Ball and Beach Raffles.

Lack of enthusiasm by most members, plus the fact that the organisers private business made heavy demands on their time at the critical stage, caused one social venture to be run at a big financial loss to the Club. This should sound as a warning to members that their support is vital to the success of these functions. The lack of this support was evident at the Annual Ball, when the same old few members were present and the bulk of the crowd made up of strangers. Despite this fact a good time was voted by all.

ANNUAL GOLF DAY.

Due to June being the wettest month on record the Annual Golf Day had to be postponed from 16th June, until 9th July, and as this report has to be compiled in time to be forwarded to members 14 days prior to the meeting, like time and tide, it waits for no golf day.

However, organisation is well in hand for the outing at Leonay Country Club, and while many of you are reading this, it is hoped you will have pleasant memories of a most enjoyable day out with fellow members.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER.

The same can be said for the Annual Presentation Dinner to be held at Allambie House, Audley, on Saturday, 15th, July, 1950.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I wish to extend thanks on behalf of the Social Committee and myself to those members, who throughout the year gave their unselfish support to the Club's various social functions.

It was pleasing to note that the clan of "old faithfuls" was at last being augmented by a few new faces. However, it must still regretfully be observed that there are still many members who do not seem to realise that the Club's revenue depends, almost exclusively, upon the success of its social activities.

The one Raffle organised during the year can only be described as a dismal failure. The number of tickets sold would not even allow a comparison to the numbers forwarded to the Club's members, without appearing ridiculous.

Raffles held on the beach on Sundays were not the success they have been in previous years, owing to the prevailing inclement weather, but, with a few more willing helpers, these should realise a considerable amount in the coming year.

The Club's Annual Ball was a great success, and it is hoped it will continue to be so in the forthcoming years.

BIRTHS.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs T. Mourant.....A son.
Mr. and Mrs T. Hoffmann.....A son.
Mr. and Mrs H. Hawker.....A daughter

WEDDING BELLS rang for:

Mr. and Mrs. F. Tibbles

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. The fine spirit that exists between these three Clubs was again displayed when Era invited representatives from the other two Clubs to Ocean Beach for a week end, and we did likewise when we visited Terrigal.

Burning Palms are still battling for a Club House, but are operating cheerfully and most efficiently under adverse conditions, as our members could see when they competed at the "palms" carnival. The water events had to be held in one area and beach events in another, due to excessive beach erosion.

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, Hoffmann, 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 Freshwater for the loan of hessian for our carnival, and also to the girls who assisted on that day. The Globe Division of the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for doctoring the various member's complaint. To Coogee S.L.S.C. and South Brighton L.S.C. for the use of gear and Clubhouse 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.

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

ROLL OF HONOUR 1939--45.

As we face yet another Season in the history of this, the Garie S.L.S.C., let us pause to remember those Members whose sacrifice made it possible to continue our Australian way of life in every day business and the sporting activities of our choice.

Cecil Buck

Richard Buck

Frank McGlinchy

Sidney Maloney.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM.

It affords me pleasure to take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the able assistance rendered by all members and officials to the Club generally throughout the season. 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. It is due to their enthusiasm that it has been made possible to present this satisfactory report of the year's activities, and its accompanying Balance Sheet.

I again wish to personally thank those members who performed continuous work on the various committees, who I believe gave every satisfaction to the tasks allocated to them.

The record of the year's activities would not be complete without recording the untiring and meritorious service rendered to your Club by your enthusiastic and active Secretary, Mr. Lionel Ford. Lionel has the complete confidence of the Club's executive officers and its members. The Club is specially favored to have a Secretary of the calibre of Lionel to so satisfactorily look after its interests.

I again wish to add my thanks also to the members of the National Park Trust for their kindly co-operation and valued assistance to the Club during the year. The 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.

To all others on the Committees who assisted in any manner whatever during the year, I offer my sincere thanks, and trust the ensuing year will give added enjoyment and pleasure to all concerned with the Club's activities.

Andrew Glass.

President.

