

Garie Surf Life Saving Club

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and
BALANCE SHEET



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Agenda

1.—MINUTES OF FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

2.—APOLOGIES.

3.—ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR SEASON 1956-7.

4.—LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A unanimous recommendation from the Management Committee that Life Membership be conferred upon Mr. D. J. Stewart.

5.—NOTICES OF MOTION for which due Notice has been given: Amendments to Constitution.

Section 6. Blazer:

(a) The Club Blazer shall be of Navy Blue Cloth, with Official Club Badge embroidered on the left breast pocket. It may be worn by every member of the club, but no unauthorised alterations shall be made in colour or style. The style shall be single breasted.

Moved: K. Midson. Seconded: R. Hoffman.

Section 8. Finance:

The financial year of the Club shall be from the first day of June in one year to the thirty-first day of May in the next subsequent year.

Moved: D. J. Stewart. Seconded: B. G. Paton.

Section 10. Officers:

(a) The position of Assistant Chief Instructor to be added, and to appear after Honorary Chief Instructor.

Moved: B. G. Paton. Seconded: K. A. Midson.

6.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1956-57.

7.—GENERAL BUSINESS.

For and on behalf of the management committee.

D. A. MIDSON, Hon. Secretary.

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W. MOLLOY.

Delegates to S.L.S.A.:

W. MOLLOY, C. McELROY (Res. 8/4/57), K. MIDSON, B. PATON.

Hon. Historian:

J. STEWART.

Hon. Solicitor:

R. DRESSER.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. E. MILES, Dr. HARDY-BAKER.

Hon. Auditors:

R. CLEAVER, B. HARDMAN.

Chief Ambulance Officer:

R. HOFFMAN.

Asst. Ambulance Officers:

B. PATON, K. MIDSON, R. GLASSON, B. HARDMAN, C. McELROY.

Management Committee: J. GLASSON, H. McHUGH, J. CASEY.

Hon. Architect: H. HAWKER.

GARIE BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Fifteenth ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

Season 1956-57

To be presented to members at the **Annual General Meeting** being held in the S.L.S.A. Rooms, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney at 8 p.m. on Monday, 12th August, 1957.

GENTLEMEN.

Your management committee has pleasure in placing before you for your consideration and adoption the 15th Annual Report for Season 1956-57 together with the Balance Sheet for year ended 30th June, 1957, duly audited and covering the activities of the club during the past season.

MEMBERSHIP. The total membership of the club now totals 96, in comparison with 91 for the previous season.

Hereunder, is a component list of the Clubs' numerical strength:

	1955/56	1956/57
Patrons and Vice Patrons.....	10	10
Honorary Life Members.....	2	2
Honorary Members.....	17	23
Associate.....	5	5
Active Senior.....	31	33
Active Junior.....	5	9
Cadet.....	6	8
Country.....	3	2
Active Reserve.....	12	4

It is pleasing to note that Senior, Junior and Cadet Membership has increased and this augurs well for the coming Season.

COMMITTEE. Your committee met on the second Monday of each month during the year and on nine occasions the meetings were ordinary committee meetings. Below is a list of the attendances of the committee men at the committee meetings.

Besides these, there were several times when this executive had to meet and various sub-committees as listed below also devoted much time to the welfare of the club.

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Attendances at Committee Meetings held during the year:

Name	Att.	Abs.	Apol.	Name	Att.	Abs.	Apol.
L. Ford	8	1	1	W. Molloy	4	5	2
H. Hawker	9	0	0	K. Midson	8	1	1
R. Hoffman	9	0	0	G. Walsh	5	4	2
B. Menogue	7	2	1	D. Midson	7	2	2
J. Stewart	9	0	0	B. Paton	6	3	0
R. Glasson	5	4	1	J. Glasson	4	5	1
O. Hailey	2	7	1	M. McHugh	5	4	3
C. McElroy	4	5	2	J. Casey	0	9	0

Sub-Committees Formed During Season: Judiciary Committee—J. Stewart, H. Hawker, R. McDermott. Carnival Committee—J. Hancock (Org.), J. Stewart, L. Ford, O. Hailey. Building Committee—R. Hoffman, M. McHugh, H. Hawker, D. Stewart, L. Ford. Art Union—Same as season 1955-56: J. Glasson, L. Ford, J. Stewart, R. Hoffman, B. Menogue, J. Hancock, C. Smith (co-op), K. Smith (co-op).

GEAR. With the supplement of a few new items of gear, we were able to present an excellent line up to the Gear Inspection Committee, which more than prided a Club of our size.

The Club is most thankful to the Chief Gear Steward and assistants for their work done in maintaining the gear at our disposal:

Gear purchased during season £55, detailed as: Flags £5/19/-, Caps £4/9/-, Eve Rocker £13/5/-, Rope £15, Buoys £5/12/-, Miscellaneous Items £4/16/8, Refrig (parts) £6/7/-.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT. This season NINE members gained their Bronze Medallions and FIVE members gained their Qualifying Certificates.

The overall standard of the squads was not as high as they could have been, but this was probably due to the inexperience of the instructors.

THREE members gained the Instructors Certificates.

It is pleasing to see that two members have applied for membership to the Board of Examiners, as it is through their knowledge that the finer points in lifesaving are learnt.

In closing I would like to thank all those members who helped in the training of the squads.

AWARDS: During the season, members gained seventeen awards. Those successful in gaining awards are as follows:—

Bronze Medallions (9): W. Biggs, G. Calrow, S. Donoghoe, K. James, G. Merideth, J. O'Donnell, W. O'Shannessy, K. Pearce, C. Trounce.

Qualifying Certificates (5): B. Brabham, K. James, K. Clifton, G. Glasson, W. O'Shannessy.

Instructor's Certificates (3): B. Monogue, D. Midson, K. Midson.

To each of these members we offer our heartiest congratulations and look forward to seeing them gain even higher awards in the season to come.

CLUB COMPETITIONS. We are pleased to report that this season Club Competitions were conducted in the usual competitive spirit and some close finishes witnessed in several events. To those successful competitors we extend our hearty congratulations, and to those who didn't do so well, we say, keep on trying.

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The Open Surf Championship of the club was this year won by Kevin Brown, with Don Midson as runner-up. Although only a newcomer to the club, it did not take Kevin long to show his superiority.

The Senior Belt Championship saw Kevin Brown once again to the fore, with Ken McCubben and Wally Carle filling the other placings. To Kevin we offer our congratulations.

Robert Hubbard proved too strong for his opposition in the junior events, taking out both the Junior Belt and Surf Titles as well as the Junior President's Point Score.

The Senior President's Point Score was won by Wally Carle, who proved a consistent swimmer throughout the season.

John Dorsett was successful in taking out the Senior Beach Sprint for the second consecutive season, whilst Bob Glasson finished a very close second in this event and also won the Junior Beach Sprint.

Robbie Hoffman was rewarded for his efforts on the beach by winning the Beach Events Point Score.

A complete list of events and respective winners is set out hereunder for your perusal.

Club Competitions: Water—

Open Surf Championship—1st K. Brown, 2nd D. Midson, 3rd B. Menogue.

Open Belt Championship—1st K. Brown, 2nd K. McCubben, 3rd W. Carle.

Junior Surf Championship—1st R. Hubbard, 2nd R. Glasson, 3rd K. James.

Junior Belt Championship—1st R. Hubbard, 2nd R. Glasson, 3rd K. James.

Surf Ski Championships—Dead-heat 1st W. Molloy, H. Hawker; 3rd R. Hoffman.

President Point Score Surf Race, Seniors—1st W. Carle (39 points), 2nd K. Brown (21 points), 3rd B. Menogue (19 points).

President Point Score Surf Races, Juniors—1st R. Hubbard (40 points), 2nd R. Glasson (21 points), 3rd G. Glasson (19 points).

Memorial Races—

Sid Moloney Teams Race—R. Bramhab, D. Midson, P. Hancock, R. McDermott.

Frank McGlinchey Brace Relay—1st J. O'Donnel, G. Glasson; 2nd D. Midson, R. Hubbard; 3rd W. Carle, W. Molloy.

Cecil Buck Sealed Handicap—1st R. Hubbard, 2nd G. Glasson, 3rd R. Glasson, R. Hoffmann.

Richard Buck Sealed Handicap—1st B. Menogue, 2nd K. James, 3rd D. Midson.

Memorial Point Score Winners—1st G. Glasson (14 points), 2nd R. Hubbard (13 points), 3rd D. Midson (12 points).

Beach Events—

Open Beach Sprint Championship—J. Dorsett (16 points).

Junior Beach Sprint Championship—1st R. Glasson (18 points), 2nd G. Glasson (10 points), 3rd K. Pierce (4 points).

Beach Events Points Score, Seniors—1st R. Hoffman (214 points), 2nd B. Menogue (185 points), 3rd W. Molloy (146 points).

Beach Events Points Score, Juniors—1st R. Glasson (293 points), 2nd G. Glasson (160 points), 3rd K. Pierce (150 points).

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J. B. Dillon Memorial Shield Competition—1st R. Hoffmann (14 points), 2nd B. Menogue (11 points), 3rd W. Molloy (9 points).

Resuscitation Competition—1st G. Glasson (8 points), 2nd K. Midson (6 points) and A. McHugh (6 points).

Hard Luck Trophy—1st K. McCubben (15 points), 2nd B. Paton (14 points), 3rd G. Walsh (11 points).

Most Proficient Patrol—W. Carle, B. Hardman, D. Midson, W. O'Shannessy, W. Biggs.

No. 1 DISTRICT CARNIVALS. This season the No. 1 District Carnivals were once again held in the usual keen and friendly manner so characteristic of this District.

Burning Palms did not compete this year owing to lack of members, but it is hoped that next season, we may see them back once again trying to gain the "Les Pymble Shield."

Era managed to win the Shield, after a very close and interesting series. Their success was mainly due to their superiority in the water, and our congratulations go to them.

No. 1 District Carnival for "Les Pymble Shield":

	Garie	Era
1st Carnival, Garie Beach	16	24
2nd Carnival, Era	23	16
3rd Carnival, Garie Beach	12	19
	—	—
Era won the Shield	51	59

CAPTAIN'S REPORT. The season has been a highly successful one, both on the beach and in the field of competition, and it augurs well for the Club that it is rapidly coming to the fore in open competition.

Club activities on the beach and in the water were slightly curtailed this season owing to the starting of the new Club House, and it was partly due to lack of team training that we were well beaten in most of the inter-club carnivals. I would like to thank, on the Club's behalf, members of both Era and North Palm Beach Clubs who provided such fine competition and congratulate them on retaining their respective trophies.

Patrols this season were generally good in attendance, but unfortunately, patrol captains fell down on their job by not carrying out their duties to the full extent. They should remember that theirs is a very responsible task, and it is in their hands that the efficiency and well running of the patrols is placed. In a Club the size of Garie, patrols are small, thereby placing greater strain and dependability on each and every member.

The following is a list of rescues carried out during the season:

With surf line and belt	11
Without surf line and belt	8
With surfboat	1
With surfski	3
Cliff rescues	3

First Aid was necessary after 3 of the above rescues and general first aid was rendered to the public on 516 occasions.

Open Carnivals this season were well attended and congratulations must go to every member who competed, especially those who carried the Club's colours to victory in the beach events. Again we found difficulty in raising a March Past Team, but this problem, as seen in most open carnivals, was not only confined to Garie.

COMPETITIONS:

International Carnival—Maroubra:

2nd, Beach Relay. Team: J. Dorsett, R. Glasson, R. Neville, K. Pierce.

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Australian Championships—Bondi:

2nd, Pillow Fight, R. Hoffmann.

OPEN CARNIVALS:

Queenscliffe:

1st, Open Beach Sprint. J. Dorsett.

1st, Novice Beach Sprint. J. Dorsett.

North Steyne:

2nd, Open Beach Sprint. J. Dorsett.

RESTRICTED CARNIVALS:

Boat Launching Carnival, Garie Beach, 30th September, 1956—
Garie 19 points, Era 18 points.

Combined Carnival, Garie Beach, 17th February, 1957—Garie 10
points, North Palm Beach 7 points, Era 6 points.

I would like to thank all members who gave their help and co-operation to the executive throughout the year. Special praise must go to the Chief Instructor and Chief Gear Steward, K. Midson, who worked unceasingly to bring members through their bronze medalions, and also the manner in which the gear was kept throughout the season.

In closing, I would like to thank, also, Roger Moroney, who helped the Club in no uncertain manner with his advice and co-operation both by his attendance at the beach and at our social functions, and hope that we will have him with us for many years to come, for it is only with the help of these "pioneer members" and the keenness of the members themselves that we can hope to put Garie really on the map.

R. HOFFMANN, Club Captain.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT. This year, with the new boat arriving at the start of the season and transport ever-ready at a moment's notice, the boating activities were the keenest and biggest for many years.

The Christening of the boat was a big occasion for the Club and quite a crowd was present to see "Sir Edward" take its first dip in the surf. Mr. Hardman was called upon to christen the boat in appreciation for his fine effort in raising money for the new boat.

Mr. Hardman at the time was not officially connected with the Club, which goes to show just what some outsiders think of our Club.

For the first time in the water, the crew manned the boat very well in the heavy surf, but on the return to shore, a wave dumped us on the edge and quite a considerable amount of damage was done to the boat, resulting in a lot of down and disheartened people on the beach, but Mr. Bailey, the boat builder, assured us the damage was not serious and would be as good as new in a few days.

The crew this year must be given a pat on the back for their enthusiasm on the beach, at training, and at inter-club carnivals.

They were always at the buoys when needed for surf races and so foregoing chances of winning trophies themselves.

During the season the boat crew competed in numerous carnivals, for which they trained very hard twice a week on the Parramatta River. The training paid off, though never gaining first place in a heat, they came a very close second a couple of times, beating clubs with a much bigger membership than our own, thus making the name of "Garie" a little more prominent in the Metropolitan area.

I would like to thank the crew (G. Walsh, K. Brown, R. McDermott, B. Hardman and A. McHugh) for a job well done. Special thanks must also be given to H. Crooks for coaching the crew throughout the season. My utmost appreciation is given to the small

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but laborious cadet members, who, with never tiring efforts, prepared the boat for each and every carnival. But the most important factor for the season's boating success was the transporting of the boat, for which all thanks must go to "One Punch" Donoghoe, who never once let us down when called upon to tow the boat. This transportation was also made available by Tony McHugh, for making a tow bar suitable for the truck.

I wish to place on record the boat crew's appreciation for the assistance given during the year by Mr. Bailey (boat builder), Abbotsford.

(Signed) W. MOLLOY, Boat Captain.

LAUNCHING OF THE "SIR EDWARD." On Sunday, 30th September, the new boat "Sir Edward" was launched. The boat, a tuck stern, the first the Club has owned, was built by Bailey Bros., at Abbotsford.

A big crowd was present to witness Mr. Bert Hardman perform the ceremony.

The President, Mr. Lionel Ford, officiated and outlined to those present how hard the members had worked to raise the £400-odd that was needed to get the craft on the beach. He further impressed on the crews the importance of a surf boat to a club as isolated as Garie, having no communication with the outside world to get assistance should a major rescue be necessary.

Mr. Roger Moroney, representing the S.L.S.A., spoke of the sterling work the Club was doing, and how pleased the Association was to see the continual progress it was making.

Mr. Hardman then addressed those present, and with a few appropriate words, named the Club's newest possession "Sir Edward."

The crew took her to sea to find how she behaved in a Garie surf, and then all adjourned to the Club House, where light refreshments were served.

ART UNION FOR A REFRIGERATOR. With the growth of our ambitions necessitating the growth of our finances, it was decided on the advice of Col Smith, an ex-member, to run an art union for a refrigerator.

One has to be connected with an Art Union to realise just how much work is involved.

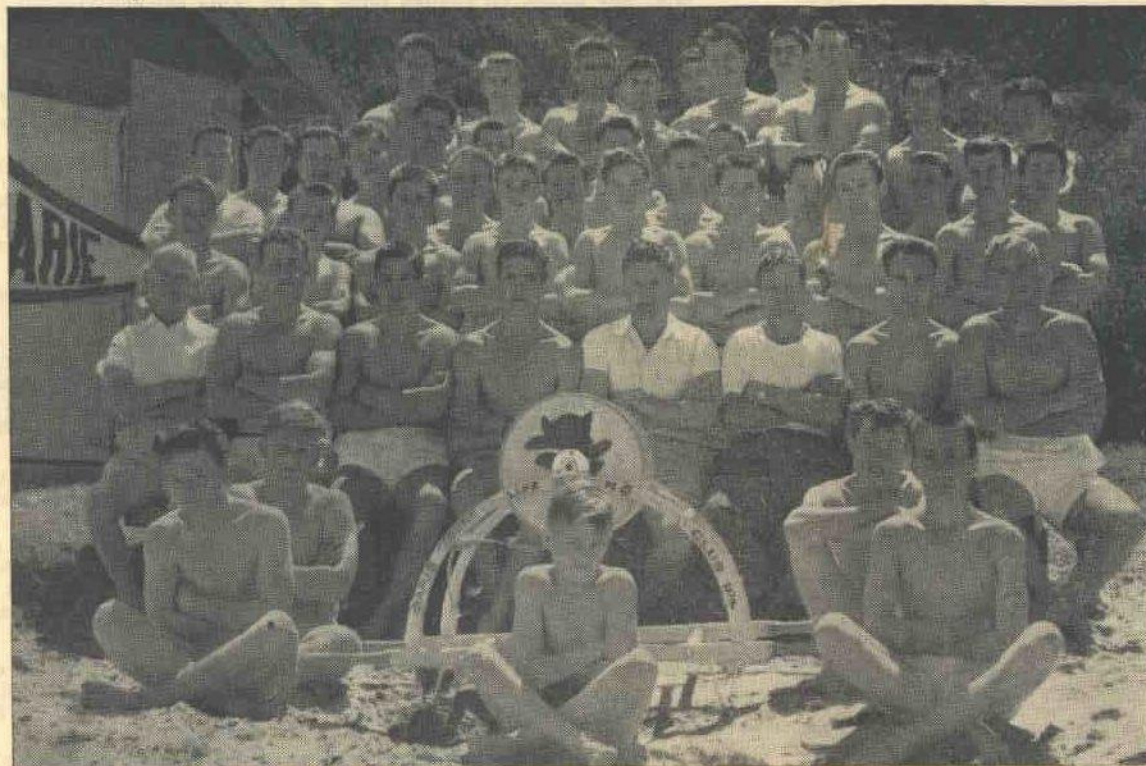
A committee was formed to handle the Art Union, but it took two solid months to get the first ticket sold, during which time the Club had to be registered as a charitable organisation and all committee members survive an intensive police scrutiny, after which came the filling in of countless forms, and, finally, months later than was originally anticipated, permission was granted to start selling.

Methods and means of getting rid of the tickets were tried and chewed over, but it's a tough job to shift 6,000 tickets.

Finally, following an escapade by Jack Hancock and Ken Smith in a Marrickville Hotel, the light dawned.

For eight Saturday in a row, a team of up to sixteen members toured a different area each day, covering about eight hotels in a matter of one and a half hours, selling Garie. This proved our salvation and all but £25 worth of tickets were sold, bringing in a profit of £340.

To enable these blitzkriegs to be successful, a terrific amount of organisation was necessary during the week, and Doug Stewart and Martin McHugh must reap their share of the praise for this organisation.



Members of Garie Surf Life Saving Club

Season 1956-1957

Photographed at Garie Beach
30th September, 1956

Sitting Around Reel: K. Clifton, G. Calrow, A. Hardaire, B. Quinn, G. Medidith.

Front Row: R. Moroney (V. Pres.), W. Molloy (Boat Captain), R. Glasson (Chief Instructor, R. Hoffman (Captain), L. Ford (President), H. Hawker (Snr. V. Pres.), B. Menogue (Secretary), D. Stewart Treasurer).

Second Row: R. Bramham, R. McWilliams, J. McPherson, W. O'Shannessy, G. Glasson, R. Hubbard, R. Neville, K. James.

Third Row: N. Martin, J. Glasson, C. Trounce, D. Lewis, W. Biggs, J. Hardman, S. Donoghoe, K. Midson.

Fourth Row: J. Tierney, K. McCubben, M. McHugh, J. Dorsett, D. Midson, A. Green.

Back Row: R. Wilson, K. Barkley, J. Byrne, O. Halley, P. Byrne, T. Moolihan, A. McHugh, R. McDermott, J. McHugh, C. McElroy.



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THE ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL. This year, the Annual Carnival was put back a couple of weeks and instead of being on the traditional first Sunday in December, was held on Sunday, 16th December.

The cause of the departure from the usual practice was due to the International Carnivals and Australian Championships which were held in Victoria on the 1st and 2nd Sundays to coincide with the Olympic Games.

The change of date didn't fool the sea, and once again big seas were pounding down.

Rather than risk the upset of the previous year, the boat was taken to Wattamulla and loaded with swimming, ski and boat bouys, plus full sand bags, "took off" for Garie.

The crew must be commended on the job they did in laying the bouys and maintaining a vigilance during the carnival.

For the first time at Garie a pipe band played for the March Past and this proved a most spectacular event.

The carnival was incorporated as a highlight of Road Safety Week, and as a result, the Road Safety Council donated £20 in trophies and the Australian Gas Light Co. donated a fully equipped reel for competition on a point score basis. The reel was won by Bondi.

Garie was host to officials of the Police Department, represented by Inspector Gribble of the Road Safety Bureau, Mr. Read, of the Road Safety Council, and Mr. Pettingell, General Manager of the Australian Gas Light Co. These representatives, along with their wives and friends, were the guests of Garie at an afternoon tea on completion of the Carnival.

Bronte and Coogee sustained heavy damage to their boats and Bailey Bros. are reputed to have stated that they received orders for eleven new sweep oars the next day.

Some Junior events had to be cancelled, but notwithstanding, it proved a most spectacular and successful carnival and full credit must go to Jack Hancock, who, after a year's lay-off, stepped into the breach to once again give us the benefit of his wonderful gift of organising.

THE CLUB ASSISTS BOYS' TOWN. As was the case of the previous year, this Club once again volunteered to assist Boys' Town on their Gala Day, Sunday, 23rd September.

Following the good job of the time before, we once again took over the barbecue. Never before have so many promising husbands been on show to the public at the one time. Complete with apron and all the trimmings, the lads had steaks, chops and sausages sizzling all day. The constant patter of the comedians kept the crowd around, and before it was finally decided that we had filled everybody to the plimsol line with meat, Boys' Town had benefited by £90.

TRANSPORTING OF MEMBERS TO THE BEACH. Once again this proved a problem. With the rising cost of fares it has practically become prohibitive for the junior members to be able to afford to belong to a Club such as Garie.

We started off using the method of the previous season, where for a flat rate paid to the Bus Company, Club members travelled down at no cost to themselves.

This proved unprofitable to the Bus Co. and consequently we reverted to hiring a special bus to convey members. This proved most

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unprofitable to us, and when the deficit grew to an alarming size, a compromise was reached whereby for a flat rate the Bus Co. allow members to ride to the beach at no cost to themselves, but must pay their fare on the return trip.

Doug McCubben proved most co-operative throughout the negotiations and it was realised that both sides had problems.

A cheap method of transport must be found and maintained if the Club's life blood—that of Juniors—is to continue to flow.

LACK OF AMBULANCE TREATMENT. Due to the condition of the ambulance room—decay and white ants—the same reason which prompted us to move out, the Glebe Division of the St. John's Ambulance did not man the Garie Station this year.

Your Club had two conferences with the officials of the Glebe division, but they could not see their way clear to man the station in its dilapidated condition. Consequently, all the first aid of Garie Beach fell on the Surf Club. With our hands full manning the beach, and the added burden of one man being detailed to tend first aid to the public, the Club members were put to a big test.

When it is realised that the St. John's Brigade usually have two men in attendance, it can be seen that the job is no small one, to say nothing of the expense the Club was put to keeping the first aid material up to the demand.

The Glebe Division did send men to Garie for Carnival Day, and for this we thank them. It is rumoured that the Trust is going to build the Brigade a new station (shows what will be done for you if you up and leave the place). Let's hope it will be for the coming season.

LIGHTING OF THE CLUB HOUSE. After twenty years, and in the last season of its use, the Club House was wired and electric light installed in every room.

This was brought out through the generosity of Mr. Hayward, who is the new leasee of the kiosk. He installed a lighting plant for his kiosk's use, and informed us that if we wired the Club House we could connect up to his plant—free of charge.

This touch of the modern world has proved a boon, especially as we have had men living in the Club House for weeks on end whilst working on the new project.

The same favour has been extended to us for the new Club House, and already wires are on the site to run circular saws, etc.

Our thanks to Mr. Hayward for helping us realise another of our ambitions.

EXCHANGE OF VISITS WITH NORTH PALM BEACH. The annual visit from North Palm Beach was held on the week-end of 16th and 17th February. It was pleasing to see them roll up in such large numbers and still more pleasing to see the older members accompany them.

Their popular Vice-President, Tom Brown, managed the team, and with the likes of Tom in charge, everyone must have a happy time.

Unfortunately the weather tried to dampen our ardor and the seas took up where the weather left off. Consequently, we could only stage beach events for the trophy, but this was to our liking.

Luncheon was served in the Club House whilst the rain fell down outside, but this didn't stop the merriment.

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On the week-end of 6th and 7th April, we made the pilgrimage to North Palm Beach and also took a good crowd. This time the weather held good, and the Northern boys were able to get us in the surf—consequently, we have hidden the result of the competition amongst the other competition results on another page.

At a very fine luncheon, their President, Frank Savage, welcomed the Garie boys, and in his reply, our President, Lionel Ford, asked permission to present to Roger Maroney a picture of himself taken on Garie Beach. This was a replica of that taken to hang in the Club House.

The two clubs fraternised very well, and the bonds of the northern and southern extremes of Sydney Branch were drawn a little tighter.

Exchange of visits between Garie and North Palm Beach:

	Garie	Nth. Palm Beach
At Garie, 17th February, 1957	9	12
At North Palm Beach, 7th April, 1957	17	43
	26	55

North Palm Beach won the Cup.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS. For the first time in the Club's history, members have been suspended. Members have been called before the judiciary committee and a warning has, prior to this year, been sufficient to put them right.

This season the Junior section of the Club has been a worry to your executive, and in desperation, all Juniors were called to a special meeting to be told what was expected of them.

Within a month of this special meeting, five of them were in trouble again, and your Committee was left no alternative but to act in a strong manner.

The executive is determined to keep the name of Garie in the high esteem in which it is held, and will not fail to act in a similar manner should it be considered necessary.

BUILDING FUND REPORT. Possibly I should start my report at the beginning—and give a synopsis on the history of the Building Fund, from March 1954 up to the present time.

It was March 1954 that the club placed £400 from the General Fund to a Building Trust Fund Account—a Building Committee was elected—and met a week later, to discuss ways and means of raising finance. A house party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, in May 1954, followed by a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Alfred, in July 1954. October 1954 a casino night was held in the Hall at Little Garie. The result from the three was £100, but what was most important, the committee gained a lot of experience on the "Do's and Don'ts" in running a house party—and raising finance.

With three house parties "under our belt," a ton of confidence and £100 in the Fund—the committee which met every fortnight got ideas and more ideas. The first of the "Troc" dances was held in November 1954, another in February 1955. The result, another £100 from each.

Let me go back to August 1954, for it was about this time that a guy called McHugh—Martin McHugh—walked into the "life" of the Building Committee—if ever the committee needed someone it needed Martin McHugh—for in him we found a person with 20 years' experience behind him in charitable work and organising. Now the

committee really got "cracking"—December 1954 with the help of Boys' Town—at the Garie Surf Carnival—a Christmas Hamper netted £40—a House Party at Mr. and Mrs. Hawkers put another £100 in the bank—plus a raffle for a portable radio, drawn on the night of the Hawker's house party, amounted to £65.

March 1955, under Martin McHugh, saw appeals at both the abattoirs and the Fish Markets, netting £150 was two (2) hours' work!

With £1,000 to the credit in one year, the committee were now veterans in the art of taking 1/- from adults and 1d. from kids. McHugh taught us quickly—and we were eager to learn.

£35 was raised from raffling two dolls. Many thanks to the Whelan family for their co-operation in this matter.

The 1955-56 season opened brightly for the Building Committee—The Royal National Park donated £150 towards the Fund. Little Garie Social Committee donated £15. Truth and Sportsmen's "Daddy Long Legs" Ball at the Troc. in September 1955 netted £250. Hawker's House Party No. 2 another £70. Christmas Hamper December 1955 £100. March 1956 Hardman's House Party No. 1 £180. This was our greatest ever—many thanks to the Hardman family and their friends for such a wonderful success. About this time money was coming in from every where. Alf Taylor's girl friend (now Mrs. Taylor) raffled a "Puppy Dog" among her friends at home and work—and another £10 went into the "can". Thanks a million, Mrs. Taylor.

March 1956, Show Boat Cabaret with Boys' Town, £25. April 1956 saw the beginning of the Art Union for a Hallstrom Refrigerator. The idea came from an old ex-member, Colin Smith. The refrigerator from Sir Edward. Many thanks to both—the result £350.

The Art Union was a test of endurance for all. Many thanks to Jack Glasson and Martin McHugh who never missed a Saturday for four (4) months, and to our friend Stan Lewis (V.P.) in making the transport available.

The year 1956 closed with another Christmas Hamper at Garie Beach—£75—many thanks to Don Midson and Rex Wilson and Pat Byrnes, of the Art Union fame, for a wonderful job well done. Over the Christmas and New Year holidays, "Housele" was held at the old Club House among the campers. It was a camper, T. O'Donnell, who suggested the idea and the "Housele" for the club—result was £20. Mrs. Cox, of Little Garie, donated a bed doll. The raffle amounted to £20. Many thanks.

An approach was made to the S.L.S. Association for a £1000, loan from the "Herald Fund" £500, was advanced immediately, with another £500 at a later date. On applying for the remaining part of the loan, the committee was informed that the Herald Fund could not now make another loan until after the beginning of 1957-58 season, possibly in January or February 1958.

Ways and means were considered, and finally it was our President, L. Ford, who suggested the raising of personal loans of £20 each from the club members and their friends—the responses to this appeal was surprising to say the least—the £500 target was reached within a week. One member, Kevin Brown, loaned £100, whilst an outsider, Lou Morris, a friend of the club's secretary, Don Midson, another £100. Two other persons not directly connected with the club loaned £20 each, namely Mrs. F. Hoffman, of Marrickville, and Mrs. Rhodes, of Woollooware.

The target set by the Building Committee had been reached—£3000 in three (3) years, so they recommended to the Executives of the club that a start be made early in 1957 on the new "Memorial Surf Club House." The club endorsed the recommendation—and the day "dawned" that had been awaited by all for so long.

"Binky" Hawker had drawn the plan of the building, and with the Club Captain, Robbie Hoffman—both of them builders—put up their "shed" on Wednesday, 13/2/57. The bulldozer arrived on Friday, 15/2/57, a path was cut into the "Hill"—the Club House had commenced.

For the past three years the Building Committee had concentrated on raising finance, now they were faced with another task—the acquiring of materials at the lowest possible cost—bricks—timber—steel.

Approaches were made to various brick companies, timber merchants and agents and steel works.

The Punchbowl Brick Co. in reply to our letter stated they would sell "Chromtex" bricks at the price of "Commons," a saving of £10 a thousand—plus they gave £25 donation to the Building Fund. The manager of the Heathcote brick works allowed us to cart the bricks ex yard ourselves—a saving of £3/15/- a 1000 on 20,000 bricks—this saved us approximately £80. Our next problem was cartage, Stan Lewis, of Arncliffe, and Greig Farrell, of the city, made trucks available for this purpose. The committee wishes to place on record their sincere thanks to both Stan and Greig.

With the brick problem solved the next item was timber. After many letters and phone calls the committee was able to secure an agent's licence to buy timber direct from the mills—a saving of £700. The committee wishes to thank Mr. Cannoway, brother-in-law of "Binky" Hawker, who is an inspector in the Forestry Commission, in giving us the "lead" on the timber problem.

Steel was No. 3 on the list. Again we thank Stan Lewis, who knew the General Manager of Austral Fabrications of Bexley, Clarrie Stockman. Again the committee was successful in obtaining the steel RSJ's at cost.

Mr. Stockman's generosity did not stop at that—but gave up a Sunday afternoon to weld the RSJ's into position. This offer alone saved the committee roughly £15.

The generosity shown and assistance given by people not directly connected with the club excelled even the wildest dream's of the Building Committee. To speak of them separately would make this report more like an essay than a synopsis—which it set out to be.

The Building Committee wishes to place on record the names of all who have and will assist in the erection of the "Memorial Surf Club House."

- (a) To: The Sutherland Shire Council—in making the bulldozer available at cost of running and transporation—a saving of £150. Also Tim Loneragan—for steering it through the council.
- (b) To: Stan Musgrave, an associate member—the driver of the "dozer" and for working 12 hours a day to complete the job on time.

- (c) To: Mr. S. Molloy, of Pabco Products—in supplying the copper core Damcourse at cost—and his generous offer in donating the malthoid for the roofing of the Club House.
- (d) To: Mr. J. Glasson (V.P.)—for his offer to lay the malthoid roofing—a saving of £100.
- (e) To: Mr. A. Mashman, Pipe Works, Sutherland—in supplying the drainage pipes, and to the two drainers that "Binky" Hawker brought down—and not forgetting our own drainer and handy man, Les Marks.
- (f) To: Mr. A. Marks, of Arncliffe—in supplying and carting the ashes for the ground floor.
- (g) To: Banks Meadow Welding Works, Cronulla—for welding the iron plates to the steel staunchions.
- (h) To: Shore Signs, of Cronulla—for their offer to write the Building Appeal Sign, now on the building site.
- (i) To: Stan Lewis, Greig Farrell and Donoghue Bros.—for the use of their trucks and the transporting of materials.
- (j) To: Mr. B. Hardman—for obtaining the paints at factory cost, and his offer to supply timber for internal use of the Club House.
- (k) To: Mr. A. Bishop—for his offer of an office desk, 250 bricks, and P.C. items at factory cost.
- (l) To: Penrose Hardware, of Cronulla—for supplying the hardware, fibro, cement—at a greatly reduced price.
- (m) To: Tooth & Co.—for their filing cabinets and 1" piping for stairways and 3" iron piping for staunchions.
- (n) To: Mr. Jarrett, of the Royal National Park—for his valuable assistance on many occasions since commencing the building.

To others whose name may have been overlooked, the Building Committee says—thanks a million for a job well and cheerfully done.

The Building Committee has plans to open the new building by the beginning of the 1957-58 season.

For the first three months, the way the members worked on the site, the plans were never in doubt. BUT since the season ended April 1957, the position, to say the least, with regards to labour, has been appalling.

For 3½ years the Building Committee has overcome every obstacle in raising finance and acquiring materials—and now it faces a "stone wall"—a "wall" made of club members themselves—a "wall" that so far the committee cannot "crack"—a "wall" that can and will fall on all and sundry to smash the work of the committee and eventually smash the new Club House.

The committee cannot carry on without labour—the finances will not permit the paying of unnecessary wages.

The committee urgently appeal to all members to help for the remaining two months left before the October week-end. To coin a phrase—"The committee is only as strong as its weakest link." **DO NOT LET THIS LINK BE YOU???**

The Building Committee is proud to present this report, which step by step, shows the fulfilment of a (3) **THREE YEARS' PLAN.**

The rest is up to **ALL OF YOU.**

D. J. STEWART,
Hon. Secretary, Building Fund Committee.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DANCE. Once again the Annual Presentation Reunion Dance was held at the G.U.O.O.F. Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on Saturday night, 18th May. Members, old and new, and their friends, turned up in force. North Palm Beach S.L.S.C. and the Surf Life Saving Association were both represented at this function.

Trophies were presented by our erstwhile founder and supporter, Mr. Roger Moroney.

Bronze medallions gained during the season were presented by Mr. Tom Brown, of North Palm Beach S.L.S.C.

A photo of the beach was presented to Mrs. H. Hawker by our President, Mr. Lionel Ford, in appreciation of the good work she has done for the club over the years.

All in all, an excellent time was had by all those in attendance.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT. During the season the above committee, with the assistance of various other office-bearers of the club, made an effort to raise further monies to hasten the erection of our new Club House.

A Games Evening was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hardman, both of whom are well known to us for their assistance given to the club in the past. The functions was enjoyed by members and friends and a £50 profit shown on the night. To Mr. and Mrs. Hardman, I say thank you for your efforts to make this occasion a success.

This season proved to be the most successful ever for Sunday raffles on the beach, and £350 was raised by the club. To those members and friends who assisted in selling tickets, our utmost appreciation for a job well done.

Other competitions were conducted during the season. The first was for a Xmas Hamper, run in conjunction with our Annual Carnival, and the second for a Bed Doll, kindly donated by Mrs. G. Vox, of Helensburgh. On both occasions the club's finances benefited considerably.

A Cabaret was held at the Trocadero in conjunction with North Palm Beach and Warriewood Surf Clubs. This function was well attended and it was generally conceded that a good night was had by all.

In concluding I would like to thank the following butchers for their assistance in supplying, cutting and storing meat for some of our social events conducted during the year, for without their assistance our job would have been a lot more difficult. They are: Mr. Stafford Beach, Tom Blackburn, Harry Pickett, Kevin Manaham, Allen Saul, Harold Saul and T. J. Ryan & Sons.

DON MIDSON, Social Secretary.

APPRECIATION. During the past twelve months the Club has received help in various ways from many members of the public. To all these people I thank you most sincerely on behalf of the Club for the assistance given and interest you have shown.

(i) The National Park Trustees deserve our thanks for the interest they have shown in our Club and to Miss L. M. Ballhausen, who has made the National Park Trust Rooms available to us for our Monthly Committee Meetings, and the other ways she has assisted the Club, we are also indebted.

(ii) We appreciate the gesture of Coogee Surf Club in allowing our members to use their Club Room for training purposes.

(iii) In the short time he has been with The Royal National Park Trust, Mr. Jarrett, the park superintendent, has shown us every courtesy and consideration, for which we are most appreciative.

(iv) To Barbara Benham for her valued assistance with the monthly Bulletin we also record our gratitude, and the same applies to the ladies associated with the Club, who, though they do not constitute a ladies' committee, function just as efficiently when ever the need for one is felt.

(v) Surf Life Saving Association of Australia: With the conclusion of another season, we must once again thank the Surf Life Saving Association for help rendered, and advice given over the past twelve months. To those Board Members who inspected gear, officiated at our Carnival, and examined our Bronze squads, we are most obligated.

CONCLUSION. On behalf of the Management Committee, I desire to thank all members for the support and assistance given during the past season. I consider that we have had much success in our varied activities and undertaking ventured during the season.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee,
D. A. MIDSON, Hon. Secretary.

President's Addendum

With the close of the year 1956-57 we have behind us the busiest and most progressive year in the history of the Garie S.L.S.C.

As is always the case, some have risen to the occasion and often by personal sacrifice devoted valuable time to the club, for which I am most appreciative. A few have found that they could not make the sacrifice which their particular office entailed. To those, I say thank you for at least trying.

Experience has taught us that a club is never happier than when it has an object to work for and that is one of the reasons for Garie being a very happy club. Those who are really working for our present object, the new club house, must feel very proud as they see their efforts shaping into what must surely be, for the size of the club, one of the best clubhouses on the coast.

The club is fortunate to have retained enough of its older members to maintain a wise council, whilst the enthusiasm and vitality of its younger members keep driving it on to greater things.

Unfortunately, the key position of secretary had to change hands during the year, but whilst Basil Menogue gave of his best to the club, Tech. studies are a full time job if they are to be worthwhile and naturally one's future comes first. Consequently, Basil found he had to resign. Perhaps when these studies are finished the club will benefit from the experience he has gained.

Don Midson took up the task where Basil left off and from the promise he has shown I feel sure Garie's secretarial duties will be in good hands.

The year coming up will be full of problems, not the least of which will be finance, but I am hopeful that operating from the new clubhouse will instill ALL MEMBERS with the drive so necessary to carry us on to bigger and better things.

LIONEL FORD, President.

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Mr. J. GLASSON (V. Pres)	1	1	0
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Mr. J. HANCOCK (V. Pres.)	10	6	
Mr. F. HOFFMANN (V. Pres.)	10	6	
Mr. D. G. EVANS	10	6	
ANONYMOUS (Total)	5	2	0

TOTAL	£200	3	6
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LIST OF MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS (2)

L. Ford

H. Hawker

ACTIVE SENIOR (33)

K. Barkley	P. Hancock	K. Midson
W. Biggs	B. Hardman	W. Molloy
K. Brown	R. Hoffmann	R. Neville
P. Byrne	J. Knight	J. O'Donnell
J. Casey	L. Law	B. Paton
W. Carle	R. McDermott	J. Sellgren
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A. Field	K. McCubben	C. Trounce
O. Hailey	B. Menogue	G. Walsh
J. Hancock	D. Midson	R. Wilson

ACTIVE JUNIOR (8)

G. Calrow	D. Lewis	K. Pearce
R. Glasson	A. McHugh	A. Wilson
R. Hubbard	G. Meredyth	

CADETS (8)

A. Berry	K. James	L. O'Donnell
R. Bramham	B. McGirty	W. O'Shannessy
G. Glasson	R. McWilliams	

COUNTRY MEMBERS (2)

G. Cornwell

A. Green

ACTIVE RESERVE (4)

J. Byrne	J. Makinson	H. Scutes	D. Stewart
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ASSOCIATE (5)

B. Alfred	S. Musgrave	J. Tierney
E. Crimlisk	H. O'Neill	

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Management Committee: 1..... 2.....

3.....

Asst. Gear Stewards:

Social Committee:

Hon. Auditor: Hon. Legal Adviser:

Hon. Medical Officers: 1..... 2.....

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR SEASON 1956-1957

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

Depreciation Boat	£120. 0. 0	Members Subs.	£32. 9. 6
" Equipment	50. 6. 0	Donations	50. 4. 6
" Club Badges	8. 6. 6	Carnival A/c	94. 3.10
Trophies	47.10. 4	Social Enter. A/c	319. 3. 0
General Expenses	38. 4. 5	Club Transport	11.16. 0
S.L.S.A. Charges	8. 16.6		
Petty Cash	63. 0. 3		
Boat Expenses	103.14. 9		
Club and Boat House			
Maintenance	16. 1.11		
Bad Debts	33. 0. 0		
Inter Carnival Account	8. 7. 0		
Excess Income over Ex-			
penses	10. 8.10		
	£507.16.10		£507.16.10

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

BALANCE SHEET - AS AT 30th JUNE, 1957.

LIABILITIES

General Fund

Balance as at 30.6.56	£368. 5. 8	
Art Union A/C Transferred	343. 8. 1	
Excess Income Over Expenses	<u>10.9. 2</u>	£722. 2.11

Building Loan Account

S.L.S. Assn.	(1) £500. 0. 0	
Members Loan as per Register	(11) <u>440. 0. 0</u>	£940. 0. 0

<u>Sundry Creditors</u>		58.17. 1
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£1,721. 0. 0

ASSETS

Surf Boat

(1) Raffles	£35. 0. 0		
(11) Sir Edward	<u>445. 0. 0</u>	£480. 0. 0	
Less Depreciation		120. 0. 0	£360. 0. 0

Club Badges

Less Depreciation	34.14. 6	
	<u>8. 6. 6</u>	26. 8. 0

March Past Costume

10. 0. 0

Club Equipment

	201.16. 3	
Less Depreciation	<u>50. 6. 0</u>	151.10. 3

Cash in Bank

233. 1. 9

Loan Account

940. 0. 0 1,173. 1. 9

£1,721. 0. 0

I certify that I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and that in my opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the Club's affairs for the year, according to the informations and explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of Accounts.

AUDITOR (signed) B. HARDMAN. 23/7/57.

HON.TREAS. (signed) D. STEWART - 23/7/57.

ART UNION NO.1 ACCOUNT

To Refrig.	£85. 0. 0	By Sale of	
" Commission	91.13. 0	Tickets	£566. 8. 0
Advertising	7. 0. 0	" Donations	10. 8. 0
Postages	10.16. 5		
Stamp Duty	1.17. 6		
Transport for			
Ticket Sellers	37. 1. 0		
Nett Profit			
Trans. to General			
Account	343. 8. 1		
	£576.16. 0		£576.16. 0

BUILDING ACCOUNT

To Bricks	£226. 7. 6	By Cash Trans.	£1,733.11. 4
" Timber	£1,109.18. 7	from Trust A/C,	
" Roofing	1. 6. 8	Loan A/C	
" Hardware	90.19. 1	(1) S.L.S.A.	500. 0. 0
" Cement	73.18.11	(11) Members	440. 0. 0
" Pipe-steel	165.10.11	Donations	25. 0. 0
" Joinery	23.19. 0	Hardmans H. Pty.	
" Excavating	76. 0. 0	Ltd.	50. 2. 4
" Bricklayer	120. 0. 0	Raffles	31. 6. 3
" Wages	514. 0. 3		
" Plumbing	10.18. 6		
" Electrical	16. 1. 7		
" Sundry Exp.	56. 6. 0		
" Balance C/F	294.12.11		
	£2,779.19.11		£2,779.19.11

By Balance B/F. £294.12.11

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