



GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Twelvth **ANNUAL REPORT** *and* **BALANCE SHEET**

FOUNDED

1938

DISBANDED

1942

REFORMED

1946



Season 1953-54

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

Affiliated with the Surf Life Saving
Association of Australia.

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263a Livingstone Road,
MARRICKVILLE, N.S.W.

Notice is hereby given that the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Garie Surf Life Saving Club will be held at the Surf Lifesaving Association Rooms, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, on Wednesday, August, 4th, 1954, commencing at 8.00 p.m..

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A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Officers for forthcoming Season.
3. Endorsement of Club Register.
4. Notices of Motion for which due Notice has been given.
5. General Business.

J. HANCOCK,
Hon. Secretary.

OFFICE BEARERS - 1953/54.

Patron
 Vice Patrons
 President
 Sen. Vice President
 Vice Presidents

Hon. Secretary
 Captain
 Hon. Asst. Secretary
 Vice Captain
 Boat Captain
 Boat Vice Captain
 Hon. Treasurer
 Hon. Social Secretary
 Hon. Publicity Officer
 Hon. Race Secretary and
 Handicapper
 Hon. Chief Instructor
 Chief Gear Steward
 Asst. Gear Stewards

Delegates to S.L.S.A.
 Hon. Registrar
 Hon. Medical Officer
 Hon. Solicitor
 Hon. Auditors
 Hon. Chief Amb. Officer
 Asst. Ambulance Officers

Management Committee

Hon. Architect

Hon. J.J. Cahill, M.L.A.
 Trustees of National Park Trust
 L. Ford.
 H. Crooks.
 W. Cerutti, A. Glass, A. Lane,
 T. Hoffman, G. Johnson, *Miller*
 G. Warnes, D. Miller, *Hancock*
 R. Moroney, S. Walker,
 G. MacKenzie, Prof. Robinson.
~~J. Hancock.~~ *Hailey*
~~F. Hoffman.~~ *W. Casey.*
~~H. Schutes (res.)~~ *D. Formald. Taylor*
 D. Cahill *R. Hoffmann*
 O. Hailey
~~E. Salmon (res.)~~ *G. Munday. E. Salmon*
 D. Stewart ✓
 L. Ford. *T. Houlahan.*
~~L. Ford.~~

~~D. Cahill.~~
~~C. McElroy.~~ *Baskley*
~~R. McDermott.~~ *Munday*
 R. Hoffman, E. Salmon,
 A. Cruise. *W. Wilson*
 O. Hailey, H. Crooks.
 J. Byrne.
 Dr. E. Miles.
 R. Dresser.
 R. Thorpe, R. Cleaver.
 R. Hoffman.
 A. Taylor, N. Martin,
 J. Hancock, O. Hailey.
~~N. Martin, R. Hoffman,~~ *Casey*
~~C. Robinson.~~ *Wormald*
 H. Hawker.

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GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Members,

Garie Surf Life Saving Club,

Gentlemen ...

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Club, together with the audited Financial Statement for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1954, are presented by the Committee, for your consideration and adoption.

MEMBERSHIP:

The total membership of the club now totals 78, in comparison with 72 for the previous season.

Hereunder, is a component list of the Club's numerical strength:-

	<u>1953/54</u>	<u>1952/53</u>
Patrons and Vice Patrons	8	10
Honorary Life Members	1	1
Honorary Members	14	13
Associate Members	4	4
Active Senior	37	32
Active Junior	3	5
Active Reserve	10	8
Probationary	1	1

From the above list, it can be observed that our overall membership has shown a steady increase on last year's figures, but it is regrettable to say that once again, the Junior membership of the Club has fallen in relation to the previous season.

However, with plans which the Club now has under way, for improved accommodation at the Beach, we hope will dupe more

Junior members to seek membership during the forthcoming season.

COMMITTEE:

There were twelve Meetings held by the Club during the past season, to ensure the continued smooth running of Club activities; these were composed of:-

Management Committee Meetings	-	10
Special Meetings	-	2

Hereunder, is a list of Committee Members and their respective attendances:-

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Absences</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
L. Ford	7	3	3
H. Crooks	9	1	1
F. Hoffman	10	-	-
O. Hailey	10	-	-
R. McDermott	8	2	1
D. Cahill	9	1	-
D. Stewart	7	3	3
J. Hancock	9	1	1
C. McElroy	9	1	-
J. Byrne	9	1	-
N. Martin	1	9	-
R. Hoffman	5	5	(Army Training)
C. Robinson	10	-	-
H. Hawker	9	1	-
H. Schutes	3	7	3
D. Wormald	4	3	1
E. Salmon	1	9	-

Apart from the above Meetings, several other Committees were elected throughout the Season from members of the Management Committee, and were as follows:-

<u>JUDICIARY:</u>	J. Byrne, H. Crooks, D. Stewart.
<u>ANNUAL GOLF:</u>	F. Hoffman, J. Hancock.
<u>ANNUAL CARNIVAL:</u>	J. Hancock, L. Ford.
<u>ANNUAL BALL:</u>	J. Hancock, L. Ford.
<u>BUILDING:</u>	J. Stewart, H. Hawker, G. Munday, R. Hoffman, J. McHugh.

GEAR:

During the season, several new items of gear were acquired by the Club and at present, we are very fortunate in having practically every item necessary for the successful operations of Lifesaving.

Our Surf Boat "Raffles", has, since the completion of the season, been undergoing another overhaul, and from reports given by our Boat Captain, should be in first class order for the ensuing season.

The Club is most thankful to the Gear Stewards for their diligence in maintaining the gear at our disposal.

At the completion of the season, a volunteer squad journeyed down to the beach and carried out repairs to both the Boat Shed and Clubhouse, in order to make the buildings burglar-proof for the winter months.

Our thanks are due to O. Hailey and his team of willing workers who painted the inside of the Clubhouse before the commencement of the season.

LIFESAVING:

In an attempt to bolster keenness among Club Members with regard to patrolling the Beach, a Patrol Competition was instituted with the various Patrols competing on a point score basis for a trophy which was presented at the Annual Dinner. F. Hoffman's Patrol ran out winners and are to be congratulated on their performance.

A noted increase in attendance for Patrols must be attributed to this new innovation of inter-patrol competition.

Once again, we are proud to inform that no lives were lost on Garie Beach whilst Patrols have been on duty.

A list of rescues during the season are set out hereunder for your perusal:-

With Line and Belt	17
Without Line and Belt	4
With Surf Boat	<u>2</u>
TOTAL:	<u>23</u>

Artificial resuscitation was rendered to six (6) patients and First Aid given on seventy three (73) occasions.

AWARDS:

During the Season, three Members secured their Bronze Medallions, whilst Three Instructor's Certificates were also gained.

Those successful in gaining awards, are as under:-

Bronze Medallions

R. Wilson
D. Wormald
J. Casey

Inst. Certificates.

A. Field
J. McHugh
A. Taylor

To each of these chaps, we offer our heartiest congratulations and look forward to seeing them gaining even higher awards in the Season to come.

To those who were not quite so successful, we say "don't be disheartened boys, but try again in the coming season".

Our thanks are once again due to our Chief Instructor Colin McElroy, who has carried out his duties during the Season in a most assiduous manner. To Colin, and his team of Instructors, we say "Thanks a lot for a job well done".

Our Congratulations are also due to D. Cahill, O. Hailey, and C. McElroy, on the successful fulfilment of their Probationary Period, prior to acceptance on the Board of Examiners. These Members are now fully fledged Examiners and Garie is most fortunate in having so many Examiners in relation to the relatively small Club personnel.

We exhort other members, particularly those who have just gained Instructor's Certificates, to follow in their footsteps and in doing, so increase our representation on the Examining Board.

CLUB COMPETITIONS:

We are pleased to report that this year's Club Competitions were held in the customary competitive spirit with exciting finishes in several of the events staged.

The Open Surf Championship of the Club was this year won by O. Hailey with Keith Barkley as runner-up. To Owen, we offer our congratulations. He has proved one of our most consistent performers.

Bruce Young took out his first major Club Title in winning the Senior Belt Race. It is indeed pleasing to see fellows like Bruce coming to the fore in senior events after only a few seasons with the Club.

President's Point Score Competition for 1953/54 was won by Rex Wilson, who proved a consistent swimmer throughout the season. Rex was kept right up to the mark by Herb Nightingale, who gained second place honours.

Once again, Keith Larven proved too strong for his opposition in the Junior events, winning both Junior Belt and Surf Titles for the second consecutive season. Big things

are expected of Keith in the forthcoming seasons in Inter-Club Competitions.

Col McElroy was successful in winning the Senior Beach Sprint, whilst Artie Field took the honours for the Beach Events Point Score. Both have been outstanding performers on the sand during the season.

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

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Open Surf Championship	O. Hailey	K. Barkley	J. McHugh
Open Belt Championship	B. Young		
Snr. Beach Sprint	C. McElroy		
Snr. Pres. P/Score	R. Wilson	H. Nightingale	K. Larven
	(23 pts.)	(15 pts)	(13 pts)
Snr. Beach Events P/S.	A. Field	K. Larven	J. McHugh
	(123 pts)	(117 pts)	(106 pts)
Junior Surf Champ.	K. Larven		
Junior Belt Champ.	K. Larven		
Memorial Races P/S.Comp.	A. Cruice	(12 points)	
F. McGlinchey S. Hdp.	C. McElroy		
Syd. Maloney Teams Race	D. Cahill	R. McDermott	R. Wilson,
	J. Salmon.		
Cecil Buck Sealed Hdcp.	A. Cruice.		
Richard Buck Brace Relay	R. Hoffman,	D. Wormald	
Resus. Competition	C. McElroy		
Patrol Competition	No. 1 Patrol		
	F. Hoffman (Capt.),	J. Stewart,	
	J. Byrne, A. Spicer,	A. Taylor,	
	K. Barkley		
Hard Luck Competition	K. Barkley,	J. McHugh (2nd)	
Most Enthusiastic			
Bronze Squad Member	D. Wormald.		

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INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS:

The Club had quite an active year in relation to Inter-Club Competitions. We competed at the State Championships, apart from several Inter-Club Carnivals. Whilst not taking any major honours, we offered stiff opposition to our opponents in those events which we contested.

NO. 1 DISTRICT POINT SCORE CARNIVALS:

Our congratulations are extended to Era for their win in the Annual Competition between, Era, Burning Palms and Garie. As is the custom in the No. 1 District, the competition between the three Clubs was entered into in the same friendly spirit which has been characteristic of these Carnivals since their inception. Although beaten into third place this year, we hope, in the coming season, to have the No. 1 District "Ashes" back in our Club Trophy Cases.

ROYAL VISIT SURF CARNIVAL:

On Saturday, 6th February, 1954, the Club competed at the Royal Visit Surf Carnival, staged at Bondi Beach under the patronage of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip. The Competition was keen and the sea was a "beauty". Our March Past and Boat Crew both performed creditably and the Carnival itself proved to be one of the outstanding highlights of the Royal Tour.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

The 8th Annual Surf Carnival of the Club, took place on Sunday, 6th December, 1953. A good surf was running and we were lucky to have another fine day. It proved to be the greatest Carnival we have staged, with our profits far exceeding any we have had in the past years. As is customary, all Members, both Active and otherwise, rallied round the Organisers on Carnival Day and worked hard in their endeavour to make the day the success which it proved to be. To all

our members and those other people including the Ladies who assisted us, we convey our sincere thanks for a job well done.

ANNUAL BALL:

Our Annual Ball was held this year, at the State Theatre on Friday, 30th April, 1954.

A great evening was enjoyed by all those who attended and Club finances benefited from the venture. For a small Club such as ours, an Annual Ball is a big undertaking, and the fact that we have emerged with a credit balance, deserves credit. Our thanks are extended to Lionel Ford for his efforts in this regard.

ANNUAL GOLF DAY:

The Club staged its Annual Golf Day on Sunday, 27th June, 1954. Although the roll up of members was not all that was expected, those who did go, voted the day one of the best ever. Congratulations to Fred Hoffman for the time and effort he spent in making the day the successful one which it was.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER:

Once again, Allambie House, Audley, was the venue of our Annual Presentation Dinner, which this year, took place on Saturday, 17th July. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. M. Gosling, as the representative of the National Park Trust. Mr. Dillon and Mr. Moroney, representing the Surf Association of Australia, and representatives from our neighbouring Clubs, Era and Burning Palms, and our old supporter, Mr. Ted Buck.

Films were shown and it was generally conceded that a good night was had by all.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

With Season 1953/54 now drawn to a close, it is fitting that I should thank those who have rallied round me in my capacity as Captain of the Club. Club Patrols, although still not 100% perfect, did show a marked improvement after the Patrol Competition got underway. The Club did very well in the competitive field, and whilst not coveting any major wins, showed a keenness which, if sustained, will auger well for future seasons.

To those few members of the Club who still appear to be a bit lax in their duties, I would impress upon you, the need to pull your weight in the coming season, and atone for any failings which you have been guilty of during the past season.

In summing up, I consider the Club has enjoyed a very successful season, and I hope that in the ensuing year, we will achieve even greater things.

F. HOFFMAN,
Club Captain.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

I am sorry to say that the past season was not a very active one on the competition side of the game. This was not due to the fact that crews were not available, but to the fact that the Club did not attend a great deal of carnivals, owing to transport difficulties, etc..

The Carnivals that were contested however, such as the Australian Championships, showed that the crew picked, was quite up to the standard, and if training, would cause a little consternation to larger Clubs, who have all facilities.

However, on the home beach, the boat was put in the water regularly, in all seas, and great credit must go to those members who manned the boat. Not only were they put to a great extra effort, but they also missed chances of trophies by not being able to swim in various events.

I really think that not enough credit is given to these members, and would suggest that more consideration be given in this regard when trophies are presented each year.

It looks like a new boat has "gone by the board" in favour of a new Clubhouse, and in my opinion, a Club's strength is shown in its boat crews, but the "Raffles" has been well looked after and should be a good beach boat for more years to come.

The boat has had much attention during the season, and even now, is almost ready to be put back in the water after reconditioning, due to the efforts of a few of the "keen boys", and I hope in the season coming, more interest will be shown towards the most important factor in Surf Life Saving.

O. HAILEY,
Boat Captain.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT:

During the season, three new members gained their Bronze Medallions and three other members were successful in obtaining their Instructor's Certificate.

The overall standard of the squad was not as high as that of past squads, some members dropping out, replacements and holidays hindering efficient progress, and credit must be given to Keith Barkley, the only Instructor who found enough time and interest to assist with the instruction of the squad which was finally supplemented by two members from the Era Club.

However, with more co-operation from older members and an influx of new members, I feel sure that the high standard of efficiency and teamwork, comparable with past squads, will be regained next season.

Although the principles of rescue have remained the same for many seasons, the methods of resuscitation have altered, and it was pleasing to see the enthusiasm of members to acquaint themselves with the modifications.

In the capable hands of our Captain, Fred Hoffman, the March Past Team was able to compete with credit, in the Royal Tour Carnival. Knuckling down to training for this event, has shown us that if this enthusiasm can be continued, a season of success awaits us next year, both in general lifesaving work and in competition.

C. McELROY,
Chief Instructor.

BENEDICTS:

Heartiest congratulations to Ted Salmon and Bruce Young, on the occasion of their respective marriages, on behalf of all members of the Club.

BIRTHS:

Congratulations are extended to:-

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Ford	
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young	- a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Byrne	- a daughter.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:

With the conclusion of another season not far distant, we must once again thank the Surf Lifesaving 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. Our sincere thanks are also due to our own No. 1 District Supervisor, Mr. J. Vaughan.

APPRECIATION:

Over the preceding 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.

The National Park Trustees deserve our thanks for the interest they have shown in our Club, and particularly, in relation to our present problem, that of constructing a new Clubhouse.

To Messrs. Prince and Bressington and staff of the National Park Trust, we are also indebted, not forgetting Miss L.M. Ballhausen, who has made the National Park Trust Rooms available to us for our Monthly Committee Meetings.

We appreciate the gesture of Coogee Surf Club in allowing our members to use their Club Room for training purposes, and to those members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, who officiated on our Beach, we are most thankful.

CONCLUSION:

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

For, and on behalf of the Management Committee,

J. HANCOCK,
Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM:

I wish to place on record, my thanks and appreciation to all members for once again carrying out in such a splendid manner, the duties which are necessary to keep this Club at the high peak of efficiency it has enjoyed during the year just past.

In a club working as a team, such as this one has, it is impossible to single out an Officer for special mention. I have been in close contact with all Office Bearers and know that they have all given of their best in the interests of the Garie Club.

As is always the case in a vigorous Surf Club, the moment a problem is solved, birth is given to yet another, and the one born during the last season is surely the most ambitious ever to come forward - that of building a new Clubhouse.

This scheme, whilst only in its initial stages, has shown great promise, and the next twelve months must bring forth many obstacles which will have to be surmounted by the incoming Committee.

I, therefore, exhort every member who accepts Office for the Season 1954/55, to do so with a determination to carry that Office out to the best of his ability, through what may possibly be the most strenuous twelve months this Club has had to face.

LIONEL FORD,
President.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Honorary Life:

H. HAWKER.

ACTIVE SENIOR:

K. Barkley
D. Cahill
A. Cruice
J. Hancock
R. Hoffman
C. McElroy
J. Nightingale
E. Salmon
H. Schutes
D. Stewart
K. Wallace
B. Young

J. Byrne
J. Casey
A. Field
P. Hancock
T. Hoolihan
J. McHugh
K. North
J. Salmon
C. Smith
A. Taylor
G. Walsh
A. Spicer

P. Byrne
G. Cornwell
O. Hailey
F. Hoffman
R. McDermott
G. Munday
C. Robinson
R. Schey
K. Smith
A. Thomas
R. Wilson
D. Wormald

ACTIVE JUNIOR:

K. Larven

B. Hardman

K. McCubben

ACTIVE RESERVE:

R. Cleaver
L. Ford
L. Marks

V. Cooper
F. Grainger
N. Martin
N. Watts

H. Crooks
J. Makinson
H. Schutes

ASSOCIATES:

B. Alfred

E. Crimlisk
H. O'Neill

S. Musgrave

PROBATIONARY:

N. Wilson.

HONORARY:

W. Cerutti
T. Hoffman
Dr. E. Miles
G. McKenzie
S. Walker

R. Dresser
G. Johnson
O. Miller
R. Thorpe

A. Glass
A. Lane
R. Moroney
G. Warnes
Prof. Robinson

LIST OF DONATIONS - 1953/54 SEASON.

H. Crooks	£8. 4. 0
H. Hawker	8. 3. 0
L. Ford	5. 5. 0
National Park Trust	5. 0. 0
O. Miller	5. 0. 0
Treasure Island Picture Co.	5. 0. 0
G. Cornwell	4. 9. 6
G. Warnes	3. 7. 0
R. Dresser	3. 3. 0
Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie	2.14. 6
Overseas Students Association	2. 2. 0
The Hon. J.J. Cahill	2. 2. 0
Miss Ballhausen	2. 2. 0
Dr. Miles	2. 2. 0
B. Alfred	2. 2. 0
S. Walker	2. 0. 0
Mr. and Mrs. Musgrave	1. 1. 0
A. Glass	1. 1. 0
R. Moroney	1. 0. 0
E. Buck	1. 0. 0
T. Buck	1. 0. 0
K. Pringle	10. 6
J. Makinson	10. 0
K. Smith	10. 0
Mr. Whiteford	10. 0
Anonymous	2.14.10

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