



GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Fourteenth **ANNUAL REPORT** *and* **BALANCE SHEET**



FOUNDED

1938

DISBANDED

1942

REFORMED

1946

Season 1955-56

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Affiliated with the Surf Life Saving
Association of Australia.

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37 Bellevue Parade,
HURSTVILLE, N.S.W.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Garie Surf Life Saving Club will be held at the Surf Life Saving Association Rooms, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, on Monday, 13th August, 1956, 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.

O. HAILEY,
• Hon. Secretary.

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OFFICE BEARERS - 1955-56

Patron
Vice Patrons

President
Senior Vice President
Vice Presidents

Hon. Secretary
Captain
Hon. Asst. Secretary
Vice Captain
Boat Captain
Boat Vice Captain
Treasurer
Social Secretary
Social Committee
Publicity Officer
Race Sec. and H/capper.
Hon. Chief Instructor

Chief Gear Steward
Asst. Gear Stewards
Delegates to S.L.S.A.
Hon. Historian
Hon. Medical Officer
Hon. Solicitor
Hon. Auditors
Chief Ambulance Officer
Asst. Ambulance Officers

Management Committee
Hon. Architect

Hon. J. J. Cahill, M.L.A.
Trustees of Royal National Park
Trust.
L. Ford
H. Crooks
R. Moroney, W. Cerrutti,
Prof. Robinson, G. Johnson,
J. Hancock, J. Dillon, L. Marks,
N. Martin, O. Miller, S. Walker,
A. Glass, G. Warnes, H. Hawker.
O. Hailey
R. Hoffman
A. Taylor
C. McElroy, (res.) B. Hardman
J. Casey
O. Hailey
J. Stewart
B. Hardman
T. Hoolihan, J. Quinn
L. Ford
R. Hoffman
C. McElroy (res.) K. Barkley (res.)
R. Hoffman
W. Molloy
J. Quinn, B. Hardman, A. McHugh
N. Martin, L. Marks.
J. Byrne
Dr. Miles, Dr. Hardy-Barker
R. Dresser
R. Thorpe, R. Cleaver
R. McDermott
K. Barkley, O. Hailey, A. Taylor
R. Hoffman
D. Wormald, N. Martin, M. McHugh
H. Hawker.

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Members,

Garie Surf Life Saving Club.

Gentlemen.....

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Club, together with the audited Financial Statement for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1956, are presented by the Committee, for your consideration and adoption.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Club now totals 91, in comparison with 87 for the previous season.

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

	<u>1954/55</u>	<u>1955/56</u>
Patrons and Vice Patrons	10	10
Honorary Life Members	2	2
Honorary Members	21	17
Associate	5	5
Active Senior	33	31
Active Junior	5	5
Cadet	1	6
Country Members	-	3

It is pleasing to note that Cadet Membership has increased greatly and this alone augers well for the coming Season.

COMMITTEE:

Ten Management Committee Meetings were held during the past season to ensure the continued efficiency of Club activities and appended hereunder, is a list of Committee Members and their respective attendances:-

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Absences</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
L. Ford	10	Nil	Nil
H. Crooks	3	7	5
H. Hawker	8	2	2
O. Hailey	8	2	2
R. Hoffman	10	Nil	Nil
A. Taylor	5	5	5
C. McElroy	8	2	1
J. Casey	7	3	1
J. Stewart	9	1	1
B. Hardman	5	5	2
W. Molloy	9	1	Nil
N. Martin	9	1	1
L. Marks	9	1	1
J. Byrne	4	6	3
D. Wormald	3	7	3
M. McHugh	8	2	2
T. Hoolihan	5	5	1
B. Menogue	7	3	Nil

Several smaller Committees were formed throughout the Season to handle various matters, and were as follows:-

Judiciary	W. Molloy, H. Hawker, L. Ford, J. Stewart
Annual Carnival	O. Hailey, L. Ford.
Building	G. Munday, R. Hoffman, M. McHugh, J. McHugh, H. Hawker, D. Stewart, T. Hoolihan, B. Hardman, O. Hailey.
Art Union	J. Glasson, snr., L. Ford, J. Stewart, R. Hoffman, T. Hoolihan, B. Menogue, J. Hancock, C. Smith (co-op) K. Smith(co-op)

GEAR

Once again, we were able to present for inspection by the Gear Inspection Committee, a line up of gear, which more than prided a Club of our size.

However, this was not without effort and to our Gear Stewards and assistants, we give a hearty pat on the back for the work done.

The only sour apple was the condition of "Raffles" which, having served us well for many years, had apparently given up the ghost, that is to put it bluntly, would not float.

All early efforts made were futile, and it was not until January, 1956, that the boat could be put in the water with any confidence.

LIFESAVING

It is again that we proudly announce that NO LIVES WERE LOST ON GARIE BEACH WHILST PATROLS WERE ON DUTY.

Keenness was maintained throughout the season, greatly due to the Patrol Competition which was keenly contested.

Patrol attendance, with but few exceptions, was well up to standard and I would go so far as to say, the best for several seasons.

The following is a list of rescues performed during the season:-

With Line and Belt	19
Without Line and Belt	3
With Surf Boat	3
Cliff Rescues	2

Artificial Resuscitation was rendered on five patients and First Aid rendered on 125 occasions.

AWARDS

During the season, six members secured their Bronze Medallions, whilst two Instructor's Certificates were also gained.

Those successful in gaining awards are as under:-

<u>Bronze Medallions</u>	R. Neville	J. Dorsett
	R. Hubbard	R. Glasson
	B. Menogue	A. McHugh
<u>Instructor's Certificate</u>	B. Paton	D. Wormald

To these members, we extend our heartiest congratulations.

It is also pleasing to note that six (6) Cadet Members were in training for Qualifying Certificates towards the end of the season, but unfortunately time ran out and this training is to be completed at the commencement of the forthcoming season.

During the season, the position of Chief Instructor was held by both C. McElroy and D. Wormald, but both officers found it necessary to resign their positions during the season.

Our Club Captain, Robbie Hoffman, stepped into the breach, which he filled nobly and to Robbie, we must say thanks for a most arduous job well done.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Apparently another era has past and new faces were to be seen in the competitive sphere this past season.

The old "Die Hards" faded away and competition was left to the younger chaps who showed the same keenness and spirit that has ever been present in our Club, and to all competitors, we extend our appreciation for the good efforts put forward.

The Open Surf Championship was closely contested with Jack Knight ultimately winning the tussle. It is interesting to note that second and third placings were filled by Juniors in Basil Menogue and Bob Hubbard respectively.

The Senior Belt Championship final was perhaps the closest finish seen on Garie Beach. Once again, Jack Knight was to the fore, with Don Midson and John McHugh filling the other two placings.

Basil Menogue was rewarded for his consistent performances by winning the President's Cup Point Score, following this by winning the Junior Surf Championship, whilst Bob Hubbard bobbed up to win the Junior Belt Race.

J. Dorsett was successful in winning the Senior Beach Sprint Championship, the Junior event going to Bob Neville. Bigger and better things are expected of these two lads.

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	J. Knight	B. Menogue	R. Hubbard
Senior Belt Championship	J. Knight	B. Midson	J. McHugh
Senior Beach Sprint	J. Dorsett	R. Neville	R. Hoffman
President's Point Score	B. Menogue	R. Hubbard	J. Knight
Senior Beach Events Point Score	W. Molloy	R. Glasson	J. Knight
Junior Surf Championship	B. Menogue	R. Glasson	R. Hubbard
Junior Belt Championship	R. Hubbard	R. Glasson	B. Menogue
Junior Beach Sprint Championship	R. Neville	B. Paton	R. Glasson
Memorial Races Point Score Competition	D. Midson	B. Menogue	R. Hubbard
F. McGlinchey Teams Race	D. Midson	B. Menogue	R. Hubbard
Cecil Buck Sealed Handicap	R. Hubbard	B. Menogue	(R. Glasson A. Green)
Richard Buck Brace Relay	R. Glasson	--- K. James	
Resuscitation Competition	D. Midson	A. McHugh	B. Menogue
Hard Luck Competition	R. Hoffman	P. Hancock	K. Barkley
Patrol Competition	No. 4 Patrol		
	J. McHugh, A. McHugh, D. Wormald, D. Midson		
	B. Paton, J. Dorsett		

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Sid Maloney Teams Race	K. McCubben, P. Tonks, D. Midson, R. McDermott.		
Single Ski Race	W. Molloy	H. Hawker	R. Hoffman

Inter-Club Competition

Competition this year, unfortunately, was a very half hearted affair, and whilst we were unlucky in not having transport available, it is felt that Club members themselves showed very little interest.

It is revealed that all efforts to muster a March Past Team failed. With membership of over forty (40), we still could not muster 12 men to march. Pretty poor, don't you think.

However, several places were won by our Beach Team and it is hoped that with a vigorous training programme this following year, we will be more than holding our own with the "Glamor" clubs.

NO. 1 DISTRICT CARNIVALS:

Due to unfavourable weather conditions, etc., the Carnival at Burning Palms was abandoned and the "Pymble" Shield was decided over the two remaining Carnivals.

After a very close struggle, we had the pleasure of bringing home the Shield, with Era running second by a very small margin.

To both Era and Burning Palms, we would like to mark our appreciation for the keen and friendly atmosphere in which the Carnivals were conducted and which are so characteristic of No. 1 District.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

The 10th Annual Surf Carnival of the Club took place on the 1st Sunday in December, and as usual, was the 1st unrestricted Carnival of the season.

The day was marred by bad seas and to add to this, we had boat trouble. As mentioned earlier, our boat "Raffles" was unfloatable, and it was necessary to borrow a boat from Bronte Club for the day. However, unfortunately this boat went down the "mine" and necessitated the loan of a further boat. The Shellharbour Club was good enough to come to our aid, but by this time, our crews, being pretty weary from the already major effort, failed to reach the buoys, and subsequently some of the swimming events were called off.

Apart from this disaster, the Carnival was a huge success and I would like to pass on to all members and other people, especially the ladies and the lads from "Boys Town", our utmost appreciation for a job well done.

BUILDING COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

During the Season, the above Committee, made all out efforts to raise further monies to hasten the erection of a new Club House at Garie Beach.

Once again, offers were made by members and friends to run Games Evenings and these were very quickly accepted.

Games Evenings were held at the residences of Mr. and Mrs. "Binkie" Hawker and Mr. and Mrs. B. Hardman, the parents of Brian.

Inclement weather on both occasions failed to mar the spirits of friends and members, and a very good profit was shown on each function.

To "Binkie", it is easy to thank you and your good wife for the assistance given to the Club, as you are well aware of the appreciation that is felt, but to Mr. and Mrs. Hardman, I would like to convey to you, our most sincere appreciation for the splendid effort which swelled the coffers of our Club to such an extent. Thank you once again.

A raffle for a X'mas Hamper was conducted, as well as Cabarets at the Trocadero and on the Show Boat, and socially, this has been the fullest year yet for the Club.

With the aid of Hallstroms, an Art Union is being run, but as yet, it is too early to see how big a success this effort will be.

TRUTH & SPORTSMAN BALL:

Negotiations by our erstwhile President, Lionel Ford, resulted in an offer by the staff of Truth and Sportsman Ltd., for Garie to benefit by the proceeds of this firm's Staff Ball, which was a fancy dress show held at the Trocadero on the last Thursday in September.

No need to say more. Delighted Club Members and friends flocked to the turnout and were treated to a most enjoyable evening, made even more enjoyable by the proceeds gained.

To the Ball Committee of Truth and Sportsman, especially Mr. Inwood and Mr. Clarke, we convey our earnest thanks for the consideration shown us.

INTER CLUB VISITS:

Following a most disappointing week-end away as guests of Kiama S.L.S.C., a return visit was paid to us by members of the North Palm Beach S.L.S.C.

To provide entertainment for these chaps, an offer by the "Little Garie Social Club" for the use of their Hall was accepted and a "Stag" party in the form of a "Smoko" was held at Garie Beach.

A whale of a time was had by all and was followed by an Inter Club Competition on Sunday, resulting in a clear win to North Palm Beach.

The week end was enjoyed to such an extent that arrangements were made there and then for a return visit to

North Palm Beach and away we went again.

Entertainment was in the form of a dance on Saturday Night, followed by an Inter Club Carnival on the morning after the night before. North Palm Beach again ran out winners and our congratulations go to them for their very good win.

To North Palm Beach, I would convey our appreciation for your hospitality, comradeship, and sportsmanship, and only hope these visits will go on for many a season to come.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DANCE:

This Season, due to the number of younger members, our Presentation Night took the form of a Picnic Supper Dance, and was held at the G.U.O.O.F. Hall, Castlereagh Street, on Friday night, 22nd June.

Trophies were presented by Mrs. Hazel Ford, Mrs. Betty Stewart, and Mrs. Ida Walker, and it was really wonderful to be in a position to allow the ladies to participate in the function.

ANNUAL "SMOKO":

To make up for the Dinner, it was decided that an Annual Smoko be held, and this year, the function was to be held at Bronte House on Saturday Night, 21st July.

This report will go to print prior to the abovementioned date, but I think that all members attending, will have enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

So ends another surfing season. Once again, the beach was patrolled by the Garie Surf Life Saving Club and although patrol attendance was fairly reasonable, the manner in which the patrols were carried out, left much to be desired. As always, it was left to a minority to do the "hard yakka" and I would like to thank all those members who bucked in and did

their bit.

Congratulations must go to all members who participated in the No. 1 District Carnivals. Garie emerged victorious and so will hold the coveted trophy for the next 12 months.

Competition at major Carnivals was very inconsistent. A March Past Team could not be raised and only a handful of members showed any keenness whatsoever. If Garie is ever to be put on the map, a lot more co-operation will be needed between the members and the executive, and those members who take on positions in the Club, must be prepared to carry out their duties to the full for the entire season.

However, despite these few bad points, it must be said Gaire has had a good season and it is to be hoped that with the coming of a new boat, Garie's name will be much more to the fore in next seasons major competitions.

R. HOFFMAN,
Club Captain.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Unfortunately, due to the condition of our Boat, we were unable to take part in Inter Club Competition. The determination of our crews to make the "Raffles" seaworthy, was not always a success and it was a little tiresome rowing the boat out in all seas, having it sink under us, and then swimming back to the beach.

However, half way through the Season, we had made the old faithful seaworthy enough for the rest of the season and I would like to extend my appreciation to our crews for the good job done. We all know there is no pleasure in rowing a boat when you can read a newspaper through the planks, but with the advent of a new boat next season, we can look forward to an enjoyable season in a good craft.

J. CASEY,
Boat Captain

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT:

During the season, six (6) new members gained their Bronze Medallions. Six more juniors started to train for Qualifying Certificates, but owing to the resignation of two consecutive Chief Instructors during the season, training of the squad lapsed. The conduct and co-operation of all members while training, was very gratifying and it augers well for the Club that it has gained such keen young members.

Two members gained their Instructor's Certificates. Although this number is down on previous seasons, it is pleasing to see at least a few members are keen enough to go and become Instructors, and may be, eventually become members of the Board of Examiners.

In closing, I would like to thank all those members who co-operated and helped out with the training of new members. Thanks must also go to Jack Hancock who endeavoured to train a March Past Team, but through lack of support from members, was unable to do so. It is indeed pleasing to see at least some older members still retain an active interest in the Club's activities and it is to be hoped that more of these members come back to the Club in the coming Season, as it is only through their guidance and leadership that the Club will prosper.

R. HOFFMAN,
Acting Chief Instructor

ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS:

Heartiest congratulations to the following members on the occasion of their respective achievements:-

Alf Taylor	Engagement.
Fred Hoffman	Marriage.
Col McElroy	Marriage.
Ray McDermott	Marriage.
Erb. Nightingal	Marriage.
Fred Hoffman	Twins

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:

With the conclusion of another season, we must once again thank the Surf Life Saving Association for the help rendered and advice given over the past twelve months.

To all Board Members who inspected our gear, officiated at our Carnival, and examined our Bronze Squads, we are most obligated.

VALE! JOHN B. DILLON

During the Season, one of our most ardent supporters inside the Association, passed away.

His name is John Bede Dillon, and apart from being a Vice President, was known to be, together with Roger Moroney, among the founders of our Club, back in 1938.

Jack was Publicity Officer of the Association and was also a life member of both Cronulla and North Cronulla Clubs.

To all friends and relatives, go the heartfelt sympathies of each and every member of our Club.

APPRECIATION

Over the preceding twelve months, the Club has received assistance in various ways from many members of the public.

To all these people, I thank you most sincerely on behalf of the Club for their help and interest shown.

We are indebted to the Royal National Park Trust for their interest in the Club and their generous assistance, especially in regard to our prospective new Club House.

Messrs. Prince and Bressington and staff of the Trust, deserve mention for the many ways they have aided the Club and to Miss Balhausen, we must once again show our appreciation for the way she has made available to use, the Trust Rooms for Meetings, etc., and the many other ways she has assisted the Club.

Our appreciation is also extended to Bronte Surf Life Saving Club for the loan of a boat on Carnival Day, to Coogee Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their Club House and gear for training purposes, and to the members of the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade who attended our Beach throughout the year.

CONCLUSION:

On behalf of the Management Committee, I desire to thank all members for the support and assistance given during the past season.

The Season has been a very busy one for the Committee, for apart from the general running of the Club, a full time duty alone, the effort of raising monies for a new Club House and a new boat has been a task calling for much more than the usual effort, and without the Club members full support, would have been impossible.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

O. HAILEY
Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

This year will not go down on record as one of Garie's golden years. Whilst the Club has functioned satisfactorily, there have been many setbacks and disappointments. The boat proved a liability and has been a constant thorn in our side, the weather was probably the worst on record, a vital factor in a Club situated as Garie is, and last but by no means least, the administration has not been up to the standard necessary to produce the best in its members.

The executive has gradually dwindled down until, through loss of old members, and lack of new, too much is being asked of too few.

I cannot impress too strongly on the younger members to give serious thought to the administrative side of the Club. This is a phase of the movement rich in tradition and comradeship which will prove a fountain of knowledge and experience, standing its participants in good stead throughout the years to come. It is only by drawing on the knowledge of the older members that the new blood can fit themselves to fill the gaps left by the passing of time.

I therefore recommend to the younger members, to make themselves available for the management committee with the intention of gaining experience so necessary to carry on the tradition of Garie.

With a keen executive at its head, this Club has the talent to make the next season Garie's best yet. Let that thought guide our actions from its very start.

LIONEL FORD,
President.

LIST OF DONATIONS - 1955-56 SEASON

Royal National Park Trust	£ 150.	0.	0
Metro Publications (Mr. D. Murphy)	10.	0.	0
Mr. H. Crooks	3.	6.	6
Miss Balhausen	3.	3.	0
Mr. H. Hawker	3.	1.	0
Mr. L. Marks	3.	0.	0
Mr. E. Crimlisk	2.	18.	0
Mr. B. Alfred	2.	2.	0
Mr. W. Ingram	2.	2.	0
Mr. A. Lane	2.	2.	0
Dr. E. Miles	2.	2.	0
Billy Mac (Butcher)	2.	2.	0
Mr. G. McKenzie	2.	2.	0
Mr. W. Cerrutti	1.	1.	0
Late Mr. J. B. Dillon	1.	1.	0
Mr. A. Glass	1.	1.	0
Mr. N. Martin	1.	1.	0
Riverview Pty. Ltd.	1.	1.	0
Mr. K. S. Ferman (Butcher)	1.	0.	0
Mr. A. Luck	1.	0.	0
Mr. G. Steele	1.	0.	0
Mr. A. Thorpe	1.	0.	0
Mr. W. Sweeney	1.	0.	0
Mr. R. Paton (Engadine)		11.	0
A Barden & Sons		10.	6
Mr. A. Benn, M.L.C., (Trustee Royal National Park Trust)		10.	6
Anomymous donations		6.	1. 0
	£ 205.	18.	6

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Liabilities

Assets

HON. TREASURER: D. J. STEWART

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR SEASON 1955-56

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Depreciation Boat	25. 0. 0	Members Subscriptions	38. 12. 0
Depreciation Equipment	29. 13. 4	Donations (General)	25. 18. 0
Depreciation March Past	5. 0. 0	Beach Transport	31. 0. 0
Club Trophies	38. 4. 6	Carnival Account	177. 19. 10
General Expenses	19. 7. 9	Social and Entertainment	66. 0. 10
S.L.S.A. Charges	6. 2. 6		
Inter Club Carnivals	7. 5. 6		
Petty Cash and Stat.	84. 7. 0		
Boat Maintenance	27. 8. 9		
Club House and Boat House Maintenance	73. 15. 1		
Bad Debts	6. 0. 0		
Excess Income over Expenditure	17. 6. 3		
	<u>£ 339. 10. 8</u>		<u>£ 339. 10. 8</u>

