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GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



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Tenth **ANNUAL REPORT** *and* **BALANCE SHEET**



Season 1951-52

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TEATH ANNUAL REPORT.

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To be presented to the members at
the Teath Annual General Meeting
at 8 p.m., Wednesday, 6th August,
1952, in the S.L.S.A. Rooms, 4th
Floor, Underwood House, 16 Hunter
Street, Sydney.

OFFICE BEARERS.

SEASON 1951/52.

- ✓ Patron Hon. J. J. Cahill, M.L.A.
 ✓ Vice Patrons. Trustees of the National Park Trust
 ✓ President. H. Crooks.
 Vice Presidents. *Hand* Prof. F. Robinson, Messrs. W. Last,
 W. Cerutti, C. Miller, R. Larnsey,
 S. Walker, A. Lane, G. Wraes,
 G. Johnson, A. Glass, T. Hoffmann,
 R. Hathorington. *McKenzie*
 ✓ Hon. Secretary. L. Ford. *Robinson*
 ✓ Hon. Ass. Sec. H. Schutes. *Robinson*
 ✓ Captain. J. Byrne. *O'Hallory*
 ✓ Vice Captain. E. Hoffman. *Cahill*
 X Boat Captain. C. McElroy Res. 14/1/52.
 H. Hawker elec. 14/1/52.
 H. Hawker Res. 14/1/52.
 F. Hoffman elec. 14/1/52.
 X Boat Vice Capt. D. Stewart.
 ✓ Hon. Treasurer. K. Smith. *J. Hancock*
 ✓ Hon. Social Sec. L. Ford.
 ✓ Hon. Publicity Officer. L. Ford.
 X Hon. Race Sec. & Handicapper. S. Musgrave.
 ✓ Hon. Chief Instructor. O. Healey. *C. McElroy*
 ✓ Chief Gear Steward. H. Hawker, res. 8/10/51 F. Higgs
 R. Hoffmann 8/10/51
 ✓ Gear Stewards. *Salway* F. Higgs, res. 8/10/51, G. Giddy,
Humb R. Hoffmann, elec. 12/11/51.
 X Delegates S.L.S.A. N. Martin, H. Schutes, res. 8/10/51
 L. Marks elec. 8/10/51.
 ✓ Hon. Registrar. J. Byrne.
 ✓ Hon. Med. Officer. Dr. E. Miles.
 ✓ Hon. Solicitor. R. Dresser. *J. T. Cahill (Gen)*
 ✓ Hon. Architect. H. Hawker.
 ✓ Hon. Auditors. R. Thorpe, R. Cleaver.
 ✓ Hon. Chief Amb. Off. F. Tibbles. *H. Crooks*
 ✓ Asst. Amb. Officers. J. Hancock, O. Healey, N. Martin,
 H. Crooks, F. Hoffman. *W. Taylor, Byrne*
 ✓ Management Committee. N. Martin, D. Cahill, L. Marks.
 ✓ Judiciary Committee. L. Ford, Chairman, H. Crooks,
 J. Hancock, reserves, A. Spicer,
 G. Cornwell, D. Cahill.

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

For presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in the S.L.S.N. Rooms, 4th Floor, Underwood House, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, on Wednesday, 6th August, 1952.

Gentlemen.....

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting for consideration, this, the Tenth Annual Report, together with the **Financial** Statement for the twelve months ended, **30th** June, 1952.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership has declined during the past twelve months as the table set out herein will show.

Unfortunately, the drift has been in active members. Taking the probationary into consideration, the active members total six less than the season previous which is 12%.

The deficit is due in some extent, to the executives insistence on quality before quantity, and a policy which has entailed the unpleasant task of withdrawing some memberships.

Conscientious members are urgently needed to swell the active ranks and with this thought in mind, members are requested to bring along any young lad who shows interest in the principals of the movement.

LIST OF MEMBERS:

Active Seniors.

Alfred B.
Brown R.
Cahill D.
Corawell G.
Culla R.
Giddy G.
Hancock J.
Hancock P.

Hoffman F.
Hailey O.
McElroy C.
McKenzie R.
Nightingale J.
Robinson C.
Russell D.
Schutes H.

Smith C.
Smith R.
Smith K.
Stewart D.
Wallace J.K.
Walsh G.
Walsh J.
Webb J.E.

Active Senior Reserve.

Cleaver, R.
Crooks, H.
Cooper V.

Ford L.
Grainger F.
Hewker H.

McKinson J.
Marks L.
Martin A.

Active Junior.

Berkley K.
Hunter F.
Hoffman R.

Larvia R.
Salmon E.
Spicer A.

Young B.
Taylor A.

Associate.

Crimlisk E.

Musgrave S.

O'Neill H.

Probationary.

D. Worlow-Davies.

Honorary.

Cerutti W.
Dresser R.
Glass A.
Hetherington R.
Hoffman T.

Johanson G.
Lane A.
Last E.R.
Miller O.
Miles Dr. E.

Maroney R.
Robinson Prof. F.
Thorpe R.
Walker S.
Warren G.

The following table shows the total membership as compared with that of the 1950-51 season.

	<u>1950-51</u>	<u>1951-52</u>
Active Senior.	30	27
Active Reserve	8	9
Active Junior	8	7
Associate	2	3
Honorary	13	15
Probationary	4	1
	<u>63</u>	<u>62</u>

LIFESAVING.

Once again Patrols proved a worry to the executive.

New Patrol Captains were appointed and patrols formed around them in such a way that, whilst the swimming strength was maintained at a maximum, mates were, as much as possible, kept together with the object of having all patrols fully represented when required.

Patrolling for half a day every third Sunday should not prove excessive to a member who is a keen surfer, and especially if he has the principals of the organisation at heart.

The incoming executive should make ~~this~~ problem one of their first considerations for the season about to commence.

The fact that the beach was always patrolled and a constant vigilance maintained is due to the keen enthusiasm of some members who never seem to tire of working for the Club's benefit. It is largely due to these members that another year can be marked up as free from loss of life while Garie Club patrolled the beach.

To maintain this unblemished record, the following rescues had to be made:-

With line	11	With Surf Boat	5
Without Line	4	<u>Total in all</u>	<u>20</u>

First Aid was rendered in 37 instances.

SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION.

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The committee has tackled its job with keen intelligent enthusiasm, and as a result, the Club has functioned in a smooth and efficient manner.

Many problems arose, but due to the experience of a big percentage of the committee men, who have years of Club experience behind them, sprinkled with a few young vigorous members with new ideas, the problems were solved to the satisfaction of all and to the Club's improvement.

From the committee, a number of sub-committees were formed which carried out the various tasks allotted them and thus spread the work more evenly over the whole committee. Sub-committees were as follows:-

Judiciary:	L. Ford, H. Crooks, J. Hancock.
Constitution:	H. Hawker, L. Ford, H. Crooks, J. Byrne, D. Cahill.
Annual Ball:	J. Hancock, L. Ford.
Annual Golf:	J. Byrne, H. Schutes.
Annual Carnival:	J. Hancock, L. Ford.
Boat Sale (Waratah):	O. Hailey, H. Crooks, H. Hawker.

In all, the committee met in 4 General and 9 Committee meetings, and the table set out on the next page gives an indication of how they were attended.

The constitution requires that the Club shall hold a General Meeting at least every three months. This procedure is adopted to keep the rank and file member in close contact with the workings of the Club, and to provide the executive with an opportunity of meeting the members in the same atmosphere and thus derive the knowledge of fresh ideas for the benefit of all.

Many of the members fail to avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered, and on one occasion, the meeting lapsed for the want of a quorum.

The Committee is not keen to hold these meetings at the Club-house on Sundays, a method which would ensure a quorum, as time is limited with patrols and competitions and it feels members are loth to give their attention to mental problems on the day of rest. Members are therefore requested to consider it their duty to make themselves available for the General Meetings, and thus ensure that these meetings function on the basis of "all for the Club and the Club for all".

Committee Meeting Attendances:---

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Apologies.</u>
H. Crooks	8	3	2	13	Nil
C. McElroy	8	3	2	13	Nil
O. Hailey	7	3	2	12	1
L. Ford	7	3	1	11	2
F. Hoffman	5	3	1	9	3
H. Schutes	7	2	2	11	1
J. Byrne	5	3	2	10	2
H. Hawker	6	3	1	10	1
D. Stewart	7	3	1	11	Nil
S. Musgrave	1	-	2	3	Nil
N. Martin	2	-	-	2	2
L. Markes	2	1	-	3	Nil
K. Smith	4	2	-	6	Nil
R. Hoffman	4	3	1	8	2
F. Higgs	3	1	1	5	1
J. Hancock	4	3	1	8	2
D. Cahill	5	-	1	6	2

LIST OF EVENT WINNERS..... SEASON 1951/52.

EVENT.

WINNER.

Open Surf Championship.	F. Hoffmann.
Senior Belt Championship.	D. Russell.
Senior Beach Sprint Championship.	O. Hailey.
Junior Surf Championship.	D. Warlow-Davies)
	A. Spicer) Dead heat
	B. Young.
Junior Belt Championship.	R. Hoffmann.
Junior Beach Sprint Championship.	J. Nightingale.
Presidents P/Score Surf Handicap.	K. Barkley.
Junior P/Score Surf Handicap.	A. Spicer.
Junior Beach Events Point Score.	J. Byrne.
Senior Beach Events Point Score.	Not decided.
World War Trophy Point Score.	D. Cahill. }
Sid Maloney Teams Race.	A. Spicer. }
	D. Warlow-Davies)
Cecil Buck Scaled Handicap	R. Culla } Dead
	E. Webb } heat.
F. McGlinchy Scaled Handicap.	O. Hailey.
Richard Buck Brace Teams Race.	D. Davies. }
	C. Robinson)
Resuscitation Competition.	O. Hailey.
Hard Luck Competition.	1st. H. Schutes.
	2nd. C. McElroy.
	3rd. E. Salmon.
Golf Championship.	Not decided.
Golf Handicap.	Not decided.

INTRA CLUB COMPETITION.

Competition was once again keenly contested among the members and the new Race Secretary and Handicapper, Stan Musgrave, trying his hand at this type of job for the first time, was just as keen to keep things moving.

Championships changed hands both in the Senior and Junior sections. Darcy Russell retained his belt title to make it two years in succession but did not defend the open surf championship which once again went to Fred Hoffmann. Freddie bobs up every other year or so to mind this title for a season.

The holder, Barry Tate, did not defend his Beach Sprint title and the "sand shifting" crown now rests on the head of Owen Hailey.

The Junior Surf Championship proved a tough tussle which ended in a dead heat between Arthur Spicer and a new comer David Warlow-Davies. The latter however, under Club rules, has to gain his Bronze Medallion before the end of the season to be eligible to receive any trophies won during his probationary period. He failed to "sit" for the examination and the title thus goes to Spicer outright.

It was unfortunate for Warlow-Davies that he did not gain the medallion and had to forfeit four trophies but these rules are made for a specific purpose, and must be adhered to.

Another newcomer, Bruce Young managed to wrest the Junior Belt title from Arthur Spicer whilst Robbie Hoffmann carried off the Junior Beach sprint championship.

Thus the six Club Championships are all held by different members, which shows the keenness of competition in the Club at present.

A perusal of the competition table will show that with two exceptions, the seasons trophies were all won by different members which is a true indication of how members contested these events. The majority striving for a win at every start.

RESULT OF PROGRESSIVE COMPETITIONS SEASON 1951-52.

Presidents Point Score Surf Handicap.

Beach Events Point Score.

Seniors.	Surf	Beach	Seniors	Surf	Beach.
Alfred B.	12	5	McElroy C.	6	73
Bray B.		15	Nightingale	36	51
Byrne J.	5	82	Parker T.	3	12
Brown A.	30	19	Robinson C.	8	26
Cahill D.	18	75	Russell D.	9	45
Culla R.	6	6	Rice J.	2	
Cornwell G.		4	Schutes H.	2	26
Ford L.	11	8	Smith C.	1	5
Giddy G.	5	43	Stewart D.	2	
Grainger F.	10	76	Smith K.	1	
Hawker, H.		7	Wallace K.	4	13
Hancock J.	17	16	Walsh G.	19	12
Higgs F.	9	46	Walsh J.	2	20
Hoffman F.	16	54	Webb E.	1	
Hailey o.	30	78	Wood J.	3	21

Juniors.

Barkley K.	37	94	Salmon E.	32	86
W. Davies D.	15	69	Spicer A.	13	167
Hoffmann R.	12	137	Taylor A.	25	49
Hunter F.	1	9	Walker J.	1	6
Larven K.	16	15	Young B.	19	42

NO. 1. DISTRICT COMPETITION.

The No. 1 District Point Score competition proved the most evenly contested yet.

This competition is run over three carnivals one at each of the three beaches in No. 1 District, and points allotted for main water and beach events, with the Club having the most points after the three carnivals being the No. 1 District Champions. In the event of a dead heat a count back is taken and the Club which has won two of the carnivals becomes the Champion Club.

After the third carnival the position was Garie and Era a dead heat on points, and each of the three Clubs having won a carnival. It was then decided to hold a fourth carnival on a neutral beach - North Era and this to be the decider.

The issue was in doubt until the last event, the belt race, when Garie took first and second places with Era third. Thus the No. 1 District trophy had returned to Garie, but only after one of the keenest competitions held in our area.

MAJOR CARNIVALS.

The Club was again well represented at many of the major surf carnivals, although, due to the D.J. Trophy being for "A" Clubs some of the incentive of the previous season was missing and members while performing creditably still found the major clubs too strong in water and boat events. However, our beach sprinters were well up to scratch and whilst failing to take a sprint out gave a good account of themselves. In the novelty events our members came into their own and had a number of successes. The best day being at Maroubra when they filled first and second in the pillow fight and won the chariot race. To end the season off on a good level, the Captain John Byrne took the major money in the musical flags at the Australian Championship held on Wollongong Beach.

It was a popular win and made the members who have constantly competed in an effort to put Garie on the map feel that it hadn't all been in vain. After the National Event the "Old fella" came in for a lot of ragging every time he lined up for the "flags" event but he finished the season undefeated and undaunted.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

The Annual Carnival was held on Sunday, 2nd December. As has too often been the case, the elements were against us. Whilst the weather was glorious, the surf lived up to its bad reputation, and turned on a howler. The result was that organisation broke down on the water events, when a judge could not be got to the buoys, and all swimming events had to be cancelled. Officials declared the surf too tough for Junior Boat Crews, and the Junior Surf Boat Race was also cancelled.

That a judge could not be got to the buoys was in no way due to the lack of skill or determination by the members concerned.

In the original organisation it was intended to use two boat crews, but the conditions on the day were such that it was deemed advisable to use the Boat Captain, (Binky Hawker) as the sweep and replace crew members as was required.

Boat and Swimming Buoys were laid during the morning but in the afternoon, the elements gained the advantage, and three attempts to reach the buoys with the judge availed the crew nothing but a broken sweep rowlock and sweep oar.

Ironically enough, at the conclusion of the carnival, the crew went straight out and picked up the buoys which at the crucial stage had proved so elusive.

The Fact that the buoys could not be reached was capitalised by a journalist looking for a sensational story and his report of the carnival was written in such a way as to ridicule the Club.

This story to anyone who was present on the beach or who understood the surfing game, obviously reeked with complete lack of understanding of the true facts. It quoted "officials" who made statements, and who could have been "pillow fighters grandmothers" as saying this that and the other. Your executive, in an effort to get a true statement, complained to the reporters Editor but obtained no satisfaction. The matter was then taken to the AJA Ethics Committee, who after beating about the bush for three months, stated that :-

"While the Ethics Committee expresses no opinion on the experience and/or efficiency of the Garie Surf Life Saving boat crew, it feels that Mr. Tarrant wrote his honest opinion based upon his own observation and talks with Surf Club Officials, and in all the circumstances there has been no breach of the A.J.A. Code of Ethics."

The whole episode concluded most unsatisfactorily from the Club's angle, but it was felt that nothing further could be done to erase the stigma.

GEAR.

The season started off with the gear in excellent condition, and a large amount of credit must go to the Gear Stewards for the manner in which they worked, with the hope of winning for their Club, the coveted Nuffield Trophy. The Gear Stewards had to ask for the services of various members and as is customary, on such occasions, these members gave of their best.

The reels belonging to the National Park Trust are showing signs of their age (they are now entering their fifteenth year with the Club) and much work was necessary to bring them up to the high standard required by the S.L.S.A.

Ten pounds was spent on these two reels alone. New straps and a coat of paint were given to the Eve Rocker. Patrol Arena flags were renewed along with several signal flags. A new stop watch was purchased to replace the one lost during the winter months. Approximately £40 had to be spent on new oars for the boats. For the comfort of members spending week ends at the Club House two primus stoves and a pressure lamp were purchased.

The "Waratah" had £120 spent on it to get it back into top order for the last season.

The cost of maintaining gear has been high as can be seen, and a conscientious team of gear stewards can save the Club a good percentage of the expense by their regular attention to the maintenance of the gear.

It is proposed to sell the "Waratah" before the start of next season and an estimated £80 will have to be spent to get "Raffles" ship shape.

Arrangements are well in hand to send it to a "boat builder" and it should be back in good condition before the start of the next season.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

It is my unpleasant duty to report that during the season a bronze squad failed at its first attempt to gain medallions. This was caused, I think, not from lack of ability, but more from lack of concentration, as was shown when the squad realised what was required of them and were successful in their second attempt.

This is something that should not be taken lightly because it is a reflection on the Club, its Instructors, and members.

However, the brighter side of the story is seven new members gained their Bronze Medallions and for this, credit must be given to both C. McElroy and D. Cahill, the only Instructors who found enough time and interest to assist in instruction.

I am pleased to say that the Club has gained these new members and with their continued support, we can look forward to another year of robust competition.

O. Hailey.
Chief Instructor.

AWARDS.

We extend our congratulations to the following members who gained awards during the year.

Bronze Medallions.

Browne A.R.	)	Hunter F.)
Barkley K.	}	Larven K.)
Culla R.B.		Taylor A.)
Nightingale J.	}	6.4.52 at
Young B.		Era Beach
	2.3.52 at	
	Garic Beach.	

CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

It is with a high degree of satisfaction that I submit my report for the past season. During this period the Club has progressed favourably in efficiency and in achievement. Our good record as regards life saving has been maintained. New members were mostly co-operative and obtained their Bronze Medallions in the shortest possible time. The members succeeded in wresting from Era, the title of top Club in the No. 1 District. Also for the first time in the Club's history, members were successful in open carnivals held on a beach other than our own.

The laxity of some members toward patrol duties is my only complaint. These members should remember that to do a job and it well is the hall mark of a man. So next season be a man and do your patrols well.

It has been a pleasure to occupy the position of Captain during the past season, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Vice Captain, The Committee and the Club members.

J. Byrns.
Captain.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

There was not such a great enthusiasm shown for boat work by new members over the past season. This was due mainly to rather consistently unfavourable conditions at the beach which certainly dampens the spirit of those giving it real consideration. However, for the most part, we generally managed to get together a crew of reasonable experience for the duty each week end. There were often times when the crew were put to test -- one such being our Carnival -- but they generally managed to do what was required of them. I would like to cover at great length, the carnival episode from my point of view, the facts of which all our members are quite conversant -- on the merits of the crew members of the day -- but it has been dealt with elsewhere in this report.

We competed in quite a few carnivals again over the season. The boys rowed particularly well, due to their training effort which was done on George's River. Towards the end of the competitions, they were well up with crack crews in tuck stern craft, and should we have had the good fortune to own our ourselves, at the time, I feel victory would have been ours.

Last season, 50/51, we had two senior and one junior crews in training and competing at carnivals which was commendable. However, we could only train one senior crew this season. The reason being, as I stated previously, the lack of enthusiasm shown by new members in this direction. We endeavoured to get another crew going, but when only odd men showed up, we carried on with one crew. I would like to show my appreciation and thank those who did appear, for the interest shown, while regretting that we could not get that required few to form an additional crew. I hope they will continue to show the same interest.

The Club spent a considerable sum on repairing our boat "Waratah" for the season just past, and it stood up to the strain fairly well. However, it has been

decided to dispose of it now for a reasonable sum. This will make an opening for a new and fast tuck stern boat when we can raise the necessary funds.

The "Raffles" is an excellent boat for our surf. Unfortunately, it became damaged towards the latter stages and needs some repair before it can be put to use again. However, that is well in hand.

Oars were quite an expense to the Club this year. As I have pointed out previously, this gear is a great expense, so I would impress upon every member again to exercise care and thought with this equipment.

Finally, I thank the boys for their co-operation generally. Not only the lads who did the rowing, but those who helped load and unload for carnivals, etc., and assisted with work on gear at the beach. There has not been one member in the Club who has not been of assistance in this phase at one stage or another, so I feel sure they will continue with the good spirit shown and encourage those who follow on.

H. Hawker
Boat Captain.

SOCIAL.

The Social Committee did not function during the past year, due mostly to the absence of Ken Smith, the Social Secretary.

Ken accepted the position of Social Secretary under duress. Nobody was willing to devote time to this important fund raising section of the Club at the Annual General Meeting, until Ken volunteered, and consequently, when a private affair prevented him from becoming very active, the social life of the Club was in danger of lapsing.

However, individual members were encouraged by the executive were willing to perform the various social duties, and so long as the organisations were carried out, there was no lack of helpers when the time arrived for jobs to be allocated.

Consequently, the year socially has been fairly successful, extra funds could have been obtained under more favourable circumstances, but taking all into consideration, it is pleasing to close the year as successfully as we have.

Praise must therefore be passed on to the many members who devoted their surfing time to running social competitions at the beach. The bulk of our revenue still comes from this source, and these who made the effort to gather this revenue must feel well pleased with the result.

Jack Hancock took on the organisation of the two major functions of the year when he and Lionel Ford formed a two man committee to run the Annual Carnival and Ball. Jack consistently declines nomination for office and just as consistently chips in and does a giant's share of the work.

Many members could be named for individual effort, but space will not permit this.

The Annual Ball, which was held on Saturday, 17th May, at C.U.S.A. Ballroom was well attended by 280 who were loud in their praise of a "Cracker" night. The patrons were enjoying themselves so much that when it came time to say good-bye they took some convincing before they broke up their parties.

The Annual Golf Day had a visitor, who is fast becoming a regular -- we refer to "Bad Weather". This "character" is present so often at these days, that consideration is being given to either striking a special trophy for his particular division or shifting the Golf Day to another month.

The day was so bad, that all arrangements had to be cancelled, and at the time of writing, it is hoped to hold the Club Championship in conjunction with Burning Palms Golf Day.

The Annual Presentation Dinner, as usual, is too late to be included in this report, being the last event of each year. The place will once again be Allambie House, and the date, 19th July. Arrangements are well in hand, and a good night seems assured.

Intervisitation with Terrigal S.L.S.C.

The exchange of visits between this Club and Terrigal which are considered as two of the high lights of the season were once again received with the usual enthusiasm, and the bonds which tie these Clubs together were drawn closer.

Terrigal visited us on the weekend of 15th & 16th March. This was the week end of the Australian Championships, and the Clubs met at Wollongong, then returned to Garie together. This made the Saturday night show late in starting, but it only made a late start an excuse for a late finish. A competition was carried out on the Sunday, with the Clubs breaking even. Terrigal proving superior in the surf, and Garie gaining the honours on the sand.

The weather was perfect, when three weeks later, we took a good percentage of our members to Terrigal. Their organisation assured us a bumper week end, which commenced on the Friday night and finished on Sunday night, the only complaint being that it was a short week end. Again Terrigal proved they had the John Marshalls and us the John Treloars.

To Terrigal we say thanks for your co-operation in giving our members two excellent week ends during the season.

KINDRED CLUBS.

Burning Palms won for itself a hail of glory when it was successful in winning the Muffield Trophy which was highly contested and they certainly deserve our congrats.

Era proved a worth competitor in the No. 1 District Competition, and whilst keen to retain the District Trophy, were just as keen to retain the excellent spirit which exists between our Clubs. The competition proved a happy one, and whilst not being able to sympathise with Era, we can say thank you for making us battle so hard and make victory so sweet.

SID MALONEY'S AWARDS RETURNED.

At the Annual Dinner, 1951, Mr. Fred Allen, on behalf of Sid Maloney's mother, returned to the Club, Sid's Bronze Medallion and Instructor's certificate.

Sid was a foundation member and one of our first Bronze Medallion and Instructor's Certificate holders. As most members know, he lost his life in the last War, and consequently, we place great value on these awards which have been suitably framed and are hung on the Club-house wall.

We are indebted to Mrs. Allen for returning them to us.

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 in making transport available to the beach etc. Miss Balhousen for the use of the National Park Trust Rooms for meetings and the various services she has rendered during the year. Messrs. Hancock, Hoffman, and Ford for assistance in social activities and the various members of the National Park Trust who are always so willing to co-operate with this Club. To the girls who assisted on Carnival Day, Terrigel visit, Ball, etc. The Glebe Division of the Saint John Ambulance Brigade for their great assistance in doctor-

ing the various members' complaints. To George S.L.S.C. for the use of their gear and Club-house during our training periods; Alf Lane for First Aid Lectures. Ron McKenzie and Col Smith for a photographic record of the Carnival, O. T. Bennett & Son of Newtowna for Window Display; Mr. G. K. McKenzie for photographs. 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.

Cash Donations.

Bob in Boat Fund	12. 9. 3.
National Park Trust.	5. 5. 0.
G. Johnson.	5. 0. 0.
H. Crooks.	3. 10. 0.
A. Glass.	2. 11. 0.
G. Varnes.	2. 8. 0.
H. Whiddon.	2. 2. 0.
S. Walker.	2. 2. 0.
J. J. Cahill.	2. 2. 0.
Miss Belhousen.	2. 2. 0.
E. Smith.	2. 2. 0.
Mr. & Mrs. Finlay.	2. 0. 0.
Anonymous.	1. 5. 0.
W. Cerutti.	1. 1. 0.
A. Lane.	1. 1. 0.
1st Croydon Park Scouts.	1. 1. 0.
J. A. Ferguson.	1. 1. 0.
Mrs. Tracey.	10. 0.

Trophy Donations.

S. Walker.	Open Surf Championship.
A. Lane.	Junior Surf Championship.
G. Varnes.	Senior Beach Sprint.
O. Millar.	Junior Belt Championship.
W. Cerutti.	Senior Belt Championship.
A. Glass.	Senior Beach Events Point Score.
H. Crooks.	Presidents Point Score.
G. Johnson.	Junior Beach Events Point Score.
H. Hawker.	Resuscitation Competition.

CONCLUSION.

It is not my intention to seek re-election as Hon. Secretary for the coming season, and in relinquishing the Office, I do so with many regrets. Being Secretary for a Club such as this has afforded me much pleasure, kept me in almost personal daily contact with many of the members and helped me make many friends, both in the Club, Association, and organisations with which this Club rubs shoulders.

The duties of the office have been made much lighter by those solid members whose hearts are as big as their love of Garie, and thus no task I have placed before them has been too great.

To these members I give my personal thanks and am certain we can still all unite as a combination which has, I feel sure, made Garie as efficient as any small Club on the coast.

Lionel Ford,

Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM.

I am proud to have had the honour and privilege of being your President for the past 12 months, and desire to sincerely thank all Officers and members who have rendered such great service in the advancement of the interests of the Club.

The excellent progress attained in the past season has been due in no small measure to the diligence displayed by our capable secretary, Lionel Ford, and the energetic assistance of the executive Committee in their many arduous duties.

Such continued enthusiasm and hard work can only result in greater achievements further enhancing the reputation of our Club.

To each and every one, I extend my sincere thanks for their support, and exhort them to give that same support and good will to all executives whom they elect for the ensuing season.

H. Crooks
President.

