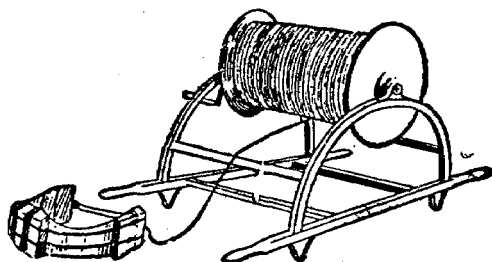


NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION

Established 1932



Vigilance - Service - Endurance

EIGHTEENTH Annual Report

AND
Statement of Accounts

SEASON 1949-50

Over 3658 Lives Saved

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Wellington Education Board's Building, Abel Smith St., Wellington, at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1950.

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Finance: Messrs. B. McIvor (Convener), R. H. Perkins, A. H. Ross, C. Jones, N. Ingram and D. Hunter.

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

Eighteenth Annual Report and Financial Statement

SEASON ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1950

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association
to be held in the Wellington Education Board's Room on Saturday,
21st October, 1950, at 7.30 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting for your consideration the Eighteenth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, your Council expresses the opinion that the operations undertaken during the past season have been most successfully accomplished and the results achieved should be viewed with satisfaction by those who are interested in the progress of our organization.

The year has been an exceptionally heavy one, the activities centering on a highly successful four weeks' tour of New Zealand by a team from the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia, which visit heralded the inauguration of Surf Life-saving Inter-Dominion Tests between the two countries.

The visit made during the period of the British Empire Games represented a considerable step forward in the consolidation of the friendly relationship which exists between the two organizations and greatly publicized the voluntary and self-sacrificing work which the surf life-saving movement is rendering in safeguarding the many thousands of our fellow beings who indulge in the healthy recreation of surf bathing on the beaches of the Dominion.

The results from this tour promise to be far-reaching and of great importance to the surf life-saving movement, and the stage would appear set for the general standardization of life-saving drill methods, which is a most necessary requirement in the general expansion and promotion overseas of surf life-saving as a competitive sport.

Whilst greater interest was taken within the movement in the competitive side of our activities, revealing a higher state of efficiency in life-saving practice and methods, the work of patrolling the various beaches in the Dominion was carried out with increased zeal and purpose in the true tradition of our motto—"VIGILANCE—SERVICE—ENDURANCE."

The success of the work of our organization in its primary object of rescuing those who find themselves in danger in the surf can be judged most clearly by the number of rescues effected during the season under review, and we are confident that the general public fully appreciate the unselfish service which we render to them.

The work of the surf clubs at many beaches is seriously restricted by the lack of finance to provide the necessary facilities and life-saving equipment, and it behoves local bodies and the public alike to give every assistance to the surf clubs in their districts and so ensure the continued operation of our patrol work in the protection of the bathing public, which task is accepted by our members as a self-imposed duty.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

We record with pleasure the continued interest of His Majesty King George VI in the activities of the Royal Life-saving Society and the Surf Life-saving Association.

In a communication to the Central Executive (London), His Majesty expressed his appreciation of the excellent work accomplished during the year and extended his best wishes for the future of our organization.

It is most gratifying to record the interest of His Majesty in the work being achieved, and in re-affirming our loyalty to the Crown, may we express the hope that the reign of Their Majesties will be a long and happy one in a peaceful world.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE.

Your Council wishes to record once again the grateful appreciation of the surf life-saving movement for the continued practical assistance extended to the Association by the Government of the Dominion.

We offer unreservedly our sincerest thanks to the Hon. W. E. Parry and members of the previous Government for the most generous financial assistance which was granted to the Association to ensure the successful conclusion of activities undertaken during the year, which otherwise would have resulted in a serious financial loss being incurred.

The action of the previous Government in making available a substantial grant to assist meet the expenses of the visit of a surf life-saving team from Australia was indicative of the great interest manifested in our activities and this assistance was accepted as a recognition of the contribution which the surf life-saving movement is making in the provision of a public service to the people of the Dominion.

We offer no apology for the acceptance of financial assistance from the Government of the Dominion as the work of the movement is of National importance and is rendered to the community unselfishly and with total disregard of the personal risks involved.

In the administration and furtherance of our self-appointed task, we are entirely reliant upon financial help from the Government, and it is considered that the question of providing the necessary finance to ensure the continuance of the work of the surf life-saving movement should not be a Government one but the direct responsibility of the State.

The genuine interest and enthusiasm displayed by the Hon. W. A. Bodkin, Minister of Internal Affairs, in the humanitarian work which the Association is rendering in the guarding of human life at the beaches of the Dominion is of great value and an indication that our activities will receive the full approval and support of the present Government.

It is sincerely hoped that the Government of the Dominion will extend to the Association the same consideration which has been made in the past so that the movement can continue to serve the people of the Dominion.

VISIT OF TEAM FROM SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

An event of historic importance to the Association was the reception of a team from the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia, the visit coinciding with the conduct of the British Empire Games at Auckland. As mentioned earlier in the Report, the visit

marked the inauguration of Surf Life-saving Tests between the two countries, and in the decision to conduct the First Test of the series of three such contests at Piha Beach, Auckland, on the day following the conclusion of the British Empire Games, it was considered that with the great influx of visitors and the presence of overseas athletes, an excellent opportunity was available to publicize and further the work of the Association both here and abroad.

Generally the visit of the Australian team, which included the topmost performers in that country, created considerable interest not only with surf club members but with the New Zealand public, and doubtlessly the tour achieved a great purpose in forcefully bringing to notice the valuable service which is being rendered by the surf life-saving movement, and the high degree of physical fitness necessary in the performance of our accepted task of protecting life at the beaches of the Dominion.

The Australian team comprised Messrs. V. Besomo (Manager), R. H. Johnson (Captain), D. C. Creswick, A. C. Parlett (Juniors), R. J. Boast, A. D. Johnston, L. Z. Lazarus, R. Matheson, J. Mills, D. P. Morrison and S. S. Wilkes (Seniors), and was accompanied by Mr. George Millar, the Hon. General Secretary of the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia.

On arrival by air at Auckland the party was accorded a hearty welcome on behalf of the Association by the President (Mr. A. Gardner) and representatives of the New Zealand Council and the Auckland Surf Life-saving Association.

Following a short period in Auckland, where our visitors received training in New Zealand methods under competent instructors and also took the opportunity of witnessing various events at the British Empire Games, the party was taken on a tour of the Dominion of approximately four weeks, competing at fourteen surf and five swimming carnivals.

At many towns and cities visited, a civic reception was extended the party by the Mayor, and it is considered that this much appreciated action is indicative of an increasing realization by local authorities of the work being carried out by the Association.

The Australian party and the Association were honoured by the presence at an Inter-Dominion Test Carnival of the Prime Minister (the Right Hon. S. G. Holland), the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. A. Bodkin), the Leader of the Opposition (the Right Hon. P. Fraser), the High Commissioner for Australia (Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C.), and members of Parliament, and we are exceedingly grateful for the privilege granted by the Hon. W. A. Bodkin in extending an official reception to the party. Thanks are also expressed to Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C., High Commissioner for Australia, who entertained the visitors and Council members at an informal gathering at his home.

Throughout the tour the party was accompanied by a Manager appointed by the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association, whose duties also included the control of the New Zealand team selected to contest the Inter-Dominion Test events, and in this capacity Messrs. B. J. McIvor, A. T. F. Stokes and C. T. Jones officiated.

As a result of an offer of full co-operation made by your Council to the Education Department and the Physical Welfare Department, very valuable educational work was accomplished at schools and colleges during the course of the tour. The eleven demonstrations which were conducted at schools by the Australian team were enthusiastically received, and no doubt created further interest in the activities of our organization as well as imparting to the pupils a comprehensive instruction of swimming and surf life-saving.

The tour was an outstanding success, and we are confident that the interest created throughout the Dominion as a result of the

visit will be reflected in not only greater enthusiasm in the present membership of our organization but in a general strengthening of public interest in the activities of the Association.

The Australian team exhibited a very high standard in surf life-saving work as was evidenced in the many surf carnivals in which members competed, and the swimming ability of the team was indicated in the excellent performances registered in flat-water events.

The team, which gave of its best at all times, created an excellent impression throughout the whole tour, and the general deportment and sportsmanship displayed did much to consolidate the goodwill which exists between the two organizations.

The Manager, Captain and all members of the team were most anxious and willing to assist the work of the Association, and their happy and friendly spirit made them very popular with all persons with whom they came in contact.

Both in victory and defeat, they proved themselves gentlemen and true sportsmen, and we record our highest appreciation and sincerest thanks to the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia in sending such a fine team to this Dominion.

We wish to record appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to the Association by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association and its Centres where flat-water events were conducted, and the full co-operation received made possible, financially, visits to these points.

To District Surf Life-saving Associations, Surf Clubs and those many others who worked with zeal and enthusiasm to ensure the success of the tour, our sincerest thanks are extended.

To the Press of the Dominion we offer our grateful thanks for the very valuable publicity which was afforded the Association throughout the tour.

Our thanks are extended to the New Zealand selectors, Messrs. K. Stephen, R. Pelham (Wellington) and S. Mason (Canterbury) for the thoroughness of their work in the selection of our team.

INTER-DOMINION SURF LIFE-SAVING TESTS.

Following on the acceptance by the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia of our invitation to send a team to this country, questions pertaining to the conduct of inter-Dominion Surf Life-saving Tests were mutually examined and after a general exchange of views, a basis of conditions to govern these events was approved, which had the full accord of both Associations.

Teams selected to represent both Dominions comprised ten members, including two juniors, and the eight events, namely, junior belt and surf race, senior belt, surf race, teams' surf race, R. and R. surf ski and beach relay, which were included in the Test programme covered practically all phases of a surf carnival.

Inter-Dominion Tests were conducted at Piha Beach (Auckland), Titahi Bay (Wellington) and New Brighton Beach (Christchurch), the result of each Test being computed on a points basis of 1 point for a win in all events, with the exception of the R. and R., which carried two points.

In the allocation of points for each event, members of both teams had a competitive interest, and in view of the number of events to be contested, the result of each Test was a team effort rather than one based on the individual performances of members.

The New Zealand team, which comprised J. T. Clark (Captain), P. Bevin and P. McNally (Juniors), N. Chambers, M. C. Fearon, B. Oliver, J. A. Ryan, R. J. Simmons, J. A. Watt and E. D. Wright (Seniors), performed with distinction throughout the series, and

although defeated in the First Test at Piha Beach, won both the Second Test at Titahi Bay and the Third and final Test held at New Brighton Beach.

This meritorious performance enabled the New Zealand team to win the Test "rubber" and gained for the Association the Inter-Dominion Challenge Trophy, which was held by Australia, having been won at the last meeting of teams from both Associations in 1938 when a surf race event only was conducted.

This opportunity is taken of conveying to all members of the New Zealand team the congratulations of the surf life-saving movement in the sterling victory recorded, which will do much to enhance the reputation and prestige of the Association abroad.

Whilst the victory was of great importance and satisfaction to the Association, the success was secondary to the resultant strengthening of the spirit of co-operation and friendliness between the Association and the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia.

Throughout the Test series an atmosphere of friendly rivalry was evident between members of both teams, and the splendid spirit in which the Tests were contested was all that could be desired.

The congratulations extended by the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia in the New Zealand victory are acknowledged most gratefully, and the hope is expressed that a regular interchange of visits between the two countries will be possible in the future.

The following are the official results of the Tests:—

1st Test, at Piha Beach, Auckland, Sunday, 12th February, 1950.

Senior Surf Race.		Junior Surf Race.	Senior Belt Race.
1. S. Wilkes (A)		1. P. McNally (NZ)	1. N. Chambers (NZ)
2. R. Johnson (A)		2. D. Creswick (A)	2. D. Morrison (A)
3. N. Chambers (NZ)		3. P. Bevin (NZ)	3. J. Clark (NZ)
4. M. Fearon (NZ)		4. A. Parlett (A)	4. J. Mills (A)
5. A. Johnston (A)			
6. D. Morrison (A)		Junior Belt Race.	Surf Ski Race.
7. J. Ryan (NZ)		1. P. Bevin (NZ)	1. L. Lazarus (A)
8. R. Simmons (NZ)		2. P. McNally (NZ)	2. P. Bevin (NZ)
		3. A. Parlett (A)	3. D. Wright (NZ)
		4. D. Creswick (A)	4. A. Parlett (A)
Surf Teams Race.			
1. AUST. 14			
2. N.Z. 22			

Beach Relay Race.

1. N.Z.

R. and R.

1. AUST. 71.20. R. Matheson, R. Johnson, S. Wilkes, J. Mills, J. Boast, A. Johnston.
2. N.Z. 70.10. J. Ryan, R. Simmons, M. Fearon, J. Watt, B. Oliver, J. Clark.

TEST RESULT.

AUST.	....	....	....	5
N.Z.	....	....	....	4

2nd Test, at Titahi Beach, Wellington, Sunday, 19th February, 1950.

Senior Surf Race.

1. N. Chambers (NZ)
2. S. Wilkes (A)
3. R. Johnson (A)
4. A. Johnston (A)
5. J. Ryan (NZ)
6. J. Boast (A)
7. M. Fearon (NZ)
8. R. Simmons (NZ)

Junior Surf Race.

1. P. McNally (NZ)
2. A. Parlett (A)
3. P. Bevin (NZ)
4. D. Creswick (A)

Senior Belt Race.

1. R. Matheson (A)
2. N. Chambers (NZ)
3. D. Morrison (A)
4. B. Oliver (NZ)

Junior Belt Race.

1. A. Parlett (A)
2. P. Bevin (NZ)
3. P. McNally (NZ)
4. D. Creswick (A)

Surf Ski Race.

1. P. Bevin (NZ)
2. D. Wright (NZ)
3. L. Lazarus (A)

Surf Teams Race.

1. AUST. 15
2. N.Z. 21

Beach Relay Race.

1. N.Z.
2. AUST.

R. and R.

1. N.Z. 72.15. J. Watt, J. Clark, M. Fearon, B. Oliver, R. Simmons, J. Ryan.
2. AUST. S. Wilkes, A. Johnston, J. Boast, R. Johnson, J. Mills, R. Matheson.

TEST RESULT.

N.Z.	....	....	....	6
AUST	....	....	....	3

3rd Test, at New Brighton Beach, Christchurch, Sunday, 26th February, 1950.

Senior Surf Race.

1. S. Wilkes (A)
2. N. Chambers (NZ)
3. A. Johnston (A)
4. R. Johnson (A)
5. M. Fearon (N.Z.)
6. J. Ryan (NZ)
7. J. Boast (A)
8. B. Oliver (NZ)

Junior Surf Race.

1. P. McNally (NZ)
2. D. Creswick (A)
3. A. Parlett (A)
4. P. Bevin (NZ)

Senior Belt Race.

1. R. Matheson (A)
2. N. Chambers (NZ)
3. D. Morrison (A)
4. J. Clark (NZ)

Junior Belt Race.

1. P. Bevin (NZ)
2. P. McNally (NZ)
3. A. Parlett (A)
4. D. Creswick (A)

Surf Ski Race.

1. L. Lazarus (A)
2. P. Bevin (NZ)
3. D. Wright (NZ)

Surf Teams Race.

1. AUST 15
2. N.Z. 21

Beach Relay Race.

1. N.Z.
2. AUST.

R. and R.

1. N.Z. 73.63. J. Clark, M. Fearon, J. Watt, B. Oliver, J. Ryan, R. Simmons.
2. AUST. 71.71. J. Boast, R. Johnson, A. Johnston, S. Wilkes, J. Mills, R. Matheson.

TEST RESULT.

N.Z.	....	....	....	5
AUST.	....	....	....	4

STANDARDISATION OF METHODS.

The adoption by the Annual General Meeting of many alterations in drill procedure represented a definite step towards complete standardisation of surf life-saving methods and resulted in bringing our competition drill more into line with that practised by the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia.

In view of the visit of the Australian team, it was considered necessary that the amendments be brought into force immediately, and to facilitate this decision, provision was made by the Annual Meeting for the temporary repeal for this season only of the Rule which provides that amendments in drill will not be finally adopted until the following season.

The visit of the Australian team brought into clear view the urgent necessity of early uniformity in drill procedure in R. and R. competition, and pointed to the fact that a more realistic attitude must be taken if the problems which associated themselves with standardisation were to be solved in the immediate future. The achievement of complete uniformity of methods requires concessions being granted by both Associations, and a progressive outlook must be adopted and our gaze and thoughts directed to the future and not to the past. We must be prepared to grant concessions, and in any alterations which have to be accepted may we be prompted with the thought that if it is best for the surf life-saving movement, it is best for us.

In the furtherance and establishment of surf life-saving as a competitive sport in other countries, it is imperative that complete agreement in methods between Australia and New Zealand must be achieved and precede any action for the extension of the sport.

At the invitation of your Council, Messrs. George Millar (Hon. General Secretary, Surf Life-saving Association of Australia) and Vic. Besomo (Manager, Australian team) attended a special meeting of the Council held for the primary purpose of discussing questions relating to the complete standardisation of surf life-saving methods between the two countries, and the frank statements made by the Australian representatives indicated that a general desire exists across the Tasman for unanimity of methods at the earliest possible date.

The attendance of Messrs. Millar and Besomo at this meeting was supported by the full authority and wish of the Australian Association, which had requested that from the exploratory discussions held, a report be prepared regarding possible standardisation of drill for presentation by these representatives to the Australian Instructional Conference, which was held last Easter.

It was considered by the Australian representatives that the question of standardisation was an urgent and pressing matter, and with the full support of the meeting, it was agreed that a conference be arranged between Mr. Besomo and Mr. F. H. Jackson (Hon. Instructor-in-Chief) in order that this question could be carried a stage further and a definite basis for possible agreement propounded.

The meeting appointed a Special Sub-committee comprising Messrs. V. Besomo and G. Millar (Australia), and A. Gardner and C. Jones (New Zealand) for the purpose of meeting at Auckland prior to the departure of the Australian party, and the resultant reports have been placed before both Associations and are at present receiving consideration.

It would appear that the stage is now set for the early standardisation of surf life-saving drill, and it is hoped that the work which has been accomplished already towards this objective will result in the realization of the wish for uniformity which has been foremost in the minds of members of the movement for many years past.

PROPOSED INTER-DOMINION SURF LIFE-SAVING COUNCIL.

The question of the formation of an Inter-Dominion Surf Life-saving Council for the purpose of the future control of surf life-saving methods was given full consideration at the meeting of your Council, which was attended by the Australian representatives, Messrs. G. Millar and V. Besomo.

The meeting reached a unanimous decision in favour of this course of action, and it was agreed that the special Committee appointed, comprising Messrs. Millar and Besomo (Australia) and Gardner and Jones (New Zealand), confer in an endeavour to bring such a body into actual being.

The establishment of a controlling Federation of the two Associations is closely linked with the proposed standardization of drill methods, and would represent a definite and progressive step and a move of great value for the extension of surf life-saving to other interested countries.

It can readily be seen that once uniformity of methods has been achieved, this happy position could only be retained through the establishment of an organization on which both Associations are equally represented, which body could successfully deal with future alterations in drill and the production of a common drill handbook.

It is pleasing to record that the Instructional Conference of the Australian Association adopted a resolution fully supporting the formation of an Inter-Dominion Council and confirmed the appointment of the special Sub-committee elected at the meeting of your Council.

Further consideration to the question and the settlement of various details which arise in the formation of the proposed Council are being given the attention of the Sub-committee, together with the preparation of an acceptable Constitution, and it is intended that a report be made to both Associations for consideration at the 1951 Conference.

At this stage it is not possible to record progress of the work which has already been accomplished towards the realization of the above objective, other than to report that the Committee's work is proceeding satisfactorily.

RESCUES.

The humanitarian service which is rendered by surf life-saving clubs to the public of the Dominion is well illustrated by the rescues reported during the season.

The protection of life at the beaches is the main function of our clubs, and in order to provide this service, it is necessary for club members to voluntarily undertake extensive training in order to equip themselves with the required knowledge to successfully effect a rescue, whatever may be the conditions.

The patrol work undertaken by club members at the beaches on which we operate is a valuable security to the public, and the total number of rescues effected by surf patrols during the year gives ample indication of the possible loss of life if this service to the community were withdrawn.

The total reported rescues as set out below, whilst being incomplete, represents an achievement of which the Association can well be proud.

Having full confidence in the reports received from surf clubs, we can claim that the rescues are genuine, well knowing that there is nothing to be gained by inflating the figures.

Rescues with line and reel	....	....	....	....	46
Rescues without line and reel	....	....	....	....	60
Rescues with surf ski	....	....	....	....	31
Rescues with surf boat	0
Rescue with surf canoe	1
Rescues by means not specified	6

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Of the number rescued, a total of 29 required resuscitation treatment, which indicates that the persons concerned would almost certainly have lost their lives had it not been for the efficiency and vigilance of the surf patrols.

In addition to the above rescues, a total of 211 persons were given first-aid treatment on the beaches, which indicates the extent to which the services of our members are utilised and the community service offered by the surf life-saving movement.

The congratulations and thanks of the Association are extended to the various clubs and their members in the splendid work accomplished in the interest of public safety during the year.

TOTAL REPORTED RESCUES.

The above figure of 144 reported rescues for the past season added to the number of rescues effected (3514) since the formation of the Association, brings the total number of reported rescues to 3658.

This figure clearly indicates the great humanitarian service which is rendered voluntarily to the public by the surf life-saving movement and is a tribute to the efficiency of our clubs.

SURF AWARDS.

The surf life-saving awards for which examinations are conducted by the Association are the Instructors' Certificate, Surf Bronze Medallion and Junior Surf Award, and from the number of these awards gained each year an excellent indication is obtained of the progress of the movement.

The Surf Bronze Medallion is the recognised emblem of the fully-qualified life-saver, and following the decision of the last Annual General Meeting. it is now compulsory for all members taking part in surf life-saving competition to be holders of this award.

The merit of this decision was reflected in very great interest which was displayed by surf club members in the obtaining of awards, and resulted in a total of 173 being gained, which constitutes an all-time record for the Association. This figure is some 65 in excess of the previous season, and the result reflects the highest credit on club instructors. This instructional work is of paramount importance to the movement, and it is pleasing to note that 14 members qualified for the Instructors' Certificate, which also constitutes a record.

A summary of the total awards gained during the year is as follows:—

	In- structors'	Surf Bronze.	Junior Surf.
Auckland District Association	3	51	0
Taranaki District Association	0	8	2
Wellington District Association	3	27	0
Canterbury District Association	2	24	0
Otago District Association	3	20	0
Individual Clubs	3	43	0
Total	14	173	2

LONDON TROPHY.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATOR FOR SEASON 1949-1950.

The lack of returns from many clubs has prevented me supplying as good a picture of our work as the previous year, and yet I know it has been a much better season. I realise to the full that the secretaries of each district find it difficult to contact many club secretaries in the off-season, but the number of "no-return" entries in the enclosed table is most disappointing, especially as some of these delinquent clubs are really strong and active, as surf award results will show.

However, the winner of the trophy this year (Auckland Association) has put up a magnificent record, not only in results, but also in having their club returns all completed and in at an early date.

Now, as I am also Registrar of Awards, in order to gain a truer picture of our national position, I have inserted in the main table attached hereto the number of Surf Awards actually gained according to the examination cards presented during the season. This main table of Awards indicates the true position as far as Surf awards are concerned, and shows an all time record, but members will notice that these figures do not fully agree with those in the second table, "Summary of Awards." The rules for the London Trophy provide that it shall be computed on the returns as furnished. Due to the failure of some clubs to furnish their returns, and incorrect ones from others, we have claims for inclusion of only 117 Surf Awards, no Junior Awards, and 7 Instructors' Awards, whereas the true position, as the main table indicates, is 173 Surf Awards, 2 Junior Awards, and 14 Instructors' Awards.

It will be readily realised that had these awards been all claimed in the club returns the whole picture of the competition would have been altered. It is worthy of note that the rules of the Association provide for a fine against clubs failing to supply returns by May. These returns provide vital statistics enabling the whole working of the Association to be accurately gauged, and include a listing of all rescues. They are therefore not just required as a matter of routine, but are of vital importance, and I have to suggest that some thought should be given at the Annual Conference as to ways and means to remedy this present weakness.

The most gratifying result has been in the number of Surf Awards gained this year, 173 as against 108 last year. Another pleasing feature has been the increase in Surf Instructors Awards from 6 last year to 14 this year. While speculation is of little value, it is worth while mentioning that if five of the individual clubs had put in their returns they could perhaps have closely challenged Auckland's high total, for they certainly did well in Surf Awards this season.

There is one disquieting feature of our work, and that is the failure to hold active members. One could safely have expected a building up in total of the active members since the cessation of war, but it has not been as noticeable as would have been hoped for.

While Auckland gained 57 new members, its losses cancelled out all but 12 of these. Similarly, while Canterbury and Otago gained 64 and 22 new members respectively, their total of active members shows a net loss of 11 and 40 respectively over last year. Maybe this is not quite as bad as it seems at first glance, as the reason for these seeming losses may be in the gradual elimination from the totals of older members not now participating in club activities, so that we are approaching a stage when our returns for "active members" only indicate the really active members, upon whom the clubs rely for patrols and other club duties. This condition is desirable, and gives a truer picture of our strength.

The actual points gained by each centre in this competition is given in the third table, and the points allocated for each individual award is indicated at the head of each column.

This report cannot conclude without an expression of thanks to the Head Centre of the R.L.S.S. not only for the trophy, but for the substantial annual grant that goes with it.

J. D. HUNTER, Adjudicator.

11th September, 1950.

LONDON TROPHY POINTS.

	New Members.	R.L.S.S. Bronze.	Surf Awards	Junior Surf	Instructor Awards	New Clubs	TOTAL	PLACE
Auckland	57	108	153	—	15	—	333	1st
Canterbury	64	14	66	—	—	10	154	2nd
Wellington	* 31	40	48	—	10	—	129	3rd
Otago	32	28	51	—	10	—	121	4th
Taranaki	* 21	16	24	—	—	—	61	5th
Individual	* 3	12	9	—	—	—	24	

*Incomplete returns.

SUMMARY OF AWARDS.

As in London Trophy Returns.

	Clubs	New Members	R.L.S.S. Bronze	Surf Award	Junior Surf	Instructors Award	New Clubs	Active Members
Auckland	15	57	54	51	—	3	—	250
Taranaki	* 9	21	8	8	0	—	—	*
Wellington	* 7	31	20	16	—	2	—	*
Canterbury	6	64	7	22	—	0	1	273
Otago	5	32	14	17	—	2	—	129
Individual	* 7	3	6	3	—	0	—	*

*Returns from Clubs incomplete.

	Active Members	New Members	R.L.S.S. Bronze	Surf Award	Junior Surf Award	Surf Instructors	New Clubs
Eastern United	22	6	—	1	—	—	—
Kare Kare	16	3	3	4	—	—	—
Milford	7	1	—	1	—	—	—
Milford Girls	18	4	4	—	—	—	—
Mt. Maunganui	6	1	—	—	—	—	—
Muriwai	24	7	13	11	—	1	—
Nth. Wairoa	14	1	—	—	—	—	—
Nth. Piha—In recess.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nth. Shore	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Omanu	20	2	—	—	—	—	—
Piha	40	14	4	5	—	1	—
Takapuna	20	2	3	4	—	—	—
Waihi	24	—	4	6	—	—	—
Waitemata	16	6	6	4	—	1	—
Whakatane	20	10	15	15	—	—	—
Auckland Totals	250	57	54	51	—	3	—
East End	29	7	1	2	—	—	—
Fitzroy	44	9	3	4	2	—	—
N.P. Old Boys	11	3	4	2	—	—	—
Opunake	14	2	—	—	—	—	—
Patea—In recess.	Inglewood—No return.		Waitara—No return.				
N.P. High School.—No return.			Ohawe—No return.				
Taranaki Total	—	21	8	8	2	—	—
Island Bay	56	13	3	8	—	1	—
Lyall Bay	35	—	2	3	—	—	—
Maranui	No return		—	8	—	1	—
Paekakariki	13	6	5	2	—	—	—
Titahi	14	—	4	2	—	—	—
Well. Ladies	14	2	2	—	—	—	—
Worser Bay	30	10	4	4	—	1	—
Wellington Totals	—	31	20	27	—	3	—
New Brighton	87	11	—	6	—	—	—
Nth. Beach	28	7	2	1	—	—	—
South Brighton	50	2	2	6	—	1	—
Sumner	46	4	3	6	—	—	—
Taylors Mistake	30	8	—	5	—	1	—
Waimairi	32	32	—	—	—	—	1
Canterbury Totals	273	64	7	24	—	2	—
Balclutha	10	2	—	—	—	—	—
Brighton	14	1	—	—	—	—	—
Oreti	24	9	5	6	—	1	—
St. Clair	56	11	—	8	—	1	—
St. Kilda	25	9	9	6	—	1	—
Otago Totals	129	32	14	20	—	3	—
Foxton	9	3	6	3	—	—	—
Wainui	No return		—	8	—	—	—
Castlecliff—No return.			—	—	—	—	—
Greymouth	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gisborne	No return		—	14	—	2	—
Te Awa	No return		—	6	—	1	—
Palmerston Nth.	No return		—	12	—	—	—
Individual Totals	—	3	6	43	—	3	—
Grand Totals	*	208	109	173	2	14	1

*Incomplete.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT.

In last year's Annual Report a most complete survey of Gear and Equipment was given in detail, giving a very comprehensive picture of the large amount of gear and equipment which is located at vital points on the beaches around New Zealand, to ensure an efficient life-saving service to the public.

The inspection of each Life-saving Club and its gear and equipment entails an enormous amount of time and travel by the District Gear Inspectors, and, of course, a considerable amount of expense to make the coverage.

It was found from last year's general inspection that an amended type of Gear Inspection Report Form would be an advantage; unfortunately this new Form was not possible this year. The past Season has been a most difficult one for the Association owing to the visit to New Zealand of an Australian Representative Surf Team, which naturally placed a heavy demand on officials and also caused a heavy strain on the finances of the Association, resulting in a cutting to the minimum of all expenditure. The supply of all Life-saving gear and equipment to Clubs was maintained during the year, covering all essential requirements.

Although individual gear inspections were not carried out in all districts and Clubs this year, a very careful check was made and all gear and equipment is now in good order, any additional equipment required being supplied.

Three new Life Saving Clubs have commenced operation during the year, bringing the total to 51 active Life Saving Clubs.

To give an indication of the public bathing beaches covered by Life Saving Clubs, there are 16 Clubs affiliated to the Auckland District Association, which covers the largest area, extending from Northern Wairoa on the west coast to Whakatane on the east coast; Taranaki District Association has 7 Clubs, from Waitara to Patea; Wellington District Association has 7 Clubs from Paekakariki down the coast and including the metropiltan beaches. From Wanganui to Paekakariki there are 4 Clubs and on the East Coast from Gisborne to Napier there are 3 Clubs. These 7 Clubs are affiliated to the Association as North Island Individual Clubs. Canterbury Association has 6 Clubs, all situated on the very popular beaches around Christchurch; Otago District Association has 5 Clubs, the Oreti Club being near Invercargill and the remainder situated on the popular Dunedin beaches. The West Coast has 3 Clubs, at Greymouth, Runanga and Westport, and these Clubs are affiliated as South Island Individual Clubs.

The N.Z.S.L.S.A. has at present 5 District Associations, and with the ever-growing interest in our work of reducing the number of drownings on our beaches, the formation of two additional District Associations is now well in hand, one on the West Coast and the other on the East Coast of the North Island.

Reels: Last year's inspection showed that there were 130 life-saving reels in use. During the year 17 more life saving reels were added to this number. The inspection of reels at the National Championship confirmed the high standard of this important item of life saving equipment.

Lines: The inspection last year showed that there were 138 life lines in use. During this year a further 13 lines were issued;

this depleted the present stock of cotton lines. Your Association had difficulty in obtaining supplies of cotton lines owing to the unstable market, brought about by the present world conditions, and was also faced with an advancing market price. However, we were successful in placing an order for lines with the Association's usual contractor, and the price will be at date of shipment, but it will definitely be an advance on previous prices. Associations will be advised immediately on receipt of details re shipping. Each District Association is expected to advise their requirements immediately, as per the Circular already issued.

These life lines will be similar to those used by the Australian Association, having a visible red strand woven in the line. New Zealand has always had an identification red strand woven in the lines, but it was in the centre of the line and not visible. The new line will have the advantage of being easily recognisable and should reduce the action of vandals in cutting part of life lines.

Belts: Last year's inspection disclosed that there were 173 Life Belts in use by Clubs; during the year a further 30 belts were issued, bringing the total to 203 life belts. An analysis of these belts shows that 98 per cent. of this equipment in use are of the "Ross" safety belt type. The No. 4 type "Ross Safety Belt N.Z." has been adopted by the Australian Surf Life-saving Association as standard equipment. The New Zealand Association in February last shipped to Australia a supply of these safety belts with detailed description, care and manufacture. During a visit of the Australian Surf Team to New Zealand a conference was held with Messrs. G. Millar and Vic Besomo covering safety life belts. Samples of all belts, covering the development of the "Ross" safety life belt were shown and and discussed, including a belt having a "down pull" safety pin. A modification to this belt was suggested and a sample was made and despatched to Australia. The whole of the discussions have been transmitted to the Australian Association, and, with a pooling of ideas, a perfect safety life belt should result.

It is of interest to note that the first "Ross Safety Life Belt" was issued in New Zealand to a Club in March, 1939, and since that date 187 safety belts have been issued. The advantages of a safety release life belt are known to most Surf Life-saving Club members and the fact that should the Beltman get into difficulties, or his life line become entangled in an obstruction, he has merely to pull the safety pin of the life belt and the life belt will then break, releasing the swimmer from the belt and neck strap, thus eliminating a potential danger to the life of the person using the life belt. If this safety life belt eliminates that danger—which it has done on many occasions—then the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association has reason to be proud of its part in the development of safety life belts.

Surf Canoes: A smaller type of surf boat, first introduced two seasons ago, and becoming popular, was very useful to Clubs. At this season's National Surf Championships, surf canoes appeared for the first time in competition. The fact that weather conditions were severe was all to the good, as it showed up defects in construction and the handling of the craft. From this experience the future will no doubt bring forth improvements in both respects.

Surf Skis: These have become an essential part of Life-saving equipment and more skis have been added to last year's total of 51. Whilst the Association has drawings of a popular design,

still more modifications in design have this year appeared and the Australian Surf Team brought to New Zealand yet another design. No doubt a ski which is most suited to New Zealand conditions will be evolved, taking into consideration the closer relation desirable with the Australian Surf Association.

Club Houses: Without a Club House, proper patrol of bathing beaches and care of equipment cannot be attained. Last year's Gear Inspection Reports show that the estimated value of the 48 Club Houses is £23,250, made up as follows:—

26 Club Houses at value up to £500.

10 Club Houses at value over £500 up to £1000.

7 Club Houses at value over £1,000 up to £1,750.

With the addition of the 3 new Clubs formed this season, only one comes into the higher value. It is the lower value group which the Association is concerned with. Of the 26 Clubs in the lower value group, quite a number, while situated on popular bathing beaches, have totally inadequate housing facilities for the proper carrying out of their patrol duties and giving protection to the necessary valuable gear and equipment, and also to provide first aid and dressing accommodation. Urgent action will have to be taken during the coming year to provide improved Club Houses. The Surf Life Saving Club members have been and are willing to give their services, time and risk to provide a humanitarian service to the public and willing further to contribute their share to provide an efficient service. It is up to the public, local bodies or governing body to help to maintain the record of few drownings on patrolled bathing beaches.

We must extend our thanks to the Association's Contractors for their untiring efforts and co-operation in obtaining the supply and delivery of the Association's gear and equipment. Without their support and assistance the Association would not have been able to keep the equipment of Clubs at the very high standard it is today.

GEAR ISSUED, 1949-1950 SEASON.

Reels	.....	5
Reel Covers	.....	2
Reel Fittings	.....	3
Lines	.....	13
Belts, No. 4 Safety	.....	28
Belts, No. 3 Safety	.....	2
Boat Life Belts—H.W.4—Aust.4	.....	8
Duke-canoe Drawings	.....	2
Ski Drawings	.....	5
Hollow Board Drawings	.....	4
Patrol Flags & Beach Markers	.....	47
Ballot Marbles—Sets	.....	34

OUTSTANDING ORDERS FOR GEAR.

Reels	.....	Nil
Lines	.....	Nil
Belts	.....	Nil

STOCK AT END OF SEASON.

Reels	.....	1
Lines	.....	Nil
Belts, No. 4 Safety	.....	7
Belts No. 1 Cork, for Box Line—New	.....	1
Belts, No. 1 Cork for Box Line—Second-hand	.....	6

GEAR ON ORDER FOR ASSOCIATION.

Reels	.....	6
Lines	.....	24
Belts, No. 4 Safety	.....	Nil

Gear and Equipment at N.Z. Championships: The equipment assembled at the 1950 Championships represented the largest number of Reels, Lines, Belts, Skis, and Canoes ever brought together at a Surf Carnival. Each year Championship entries increase and the problem of transporting this ever-increasing quantity of gear and equipment to and from Championships is a problem for Clubs and Officials.

With very few exceptions the whole of the teams' equipment was in excellent order and condition. The various Clubs are to be complimented on the excellent manner in which they turned out their reels, in most cases freshly painted, fittings re-chromiomed, lines properly wound and fastened to belts. Practically all belts were of the "Ross" Safety Life Belt type and attention is drawn to the importance of cleanliness with this type of safety belt. Its proper function might be affected if the safety device is not regularly inspected and kept free of verdigris, dirt and sand. Like the Air Force parachute pack, its efficiency involves a regular check before use. A life might depend on the efficiency of both the life belt and the parachute pack's safety release device, and in both it is up to the user to see that the safety release is in working order before the apparatus is used. In the case of the parachute, this is a definite routine job and the time has now come for the Association to consider a definite routine and belt check.

The following is a summary of the equipment inspected:—34 Reels, 34 Life Lines, 36 Life Belts—All Safety. (28 No. 4; 8 No. 3) 12 Surf Skis, 5 Canoes.

PREVENT DROWNING CAMPAIGN.

During the season the New Zealand Government sponsored a Prevent Drowning Campaign with the object of bringing before the notice of the public the dangers associated with bathing in an endeavour to reduce the high rate of loss of life by drowning which has been only too apparent over the past years.

The scheme received the approval and support of your Council, and full co-operation was extended the activities of the Prevent Drowning Committee, which was formed by the Department of Internal Affairs to control the campaign. The Association was represented on this Committee through the National Committee of Swimming and Life-saving.

An extensive scheme of public education on a nation-wide basis was undertaken, and by means of radio, Press advertising, printed posters and stickers the campaign was carried to every home in the Dominion.

The wide publicity which the activities of the surf life-saving movement received represented the greatest impetus the movement has received since its inception, and as a result the public as a whole are more conscious than ever before of the humanitarian work which we are doing in the interest of their safety at the beaches of the Dominion. Following the instructions of the Annual Meeting, your Council adopted as standard equipment red and yellow sector indicators for the purpose of marking the safe patrolled area for bathing and also for conveying to the public the fact that a surf club patrol was on duty, and the nature of these indicators was featured and given considerable publicity during the period of the campaign. A complete set of the approved patrol and beach indicators was forwarded to all active life-saving clubs prior to the Christmas holiday period, and it is pleasing to record that these indicators were placed in immediate use at all beaches where surf clubs operate.

We acknowledge most sincerely the special grant received from the New Zealand Government through the Prevent Drowning Campaign Committee for the purpose of meeting portion of the cost of these indicators, which enabled the Association to supply same to club free of all charges, and ensured that the indicators would be available for use by clubs, in order that full support could be given to the Campaign.

In the past it has been particularly noticeable that the great majority of the rescues made by surf clubs have been effected outside the patrolled beach area, and if the public could be educated to confine their swimming activities to water areas marked as safe and patrolled by life-saving clubs, then a great purpose will have been accomplished. It is a fact that to the knowledge of your Council, not a life has been lost by actual drowning in a beach area patrolled by a surf club since the formation of the Association in 1932, which indicates the security which is available through the voluntary service of the movement to persons who bathe in these marked areas.

The immediate results of the campaign from our viewpoint are most difficult to assess at this stage, but the activities of the Prevent Drowning Committee have the full accord of the Association, and it is the opinion of your Council that the continuation of the Campaign next season is not only desirable but of great importance to the community.

SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

The administration and control of the surf life-saving movement of Australia was completely re-organised at the commencement of the season in the liquidation of the New South Wales Head Centre of the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia, on which body this Association had representation by three delegates with full voting power.

The Head Centre, on which over 130 delegates were entitled to be present and vote, including representatives of other Australian States, New South Wales Branches and Surf Clubs, was replaced by a National Council on which all States have one delegate only with voting power, with the addition of a President, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Chief Superintendent, each with a vote, and an Hon. Registrar, without a vote.

The question of representation by New Zealand on the National Council was referred to the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia, and following discussions which took place in this country with the Australian representatives during the visit of the Australian team, provision was made in the Constitution of the National Council to permit affiliation by the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association, which would entitle a New Zealand representative, without voting power, to attend meetings of the National Council.

The Instructional Conference of the Australian Association decided that an invitation be extended to this Association to affiliate in the terms stated above, and at the present time your Council is awaiting receipt of a copy of the Constitution of the National Council for consideration prior to acceptance of the invitation and the appointment of a representative. It is hoped that this Constitution will be available in the near future in order that the question of affiliation may be finalised at the earliest possible date.

VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND TEAM TO AUSTRALIA, 1952.

An invitation has been received from the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia to send a surf life-saving team to Australia early in 1952, and this invitation has been accepted tentatively, a final decision to be made on the 30th June, 1951.

Your Council appointed a special Sub-committee to examine all questions which must receive consideration prior to final acceptance of this invitation, and this Committee has already met and a full report presented to the Council.

It would appear that the raising of the necessary finance will dictate the acceptance or otherwise of this invitation, and action has already been taken with the object of obtaining the required moneys.

It is considered that a special fund should be created for the purpose of conducting tours of visiting teams and of sending teams overseas, and the question of imposing a small annual levy on all financial members of clubs to form the nucleus of this fund will be placed before the Annual General Meeting.

It is apparent that the required finance to send a team to Australia in 1952 must be found within the movement, and in view of the desire for a regular interchange of visits between the two countries, it is hoped that any effort made by your Council to meet the costs associated with the acceptance of the present invitation will meet with the wholehearted support of the movement.

GRANTS UNDER PHYSICAL WELFARE ACT.

Over the past years very necessary financial assistance has been granted direct to surf life-saving clubs of the Dominion by medium of Government grants under the Physical Welfare Act 1937, the amounts paid being in the form of a subsidy on funds raised by the clubs themselves. The decision of the present Government to curtail such grants is a serious one as far as the surf life-saving movement is concerned and will add further difficulties in the provision of adequate building accommodation and in meeting the high replacement costs of surf life-saving equipment.

It is impossible for clubs to meet the recurring expense of the purchase of equipment and the upkeep of club premises from normal income, and now that clubs have been deprived of direct Government assistance, the movement may be faced with a general deterioration in the standard of equipment and club buildings.

It is of national importance that the work being carried out should be continued, and a matter of extreme urgency that the question of direct assistance to clubs be reviewed immediately with the object of ensuring that adequate finance is available for the upkeep and extension of the movement.

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The National Surf Life-saving Championships were conducted at Lyall Bay beach, Wellington, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 27th, 28th and 29th January, and although fair weather favoured the first two days of the meeting, the adverse conditions which prevailed on the concluding day made conditions very unpleasant for both competitors and officials alike.

The unfortunate weather conditions did not prevent the meeting concluding most successfully, but greatly affected public

patronage on the Sunday when the finals of the various events were held.

The arrangements for the conduct of the national fixture were undertaken by the Wellington District Association, and congratulations are extended to members of the Championship Management Committee of the Wellington Association and the various officials who worked with considerable zeal and enthusiasm for the success of the meeting.

The entries received for the Championship events represented an all-time record, and the performance of competitors revealed a high standard of efficiency.

The task of arranging billets for some eighty lady and junior competitors, which represented a major task in itself, was successfully accomplished, and our thanks are expressed to the Wellington Association for the excellent arrangements made for the entertainment of competitors during the period of the Championships.

Considerable interest was aroused in the knowledge that the individual performances of the eighty-three nominees for representative honours would have a direct bearing on the final selection of the New Zealand surf team to meet Australia in the Test series, which team was announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Championships were declared officially open by the Mayor of Wellington, Sir William Appleton, who paid tribute to the efficiency of the surf clubs and the valuable service rendered in the saving of human life.

Despite the inclement conditions on the Sunday, the meeting was honoured by the attendance of the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. W. A. Bodkin, and Mrs. Bodkin, who when addressing the gathering expressed admiration of the valuable work done and of the self-sacrificing spirit which actuated the surf movement. Mr. Bodkin paid special tribute to the physical fitness of competitors.

The President, Mr. A. Gardner, congratulated all competitors on the standard of efficiency displayed and expressed thanks to officials of the Wellington Association for the detailed work accomplished for the success of the Championships.

The following Clubs were represented with entries:—

Ladies.—Island Bay, St. Clair, Taylor's Mistake, Wellington Ladies and Whakatane. (Total: 5 Clubs.)

Juniors.—St. Clair, Te Awa, Sumner, Waihi, Waitemata, East End, Piha, North Beach, Maranui, Island Bay, Gisborne, South New Brighton, New Brighton, Worser Bay, Opunake, Lyall Bay, Castlecliff, New Plymouth Old Boys, St. Kilda and Paekakariki. (Total: 20 Clubs.)

Seniors.—Eastern United, Karekare, Muriwai, Piha, Takapuna, Waihi, Waitemata, New Brighton, North Beach, South New Brighton, Sumner, Taylor's Mistake, St. Clair, St. Kilda, East End, Fitzroy, New Plymouth Old Boys, Opunake, Island Bay, Lyall Bay, Maranui, Paekakariki, Worser Bay, Castlecliff, Foxton, Gisborne, Te Awa and Wainui. (Total: 28 Clubs.)

It is recorded with regret that due to lack of entries, the Junior March-past Championship and the Surf Boat Championship were not contested.

The following are the official results:—

N.Z. Ladies' 6-man R. & R. Championship.

Whakatane (P. Wilson, J. Armstrong, M. Wilson, K. Needham, V. Hannah, C. Windley), 1st; Wellington Ladies (D. Simmons, M.

Ritchie, J. Dunnett, C. Cameron, V. Cameron, E. Hyder), 2nd; Island Bay (J. Vautier, J. Ritchie, J. Atkinson, M. Harvie, J. Pointon, A. Atkinson), 3rd.

N.Z. Ladies 4-man R. & R. Championship.

St. Clair (P. Watson, S. Simonsen, C. Knowles, C. Colston), 1st; Whakatane (J. Armstrong, P. Wilson, M. Wilson, C. Windley), 2nd; Wellington Ladies (J. Dunnett, D. Simmons, M. Ritchie, E. Hyder), 3rd.

N.Z. Ladies' March-past Championship.

Whakatane, 1; Wellington Ladies, 2; Island Bay 3rd.

N.Z. Junior 6-man R. & R. Championship.

First Heat: Island Bay (B. Corin, J. Steiner, P. Corin, P. Bell, M. Charles, W. Robinson, 1; New Brighton (D. Young, I. Brown, P. Hill, C. Lancaster, M. Crosbie, P. McKeown), 2; Waitemata (J. Dennerley, A. Campbell, J. Cole, B. Gothard, E. Candy, J. Mazzoleni), 3rd.

Second Heat: Gisborne (N. Moss, I. Butler, P. Gregory, G. Odams, B. McLean, W. Scott), 1st; South New Brighton (G. Berryman, P. McNally, B. Rose, G. Penny, J. Abrahams, J. Laurie), 2; North Beach (G. Williamson, I. Dobson, A. Milesi, L. Hatchard, B. Self, J. Stanley), 3.

Third Heat: Opunake (C. Hohaia, R. Jenkins, O. Johnston, J. Crofsky, L. Butterini, D. Robson), 1; Worser Bay (S. Rimmer, A. Granger, L. Harlen, D. Lee, R. Mitchell, L. Lee), 2; Te Awa (L. Amor, R. Duley, A. Gempton, R. Graham, P. Mardon, B. Athea), 3rd.

Final: Opunake, 1st; New Brighton, 2nd; Gisborne, 3rd.

N.Z. Junior 4-man R. & R. Championship.

First Heat: Opunake (D. Robson, C. Hohaia, L. Butterini, J. Crofsky), 1; Worser Bay (L. Lee, L. Harlen, S. Rimmer, R. Mitchell), 2nd; New Brighton (L. Campbell, P. Hill, D. Young, P. McKeown), 3rd.

Second Heat: Maranui (R. Edwards, P. Burt, F. C. Woodward, E. Hughes), 1st; Island Bay (P. Bell, J. Steiner, N. Robinson, M. Charles), 2nd; North Beach (I. Dobson, B. Self, L. Hatchard, A. Milesi), 3rd.

Third Heat: East End (R. Batten, R. Morwood, V. Colson, L. Tancred), 1st; Waitemata (E. Candy, J. Mazzoleni, B. Gothard, J. Dennerly), 2nd; Sumner (R. Etwell, R. McNickel, R. La Roche, C. Duncan), 3rd.

Final: Island Bay, 1st; Waitemata, 2nd; Opunake, 3rd.

N.Z. Junior Beltmans' Championship.

First Heat: P. McNally (South New Brighton), 1st; B. Selfe (North Beach), 2nd; P. Hill (New Brighton), 3rd.

Second Heat: B. McLean (Gisborne), 1st; S. Rimmer (Worser Bay), 2nd; M. James (Lyall Bay), 3rd.

Third Heat: G. Penny (South New Brighton), 1st; M. Roake (Maranui), 2nd; G. Odams (Gisborne), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: P. Bevin (Piha), 1st; D. McLeay (Waihi), 2nd; C. Lancaster (New Brighton), 3rd.

Fifth Heat: B. Colson (East End), 1st; L. Harlen (Worser Bay), 2nd; J. Cole (Waitemata), 3rd.

Sixth Heat: P. Burt (Maranui), 1st; R. Cook (Piha), 2nd; D. Soames (Sumner), 3rd.

Final: P. Bevin (Piha), 1st; P. McNally (South New Brighton), 2nd; G. Penny (South New Brighton), 3rd.

New Zealand Junior Individual & Surf Teams Championship.

Placings: P. McNally (South New Brighton), 1st; P. Bevin (Piha), 2nd; B. McLean (Gisborne), 3rd.

Teams Result: South New Brighton (P. McNally, G. Penny, G. Berryman, T. Abrams), 1st; Waitemata (J. Mazzoleni, E. Candy, J. Dennerley, J. Cole), 2nd; Gisborne (B. McLean, G. Odams, P. Gregory, R. Batten), 3rd.

Junior Surf Race—North v. South Island—Ross Trophy.

Placings: B. Selve (South Island), 1st; G. Odams (North Island), 2nd; P. Bevin (North Island), 3rd; P. Burt (North Island), 4th; B. McLean (North Island), 5th; G. Penny (South Island), 6th; G. Berryman (South Island), 7th; D. Young (South Island), 8th.

Team Result: North Island (14 points), 1st; South Island (22 points), 2nd.

N.Z. Senior 6-man Championship, Rescue & Resuscitation.

First Heat: New Brighton (R. Simmons, G. Harris, R. Henry, D. O'Neill, B. McNeillage, H. Dean), 1st; Maranui (W. Lidstone, D. Evans, M. Haxton, J. Clark, A. Pritchard, R. Oliver), 2nd; Lyall Bay (J. Blakeley, J. Stoddard, A. Main, J. Ryan, J. Watt, J. Williams), 3rd.

Second Heat: Fitzroy (D. Simpson, A. Kirkland, F. Clow, R. Dumbell, D. Weir, W. Horton), 1st; Gisborne (D. Blair, L. Clark, R. Preston, J. Evans, F. G. Ryan, N. Adcroft), 2nd; Opunake (C. Mourie, B. McKenzie, R. Munro, B. Peat, C. Fawcett, A. Cruben), 3rd.

Third Heat: Eastern United (M. Fitness, T. McQuinlon, G. Gardner, K. McDermott, T. Woolf, G. Doubleday), 1st; New Plymouth Old Boys (G. Brown, R. George, C. Woods, I. Russell, R. Riley, J. Nodder), 2nd; Paekakariki (G. Fox, D. King, P. Gardiner, M. Harris, O. Smith, G. Crawley), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: South New Brighton (N. Schou, L. Schou, M. Fearon, N. McDonald, I. Berryman, J. Thompson), 1st; Island Bay (B. White, R. Charles, E. Waugh, P. Gallagher, L. Swindale, P. Anderson), 2nd; Waitemata (J. Walsh, S. Savage, W. Martin, M. Hesse, J. Scholes, O. Cullington), 3rd.

Final: South New Brighton, 1st; New Brighton, 2nd; Fitzroy, 3rd.

N.Z. Senior 4-man R. & R. Championship.

First Heat: New Plymouth Old Boys (I. Russell, J. Nodder, R. George, R. Riley), 1st; New Brighton (B. Couling, L. Munt, A. Archer, J. Campbell), 2nd; Castlecliffe (J. Clark, B. Davis, S. Goffe, R. Spooner), 3rd.

Second Heat: North Beach (S. Nichols, R. Kennedy, I. Davison, T. Bathurst), 1st; Maranui (V. Baird, R. Oliver, R. Hatchwell, M. Sellen), 2nd; Worser Bay (K. Mitchell, C. Jones, E. Richards, W. Jones), 3rd.

Third Heat: Island Bay (L. Swindale, P. Charles, J. Roberts, P. Anderson), 1st; Lyall Bay (D. McCaughy, O. Vaughan, R. Cole, Q. Williams), 2nd; St. Clair (B. Keane, G. Reid, M. Myles, J. Walsh), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: Takapuna (C. Crowe, J. Chapman, H. Spear, K. Quintal), 1st; Waitemata (J. Scholes, J. Walsh, S. Savage, M. Hesse), 2nd; Paekakariki (M. Harris, O. Smith, G. Fox, G. Crawley), 3rd.

Fifth Heat: South New Brighton (W. Whelan, N. Schou, J. Thomson, K. McKenzie), 1st; Eastern United (G. Doubleday, G. Gardner, J. Ferguson, K. McDermott), 2nd; Fitzroy (C. Travers, F. Clow, A. Kirkland, D. Weir), 3rd.

Final: South New Brighton, 1st; New Plymouth Old Boys, 2nd; North Beach, 3rd.

New Zealand Senior March-past Championship.

Lyall Bay, 1st; Piha, 2nd; Island Bay, 3rd.

New Zealand Senior Beltmans' Championship.

First Heat: J. Hanafin (Taylor's Mistake), 1; N. Schou (South New Brighton), 2nd; J. Blakeley (Lyall Bay), 3rd.

Second Heat: A. Moore (North Beach), 1st; D. O'Neill (New Brighton), 2nd; J. Russell (New Plymouth Old Boys), 3rd.

Third Heat: J. T. Clark (Maranui), 1st; M. Fearon (South New Brighton), 2nd; G. Tanie (Karekare), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: C. Baird (Piha), 1st; G. Gardner (Eastern United), 2nd; F. G. Ryan (Gisborne), 3rd.

Fifth Heat: D. Evans (Maranui), 1st; J. Ryan (Lyall Bay), 2nd; C. Fawcett (Opunake), 3rd.

Sixth Heat: M. Harris (Paekakariki), 1st; R. Henry (New Brighton), 2nd; J. Nodder (New Plymouth Old Boys), 3rd.

Seventh Heat: H. Goldsmith (Taylor's Mistake), 1st; A. Priest (East End), 2nd; G. Crawley (Paekakariki), 3rd.

First Semi-final: J. Clark (Maranui), 1st; H. Goldsmith (Taylor's Mistake), 2nd; D. Evans (Maranui), 3rd.

Second Semi-final: O. Baird (Piha), 1st; A. Moore (North Beach) and J. Hanafin (Taylor's Mistake), 2nd, equal.

Final: J. Clark (Maranui), 1st; H. Goldsmith (Taylor's Mistake), 2nd; C. Baird (Piha), 3rd.

N.Z. Senior Individual and Teams' Surf Race Championship.

R. Simmons (New Brighton), 1st; C. Baird (Piha), 2nd; J. Ryan (Lyall Bay), 3rd.

Teams Result: Maranui (J. Clark, D. Evans, M. Haxton, R. Oliver), 1; New Brighton (R. Simmons, H. Dean, D. O'Neill, R. Henry), 2nd; Lyall Bay (J. Ryan, J. Blakeley, A. Main, J. Watt), 3rd.

N.Z. Individual Surf Ski Championship.

First Heat: J. Thompson (North Beach), 1st; R. Matthews (Lyall Bay), 2nd; A. R. Evans (Foxton), 3rd.

Second Heat: J. Walsh (Waitemata), 1st; A. Dalton (North Beach), 2nd; D. Hulme (New Brighton), 3rd.

Third Heat: L. Lincoln (Piha), 1st; I. McD. Stewart (Sumner), 2nd.

Fourth Heat: E. D. Wright (Piha), 1st; S. Savage (Waitemata), 2nd.

Fifth Heat: P. Bevin (Piha), 1st; E. Dasler (North Beach), 2nd; D. McCartney (Maranui), 3rd.

Final: D. Wright (Piha), 1st; J. Walsh (Waitemata), 2nd; P. Bevin (Piha), 3rd.

N.Z. Surf Canoe Championship.

First Heat: Lyall Bay, 1st; Maranui, 2nd; Castlecliff, 3rd.

Second Heat: North Beach, 1st; Sumner, 2nd.

Final: Lyall Bay, 1st; Sumner, 2nd; North Beach, 3rd.

N.Z. Beach Sprint Championship.

First Heat: P. Sheerin (Maranui), 1st; A. Evans (Foxton), 2nd; M. Gold (South New Brighton), 3rd.

Second Heat: M. Hesse (Waitemata), 1st; J. Hulme (New Brighton), 2nd; I. Davison (North Beach), 3rd.

Third Heat: B. McNeilage (New Brighton), 1st; G. Brown (New Plymouth Old Boys), 2nd; R. Norwood (East End), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: A. Dee (Muriwai), 1st; J. Thompson (North Beach), 2nd.

Fifth Heat: S. Bright (Maranui), 1st; R. Hammond (Waitemata), 2nd; R. Charles (Island Bay), 3rd.

Final: B. McNeilage (New Brighton), 1st; M. Hesse (Waitemata), 2nd; S. Bright, 3rd.

N.Z. Resuscitation Championship.

C. Windley (Whakatane Ladies), 1st; J. Thompson (South New Brighton), 2nd; G. Doubleday (Eastern United), 3rd.

N.Z. Beach Relay Championship.

First Heat: Waitemata (M. Hesse, R. Hammond, M. Evans, B. Gothard), 1st; New Brighton (J. Hulme, B. McNeillage, H. Dean, C. Lancaster), 2nd; Worser Bay (R. Jones, A. Bridge, R. McKnight, G. Powell), 3rd.

Second Heat: Island Bay (E. Waugh, R. Charles, E. Hall, A. Dean), 1st; East End (J. Carrington, C. Way, W. Spence, W. Daly), 2nd; Castlecliff (I. Burgess, G. Clark, B. Ross, S. Goff), 3rd.

Third Heat: Maranui (R. Oliver, J. Clark, S. Bright, P. Sheerin), 1st; Foxton (J. Riches, R. Evans, B. Short, R. Merriman), 2;

North Beach (I. Davison, P. Goosey, J. Thompson, J. Moore), 3rd.
Final: New Brighton, 1st; Waitemata, 2nd; Maranui, 3rd.

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES.

Again we wish to acknowledge gratefully the valuable and efficient services rendered by members of the National Board of Judges in the conduct of the National Surf Life-saving Championships. It is well appreciated that the standard of their work is of vital importance to the movement.

For the first time in the history of the Association the National Board provided two Judges for every team in both heats and finals of all R. and R. events, and this fact should give the utmost satisfaction to competing teams, as in the averaging of the markings it is possible to obtain a greater degree of standardisation. This voluntary action by members of the Board resulted in considerable extra work being undertaken, and this effort to obtain great uniformity in judging National Championships is acknowledged on behalf of all competing clubs.

With a view to obtaining an immediate increase in the membership of the National Board, the Annual Meeting reduced the probationary period which a local judge is required to serve before being eligible for admission to the Board, and as a result a greater number of candidates attended the examination held in conjunction with the Championships.

1951 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 1951 series of New Zealand Surf Life-saving Championships have been allocated for conduct by the Canterbury District Association, and will be held at New Brighton beach on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 16th, 17th and 18th February, 1951.

The Championships will be held during the Centennial celebration of the Canterbury Province, and it is hoped that good entries will favour the meeting.

DONATIONS.

We acknowledge most gratefully the following donations made to the Association during the year, and thank the persons concerned most sincerely for the kind thought which prompted this generous action:—

E. E. Gahagan, Nelson: £5/5/-.

C. N. Kerr, Wellington: £2/2/-.

DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATIONS.

We desire to record appreciation of the cordial relationship which has existed between District Associations and the Council

throughout the year, and extend thanks to the officers and executive committees of the various District Associations for the valuable work which has been rendered in the furtherance of the surf life-saving movement.

This opportunity is taken of thanking District Associations for the valuable co-operation received and the excellent arrangements made for the conduct of the tour of the Australian team in their areas.

The entertainment arranged for the visitors was truly amazing, and the Council acknowledges with many thanks the great volume of work which must have been accomplished to ensure the success of the visit.

INDIVIDUALLY AFFILIATED CLUBS.

Special reference is made to the excellent work which is being accomplished by the individually affiliated clubs, and we express thanks to the executive committees of these clubs for the progress recorded during the year.

These clubs are rendering a national service to the public of their districts under extreme difficulties, and the Council wishes to assure them that every assistance possible will be extended to ensure the continuation of this valuable work.

NEW CLUBS FORMED.

The object of the Association of having established and well-equipped life-saving clubs at all popular beaches of the Dominion was carried a stage further during the season by the formation of three new clubs, namely, Levin-Waitarere (Manawatu), P.Y.C. (Westport) and Waimairi (Canterbury). The former two clubs are affiliated direct to the Council, whilst the latter is affiliated to the Canterbury District Association.

This result gives considerable satisfaction and pleasure to your Council, and the sincerest thanks are expressed to the persons and organisations responsible for the valuable work which has been accomplished in the foundation of these clubs.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

During the year ten meetings of the Council were held, and the following is a summary of the attendance of members:—

Messrs. A. H. Ross, H. Dickson, J. Whisker and C. Jones	10
J. Roberts, B. J. McIvor and R. Perkins	9
W. H. Gerrie, W. Griffin, N. Ingram, R. Fyfe and P. Anderson	8
M. Millar	7
C. Redmond, K. Stephen and D. Hunter	6
R. Pelham	5
R. Pearce	3
C. Coleman	1

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING.

The Council wishes to acknowledge the assistance which has been so readily given by the National Committee in the furtherance of the work of the Association.

The Committee by having direct representation on the Prevent Drowning Campaign Committee was able to render valuable service to the Association, and we express our sincerest thanks to Mr. N. A. Ingram, Hon. Secretary of the National Committee, for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

It is with regret that we report that Mr. Ingram has signified his intention to resign from the position of Hon. Secretary of the

Committee at the end of the present financial year, and the loss of his services will be a severe one for the Committee and the national organisations.

Mr. Ingram has been Hon. Secretary of the Committee since its inception at the instigation of the then Government in 1937, and he has rendered very valuable and faithful service in this capacity to the benefit of the surf movement.

Mr. Ingram will retire from secretarial duties after taking a full interest in the work of the surf movement, including a period of twelve years as Hon. General Secretary of the Association, and every good wish is extended to him in his well-earned retirement. It is hoped that he will continue to take an interest in the affairs of the Association so that his full knowledge of life-saving will continue to be available.

NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION AND ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL.

Your Council again records its pleasure in the continued good will and co-operation by these two National organisations in our allied activities.

The cordial relationships which have existed for many years have been to our mutual benefit, and it is the foremost wish of your Council that this splendid spirit of friendly co-operation should continue.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE OF DELEGATES.

The Council takes this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the following delegates during the year:—

Surf Life-saving Association of Australia: Messrs. D. Lucas, J. Cameron and F. Chapman.

New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, New Zealand Council: Mr. P. F. Coira.

Royal Life-saving Society, New Zealand Council: Mr. L. J. Sutherland.

National Committee of Swimming and Life-saving: Messrs. H. Dickson and J. Whisker.

THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

It is very pleasing to record that the Royal Humane Society has donated to the Association a trophy to be known as the Royal Humane Society Shield, and will also make available special medals each year to members of the team winning this trophy. The Shield will be competed for annually under the control of the Association, but it has not yet been decided to which event the trophy will be awarded.

This very generous action indicates the considerable interest manifested by the Society in the work of the Association, and your Council considers it a great privilege to have been so honoured, and expresses the sincerest thanks for the kind gesture which has been made.

"21" CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

The ideals which prompted the formation of the "21" Club of the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association have been realised, and it is pleasing to record the great interest displayed in this Club by members of the movement. Membership of the Club is restricted to persons who have served at least 21 years in the

function in its primary object of assisting the movement.

Your Council acknowledges with great pleasure the donation cause of surf life-saving, and already the Club has been able to of the "21" Cup, which has been allocated for annual competition and will be awarded each year to the winners of the National Junior 4-man R. & R. Championship.

The Club also donated to the Association a pennant standard for use by New Zealand surf life-saving teams at meetings with overseas teams, and this handsome standard was used for the first time during the recent Test series with Australia.

Special thanks are extended to members of the "21" Club for these special trophies, which have brought forth most favourable comment from all who have had the pleasure of examining same.

WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

The sincerest thanks of the Association are expressed to the members of the Gear Committee, the Special Committee regarding proposed standardisation of drill and the Special Committee, Australian Tour of New Zealand, 1950, for the very valuable work which they have accomplished during the year.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

In order to extend West Coast (South Island) Clubs every opportunity of obtaining awards, Dr. D. Syme and Mr. G. Perry were appointed Examiners for this district, and it is hoped that with the increased interest in this area additional appointments will be possible in the coming season.

HOME SERVICE AWARD BLAZERS.

Your Council approved the recommendations of the Auckland and Canterbury District Associations and the Castlecliff Surf Section, and accordingly authority to wear the Hon. Blazer of the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association was granted to Messrs. S. Bonnici (Auckland), L. J. Tointon and L. J. Sutherland (Canterbury) and P. A. Smith (Wanganui).

All have rendered long and valuable service to the surf life-saving movement, and in congratulating them on the honour which they have gained, the hope is expressed that they will continue the excellent work they are doing to the benefit of the movement in their districts.

Your Council also granted an honorary blazer to the Hon. General Secretary.

FINANCE.

It will be noticed that the sales of stock amount to £509/11/11 and owing by Districts is £107/5/-, a total of £616/16/-. For most of the year the Council were carrying the Districts for approximately £300. With the heavy commitments for the tour by the Australians, this resulted in embarrassing the Council. It would greatly assist the Council if Districts insisted on their Clubs forwarding cash with orders. Of the outstanding debtors £50/10/- represents amount for gear supplied to two new clubs—Waimarie and Te Awe.

Very evident is the extent to which the activities of the Association have been supported by the Government.

Clubs in credit for gear are Runanga, Gisborne and Wainui, and the grants made under the award for the London Trophy in 1949 have not yet been disbursed.

A pleasant change was the profit of £49/18/6 shown on the National Championships. This was no doubt due to their being held in a central district.

The Australian Touring Account is not yet finalised, but it is expected that all outstanding accounts will be paid by the date of the Annual Conference. Together with an estimated expenditure of £1800 by Districts approximately £4000 was the amount spent in conducting the tour.

APPRECIATION.

The thanks of the Association are extended to the Physical Welfare Department for the use of rooms for meetings.

To the Wellington Education Board for the use of their Board Rooms for the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

To the National Broadcasting Service for radio talks and publicity of our activities.

To the National Film Unit for publicity of our National Surf Life-saving Championships.

To the Press of New Zealand, we record our sincerest appreciation for the consideration extended to the activities of the Association and the valuable publicity received throughout the Dominion.

To the Honorary Officers of the Association—Sir James Elliott, Dr. H. T. Pettit, Messrs. W. E. Lavelle, O. J. Mullins and E. Webb—we offer our thanks for their generous assistance during the year.

To Mr. D. Hunter for his valued services as Adjudicator of the London Trophy Competition.

To Mr. A. G. Harper, Under-Secretary of the Department of Internal Affairs, for his continued interest in our activities.

NEW DRILL MANUAL.

In view of the alterations in drill which were approved by the last Annual General Meeting and the fact that the amendments came into force at the commencement of the season, a new Drill Manual was printed and made available to Clubs.

This manual includes the drill section of the Official Handbook only, and in view of the fact that stocks of the latter are exhausted, it will be necessary to consider the reprinting of that portion of the Handbook dealing with the Constitution, etc.

LANE, WALKER AND RUDKIN LTD.

The donors of the Pacific Cup have indicated their desire to donate each year to the winners of this trophy a set of ten cotton surf costumes, and this kind offer has been accepted with pleasure.

Messrs. Lane, Walker and Rudkin Ltd. did extend this valued gift annually some years ago, but were compelled to withdraw same by shortages during the war period, and your Council wishes to acknowledge their generous action in renewing this valued concession and expresses thanks on behalf of all Clubs.

OBITUARY.

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the passing of Mr. George Millar, Hon. General Secretary of the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia, and we extend to Mrs. Millar our sincerest sympathy.

During the recent visit of the Australian team to this country, many members of our Association had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Millar and becoming well acquainted with him, and his pleasant manner and wide knowledge of surf life-saving won him many friends, who will long remember him.

In his passing it is felt that New Zealand has lost a true and sympathetic friend who had a first-hand knowledge of the movement in New Zealand and the idea in mind of general uniformity in surf life-saving methods and a wish for greater co-operation between the Australian and New Zealand Surf Life-saving Associations.

It is hoped that the work that Mr. Millar started in the proposed formation of an Inter-Dominion Council to control surf life-saving will be continued to finality and prosper as a fitting memorial to one whose interest in surf life-saving was so great.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report of the eighteenth year of the operation of the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association, the Council of the Association is of the opinion that the year's activities indicate a general extension and strengthening of the surf life-saving movement.

Since the formation of the Association, considerable work in the interest of public safety on our beaches has been achieved, but there is still a tremendous task ahead in the fulfilment of the object of the Association in having established and well-equipped surf life-saving clubs at all popular beaches of the Dominion.

The question of finance is seriously affecting our work, and through lack of financial support from the public, it is most regrettable to have to accept that the members of the surf clubs who undertake voluntary patrol duties, have to meet the costs associated with the provision of the patrol and so pay for the privilege of risking their own lives.

The general public have indicated a sincere interest in the work of the surf movement, and it is hoped that this interest will be shown in a more tangible form in order that patrol work may be continued and increased in the future.

This opportunity is taken of thanking most sincerely all members of the movement for the fulfilment of our motto—VIGILANCE, SERVICE, ENDURANCE—in the valuable work which has been accomplished in the saving of life. It is hoped that in the coming season members will increase their efforts and by education, instruction and practical patrol work, assist towards a reduction in the high rate of drowning which is ever apparent.

B. J. McIVOR, Chairman.

COLIN JONES, Hon. General Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

This report would not be complete without recording my personal appreciation of the support and co-operation received from the Officers and Members of the Council during my term of office.

While each and everyone has spared no effort to further the work of Surf Life Saving in this country, the assistance received from Mr. B. J. McIvor as Chairman and Mr. Colin Jones as Secretary, has indeed made my position a very pleasant one.

The amount of work accomplished by our Secretary before, during and after the visit by the Australian team was truly amazing and my two years of close association with him has made me realise to the full how fortunate this organisation is to have such a competent and untiring worker.

(Sgd.) A. GARDNER,

President.

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st August, 1950.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Stock on Hand, 1/9/49	206	10	2	Stock Sales	509	11	11
Purchases of Stock	466	11	0	Stock on Hand, 31/8/50	40	0	0
Handbooks Purchased	68	16	0	Handbook Sales	55	17	8
Educational Tours	21	11	0	Handbooks on Hand	5	0	0
Conference and Annual Report	74	3	8	Grant for London Trophy for R.L.S.S., London	25	0	0
Championship Expenses	88	5	2	Championship Receipts	137	3	8
London Trophy Suspense Account	16	0	0	Government Grant	300	0	0
Depreciation	22	5	0	Safety on Beaches Campaign Grant	100	0	0
Printing, Duplicating, Stationery	87	2	10	Affiliation Fees	33	8	3
Honoraria	52	10	0	Australian Tour Receipts	1617	3	8
Safety on Beaches Campaign	111	3	11	Balance—Excess Expenditure Over Income	5	0	1
Australian Tour Expenses	1594	11	0				
General Expenses	18	15	6				
	£2828	5	3		£2828	5	3

No. 2 Account—Australian Surf Team Tour of N.Z.

	£	s.	d.
Appearance Money From Districts	534	18	0
Grant from Art Union	600	0	0
Refunds from Managers	78	5	1
Stock Transfer	16	1	7
Transfers from General Account	387	19	0
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	£1617	3	8

	£	s.	d.
Transfers	219	1	10
Stock Used	16	1	7
Selectors Travelling	16	8	9
Travelling for Teams	427	6	10
Hotels	694	13	6
Entertainment	82	13	6
N.Z. Team Blazers	92	12	6
Freight, Programmes, etc.	45	12	6
Balance in Bank, 31/8/50	22	12	8
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	£1617	3	8

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1950.

	£	s.	d.
Educational Reserve	25	0	0
Payments Due London Trophy	32	0	0
Credits to Districts for Gear	15	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities			
at 1/9/49	£401	0	10
Less Loss for 1950	5	0	1
	396	0	9
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	£468	0	9

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, General Account	159	11	11
Cash in Bank—No. 2 Account	22	12	8
Owing by Districts	107	5	0
Stocks—Cards, Medals	40	0	0
Stock—Handbooks	5	0	0
Buoys, Ropes, Anchors	113	10	2
Memorial Pennant	20	1	0
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	£468	0	9

(Sgd.) R. H. PERKINS, Hon. Treasurer.

I hereby certify to having examined the Books and Accounts of the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association and consider the above is a true statement of accounts.

(Sgd.) O. J. MULLINS, F.I.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.