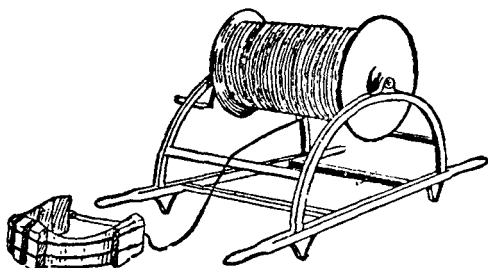


# NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION

Established 1932.



*Vigilance — Service — Endurance*

## **ELEVENTH Annual Report**

AND

### **Statement of Accounts**

SEASON 1942-43.

Over 2811 Lives Saved

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1943.

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HEADQUARTERS : WELLINGTON, N.Z.

## HONORARY OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

### Patron:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
SIR CYRIL NEWALL.

### Hon. Medical Advisers:

SIR J. S. ELLIOTT, K.C.M.G. (Wellington).  
DR. H. T. PETITT (Auckland).

### Hon. Solicitor:

Mr. W. J. BEVERIDGE.

### Hon. Consulting Engineer and Architect:

Mr. W. E. LAVELLE, A.N.Z.I.

### Hon. Auditor:

Mr. O. J. MULLINS, A.R.A.N.Z.

## NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL, 1943.

### President:

Mr. P. F. COIRA

### Vice-President:

Mr. W. H. GERRIE

### Hon. Instructor in Chief:

Mr. P. D. EDWARDS

### Acting Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. N. A. INGRAM

### Hon. General Secretary:

Mr. N. A. INGRAM

### Hon. Registrar and Publicity Officer:

Mr. J. C. BLAKELEY

## COUNCILLORS:

Auckland	....	....	Messrs. V. L. Allan and O. J. Haworth.
Canterbury	....	....	Messrs. C. R. Riordan and J. C. Blakeley.
Otago	....	....	Mr. D. T. Woodfield.
Taranaki	....	....	Messrs. A. H. Ross and R. Perkins.
Wellington	....	....	Messrs. R. Pearce and H. Dickson.
North Island			
Individual Clubs			Mr. F. Chapman.
South Island			
Individual Clubs			Mr. F. G. S. Adam.
New Zealand Council			
R.L.S.S.	....	....	Mr. A. Laurie.
New Zealand Council			
A.S.A.	....	....	Mr. R. Pelham.

Delegate to New Zealand Council R.L.S.S.: Mr. D. G. Griffiths.

Delegate to Council N.Z.A.S.A.: Mr. H. S. Feast.

Delegates to National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving:  
Messrs. V. L. Allan, W. H. Gerrie.

Delegates to S.L.S.A. of Australia: Messrs. C. Adams, D. Lucas,  
L. Dawkins.

## SUB-COMMITTEES.

**Constitution:** Messrs. F. Chapman (Convener), F. H. Jackson, R. Perkins.

**Gear:** Messrs. A. H. Ross (Convener), R. Pelham, R. Perkins, R. Pearce.

**Meritorious Awards:** Messrs. P. D. Edwards (Convener), A. Gardner, G. D. Griffiths.

**Judiciary:** Messrs. W. J. Beveridge (Convener), V. L. Allan, W. H. Gerrie.

**Publicity:** Messrs. J. C. Blakely (Convener), J. O. Haworth, F. J. S. Adam.

**Finance:** Messrs. P. F. Coira (Convener), V. L. Allen, A. H. Ross, N. A. Ingram.

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# Eleventh Annual Report and Financial Statement

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 7.30  
p.m., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1943.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Council of the Association desires to express its sincere appreciation to District Associations and Individual Clubs throughout its jurisdiction for the work that has been carried out under most difficult circumstances during the past year due to the continued drain on our senior members for military services.

The varied activities of the Association are herein recorded, but due to necessity of reducing the use of paper to an irreducible minimum every effort will be made to cover our activities as concisely as possible.

With the World War still raging, all our clubs have added fresh names to their growing list of enlistments, and the Council records with justifiable pride to the fact that in all phases of the War's activities in all parts of the World are to be found members of our organisation playing their part, nobly and well, in the Cause of Democracy.

We again record a steady influx of new members, especially from the secondary schools and colleges into the Junior section of our work.

It is pleasing to report a steady increase in the number of lady members and the increasing interest they are showing in the matter of drill and surf life-saving.

These new members are worthily patrolling the beaches of the Dominion and taking the places of their elder brothers whilst the latter are away defending the right to ensure the freedom of our beaches for those who desire to frequent same.

The Council of the Association, unanimously supported by all District Associations and Individual Clubs, has decided that early during the coming season The New Zealand Ladies and Junior Surf Life-Saving Championships shall be held in Wellington. This decision is a definite indication of the desire of the Association to fulfil its promise to the Government—**THAT IT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CARRY ON WHATEVER DIFFICULTIES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED.**

Your Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the continued goodwill and full co-operation of district associations and clubs during the past year, thus permitting a successful year of operations and maintaining an efficient organisation of surf life-saving worthy of the Dominion.

### **HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.**

From Central Executive R.L.S.S. (London) we record with pleasure receipt of indication of the continued interest of Their Majesties in our operations and here reaffirm our loyalty to the Crown.

### **ON ACTIVE SERVICE, AT HOME AND OVERSEAS.**

At a later stage will be recorded additional names of members of our organisation who have been added to the large number who are serving on active service at Home or Abroad. Whilst we regret the continued necessity of such services, we record with pride our appreciation of the gallant services they are rendering in this titanic struggle. Though a record of such services may be difficult to compile in full, due to many local difficulties, and many names may be missing from the list to be published, a review of same gives indication of the part that this organisation is taking by the large enrolment of its members.

Our members are operating in all phases of activities, and we record with regret the ever-increasing grand total of our casualties.

Many of our members have gone to their last long rest. **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.** To their relatives we tender sincere sympathy in their great loss.

The increasing number recorded under "Wounded," "Sick," "Missing," "Prisoners of War" gives further indication of the pain and suffering of war, and we hope that ere long brighter news will be heard of them.

### **WE HERE PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR MEMBERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.**

#### **PATROL DUTIES.**

Due to existing circumstances, many of our clubs were not able to have full patrols on duty on week-ends or holidays, but every effort was made to see that a smaller patrol was available and this, in most cases, was carried out with excellent results. To the ladies' teams and junior members appreciation is expressed for the work they have done in patrolling their local beaches and safeguarding the lives of those who frequent same.

## HOURS OF PATROL—38,367.

District and Club reports indicate, despite the fact that several beaches are still under military control, that patrol work was carried out and the total number of hours as indicated above, though a reduction to previous years of patrol operations, is most satisfactory and indicative of the desire of clubs and members to give the fullest protection possible to bathers and non-swimmers.

## SURF LIFE-SAVING MEDALLIONS.

The standard of efficiency required to secure the bronze surf medallion has been maintained during the past year, and congratulations are extended to the new holders. The future of the association depends on the ever-increasing number of new medallion holders secured each year, and recognises that under no circumstances should the qualifications required be reduced merely to record large numbers in annual reports.

Auckland District Association .....	—
Canterbury District Association .....	3
Otago District Association .....	21
Taranaki District Association .....	24
Wellington District Association .....	15
Individual Clubs .....	—
Total .....	63

## INSTRUCTORS' CERTIFICATES.

Auckland —, Canterbury —, Otago 3, Taranaki 1, Wellington 3,  
Individual Clubs —. Total 7.

## REPORTED RESCUES DURING 1942-43 SEASON.

Due to the necessity of conserving paper, the Council will, on this occasion, give a total summary re rescues, etc., as under.

Rescues with reel and line .....	18	
Rescues without reel and line .....	28	
		— Total 46
Resuscitation treatment .....	11	
First Aid treatment .....	123	

## NEW MEMBERS SECURED.

It is pleasing to report that during the past year clubs record the enrollment of new members totalling 226.

## APPEAL TO GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION DESIRES TO AGAIN APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ASSIST THE MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUBS BY SWIMMING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SURF CLUB-HOUSES. DUE TO CONTINUING CALLING UP FOR SERVICES, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PATROLLING OUR BEACHES FALLS HEAVIER ON THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF CLUBS—TO ASSIST THESE MEMBERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE THIS GENERAL APPEAL FOR FULL CO-OPERATION IS MADE.

## **WANTON DESTRUCTION OF SURF LIFE-SAVING PROPERTY.**

YOUR COUNCIL REGRETS THE NECESSITY IN THIS REPORT TO REFER TO THE WANTON DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND GEAR DURING THE OFF SEASON OF CLUB ACTIVITIES. THE CO-OPERATION OF THE HON. MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (HON. W. E. PARRY, M.P.) WAS SOUGHT AND READILY GIVEN BY MEANS OF PRESS ARTICLE AND RADIO ARTICLES. IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT THE PROPERTY OF SUCH AN ORGANISATION WHICH IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE SAFE-GUARDING OF LIVES SHOULD BE THE VICTIM OF ACTIONS OF IRRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

## **ANNUAL RETURNS.**

Thirty-three clubs have furnished their annual return forms. This is satisfactory when viewing the difficulties in which many clubs are operating under at the present time.

## **AFFILIATIONS.**

Auckland, Canterbury, Otago, Taranaki, Wellington District Associations are affiliated. Total 5.

Castlecliff (ladies'), Castlecliff, Greymouth, Gisborne, Foxton. Total 5.

## **ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY—LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION.**

The result of this year's competition shows Otago Association as the winner, with Taranaki 2nd, Canterbury 3rd, Wellington 4th, Auckland 5th. Congratulations are extended to the Otago District Association on its achievement and to all district associations on the results of their efforts. The report of the Adjudicator for the competition (Mr. V. L. Allen) and the details of the competition are here shown.

## **ANNUAL REPORT ON LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION, 14th September 1943.**

In submitting my report for the seventh year of competition for the London Trophy I desire to state that under the circumstances the results are very satisfactory.

A number of Surf Club premises and beaches were unavailable owing to military and naval needs, and club activities in some areas were very much restricted.

To the Ladies and Juniors who are now our only source of supply for new members, we owe a word of praise for the enthusiastic manner in which they have entered into the surf movement.

Despite the fact that there were five less active clubs this year than last, there were only fifteen less Surf Medallions gained this year, in fact awards in all sections were only slightly less than last season and the District Associations are to be congratulated on their efforts in this direction.

# LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION—1942-43 SEASON.

Allocation of Points.	OTAGO	TARANAKI	CANTERBURY	WELLINGTON	AUCKLAND
	No. Points	No. Points	No. Points	No. Points	No. Points
Five for each new Club ....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Half for five new members ....	29 = 3	17 = 2	78 = 8	21 = 2½	49 = 5
2 for five Bronze Medallions	18 = 8	63 = 26	3 = 2	Nil	10 = 4
6 for ten Surf Medallions ....	21 = 18	24 = 18	3 = 6	15 = 12	Nil
1 for one Surf Instructor ....	3 = 3	1 = 1	Nil	3 = 3	Nil
Total Points ....	32	47	16	17½	9
Divided by No. of active clubs	4 = 8	9 = 5.22	4 = 4	6 = 2.91	8 = 1.12
Place ....	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th

As the attached detailed summary shows, the competition was won by the Otago District, followed by Taranaki, Canterbury, Wellington, and Auckland. This is the Otago District's second win in three years, and they merit success for their consistent efforts in each season.

In conclusion, may I add that I feel that our thanks are again due to the R.L.S.S., London, for their assistance to us in stimulating and encouraging the work of our Association.

(Signed) V. L. ALLAN,

Adjudicator, London Trophy Competition.

### **LADIES' TEAMS — JUNIOR MEMBERS.**

Your Council records with pleasure the ever-increasing number of Ladies' Teams and Junior Members joining the Association. They are doing great work and are worthily upholding the high standard of efficiency set by their fighting brothers. To these new members the Council expresses its sincere appreciation.

### **N.Z. GOVERNMENT AND THE ASSOCIATION.**

Your Council desires to again express its appreciation of the continuance of the keen practical interest of the Government in the operations of the Association during the past year, and a letter from the Hon. Minister expressed appreciation of the manner of disbursement of the Government Grant.

To the Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P. (Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs) and his officers, the thanks of the Association are herein extended for their continued practical interest in the operations of our organisation. Without the practical proof of their desire and interest for the well-being of the Association, it would have been impossible to function to anyway near the degree of efficiency that to-day characterises the work done.

### **FINANCES.**

The financial position indicates a satisfactory position, but greater educational work could and would be attempted if further finances were available. Mr. F. H. Jackson has, during the past year, kindly consented to record the financial position of the Association, and thanks are extended to him.

### **GEAR FOR MEMBERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE OVERSEAS.**

Requests have been received from our members serving overseas for surf life-saving gear, and on approaching the New Zealand Patriotic Board on the matter a ready response was made to our appeal and we are pleased to be able to report that in certain areas our members are in the happy position of being able to operate with standard equipment, and by this means, not only be in a position to render aid when necessary, but to widen the interest in our work. We thank the New Zealand Patriotic Board for its gifts for our members overseas.



## **E.P.S. — RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATES.**

It is pleasing to report that during the past year our members in many districts continued with training instruction for personnel of E.P.S., E.F.S., and Home Guards, etc., etc., and valuable work was done in the matter of artificial respiration instruction.

## **NATIONAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1944. LADIES AND JUNIORS.**

By an unanimous decision of district associations and individual clubs, the Council has been instructed to proceed with the holding of these championships, and Wellington has been selected as the venue for same. Indications already point to a successful series and it is hoped, despite present war conditions, that this opportunity of bringing together teams who are playing such an important part in patrolling the beaches in their respective districts will be taken full advantage of for the value of open competition with other competitors helps to maintain a general all-round efficiency in surf life-saving work.

## **N.Z.A.S.A. AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL R.L.S.S.**

Your Council records its appreciation of the goodwill and co-operation of our sister organisations during the past year. With such a spirit existing as between the three administrative bodies the future of natatorial activities in the Dominion is assured.

## **NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE- SAVING.**

This committee has had a successful year and its report will be submitted to you by your delegates, Messrs. V. L. Allan and W. H. Gerrie.

## **SERVICES OF DELEGATES.**

Appreciation is here expressed to the following delegates for the services they have rendered during the past year. S.L.S.A., Messrs. D. Lucas, C. Adams, L. Dawkins; N.Z.A.S.A., Mr. H. S. Feast; New Zealand Council R.L.S.S., Mr. D. G. Griffiths; National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving, Messrs. V. L. Allan and W. H. Gerrie.

## **APPRECIATIONS.**

To the Government of the Dominion for its continued practical interest.

To the Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P., for his keen personal interest at all times.

To the New Zealand Patriotic Board for its gesture to our fighting members.

To the Press of the Dominion for its ever-ready assistance to further the objects of the association.

To the Hon. Officers of the Association, Sir J. S. Elliott, Dr. H. T. Petitt, Mr. W. E. Lavelle, Mr. W. J. Beveridge, Mr. O. J. Mullins.

To Physical Welfare Branch and Messrs. W. H. Green and Coy for use of rooms for meetings.

## CONCLUSION.

As pointed out in the opening paragraph of this report, it has been necessary to condense matters somewhat, but a general review indicates that, despite many difficulties encountered during the past year, steady progress has been maintained. Many clubs have called upon the services of those who, under normal circumstances, would have been resting from years of labour in our organisation, and they have willingly taken up the work again, realising the sacrifices our members on active service are making to ensure the freedom of our beaches, lakes and rivers. To these stalwarts of other days we owe a debt of gratitude. It is pleasing to record the increasing number of ladies and juniors joining our ranks, and with such a steady inflow of new and enthusiastic members the future of the Association is assured.

We conclude this eleventh annual report with the following message to our members on ACTIVE SERVICE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

"THE COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION, DESIRES TO EXPRESS TO YOU ONE AND ALL ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE GREAT AND HEROIC PART YOU ARE PLAYING IN THIS WORLD WAR TO ENSURE THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUALS TO LIVE THEIR LIVES IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. SACRIFICES HAVE BEEN MADE AND PERHAPS WILL YET BE MADE BEFORE THE LAST 'ALL CLEAR' IS SOUNDED.

"WE HERE HONOUR YOUR SERVICES TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS AND BEG YOU TO ACCEPT OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. UNTIL THE DAY DAWNS WHEN WE WILL AGAIN WELCOME YOU HOME TO YOUR LOVED ONES AND CLUB-MATES WE WILL WATCH AND READ WITH PRIDE OF THE DEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE."

P. F. Coira, President.

N. A. Ingram, Hon. General Secretary.

**Addenda.**—Although it is possible that the activities of the Association have been restricted generally, due entirely to present day conditions, the work has still necessitated constant attention, and in this connection, I desire to pay tribute to the efforts of the Council, and particularly the General Secretary, Mr. N. A. Ingram. As in previous years, his duties have been carried out in a highly efficient manner, and his close application, zeal, and energy have done much to place our organisation in the forward position it holds to-day.

P. F. COIRA,

President.

# THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1943.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Surf Stock on hand, 1/8/42 .....	280	10	7				Surf Stock on hand 31/8/43 .....
Purchases .....	18	7	11				94 16 2
				298	18	6	Sales .....
Handbooks written off .....				13	18	0	210 8 8
London Trophy Awards and Ex-							
penses .....				17	2	6	305 4 10
Grants to District Associations and							London Trophy Grant .....
Affiliated Clubs .....				200	0	0	25 0 0
Honoraria .....				36	15	0	Government Grant .....
Affiliation Fee, R.L.S.S. ....				1	1	6	300 0 0
Annual Meeting Expenses .....				17	10	2	Affiliation Fees .....
Delegates' Expenses to Annual Meet-							12 1 6
ing .....				14	14	1	
Bank Fee .....					10	0	
Post Office Box .....					1	0	
Printing and Stationery .....					6	8	
Insurance .....					1	5	
Postages .....					5	10	
General Expenses .....					3	18	
Balance being Excess of Income over							
Expenditure .....				23	4	10	
				£642	6	4	


# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 1943.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
London Trophy Grants (1942-3) ....				Cash in Bank .....	200	6	5
Educational Handbook Reserve .....	16	0	0	Typewriter .....	8	10	0
Championship Education Reserve .....	50	0	0	Stock .....	94	16	2
Championship Donation .....	50	0	0				
Excess of Assets over Liabilities as							
at 1/8/42 .....	262	5	9				
Add Excess of Income over Expendi-							
ture .....	23	4	10				
	285	10	7				
Less Amounts placed to Reserves ....	100	0	0				
	185	10	7				
	£303	12	7		£303	12	7

N. A. INGRAM,  
Hon. Treasurer.

I hereby certify to having examined the books and accounts of the New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association, and consider that the above is a true statement of accounts.

O. J. MULLINS, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor,