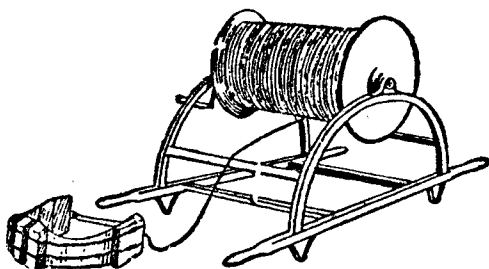


**NEW ZEALAND
SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION**

Established 1932



Vigilance - Service - Endurance

**SEVENTEENTH
Annual Report**

AND
Statement of Accounts

SEASON 1948-49

Over 3,514 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 22nd, 1949.

HEADQUARTERS :: WELLINGTON, N.Z.

P.O. Box 272

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Patron :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,
LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR BERNARD FREYBERG,
V.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.

President: Mr. A. GARDNER. **Deputy President:** Mr. A. H. ROSS.

Life Members : Messrs. N. A. INGRAM, P. F. A. COIRA,
F. H. CHAPMAN.

Hon. Medical Advisers :

SIR JAMES ELLIOTT, K.C.M.G. (Wellington),
Dr. H. T. PETTIT (Auckland).

Hon. Solicitor : Mr. E. WEBB.

Hon. Consulting Engineer and Architect: Mr. W. E. LAVELLE, F.N.Z.I.A.

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

Hon. General Secretary : Mr. C. T. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. R. H. PERKINS.

Hon. Instructor in Chief : Mr. F. H. JACKSON.

Hon. Registrar and Publicity Officer : Mr. D. HUNTER.

Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear: Mr. A. H. ROSS, M.I.Mech.E.

NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL, 1947-48.

Chairman : Mr. B. J. McIVOR.

COUNCILLORS :

Auckland : Messrs. W. V. GRIFFIN and H. D. DICKSON.

Canterbury : Mr. T. K. ROBERTS.

Otago : Mr. M. H. MILLAR.

Taranaki : Messrs. A. H. ROSS and C. S. REDMOND.

Wellington: Messrs. R. PELHAM and K. W. STEPHEN.

North Island Individual Clubs : Mr. C. M. COLEMAN.

South Island Individual Clubs : Mr. J. WHISKER.

N.Z. Council R.L.S.S.: Mr. J. L. DIGHTON.

N.Z. Council A.S.A.: Mr. C. T. JONES.

Board of Judges : Mr. R. H. PEARCE.

A.S.L.S.A.: Messrs. N. A. INGRAM and B. J. McIVOR.

Delegate to New Zealand Council R.L.S.S.: Mr. L. J. SUTHERLAND.

Delegate to Council N.Z.A.S.A.: Mr. H. S. FEAST (Resigned 30/5/49),
Mr. P. F. COIRA.

Delegates to National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving :

Messrs. H. D. DICKSON and S. HIGGINS.

Delegates to S.L.S. of Australia :

Messrs. D. LUCAS, J. CAMERON and F. H. CHAPMAN.

SUB-COMMITTEES :

Constitution : Messrs. B. J. McIvor (Convener), W. H. Gerrie, N. A. Ingram and J. K. Roberts.

Gear: Messrs. A. H. Ross (Convener), R. Pelham, R. Perkins, H. Dickson, W. V. Griffen and C. S. Redmond.

Meritorious Awards : Messrs. F. H. Jackson (Convener), A. Gardner (Auckland), J. Whisker (Wellington).

Judiciary: Messrs. K. W. Stephen (Convener), E. Webb, W. H. Gerrie and M. H. Millar.

Finance : Messrs. W. H. Gerrie (Convener), R. H. Perkins, B. J. McIvor, A. H. Ross, K. W. Stephens and F. G. Ryan.

Privy Purse Office,
Buckingham Palace,
22nd January, 1949.

Dear Mr. Oxlade,

Thank you for sending me on behalf of Lord Mountbatten, who is now serving overseas, a copy of the Royal Life-Saving Society's Annual Report for 1947. I duly laid this report before the King.

Among the many activities of the Society during that year His Majesty was interested particularly to hear that the Society had been quick to take advantage of the raising of the school-leaving age by providing life-saving instruction for young people and so to assist the rising generation to become still more efficient in the art of saving life from drowning.

Yet another highly commendable object of the Society was the encouragement given to the interest that is being taken by the Police Training Centres, since the King appreciates to the full that a thorough knowledge of life-saving is essential to members of the Police Forces.

I am sure all those engaged in the Society's activities will be glad to know that I am desirous to convey to them an expression of His Majesty's appreciation of their work together with a message of good wishes for an uninterrupted continuance of these successful results.

Yours sincerely,

ULICK ALEXANDER.

Keeper of the Privy Purse.

Edgar H. Oxlade, Esq.,

Deputy President.

The Royal Life Saving Society.

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

Seventeenth Annual Report and Financial Statement

SEASON ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1949

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association
to be held in the Wellington Education Board's Room on Saturday,
22nd October, at 7.30 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Council has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Seventeenth Annual Report and Financial Statement, and in doing so expresses the opinion that the activities undertaken during the past season have been most successful and will be reviewed with satisfaction by all who manifest interest in the affairs of the Association.

In accordance with the usual practice, the various matters dealt with during the year will be recorded under separate headings, and at this early stage in the report Council desires to express its deep appreciation of the co-operation received from District Associations and individuals Clubs. It is most pleasing to record the formation of two new surf life-saving clubs, and also there is definite evidence of the resuscitation of the activities of a further three clubs, and in applauding the efforts of those connected with the extension and revival of interest in surf life-saving, which is apparent in the districts concerned, it is well to remember that the strength of the movement is traced to the clubs themselves, and without strong clubs, our progress will be slow and retarded.

We should remember that the well-established clubs have triumphed in the struggle which the weaker clubs are now fighting, and it should be our immediate duty to give every assistance to these latter clubs and at least help them maintain their activities.

In emulating this policy your Council directly undertook educational visits to individual clubs in the Manawatu and Hawke's Bay districts, and very valuable work has been accomplished in assisting and strengthening the activities of the clubs concerned, and this action is commended to District Associations who have under their control clubs whose activities are restricted through lack of capable instruction.

The question of finance is still seriously restricting the work of clubs operating at the more remote beaches, although it is most pleasing to note that in many instances the local bodies concerned have made financial grants to assist in the provision of life-saving equipment.

To those local bodies who have extended assistance to the movement, we offer our sincere thanks, and we trust that their example will be followed by other local bodies in making some concession or donation to the surf life-saving clubs operating on beaches under their control.

It is obvious that it is the responsibility of the public and the local bodies alike to assist in the provision of the finance necessary to maintain the patrol of beaches where surf clubs do not operate,

although it should be our objective to have established surf life-saving clubs, properly equipped, at all beaches where the public congregate to bathe, to which end we should strive with zeal and enthusiasm.

Finance does play an all too important part in the achievement of this result, and in view of the appalling number of drownings which have taken place at unpatrolled beaches during the year under review we look forward to the day when finance will not dictate our policy and restrict operations in our self-appointed humanitarian work.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

We record with profound pleasure the continued interest of His Majesty King George VI in the operations of the Royal Life-saving Society and the Surf Life-saving Association as indicated in His Majesty's letter, which is reproduced in this report. It is most gratifying to note the keen appreciation of His Majesty in the work being done and in reaffirming our loyalty to the Crown, may we express the sincere wish that Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth will be long spared to reign over the British Commonwealth of Nations.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE.

Your Council wishes to express the sincerest appreciation to the New Zealand Government, through the Hon. W. E. Parry, Minister of Internal Affairs, and the officers of his Department, for the practical assistance which has again been extended to the Association in its activities.

The Government of the Dominion fully recognises the work which the Association is endeavouring to accomplish, and the generous financial assistance which has been granted is accepted by the life-saving movement as a gracious expression of confidence in the activities of our organisation and of our clubs in the saving of human life.

The very great interest which the Hon. W. E. Parry holds in the work of the Association has been forcefully demonstrated on many occasions, and we highly appreciate the sympathetic consideration received in any approach made relative to the affairs of the Association.

DEFERRED VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING TEAM TO AUSTRALIA.

Following the recommendation of the last Annual Conference that the Council give consideration to the question of sending a team to visit Australia during the season under review, overtures were made to the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia, and in view of the proposed Royal Visit, that Association advised that the only time suitable to receive a New Zealand team would be during February, which unfortunately was not acceptable as the New Zealand Championships had already been arranged for that month.

This position was communicated to Australia, and in the first week of December an invitation was received from the A.S.L.S.A. to the effect that a New Zealand team would be welcome to compete at Australian Championships which were held at Bondi on March 12 last, which meeting had been put forward from April in view of the cancelled Royal Tour.

This kind invitation received the fullest possible consideration of your Council, and it was reluctantly decided that due to the insurmountable difficulties which associated themselves in endeavouring

to arrange such an undertaking in the short time available, the visit be deferred until some future date.

In reaching this decision, it was felt that the time factor was paramount, and it would have been impracticable to arrange satisfactory trials for the selection of a team prior to the New Zealand Championships, leaving those selected no time to return to their homes before departing from New Zealand, or arranging the necessary leave which left doubt in mind whether the best possible team would be available.

The question of finance coupled with the difficult position relating to the proper equipment of such a team had to be taken into consideration, and although the Australian trip did not eventuate this season, the visit has been deferred only, and it is sincerely hoped that in the not too distant future a regular interchange of visits between the two Associations will be an established fact and we look forward to the happy position which would result in a closer relationship and the standardisation of life-saving methods adopted by the two countries.

RESIGNATION OF HON. GENERAL SECRETARY.

During the year the Council was most unfortunate to lose the services of Mr. F. G. Ryan, who was compelled to relinquish the position of Hon. General Secretary of the Association due to his transfer from Wellington.

Mr. Ryan was appointed to this position during the 1944-45 season, and, although he had not previously served on the Council, his general aptitude and keenness in the work of the Association overcame this disadvantage and enabled him to carry out this responsible appointment with honour and distinction.

It is very pleasing to record that he is still rendering valuable services to the movement in the Gisborne district, and his full knowledge will be of considerable value to the clubs in that area.

In accepting this transfer, Mr. Ryan received a promotion in his employment, and on behalf of all members Council extends to him the sincerest wishes for his future and grateful thanks for the sterling services rendered to the movement in the position of Hon. General Secretary.

PATROL DUTIES.

During the season all affiliated surf life-saving clubs carried out patrol duties on the respective beaches on which they operate, and it is pleasing to record that the general public have co-operated to a greater extent in bathing in the areas marked as safe by our club patrols. The bathing public must realise that the surf clubs operate for their protection and by disregarding the safe area markings they are not only risking their own lives but also placing the members of the life-saving patrols in difficult and dangerous circumstances should their services become necessary. The public have a definite duty to themselves and to those under their care, and in the interest of reducing the rate of drownings, it is recommended with all sincerity that beach picnics and similar events be arranged at beaches where a surf club is in operation and that bathing be confined to water areas marked as safe which have previously been tested by surf club members for channels and undertow, which make conditions dangerous and hazardous.

REPORTED RESCUES DURING SEASON 1948-49.

The main function of a surf life-saving club is to train its members in the approved methods of saving life and so provide

the necessary qualified personnel capable of rendering competent assistance to persons who may find themselves in danger in water at the beaches on which the various surf clubs operate. The figures set out below, covering the reported rescues made by members of the surf life-saving clubs of the Dominion during the past season, give definite evidence of the very valuable humanitarian service which is being rendered to the public of New Zealand by the surf life-saving movement and illustrates with grim reality the great increase in the loss of life from drowning which would take place should the voluntary service rendered by the life-saving clubs not be available.

The efficient patrolling of beaches is carried on by members of our clubs as a self-imposed duty, and this spirit of self-sacrifice has resulted in our club members willingly placing themselves in difficult and dangerous circumstances for the one purpose of rendering aid to persons in danger of drowning in the object of the saving of life.

This unparalleled service is rendered without charge or thought of personal gain, and it is obvious that the public, whom we serve, can help clubs in many ways to provide the necessary life-saving equipment to ensure a continuance of the valuable work being accomplished on our beaches and the fulfilment of our motto—"VIGILANCE—SERVICE—ENDURANCE."

It has never been the policy of the Association to claim credit for rescues unless a definite service has been rendered, and the total set out below is compiled from authentic club returns and is, in actual fact, incomplete.

In support of this statement, we record hereunder an extract from a letter addressed to one of our clubs by a person, recipient of our voluntary humanitarian service, and this letter is typical of many received by our clubs during the past season:—

"Auckland, 18/11/48.

"I am writing to thank you for the very gallant rescue you made on Sunday, November 14, the day on which my father-in-law and I were so unfortunately involved in the accident. Thanks to your efficient members, we were rescued and treated and are alive today to tell the tale. One cannot say how we would have fared had not your lads been on the spot, but I feel sure I would not have been sitting in my home tonight writing this letter. No praise is too high for the efficiency of your Club and the excellent assistance given after the rescue in the Clubhouse. My sincerest thanks to you all. I regret I was unable to write to you sooner than today, but I have been suffering from shock and have remained in bed as advised. I am pleased to say I feel very fit again now, and certainly in any future visits to Brown's Bay will confine my activities to the beach. I hope soon to pay another visit to Brown's Bay and would very much like to drop in and see you under different circumstances."

The following is a summary of the reported rescues made during the 1948-49 season:

Rescues with Line and Reel	87
Rescues without Line and Reel	102
Rescues with Surf Ski	20
Rescues with Surf Boat	2
Rescues with Surf Canoe	0
Rescues by means not specified	11
Total	<u>222</u>

In addition to the above rescues, a total of 17 persons were given resuscitation treatment and 149 persons given first-aid.

The congratulations and thanks of the Association are extended to the various clubs and their members in the splendid work which has been achieved in the interest of public safety during the past year.

TOTAL REPORTED RESCUES.

The above figure of 222 reported rescues for the past season added to the number of lives saved of 3292 since the inception of the Association, brings the total number of reported rescues to 3514.

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

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY—LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATOR.

I have pleasure in presenting my report upon the London Trophy returns for the season 1948-49. First of all let me state that some of my comments are made not only in my capacity of Adjudicator for this Trophy, but also as Registrar of the Association. It is gratifying to acknowledge a high percentage of Club returns, which has enabled me to prepare the attached detailed information sheet on which the names of the various individual clubs appear along with their returns; these provide interesting and informative reading.

It will be seen that we have slightly over a thousand active Life-savers in New Zealand, and of that total approximately a third joined the various clubs during the last season. Two factors follow from this. One is that the Canterbury centre has now taken care to see that they only return as members those who are actively engaged in surf work, and they now exclude honorary members. The second is that during the last three years we have claimed approximately one thousand new members, yet our total of active members has decreased by approximately two hundred from the figure given three years ago. From this it follows that there are too many life-savers who give up active membership all too soon, and drift out of club work after a short life therein. This is a pity, but at any rate it means that a large number of persons have learnt the rudiments of resuscitation and rescue work, and will thus be trained to meet emergency should it arise. It must be admitted that the decrease in active membership figure is also in part due to Canterbury's action as set out above in purging from their rolls non-active members, which means that the present figure for active membership is a truer indication of our national position.

This year two new clubs were formed, one at Muriwai (Auckland) and the other at Inglewood (Taranaki).

The total of Surf Awards gained was 108, as against last year's total of 111; this is reasonably fair, but it is worthy of note that approximately 60 per cent. of these came from the Auckland and Taranaki districts. It is again very noticeable the very low number of instructors who have gained their Surf Award this year, viz., 6. In the last three years the clubs have only produced 20 instructors, which is too few, and is less than one for each two clubs registered.

For the first time in the history of the movement three Junior Surf Awards have been gained, all in the Taranaki area, and two of these by boys of the New Plymouth High School.

The points allocations are as follows: New clubs, 10 points; new active members, 1 point; new R.L.S.S. Bronze Awards, 2 points; New Surf Awards, 3 points; New Surf Instructors' Awards, 5 points; New Junior Surf Awards, 2 points; the latter two points not to count if the candidate also gains the Senior Surf Award in the same season.

Auckland wins the London Trophy by a substantial margin from Taranaki, then follow Canterbury, Wellington and Otago in that order. The Centre totals may be ascertained from the second and third table attached hereto. I think that Auckland and Taranaki are both to be congratulated on the number of their members who have qualified for their Surf Awards in the last three years. Auckland's effort is all the more praiseworthy in view of the bathing restrictions due to Polio.

The Association has to again express its thanks to the Head Centre of the R.L.S.S. for the annual grant which accompanies this handsome trophy. Their continued interest in our local work is most encouraging and helpful.

J. D. HUNTER, Adjudicator.

AWARDS, 1948-49.

Club.	Active Members.	New Members.	R.L.S.S. Bronze.	Surf Awards.	Junior Surf Awards.	Instructor's Award.	New Clubs.
Auckland:							
Eastern United	14	6	2	4	—	1	—
Kare Kare	18	7	—	—	—	—	—
Milford	16	8	6	4	—	—	—
Milford Girls	10	2	—	2	—	—	—
Mt. Maunganui	21	5	8	—	—	—	—
Muriwai	24	24	—	—	—	—	1
North Wairoa	10	10	10	10	—	—	—
North Piha	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Shore			In Recess				
Omanu	15	4	—	—	—	—	—
Piha	24	5	7	3	—	—	—
Takapuna	22	9	—	2	—	—	—
Waihi	24	4	3	6	—	1	—
Waitemata	16	8	2	2	—	—	—
Whakatane	20	13	4	—	—	—	—
Waipu Cove			No Returns				
Taranaki:							
East End	22	8	7	8	—	1	—
Fitzroy	32	17	10	9	1	—	—
Inglewood	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
New Plymouth O.B. ..	27	13	5	2	—	—	—
New Plymouth H.S. ..	12	12	2	4	2	—	—
Ohawe			No Returns				
Opunake	15	4	4	4	—	—	—
Patea	10	6	—	—	—	—	—
Waitara	13	5	—	—	—	—	—

Wellington:

Island Bay	51	16	—	9	—	—	—
Lyall Bay	40	7	—	2	—	—	—
Maranui	61	23	9	8	—	1	—
Paekakariki	9	1	—	—	—	—	—
Titahi	4	—	4	—	—	—	—
Wellington Ladies	13	3	—	—	—	—	—
Worser Bay	20	5	—	—	—	—	—

Canterbury:

New Brighton	120	47	1	4	—	—	—
North Beach	76	6	8	—	—	—	—
Sth. New Brighton	38	9	1	4	—	—	—
Sumner	25	10	6	6	—	—	—
Taylor's Mistake	25	11	3	—	—	—	—

Otago:

Balclutha	14	—	4	—	—	—	—
Brighton	13	3	—	—	—	—	—
Oreti	28	7	4	—	—	—	—
St. Clair	64	16	—	—	—	—	—
St. Kilda	50	5	—	3	—	—	—

Individual:

Foxton	11	4	2	4	—	—	—
Wainui	27	5	6	—	—	—	—
Castlecliff	12	—	—	—	—	—	—

No returns from Gisborne, Greymouth, Runanga-Rapahoe and Palmerston North.

SUMMARY OF AWARDS.

Centre.	Clubs.	New Clubs.	New Members.	R.L.S.S. Award.	Surf Award.	Junior Surf Award.	Instructor's Award.	Active Members.
Auckland	16	1	105	42	33	—	3	238
Taranaki	9	1	65	28	27	3	1	131
Canterbury	5	—	94	17	22	—	1	284
Wellington	7	—	55	13	19	—	1	198
Otago	5	—	31	8	3	—	—	169
Individuals	—	—	9	8	4	—	—	50
Totals		2	359	116	108	3	6	1070

LONDON TROPHY POINTS GAINED.

Centre.	New Clubs.	New Members.	R.L.S.S. Award.	Surf Award.	Junior Surf Award.	Instructor's Award	Total.
Auckland (1st)	10	105	84	99	—	15	313
Taranaki (2nd)	10	65	56	81	6	5	223
Canterbury (3rd)	—	94	34	66	—	5	199
Wellington (4th)	5	55	26	57	—	—	143
Otago (5th)	—	31	16	9	—	—	56
Individual	—	9	16	12	—	—	37

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT.

In this, the first year of the annual inspection of all gear and equipment used by all Surf Life Saving Clubs in New Zealand, as adopted by the Association, Gear Inspection Forms were forwarded to District Associations, and inspections of gear and equipment were carried out by the District Gear Inspectors. The result shows that, although Surf Life Saving Clubs in New Zealand are spread right round the coasts of both Islands, the distance covered by Inspectors and the time spent was well worth while, as a very definite control of all gear and equipment used in the Association's activities will result and undoubtedly tend to increase the efficiency of the Association's work. The completed report of this year's gear inspection gives the Association and the New Zealand public a more complete picture of the large amount of gear and equipment which is located at vital points on the beaches around New Zealand to secure an efficient life-saving service to the public.

Of the 48 Surf Life-saving Clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Association, Inspection Forms, covering 46 clubs, were received and dealt with in compiling the statistics of this, the first year of annual inspection; two small returns arrived too late for inclusion.

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 seven clubs, from Waitara to Patea; Wellington District Association has seven clubs, from Paekakariki down the coast and including the metropolitan beaches. From Wanganui to Paekakariki there are four clubs, and at Gisborne, on the East Coast, there are two clubs. These six clubs are affiliated to the Association as North Island Individual Clubs. Canterbury District Association has five clubs, all situated on the very popular beaches around Christchurch; Otago District Association has five clubs, the Oreti Club being near Invercargill and the remainder situated on the popular Dunedin beaches. The West Coast has two clubs, at Greymouth and Ruranga, and these clubs are affiliated as South Island Individual Clubs.

The N.Z.S.L.S.A. has at present five District Associations, and with the ever-growing interest in our work of reducing the number of drownings on our beaches we hope to add another two District Associations.

The Inspection Report Form of the Association covers 44 items of gear and equipment, all necessary to carry out efficiently the work of rescue and resuscitation of the apparently drowned. To enumerate a few items: Life-saving Reels, Lines and Life Belts, Surf Boats, Surf Skis, Surf Boards, Box Line Outfits, Alarm Bells, Danger Notices, Swimming and Patrol Notices, First Aid Equipment, Respirators, Means of Heating, Stretchers, Club Houses, Look-out Tower, Telephone, Wireless and Public Address Equipment. All items were inspected and the reports showed that, with very few exceptions, all items were in exceptionally good condition.

Reels: 130 life-saving reels were inspected; 96 of these were in excellent and good condition; 34 were graded as fair, these being the older reels, but still in serviceable condition, with minor adjustments. Six clubs have one reel each; 14 clubs have two reels each;

13 clubs have three reels each; nine clubs have four reels each; three clubs have five reels each, and one club has six reels.

The Association is pleased to advise that the difficulties in obtaining supplies of reels have now become overcome and new reels will be available ex stock for the coming season.

Lines: 138 life lines were inspected; 102 of these were excellent and in good condition; 36 were graded as fair, these becoming aged and in some cases should be replaced. Stocks of lines have been obtained by District Associations and clubs will be able to obtain new lines where required.

Belts: 173 life belts were inspected; 138 of these were in excellent and good condition; 35 were graded as fair. It is very gratifying to see the increased use of safety-type life belts, which allow the person using the life belt to free himself from the belt should his line be fouled.

Surf Boats: Inspection Reports show that there are four of these large surf boats in service and all are in good condition. These surf boats represent a large amount of capital and their maintenance is also heavy. Some clubs have provided trailers for these boats, thus making them more mobile.

Surf Canoes: This is a smaller type of surf boat, first introduced two seasons ago, and it has become very popular with clubs. The inspection shows that there are 17 of these surf canoes in use by 11 clubs and more of these canoes have appeared since the inspection. Most of them are situated in the South Island, where one District Association had five donated by one very generous public-minded gentleman. The Association's thanks are extended to him for this very generous gift.

Surf Skis: This item has now become an essential part of life saving equipment. 51 surf skis were inspected; 25 clubs operate one or more.

While the Association has drawings of a standard design, many modifications have been made, and no doubt a ski which is most suitable to our New Zealand conditions will be evolved.

First Aid Rooms: Inspections Reports show that 23 clubs have a first aid room and 26 clubs have portable first aid kits. In some cases St. John's Ambulance Society provides first aid room facilities and our thanks are extended to them for their help and assistance. It is noticed that in many cases the first aid room and portable kits are stocked by the clubs concerned and we feel that the local body or borough under whose control the beach is endowed, should supply this first aid equipment to the life-saving club operating on the beach. 38 stretchers, 43 splints, 78 blankets, 21 hot-water bottles. Eight clubs have respirators and 28 clubs have means of heating—electric, gas, oil and coal.

Alarm Bells and Danger Notices: 22 clubs have some form of warning device. Most clubs have danger notices, beach signal flags, and 15 clubs have observation towers; on others the beach under patrol is visible from the club-house.

Value of Gear and Equipment: To appraise the value of gear and equipment belonging to life-saving clubs it was necessary to take into consideration the condition of each piece of gear and

equipment, as shown by the reports of Inspectors. The figure does not cover the replacement cost, which would be considerably higher. A conservative estimate is £7,970, which gives an average of £174 for each club. The maintenance and replacement of all gear and equipment is, of course, high, and this is always a worry to club officials, who are always striving to keep their gear in first-class order. The above amount of course does not include the personal equipment of club members such as swimming costumes, club blazers, flannels, etc.

Club Houses: The Inspection Reports show that there are 43 club houses; 12 have boat houses attached or as part of the main building; 15 have observation towers as a part of or separate to the main building.

This is indeed a very satisfactory position because without a club house proper patrol of the beaches and care of equipment cannot be attained.

To arrive at the capital value of these club houses is extremely difficult, but the values shown are based on the annual returns supplied by the clubs to the Association each year. The replacement value at present prices would be in excess of that quoted.

The estimated value of the 43 club houses is £23,250, and is made up as follows:—

26 club houses at value of up to £500.

10 club houses at value of over £500 to £1,000.

7 club houses at value of over £1,000 to £1,750.

The Annual Returns show that 25 life-saving clubs have paid £17,650 on their club houses and buildings. In not all cases is the legal ownership of the buildings vested in the club. In some cases local bodies, boroughs and associations, who administer the land facing the beach, have assisted clubs to acquire ownership, or have provided accommodation at a nominal rent. The above figures are astonishing, particularly when it is realised that most of this money to establish a National Service, has been provided by the club members themselves with the assistance of the District Associations and the New Zealand Association. The maintenance of the buildings is a large annual item, as is also the replacement of gear and equipment, and must be met each year.

The New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association is justly proud of its efforts to establish a National Service to the public in the patrolling of the popular bathing beaches, thus reducing drowning accidents to a minimum.

Gear Issued, 1948-49 Season:

Reels	12
Reel Covers	2
Reel Fittings (sets)	4
Lines	36
Belts, No 4 safety	42
Belts, No 3 Safety	1
Duke Canoe Drawings	6
Ski Drawings	3
Hollow Board Drawings	4

Outstanding Orders for Gear:

Reels	Nil
Lines	Nil
Belts	Nil

Stock at End of Season:

Reels	Nil
Lines	13
Belts, No. 4	Nil
Belts, No. 1	1

Gear On Order for Association:

Reels	6
Lines	Nil
Belts, No. 4	36

Gear and Equipment at N.Z. Championships: The equipment assembled at the 1949 Championships represented the largest number of reels, lines and belts ever brought together at a Surf Carnival. With very few exceptions, the whole of the teams' equipment was in excellent 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-chromed, lines properly wound and fastened to belts. Belts, with few exceptions, were in excellent condition.

The following is a summary of the equipment inspected:—

SUMMARY.

30 Reels	29 Belts	29 Lines
All N.Z. Std.	22 No. 4 Safety	All N.Z. Std.
	3 No. 3 safety	
	4 No. 2 Plain	
24 Excellent	25 Excellent	25 Excellent
5 Good	1 Good	3 Good
1 Fair	3 Fair	1 Fair

Surf Skis: Eight skis were inspected and all were in very good condition, the variation in design shows great enterprise

Surf Boat: One club brought their surf boat to the Carnival, which was in excellent condition. The club concerned is to be congratulated on the condition of the surf boat and the excellent trailer which enabled same to be transported by road to the Championships. Thanks are extended to this club for the services rendered by the boat and crew.

Value of Equipment at N.Z. Championships: An estimation of the value of the reels, lines and belts, surf skis, surf boat, teams' and poles, cotton costumes, woollen costumes, caps and Associations' Championship gear is placed at £2,661/12/-, and does not include personal clothing as blazers, flannels, etc. All clubs are to be congratulated on the excellence of their equipment, and this report shows in some way the amount of time, labour and money spent by the clubs and individual members to ensure an efficient service to the bathing public on our New Zealand beaches.

NATIONAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The National Surf Life-saving Championships were conducted by the Auckland District Association on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th February last, the venue of the National fixture being the Waihi beach, and this marked the first occasion since the formation of the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association that the Championships have been staged so far distant from the headquarters of a controlling Association.

The fact that it is difficult to recall a more successful Championship meeting is fitting tribute to the sterling work accomplished in the organisation of the event, and the Auckland Association is to be congratulated for their outstanding effort, which was reflected in the unqualified success of the meeting.

The accommodation and entertainment arrangements were handled with distinction by the Waihi Surf Life-saving Club, and the thanks of Council are extended to them for the great amount of work so successfully accomplished in this difficult appointment.

Favoured by perfect weather conditions, the Championships attracted considerable public attention, and the total receipts for the meeting reached an amount which constituted an all-time record for a championship meeting.

The Championships were declared officially open by the Mayor of Waihi, Mr. H. J. Pickett, who paid tribute to the constant vigilance exercised by the surf life-saving clubs of the Dominion.

The President of the Association, Mr. A. Gardner, congratulated all competitors on the high standard of efficiency displayed and paid tribute to the officials of the Waihi Club for their assistance in the successful conclusion of the meeting and for the hospitality extended to visitors.

The following clubs were represented with entries:—

Ladies: Wellington Ladies, Milford Girls, Fitzroy, Mount Maunganui and Island Bay (five clubs).

Senior Men: Waihi, Taylor's Mistake, Island Bay, North Beach, Takapuna, Piha, Foxton, Opunake, New Brighton, Maranui, Lyall Bay, Fitzroy, South New Brighton, Paekakariki, Mount Maunganui, New Plymouth Old Boys, East End, Karekare, Milford, Eastern United, Waitemata, and Gisborne (twenty-two clubs).

Juniors: East End, Waihi, New Brighton, Island Bay, Waitemata, North Beach, Maranui, Lyall Bay, Opunake, Fitzroy, South New Brighton, Piha, St. Kilda, Waitara and Mount Maunganui (fifteen clubs).

Relative to the Ladies' Championship events, it is recorded with regret that due to the fact that the minimum of three entries was not received, the Arawa Shield for ladies' 6 man R. and R., and also the Ladies' New Zealand March Past Championship, were not contested.

The following are the official results:—

New Zealand Ladies' Four-man Alarm Championship.

Final: Wellington Ladies (C. Cameron, V. Cameron, A. Seagar, J. Dunnett), 1st; Milford Girls (J. Tingle, V. Gardner, N. Gibbons, G. Gibson), 2nd; Fitzroy (D. Cleverley, F. Coppel, J. Hogg, S. Fowler), 3rd.

New Zealand Junior R. & R. Championship.

First Heat: South New Brighton (N. Schou, B. Rose, G. Penny, J. Abrams, P. McNally, M. Gold), 1st; Maranui (E. Hughes, P. Burt, N. Roake, M. Haxton, M. Gotlieb, R. Hatchwell), 2nd; New Brighton (L. McGlinn, P. McKeown, D. Hulme, N. Crosbie, B. Taylor, P. Hill), 3rd.

Second Heat: North Beach (D. Kirk, A. Moore, I. Dobson, L. Hatchard, B. Selfe, A. Milesi), 1st; Opunake (B. McLaughlin, L. Butterini, B. McKenzie, G. Humphries, B. McSweeney, C. Hohaia), 2nd; East End (R. Steffenson, B. Black, R. Morwood, P. Hallowell, P. Batten, V. Colson), 3rd.

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

New Zealand Junior Four-man Alarm Championship.

First Heat: New Brighton (M. Crosbie, P. Hill, B. Taylor, D. Hulme), 1st; East End (Batten, Hallowell, Colson, Morwood), 2nd equal; G. Humphries), 3rd.
North Beach (A. Moore, A. Milesi, L. Hatchard, I. Dobson), 2nd equal.

Second Heat: Maranui (M. Haxton, E. Hughes, P. Burt, R. Hatchwell), 1st; Lyall Bay (J. Ryan, J. Wainwright, P. Kronfeld, A. Kronfeld), 2nd; Opunake (C. Hohaia, McLaughlin, L. Butterini,

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

New Zealand Junior March Past Championship.

Maranui, 1st; Opunake, 2nd; Island Bay, 3rd.

New Zealand Junior Beltman's Championship.

First Heat: M. Haxton (Maranui), 1st; D. Laing (Waitara), 2nd; M. Tait (Waitemata), 3rd.

Second Heat: J. Ryan (Lyall Bay), 1st; A. Bates (Mt. Maunganui), 2nd; P. Burt (Maranui), 3rd.

Third Heat: B. McLeay (Waihi), 1st; J. Mazzoleni (Waitemata), 2nd; J. Powell (Fitzroy), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: P. Bevan (Piha), 1st; N. Schou (Sth. New Brighton), 2nd; A. Moore (North Beach), 3rd.

Final: J. Ryan (Lyall Bay), 1st; D. McLeay (Waihi), 2nd; M. Haxton (Maranui), 3rd.

New Zealand Junior Individual and Teams' Surf Race Championship.

Individual Result: F. Lucas (Piha), 1st; P. McNally (Sth. New Brighton), 2nd; P. Bevan (Piha), 3rd.

Teams' Result: Piha (F. Lucas, P. Bevan, C. Baird, R. Cook), 1st; Sth. New Brighton (P. McNally, N. Schou, G. Penny, M. Gold), 2nd; Maranui (M. Haxton, P. Burt, R. Hatchwell, N. Roake), 3rd.

New Zealand Senior R. & R. Championship.

First Heat: Sth. New Brighton (I. Berryman, K. Allsop, N. McDonald, A. Swainson, L. Schou, M. Ferron), 1st; Waitemata (M. Hesse, N. Martin, J. Scholes, J. Walsh, O. Cullington, S. Savage), 2nd; Eastern United (K. McDermott, T. Woolfe, I. Jones, K. Branch, G. Doubleday, F. Bassett), 3rd.

Second Heat: New Brighton (D. O'Neill, M. Tonkin, G. Harris, J. Hulme, R. Henry, J. Taylor), 1st; New Plymouth O.B. (J. Nodder, I. Russell, R. Riley, C. Woods, G. Brown, R. George), 2nd; Lyall Bay (D. McClaughry, D. Cole, A. Main, J. Watt, J. Williams, J. Ryan), 3rd.

Third Heat: Maranui (R. Hatchwell, J. Clarke, M. Sellin, B. Oliver, W. Lidstone, D. Evans), 1st; Paekakariki (G. Crawley, D. Smith, G. Fox, P. Gardner, O. Smith, M. Harris), 2nd; Takapuna (D. Knight, J. Chapman, C. Crowe, E. Mortimer, G. Spear, T. Thompson), 3rd.

Final: New Brighton, 1st; Maranui, 2nd; Paekakariki, 3rd.

New Zealand Senior Four-man Alarm Championship.

First Heat: Island Bay (J. Roberts, W. Williams, L. Swindale, P. Anderson), 1st; Takapuna (J. Chapman, J. Spear, D. Knight, E. Mortimer), 2nd; North Beach (R. Kennedy, J. Moore, S. Nicholls, Davison), 3rd.

Second Heat: New Brighton (L. Munt, N. O. Berg, B. Couling, A. Archer), 1st; Maranui (D. Evans, I. Baird, L. Jackson, J. Hatchwell), 2nd; Lyall Bay (J. Williams, L. McKeeman, K. Farey, N. Woods), 3rd.

Third Heat: New Plymouth O.B. (I. Russell, J. Nodder, R. George, R. Riley), 1st; Paekakariki (G. Crawley, D. Smith, O. Smith, G. Fox), 3rd; Mt. Maunganui (T. Magee, J. Carson, G. Clarke, B. Bates), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: Waitemata (G. Moyes, J. Scholes, J. Walsh, S. Savage), 1st; Eastern United (T. Woolf, J. Ferguson, G. Doubleday, B. Phillips), 2nd; East End (G. Moral, A. Priest, J. Norwood, J. Walker), 3rd.

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

New Zealand Senior March Past Championship.

Maranui, 1st; South New Brighton, 2nd; Lyall Bay, 3rd.

New Zealand Senior Beltman's Championship.

First Heat: J. T. Clark (Maranui), 1st; D. Evans (Maranui), 2nd; J. Watt (Lyall Bay), 3rd.

Second Heat: H. Goldsmith (Taylor's Mistake), 1st; I. Russell (New Plymouth O.B.), 2nd; M. Ferron (Sth. New Brighton), 3rd.

Third Heat: C. Chambers (New Brighton), 1st; O. Smith (Paekakariki), 2nd; R. Kennedy (North Beach), 3rd.

Fourth Heat: N. Chambers (New Brighton), 1st; J. Cameron (Taylor's Mistake), 2nd; S. Savage (Waitemata), 3rd.

Final: J. T. Clark (Maranui), 1st; N. Chambers (New Brighton), 2nd; C. Chambers (New Brighton), 3rd.

New Zealand Senior Individual and Teams' Surf Race Championship.

Individual Result: N. Chambers (New Brighton), 1st; C. Chambers (New Brighton), 2nd; J. Clarke (Maranui), 3rd.

Teams' Result: New Brighton (N. Chambers, C. Chambers, O. Henry, D. O'Neill), 1st; Kare Kare (R. Simmons, G. Taine, J. Ferguson, G. Wynne), 2nd; Lyall Bay (A. Maine, J. Watt, D. McClaughtry, J. Williams), 3rd.

New Zealand Individual Surf Ski Championship.

First Heat: D. McLeay (Waihi), 1st; J. Walsh (Waitemata), 2nd.

Second Heat: J. Thompson (North Beach), 1st; T. Magee (Mt. Maunganui), 2nd.

Third Heat: D. Wright (Piha), 1st.

Fourth Heat: P. Bevan (Piha), 1st.

Final: D. Wright (Piha), 1st; J. Thompson (North Beach), 2nd; D. McLeay (Waihi), 3rd.

New Zealand Teams' Surf Ski Championship.

First Heat: Maranui (S. Bright, M. Allen, I. Ball, L. Jackson), 1st; Piha (S. Turner, F. Lory, G. Lobban, T. Pearce), 2nd equal; North Beach A (L. Hatchard, I. Davidson, R. Kennedy, B. Bull), 2nd equal

Second Heat: Waihi A (D. Spiers, J. Pivac, M. Potier, R. Hales), 1st; North Beach B (J. Dobson, I. Bathurst, J. Moore, J. Thompson), 2nd.

Final: Maranui, 1st; North Beach A, 2nd; Piha, 3rd.

New Zealand Resuscitation Championship (Open).

M. Ferron (Sth. New Brighton), 1st, R. Hatchwell (Maranui), 2nd.

New Zealand 100 Yards Beach Championship.

First Heat: I. Davison (North Beach), 1st; J. Hulme (New Brighton), 2nd.
Second Heat: J. Morwood (East End), 1st; G. Edmonds (Takapuna), 2nd.
Third Heat: S. Bright (Maranui), 1st; R. Evans (Foxton), 2nd.
Fourth Heat: L. Jackson (Maranui), 1st; G. Brown (New Plymouth O.B.), 2nd.
Final: I. Davison (North Beach), 1st; L. Jackson (Maranui), 2nd; S. Bright (Maranui), 3rd.

New Zealand Beach Relay Championship.

First Heat: Eastern United (K. McDermott, F. Bassett, G. Double-day, B. Phillips), 1st; Takapuna (T. Thompson, G. Edmonds, A. Cameron, K. Edmonds), 2nd.
Second Heat: Maranui (J. Clark, L. Jackson, S. Bright, R. Oliver), 1st; New Plymouth O.B. (G. Brown, R. George, R. Riley, D. Evans), 2nd.
Third Heat: Paekakariki (D. King, C. Gibson, G. Fox, G. Crawley), 1st; New Brighton (J. Hulme, R. Henry, J. Taylor, G. Harris), 2nd.
Final: Maranui, 1st; Paekakariki, 2nd; New Brighton, 3rd.

To the various clubs and individuals who secured championship honours, congratulations are extended.

This meeting marked the first occasion on which the N.Z.S.L.S.A. War Memorial Pennant was presented to the winners of the National Senior March Past event, although this handsome trophy was contested at the two preceding Championship meetings.

The thanks of Council are due, and are gladly rendered, to the many officials whose hard work and attention to detail in no small way assisted in the success of the Championships, and it is hoped that the fact that the meeting concluded so magnificently was ample reward for the time and effort so freely given in the interests of the Surf movement.

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES.

We wish to express appreciation of the efficient services rendered by members of the National Board of Judges in the conduct and control of the National Surf Life-saving Championships. The functions of the Board have contributed a great deal to the high standard of judging throughout the Dominion, and in an endeavour to obtain a greater degree of satisfaction in the judging of National R. and R. events, it is hoped in future that it will be possible to make provision for two judges to be appointed for the judging of each team in both heats and finals at National Championship meetings.

In this objective it is apparent that the National Board is severely handicapped through the lack of available members, and in view of the small number of nominees coming forward each year

for admission to the Board, prior attention has been given by Council to investigate suitable methods of obtaining additional National judges

The deliberations of Council revealed the desirability of a thorough overhaul of the conditions appertaining to the appointments to the National Board, and primarily with the object of reducing the probationary period a nominee would be required to serve on a District Board, an amended basis for appointments will be brought forward for the approval of the Annual Conference.

The necessity of maintaining the present high degree of efficiency and equability in the judging of the National Championships is of vital importance to the movement, and it is confidently expected that the reduction of the qualifying period will in no way lower the standard of judging but will ensure a greater number of highly qualified personnel becoming available for examination for admission to the National Board.

This opportunity is taken to appeal to the many members of the Association who are eligible and qualified to be nominated to the National Board of Judges to have their names sent forward and so assist in the most important function of judging National Surf Life-saving competition.

1950 NATIONAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

It was the decision of the Annual Conference that the 1950 National Championships be allocated to the Auckland District Association, but in view of the fact that this would result in the staging of the National meeting for the second successive year in the Auckland district and would involve the South Island clubs in again having to meet the heavy cost of travelling, it was deemed advisable that consideration be given to altering the venue of the meeting.

Overtures were made to the Auckland Association and the opportunity was taken by a special sub-committee of Council, formed for the purpose of reviewing the 1950 activities of the Association, of meeting the Auckland Executive at Waihi, and following the full agreement of the Auckland Association, the question of the venue for the 1950 National Championships was referred to a Special General Meeting of the Association which was held at Wellington on April 13, 1949.

Applications for permission to conduct the 1950 meeting were received from the Wellington and Taranaki District Associations, and the Championships were re-allocated to the Wellington District Association, to be conducted on January 27, 28, and 29, 1950, at Wellington.

This decision has been received with general satisfaction by the life-saving movement, and it is sincerely hoped that the centralising of the venue of the 1950 National Surf Life-saving Championships will result in a record entry being received.

SURF LIFE-SAVING MEDALLION.

The attainment of the Surf Life-saving Medallion of the Association requires a full knowledge of the various details relating to team drill, the exacting requirements of artificial resuscitation, and a general knowledge of physiology, and the ultimate achievement of this award should be the object of all members of surf life-saving clubs.

The conditions governing the examination are most severe, and those who qualify for this life-saving emblem are recognised to possess the necessary ability to efficiently render immediate service to those who may find themselves in difficulties in water and in danger of drowning.

It is most gratifying to note that a total of 108 Surf Life-saving Medallions were gained during the season, which not only gives an indication of the increasing efficiency of the individual members of the surf clubs of the Dominion but also greater assurance to those people who bathe at our patrolled beaches in that an increased number of fully qualified and efficient surf life-savers will be in readiness to render assistance in any emergency during the coming summer months. The awards gained by the District Associations and individual affiliated clubs are as follows:—

Auckland District Association	33
Taranaki District Association	27
Wellington District Association	19
Canterbury District Association	22
Otago District Association	3
Individual Clubs	4
	<hr/>
	108
	<hr/>

Surf Medallion Instructors' Certificates.

Auckland District Association	3
Taranaki District Association	1
Wellington District Association	1
Canterbury District Association	1
Otago District Association	—
Individual Clubs	—
	<hr/>
	6
	<hr/>

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES DURING 1950 BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES.

Realising the importance of the fact that the 1950 British Empire Games are to be conducted at Auckland during February next year, considerable time and thought have been given by your Council to the question of staging an International Surf Life-saving Contest immediately following the conclusion of the Games, and in implementing the decisions of the Annual Conference and a subsequent Special General Meeting, invitations have been extended to all

countries operating in our sphere of activities to send national representative life-saving teams to this country to compete in an International Contest.

An indication has already been received from the R.L.S.S., London, and R.L.S.S., Australian Federal Council, that the high travelling costs in sending teams from overseas precludes the acceptance of our invitation, but it is most pleasing to be able to report that the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia will send a team of ten members and a manager, comprising proficient performers in all branches of surf life-saving.

Following the proposed International event, which is to take place at a suitable beach adjacent to Auckland on Sunday, February 12, 1950, it is intended that the visiting Australian team be taken on tour of the Dominion, and an itinerary has already been prepared and circulated to all affiliated members.

It is considered by your Council that the tour of a team from the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia will be of immense value in the achievement of the aims of the Association, and will result in an improvement in the standard of life-saving work in the Dominion. It is also thought that the tour will give stimulus to the movement with the object of ensuring the regular inflow of new recruits to our humanitarian sport, which must be maintained if the beaches on which we operate are to be adequately patrolled and made safe for the bathing public.

During the proposed tour the opportunity will be taken of undertaking educational visits to schools and colleges, and it is considered that the valuable work which will be accomplished in the cause of surf life-saving will directly assist in the reduction of the appalling loss of life through drowning, which has been only too apparent during the season under review.

The question of the necessary finance has been referred to the movement, and it is sincerely hoped that all District Associations and the individual clubs concerned will realise the importance of the tour and not only will raise the required fund to assure the tour but will organise to make the visit of the Australian team to their district a most memorable one.

DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATIONS.

The Council wishes to record appreciation of the valuable work which has been accomplished by District Associations during the season in the control of activities in their respective districts, and acknowledges the whole-hearted co-operation received in all matters associated in the furtherance of the life-saving movement.

Congratulations are extended to the officers and executive committees of the various associations in the excellent results achieved during the past season.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS.

The sterling work of the individual clubs is well recognised, and this opportunity is taken of extending to the officers and members of these clubs the sincerest thanks of the Council for their efforts in maintaining their surf life-saving activities in the true tradition of the Association.

The individual clubs, although not favoured with the opportunities of the metropolitan clubs, are rendering a service to the community of equal importance, and Council wishes to assure them every possible assistance in the continuation of the valuable work being accomplished.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The appointment of Messrs. F. G. Ryan and A. De Costa to the Board of Examiners for the Gisborne district has filled an overdue need, and in the immediate future it is hoped that further appointments will be possible so that every opportunity may be extended to members of clubs in that area to obtain surf life-saving awards.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS.

In view of the keen interest and enthusiasm displayed by individual clubs in the Manawatu and Hawke's Bay areas, and the desire of these clubs to improve the standard of their life-saving activities, your Council directly undertook educational visits to the clubs concerned, and the results achieved were most encouraging.

Visits were made to the Foxton and Palmerston North Clubs, and also the Te Awa Club at Napier, and the very valuable instructional work which was accomplished should assist these clubs in the furtherance and strengthening of their life-saving work.

The interest evinced by members of the clubs visited was most encouraging, and augurs well for the future of the movement in the areas visited, and this opportunity is taken of acknowledging the hospitality which was extended to the member of Council by the clubs concerned.

AFFILIATIONS.

The following District Associations are affiliated to the Association: Auckland, Taranaki, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago, and the following individual clubs: Gisborne, Wainui, Palmerston North, Foxton, Greymouth, Runanga-Rapahoe and Castlecliff.

NEW CLUBS FORMED.

It is with great pleasure that your Council records the formation of the following new clubs, and offers congratulations to the District Associations concerned in this excellent achievement: Inglewood (Taranaki), Muriwai (Auckland).

The resuscitation of the activities of the Ohawe and Patea Clubs (Taranaki) and Te Awa Club at Napier is most gratifying, and the thanks of Council are extended to the persons concerned in this revival of interest in the life-saving work of these clubs.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING.

The Council wishes to acknowledge the assistance which has been rendered at all times by the National Committee, and the valuable work which has been undertaken on behalf of the Association fully justifies the existence of this Committee.

During the year matters of common interest to the natatorial bodies were referred to the National Committee, and we extend to Mr. N. A. Ingram, hon. secretary of the Committee, our thanks for the prompt and efficient manner in which attention was given to all requests.

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

Your Council again records its pleasure in the continued goodwill and co-operation extended by these two *National organisations*. The most cordial relationship which has existed for many years has been to our mutual benefit and Council desires the continuation of this friendly co-operation in our allied activities.

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. N.Z.A.S.A. New Zealand Council: Mr. H. S. Feast (resigned 30/5/49) and Mr. P. F. Coira. R.L.S.S. New Zealand Council: Mr. L. J. Sutherland. National Committee of Swimming and Life-saving: Messrs. H. Dickson and S. Higgins.

FINANCIAL.

The financial position of the Association is revealed by the statement of accounts, and although a satisfactory cash balance is shown, the bulk of this amount is required to meet sundry debtor accounts now due for payment.

The increasing cost of surf life-saving equipment has placed a severe burden on our finances as in view of the delays experience in delivery of gear it is necessary to place quantity orders covering the estimated yearly requirements of the movement, for which payment must be made following delivery.

This position could be relieved by affiliated clubs if payment for items of gear was made with the order as this action would tend to spread the financial outlay involved.

In view of the proposed activities of the Association in the coming season, it is reasonable to expect that a substantial increase in our operational expenses will be incurred, and we are also faced with the immediate cost of reprinting the official handbook of the Association, which work must be undertaken prior to the commencement of next season's activities as our stock of handbooks is now exhausted.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

The annual Conference unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. F. H. Chapman as an honorary Life Member of the Association.

As well as being one of the founders of the N.Z.S.L.S.A., Mr. Chapman was its first secretary-treasurer, and the sound position of the movement today can be traced to the sterling work accomplished by him in his long service to the movement.

Mr. Chapman is at present residing in Sydney and is one of the Association's delegates to the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

During the year fourteen meetings of the Council were held, and the following is a summary of the attendance of members: Messrs. B. J. McIvor, N. A. Ingram, J. Whisker, C. T. Jones (14); R. Perkins, H. Dickson (13); W. V. Griffin, A. Ross, J. Roberts, D. Hunter (12); C. Redmond, M. H. Millar (11); W. H. Gerrie, R. Pelham, C. Coleman (10); K. W. Stephen, R. Pearce (4); J. Dighton (3); F. G. Ryan (resigned 22/11/48) (2).

HON. SERVICE AWARD BLAZERS.

Your Council approved with pleasure the recommendations of the Otago and Wellington Associations that Messrs. B. Simonsen (Otago) and J. Mowtell (Wellington) be authorized to wear the Hon. Blazer of the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association.

Both have rendered valuable services to the life-saving movement over a long period of years, and in extending to them the heartiest congratulations of the Association in the honour they have gained, we express the hope that they will continue their sterling work to the benefit of the Association in their respective districts.

WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

The sincerest thanks of the Association are expressed to the members of the Gear Committee, the Special Committee relative to Board of Judges, Minimum Requirements Committee, the Special Committee regarding proposed alterations to drills, and the Special Committee re 1950 activities for the very valuable work which has been accomplished during the year on its behalf.

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 desire to 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, E. Webb and O. J. Mullins, 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. R. H. Perkins, for his valuable work in revising the handbook of the Association for reprinting.

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

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report of the seventeenth year of the operations of the New Zealand Surf Life-saving Association, the Council of the Association reviews with pleasure the extension and strengthening of the life-saving movement throughout the Dominion. There is still considerable scope for the widening of our activities, and to achieve our objective of having established and well-equipped clubs operating at all beaches, we have a long and difficult task ahead.

In the establishment of new clubs, we are faced with many problems, and in view of the high cost of providing the necessary facilities and equipment, it is obvious that without the support and spirit of co-operation of the general public and their local body representatives, the efforts of the Association will not achieve the success desirable.

The increasing support which has been received from the public and local bodies during the year is indicative of the realization and acceptance of the work being undertaken by the Association, and this valued assistance has been a contributing factor to the success of the past season and gives reason for optimism for the future of the life-saving movement.

It is also desirable that we increase our educational work by making visits to our clubs, and by this means ensure the continued functions of our organization and so assist the weaker members of our movement through any difficult period which may be encountered.

In conclusion, we again draw the attention of all members of surf life-saving clubs to our motto: "VIGILANCE—SERVICE—ENDURANCE"—and in expressing our great appreciation to them for the valuable work which has been recorded during the past season in the humanitarian task of saving life, we trust that they will increase their efforts in the coming year to reduce the appalling rate of loss of life through drowning.

B. J. McIVOR, Chairman.

C. T. JONES,
Hon. General Secretary,
N.Z.S.L.S.A.

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st August, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stock Account	899	16 1	Sales of Stock	776	4 5
Handbook Account	10	4 0	Sales of Handbooks	18	8 0
Educational Instruction	18	0 0	Championship Receipts	138	11 6
Conference and Annual Reports	55	5 7	London Trophy	25	0 0
Championship Expenses	168	4 2	Government Grant	300	0 0
London Trophy Disbursements	16	0 0	Affiliation Fees	28	16 2
Printing and Stationery	79	7 6	Stock on Hand, 31/8/49	206	10 2
General Expenses	17	6 9			
Grants and Affiliations	70	15 8			
Depreciation	13	15 0			
Balance—Excess of Income over Expenditure	144	15 6			
	£1493	10 3		£1493	10 3

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
London Trophy Grants not paid	16	0	0	Cash at Bank	196	14	3
Educational Conference Reserve	25	0	0	Sundry Debtors—Districts	166	7	2
Owing for 24 Surf Lines	186	0	0	Typewriter and Furniture	11	18	6
Grants to Districts for Stock	15	0	0	Buoys and Gear	41	9	9
Excess of Assets over Liabilities				Memorial Pennant	20	1	0
as at 1/9/48	£256	5	4	Stock	206	10	2
Add Excess of Income over Ex-							
penditure for year ended							
31/8/49	144	15	6				
	<u>401</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>				
	£643	0	10		<u>£643</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

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.

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

