



NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

N.Z. Council Established 1932

Affiliated to the International Council of Surf Life Saving.

Annual Report *and Financial Statement* *Season 1968-69*

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Commerce House, Wakefield Street, Wellington C.I., on Saturday, 30th August, 1969.

VIGILANCE
SERVICE -
ENDURANCE

OVER 8100 LIVES SAVED

HEADQUARTERS - BOX 272, WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Australian National Council Officer to New Zealand Council:
J. CAMPBELL.

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M. HAXTON, W. J. MASON, G. E. PERRY, D. BULL; G. MACE;
P. ANDERSON (retired 7/5/69), and C. T. JONES.

Sub-Committees:

Constitution: J. D. HUNTER, N. A. INGRAM, C. T. JONES and
G. PERRY.

Handbook Revision Committee: K, FAREY, I. WILSON.

Gear: M. HAXTON, D. McCLAUGHRY, D. BULL.

Judiciary: J. D. HUNTER, C. T. JONES, G. PERRY, A. J. RYAN,
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Auckland: L. DENIZE, P. O. Box 851, Auckland.

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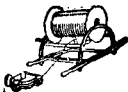
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N.Z.A.S.A. N.Z. Council: A. W. BARRATT, Box 391, Christchurch.

R.L.S.S. N.Z. Council: S. NICOL, 240 High Street, Christchurch.

National Water Safety Committee: Mrs. B. BIRCH, Internal Affairs,
Dept., P.B., Wellington.

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION 1968/69

Patron:

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,
SIR ARTHUR PORRITT.**

President: MR. F. G. RYAN.

Deputy President: MR. A. J. RYAN.

Immediate Past President: MR. A. VEART.

Life Members: Messrs. N. A. INGRAM, W. H. GERRIE, W. V. GRIFFIN, B. J. McIVOR, F. G. RYAN, L. J. SUTHERLAND, H. D. DICKSON, J. A. R. WHISKER, H. D. GILLIES, N. St. C. BERGE, F. H. JACKSON, J. C. BLAKELEY, J. D. HUNTER, C. T. JONES, S. B. MASON.

Hon. Medical Advisors: SIR ALEXANDER GILLIES (Wellington), Dr ROBERT BOWIE (Wanganui), Dr. S. PEDDIE (Wellington).

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. E. E. WEBB, LL.B.

Hon. Consulting Engineer: Mr R. PEARCE.

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

Hon. Auditor: Mr J. C. BLAKELEY, A.R.A.N.Z.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. J. MASON, A.R.A.N.Z.

Hon. Chief Instructor: Mr H. J. K. FAREY.

Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear: Mr. M. J. HAXTON.

Hon. Publicity Officer: MR. C. R. MENTIPLAY.

Hon. Registrar: Mr J. D. HUNTER.

NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL — 1968/69

Auckland: MR. J. CHAPMAN (September 1969); **Bay of Plenty:** MR. G. I. LINDSTROM; **Gisborne:** MR. G. MACE; **Taranaki:** MR. A. J. RYAN; **Wellington:** MR. P. JANKTE; **Hawke's Bay:** I. WILSON; **Western Districts:** MR. R. BULLER (September 1969); **Canterbury:** S. D. TARRANT; **Otago:** P. ANDERSON (retired 7/5/69), R. HODDER; **Individual Clubs:** W. D. McCLAUGHRY; **R.L.S.S.:** M. WHITE; **N.Z. Council N.Z.A.S.A.:** R. MALTBY.

Delegate to N.Z. Council R.L.S.S.: Mr L. J. SUTHERLAND.

Delegate to N.Z. Council N.Z.A.S.A.: Mr. G. G. PRATLEY.

Delegates to National Water Safety Council:

Messrs. J. D. HUNTER and C. T. JONES.

Delegates to National Water Safety Committee:

Messrs G. I. LINDSTROM and P. ANDERSON (retired 75/569).

Liaison Officer to Australian National Council:

Mr. H. J. WOOTTON.

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

Thirty-seventh Annual Report

and Statement of Accounts

SEASON ENDING 31st MAY, 1969

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Commerce House, Wakefield Street, Wellington 1, on Saturday, 30th August, 1969, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The season just concluded has been an extremely busy one for your Council and it is indeed with pleasure that we report on the various activities undertaken during the season.

Our overseas activities have been continued and it is pleasing to be able to say that our relationship with the S.L.S. Association of Australia and the S.L.S. Association of America have remained on a very high plain. The season has seen a group of five New Zealand Surf Lifesavers travel to the West Coast of America where they were hosted by the American Association and following their return we feel confident that methods learned by the group in rescue procedures and equipment used by the American Lifeguards will play a prominent part in the future activity of our movement.

The forthcoming meeting of the International Council may also extend considerable benefits to surf lifesaving in New Zealand, and we foresee many changes in procedures in the interests of the safety of the public enjoying the natural health giving facilities offering in our many splendid surf beaches.

Our affiliated clubs continue to offer a most valuable community service in the safeguarding of life at surf beaches and in the rendering of first aid, and it is regrettable that funds are not available from which assistance comparable to the service extended free of charge to all who patronise our beaches could be given in order to relieve the burden of recurring expenditure which is common to all clubs that provide adequate facilities for their members.

The main form of assistance continues to be in subsidies on the purchase of lifesaving equipment which we feel is essential to ensure that adequate and up to standard lifesaving equipment is available on our patrolled beaches. It is of concern to us to know that many clubs are confronted with financial problems in general upkeep and operation and we consider that in such cases the Association should be in a position to assist.

During the season two clubs passed into temporary recess and the fullest enquiries are being made to ensure renewal of activities next season and the work involved cannot be accomplished without financial help which in such instances has to be provided from the pockets of those dedicated members of our movement in the respective areas.

However, it is pleasing to record that two new clubs have been formed, one operating in the Auckland district and the other in Canterbury, and we welcome them to our fold and would assure them of every assistance in maintaining their activities.

From reports received from affiliated clubs 330 rescues have been effected and no lives have been lost on patrolled beaches.

OUR PATRON

It is pleasing to report that again we were honoured and privileged in the acceptance by Sir Arthur Porritt of the office of Patron of our Association and it is with pleasure that we record that interest in our movement was displayed in the attendance of His Excellency and Lady Porritt at a surf lifesaving carnival held at Taylor's Mistake Beach.

In addition to local Association Officials our National President Mr. F. G. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan were present to greet their Excellencies and the heavy surf conditions experienced on that day provided a test for competitors and an excellent spectacle for all who witnessed the Carnival.

We express our appreciation for the interest displayed in our activities by His Excellency Sir Arthur Porritt.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP AND GEAR

Despite the fact that according to tentative figures a total of 357 surf awards were gained during the season, active membership of affiliated clubs shows a decrease on the previous year, which indicates that the gain in membership was offset by a loss of over 400 active members to the movement during the season. The following is a summary of membership as compared with the two preceding seasons:

	1966/67	1967/68	1968/69
Active membership	2353	2374	2323
Other classifications	2547	2024	2700
	<u>4900</u>	<u>4398</u>	<u>5023</u>

It will be noted from the above that there has been a substantial increase in the number of members coming under the heading of "other classifications" and particular mention is made of the fact that this figure would include cadet membership of affiliated clubs who in future years will become active members of the Association.

The value of surf lifesaving gear and equipment owned directly by affiliated clubs totals \$75,395, which shows a substantial increase over the sum of £56,053 in the previous season and particular reference is made to the fact that the above figures do not include the value of club buildings owned and maintained by affiliated clubs.

We regret to report that the Taramea Bay Surf L.S. Club went into temporary recess, although it is hoped that they will be revived to full activity in the coming season.

The total number of active clubs at the end of the current season is 73.

NATIONAL LIFESAVING WEEK

The annual conference decided that National Life Saving Week be held over the period 23rd November to 30th November 1968 and we express our thanks to District Associations for the work carried out in the education of the public during this period and to the National Water Safety Committees in the various areas for their assistance and help in this annual campaign.

RESCUES

In the season just concluded a total of 330 rescues were reported which shows a substantial reduction on the total of the previous year and we hope that the above fact indicates a greater awareness on the part of the bathing public of the dangers associated with surf bathing and of the security of bathing within patrolled areas.

Naturally we are very proud that the activities of our movement have been responsible for the saving of life and once again we are happy to record no lives were lost while patrols were on duty.

The annual conference agreed that our recording of rescues should be more detailed and accordingly we set out hereunder rescues carried out by the various means available to members of the Association in the carrying out of patrols:

Rescues with line and belt	.....	79
Rescues without line and belt	.....	159
Rescues with surf ski	.....	22
Rescues with paddle board	44
Rescues with surf canoe	16
Rescues with surf boat	10
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		330

The value of trailerised equipment is clearly indicated in the fact that 54 rescues from the above totals were carried out with the use of this gear.

The rescue reports reveal that in six cases it was necessary to apply artificial respiration in the recovery of persons rescued from the surf and the service of our clubs were called upon to administer first aid to 602 cases during the season.

TROPHIES

During the National Championships arrangements were made for a valuation of all Association trophies and the opportunity has been taken of obtaining a report from the valuer of work which should be carried out from the point of view of general maintenance.

In the meantime the Council awaits the report and in due course will be requesting District Associations to arrange for the work to be carried out in such areas where trophies are presently domiciled and where repair work is desirable.

AWARDS

At this date it is only possible to state interim figures in respect of the awards gained during the season and as in past years it is hoped that final details can be advised at the Annual General Meeting.

According to the annual returns submitted by affiliated clubs a total of 357 surf awards were gained which is below the number of the previous season and the 25 surf instructors' certificates covered by the returns also shows a substantial decrease on the numbers gained in the previous season.

It is interesting to note that a total of 248 R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallions were gained through the activities of club instructors.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Annual General Meeting unanimously approved recommendations made by the Life Membership and Blazer Committee in the appointment of Mr. S. B. Mason and C. T. Jones to the office of Hon. Life Member of the Association.

Both members have served the Association over a long period of years and are worthy additions to the list of stalwarts in this high office who have earned the honour through tireless devotion to the humanitarian ideals of our movement.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As in the past years the Association has relied solely on the State to provide the necessary funds to cover the activities of the Association although it was agreed at a recent special meeting of the Council that action should be taken in soliciting the assistance of commercial organisations in the provision of funds to cover the purchase of essential gear and equipment to relieve the pressure on our affiliated clubs which bear the greatest burden in providing patrols for the safety of the bathing public.

In accordance with previous policy the Association submitted a budget of proposed expenditure to Government through the National Water Safety Council which was approved in full, but regret to say that the total amount of the grant of \$40,000, which was the same figure as in the previous year, provided for a grant of \$8800 to the Association against our budget of \$14,350.

Over the years the amount provided by the Government for water safety purposes has increased substantially, but it will be realised that from the sum made available grants are also made to the Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association and the National Water Safety Committee and details of the amounts made available to the various recipients by decision of the National Water Safety Council are listed hereunder:

	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1967/68	1968/69
N.Z.S.L.S.A.	4,750	5,500	6,000	8,880	8,880
N.Z.A.S.A.	3,750	4,000	4,450	6,600	6,600
R.L.S.S.	2,750	2,750	2,800	4,160	4,160
National Water Safety Committee	11,750	12,750	13,750	20,360	20,360
	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>

During the year the N.Z.A.S.A. made a separate application to the Minister of Internal Affairs for an additional grant to cover the issue of swimming seals and certificates and received an additional grant of £3,300 which brought the full sum made available to that body to \$9,900 in the current season.

It is pointed out that the grant made available for water safety purposes comes directly from Golden Kiwi Lottery profits and in view of the many other calls on this source of finance plus a decline in public participation in the purchase of tickets in the Lottery restricts the extent of the funds available for water safety purposes.

However, we are fully aware of the keen interest held by the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. David Seath, in water safety activities and appreciate his particular interest in the work which is carried out by the Association in the provision of patrols at the various beaches.

In the current season the Minister has already indicated that a sum of \$50,000 will be available for water safety purposes although bulk of the increase of \$10,000 over the sum available in the season under review will be allocated towards the production of a colour film which will be screened as a commercial over a period during the next summer season. This film, which has already been produced by the National Film Unit has been viewed by various members of the Association and it is felt that same will prove a most valuable media in the Water Safety Campaign during the forthcoming season.

Our thanks are extended to the Hon. David Seath for his keen interest in the welfare of our organisation.

SUBSIDIES

As a result of the assistance received from the grant made available for water safety purposes from the Golden Kiwi Lottery profits a certain sum had been set aside for the purpose of subsidising the cost of items of gear and equipment as required by affiliated clubs, and it is stated here that the extent of the assistance is governed by the amount of the grant and prices are fixed on the 30th April each year, details of which are circularised within the movement. The price list operative for the period 1st May 1969 to 30th April 1970 is as follows:

	Price.	Price to Affiliated Clubs.
	\$	\$
Standard Reel	98.00	64.00
Portable Reel	25.00	15.00
Portable Boxline	12.00	8.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ " Standard Line	38.00	25.00
$\frac{3}{8}$ " Cotton Line	11.00	7.00
No. 4 Belts	7.00	5.00
No. 5 Belts	7.00	5.00
Clubhouse Flags	4.00	2.00
Beach Marker Flags	2.50	1.25
Patrol Caps	0.75	0.50
Boat Belts	6.50	5.00
First Aid	20.00	13.00
Ballot Marbles (Set and Bag)	2.00	1.50
Signal Flags	3.00	1.50
Danger Flags	3.00	1.50

Your Council, in addition to subsidising the items recorded above, has set aside sums to cover grants for which conditions have been specially laid down for surf skis for rescue purposes, new and maintenance for loudspeaker systems and for the provision of portable patrol towers, in addition to general maintenance of portable installations at unpatrolled beaches, and it is reasonable to point out that the sums available under the general heading is very small and therefore the extent of the subsidies on such equipment is limited.

Clubs requiring assistance in the purchase of trailerised equipment and motor vehicles for beach control are advised to make applications for assistance direct to the Golden Kiwi Board of Control, details of which assistance have been recorded elsewhere in this report.

Included in our application for financial assistance has been sums for allocation to District Associations to cover activity in maintenance and educational work together with the formation of new clubs and it is regrettable that the extent of the assistance has been limited to the fact that the grant received represented only about 60% of our budgeted requirements for the current year. However, we were happy to be able to assist Associations in the extremely valuable work which they carry out in the furtherance of our humanitarian activities and sums were made available in the current season as follows:

	\$
Auckland Association	150.00
Bay of Plenty Association	150.00
Gisborne Association	150.00
Hawke's Bay Association	150.00
Taranaki Association	150.00
Western Districts Association	150.00
Wellington Association	150.00
Otago Association	150.00
Canterbury Association	150.00
Tahunanui S.L.S. Club	50.00
Rarangi	50.00
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

We regret to report that no finality has been reached in the purchase of a suitable property on which to establish a permanent headquarters for the Association, despite considerable activity by the specially appointed committee during the year.

Unfortunately a site which was considered most suitable for our requirements situated in Thorndon Quay which had previously been offered for sale through the Ministry of Works was subsequently only available under a twenty-year lease without right of renewal, which conditions were not satisfactory to your Council. A further property was investigated situated at Kaiwharrawharra, but it was agreed that no further action in respect of purchase should be taken, it being considered that this building was not suitably positioned to meet our requirements.

The Council now has a substantial sum set aside for the provision of headquarters and it is hoped that future negotiations will compensate for the disappointment experienced by the Council in the withdrawal from sale of the site in Thorndon Quay.

NEW CLUBS FORMED

We sincerely congratulate the Auckland and Canterbury District Associations in the formation of the Kariaotahi and Spencer Park Surf L.S. Clubs which were formed during the year in the respective areas and likewise express our appreciation to those persons who were responsible in the achievement of this pleasing result.

We trust that the future operations of the new members of our organisation will be successful in future years.

GOLDEN KIWI GRANTS

Since the advent of the Golden Kiwi Lottery the movement has benefited substantially by the receipt of grants from accrued profits, but it is with regret that we record as a result of diminishing interest by the public in the lottery profits have steadily declined whilst applications for assistance have shown a marked increase.

It is expected that profits will be further reduced in the coming season as a result of the recent budget announcement of the premium bond scheme and therefore we have to face the fact that the assistance extended to the movement will show a substantial decline in future years.

The figures over the past three years would confirm our statements in that in the 1966/70 season a sum of \$21,080 was made available to affiliated clubs, whereas in the 1967/68 season the figure was reduced to \$2,450, and in the year under review grants totalled \$2,650.

The demands made against diminishing profit returns has resulted in a revision of policy by the Golden Kiwi Board of Control and where previously affiliated clubs could expect a maximum consideration of 50% in the form of a grant towards building projects the figure has been reduced to 20%, which means that 80% of the outlay has to be raised before an application could be made with any surety of allocation.

Applications have to be lodged to the 31st December in each year in order to be considered in the financial year 1st April to 31st March in the following year and we feel that these terms are far too severe on an organisation such as our own where the facilities for which grants are sought are provided in the interests of the saving of human life.

We feel that the surf lifesaving movement is entitled to special consideration and it is felt that representations should be made at an early date to Government to ensure that the requirements of the movement are not shackled to the general conditions as may be laid down by the Golden Kiwi Board of Control and applied to organisations which are providing purely individual recreation to a select few in comparison with the humanitarian service of our organisation.

Whereas in the past the Board of Control have insisted that applications be passed through your Council we have been informed that in future applications will be received direct and we would suggest that affiliated clubs and Associations act accordingly but submit copies of such applications to the Association for support.

During the past season the following grants were made from Golden Kiwi profits for the purposes as specified:—

Pegasus	.....	\$400	Building of clubhouse.
Maranui	.....	\$750	Purchase of Surf Board and clubhouse repairs.
Karekare	\$500	Alterations to clubhouse.
Otago Association	\$1000	Shark equipment.
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GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION (N.Z.) LTD.

Our special thanks are extended to General Foods Corporation (N.Z.) Limited for the financial assistance which has again been made available to us during the past season. This assistance was in the form of a grant of \$750 which was extended on the provision of free lunches and other benefits for competitors attending our national championships at Gisborne. A further grant of \$250 was made to us for the purpose of gear research and whilst this money has not yet been expended it is anticipated that as a result of the visit by our group of surf lifesavers to the U.S.A. that certain items of gear as used by American lifeguards may warrant importation in order to carry out trials with such equipment with a view to adoption by the Association.

Research has already been carried out in the use of torpedo buoys for one man rescues which will involve payment from this generous grant.

May we express to General Foods Corporation (N.Z.) Limited our appreciation for their continued help and it is most pleasing to record that advice has been received to the effect that the Board of Directors in reviewing the report made by the Council on the benefits obtained through the medium of this grant, have decided to make similar sums available annually for a further period.

ROTHMANS FOUNDATION INSURANCE SCHEME

We offer our thanks undeservedly to Rothmans Foundation for their sponsorship of the scheme under which all members of affiliated clubs are covered against death or accident while engaged in activities associated with the surf lifesaving movement.

The cost of this valuable cover is in the vicinity of \$4000 annually and it is regrettable that the generous action of our sponsors does not receive the publicity which is rightly due. The Council would request all club members to ensure that their families and immediate friends are aware of the assistance extended to our movement by the Rothmans Foundation and the terms of the cover which are detailed on the plaques as presented to all affiliated clubs.

The Association has benefited by this cover for some years past and the value of same has been truly indicated in the considerable number of claims which have been paid under the scheme.

KINDRED ORGANISATIONS

Again we acknowledge with many thanks the assistance and co-operation which has been received from the Royal Life Saving Society, the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, and the National Water Safety Committee through their executive officers.

Close liaison has been maintained through the medium of our representatives, namely Messrs. L. J. Sutherland to the R.L.S.S. Council and G. G. Pratley to the N.Z.A.S.A. Council, and Messrs. P. J. Anderson and G. Lindstrom our representatives on the National Water Safety Committee.

Our appreciation for the services of our delegates is recorded.

We regret to say that Mr Graham Pratley, who has represented us on the Swimming Council for a considerable number of years has advised of his retirement from that office and we record our special appreciation for his excellent work carried out in the interests of both organisations.

Under the reciprocal representation arrangement we were pleased to welcome to meetings of the Council the Royal Life Saving Society representative M. White, and R. Maltby representing the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association.

The Royal Lifesaving Society approved the award of the Service Cross to our retiring Chairman, Mr. J. D. Hunter, and the award of the Recognition Badge to Messrs. A. D. Tomkins and A. T. Dalton.

Our congratulations are extended to the recipients of the above honours.

RESCUE MAGAZINE

During the year a further issue of 'Rescue' Magazine was published and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the National Public Relations Officer, Mr. C. R. Mentiplay, and also Mr. Bob Rogers, of the Auckland District Association, who were associated in the production of this splendid magazine which was received most favourably by members of the movement.

Based on the excellence of 'Rescue' it was agreed that we should endeavour to go to press twice each season and in the above solicit the co-operation of District Associations and clubs, as without help in this direction it will not be possible to fulfil our wishes.

In addition to containing information of interest to members of the Association and publicising the work of the movement, the magazine is a source of vital income to the Association.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD OF THE ASSOCIATION

The previous annual general meeting approved a recommendation that the Hon. Service Award Blazer be augmented by a higher award, the Distinguished Service Blazer, and in addition it was also agreed that provision be made in the awards of the Association for a Certificate of Thanks.

The Life Membership and Blazer Committee was charged with the duty to recommend to the annual conference members who by virtue of their service to the movement would qualify for the distinguished service award and we offer our sincerest congratulations to the following members who were granted this honour:—

A. B. PEARCE, Auckland.
MISS M. BROWN, Auckland.
A. VEART, Auckland.
E. P. COLEMAN, Taranaki.
A. J. RYAN, Taranaki.
J. HATCHWELL, Taranaki.
R. GIBB, Western Districts.
H. J. K. FAREY, Wellington.
L. J. TOINTON, Canterbury.
V. SIMONSEN, Otago.

SERVICE AWARD BLAZER

The Annual Conference approved the recommendation made by the Life Membership and Blazer Committee when authority was granted to the following members of the Association to wear the Hon. Service Award Blazer:

Mrs. P. ELLISON, Otago..
G. THOMPSON, Auckland.
H. S. ALSOP, Taranaki.
J. M. NODDER, Taranaki.
G. G. PRATLEY, Canterbury.
A. B. BACON, Canterbury.

Our congratulations are extended to the above members who have all served the Association over a long period of years in their respective districts.

This opportunity is taken of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the above members for their keen interest and trust that their services will be available to us for many years to come in the interests of our humanitarian cause.

CERTIFICATE OF THANKS

In accordance with the conditions approved by the previous Annual Conference the following members were awarded the Certificate of Thanks of the Association:

J. LANYON, Canterbury.
A. C. PEGG, Canterbury.
R. BARNES, Greymouth.
M. H. WOOTTON, Canterbury.

THE SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Since the visit to New Zealand in 1967 of a team from the Surf Lifesaving Association of America contact has been maintained with that organisation and in the current season resulted in an invitation being received to send a group of up to seven junior surf lifesavers to the West Coast of America to take part in a training scheme in conjunction with the lifeguard organisation with the object of studying the rescue methods of that body and the subsequent application of same to our own rescue procedures.

In the above we acknowledge the liaison which has been maintained with the American Association by Mr. C. W. Small, their representative to the International Council of Surf Lifesaving, who was responsible in no small degree for the culmination of the visit. At this date reports from the various members of the group are awaited from which we will evaluate the rescue techniques adopted by the American Lifeguards.



Phil Stubbs (right) President of the National S.L.S.A. of America, accepting New Zealand's Country Shield from Terry Christie, New Zealand Team Captain).

It is hoped that the future will see even a closer liaison and that we will be able to reciprocate the action of the Surf Lifesaving Association of America which hosted our group during the period of their stay. Invitations were extended to all District Associations to nominate one representative to be included in the group which involved the meeting of return air fares. As a result the group of five members which travelled to America comprised the following:

Terry Christie (Wellington, leader); Paul Carpinter (Canterbury, deputy leader); John Thomas (Auckland); John Martin (Hawke's Bay); Trevor Corkin (Taranaki).

The group left Auckland on the 11th June and returned on Thursday, 31st July. A farewell function was arranged at which we were privileged to have present the Deputy Mayor of Auckland, and a representative from the American Consulate, when the leader of the group was presented with a special plaque to be handed to the President of the Surf Lifesaving Association of America in appreciation of the invitation. Specially engraved gavels were also handed to the group for presentation to the various Chapters of the Surf L.S. Association of America.

Under the arrangement made by your Council for representation, knowledge of the American lifesaving techniques will be available directly to the Association sponsoring a group member and at this stage we can only anticipate the real value which will result from the visit.



Team members displaying keys to the City of Huntington Beach presented by Mayor John V. V. Green. Each member was presented with two keys, one for their home district and one personal. (Standing, left to right: Douglas D'Arnall, President, Huntington Beach S.L.S.A., Mayor Green, Max Bowman, Assistant Director of Harbours and Beaches. Front row, left to right: Terry Christie, Paul Carpinter, John Martin, Trevor Corkin, John Thomas).

We acknowledge unreservedly the co-operation received from Vincent G. Moorhouse of the American Association who was primarily responsible for the arrangements under which the training course was investigated.

Your Council expresses congratulations to the members who represented the Association and especially to the District Associations in the quality of the persons selected.

Set out hereunder is a brief resume prepared especially by the Group Leader Terry Christie for inclusion in the annual report.



Team members displaying their certificates of completion for Ocean Lifeguard Training Programme and Honorary Membership plaques for the Huntington Beach S.L.S.A. (Left to right: Paul Carpinter Terry Christie, Trevor Corkin, John Thomas, John Martin).

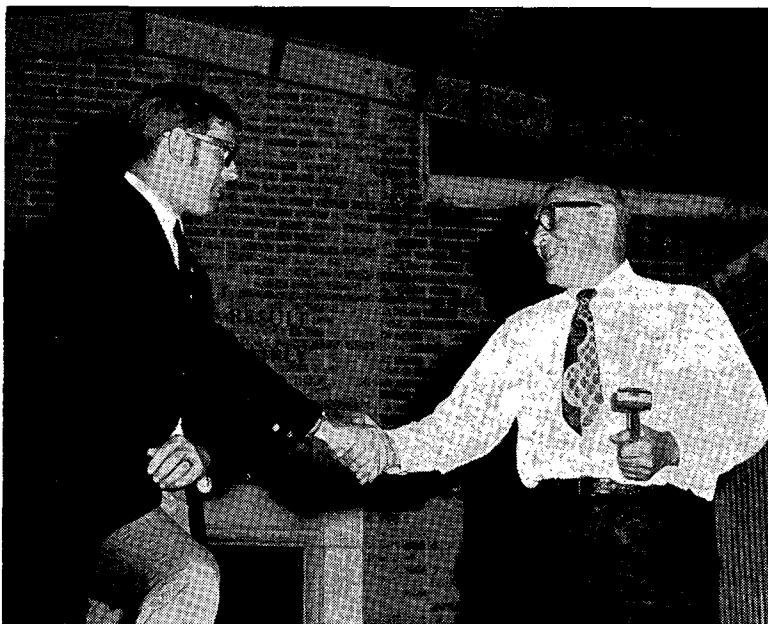
The visit of the New Zealand Training Group must be counted as an outstanding success. The visit of course was in reply to an invitation from the Surf Life Saving Association of America, the purpose being for members of Training Group to train and study with the American Lifeguard Services and to evaluate and learn first hand the American rescue methods and organisation of beach patrols.

The first Lifeguard Service visited was that of the City of Huntington Beach. Here the Group went through the Training Course given to newly recruited Lifeguards. This included use of the Rescue Buoy, the E. & J. Mechanical Resuscitator, Cardiac Massage, general first aid, enforcing of beach ordinances, use and organisation of communications and mobile equipment, as well as in practice totals about 40 hours of solid work and gave each rescue training and many, many other facets. The training programme member of the group a thorough background knowledge of the techniques used and their application.

From Huntington, the group travelled to Newport Beach, San Clemente, San Diego, Long Beach, L.A. City, Santa Monica with the visit concluding at the L.A. County Service. By visiting all these different services the group was able to see and experience the application of these techniques under different conditions ranging from open surf beaches to still water lagoons. Each Service supplied the group with Training Manuals and explained basic organisation and the basic philosophies of operation. The relationship of each Service to civic administration was studied, their financial structure and rates of pay explained fully. Additionally the group spent a tremendous amount of time actually working as a Lifeguard and gaining practical experience in the application of both the techniques and equipment. In fact at Zuma Beach, a section of the L.A. County Service, the group actually participated in 10 rescues on one Wednesday afternoon, and experience such as this is undoubtedly the best way to evaluate both the training and methods used.

Each member of the Training Group, of course, represented a different Association, and each Association should make every effort to ensure that the information obtained is relayed back to each and every Club.

Just how much of the information obtained will be of practical and immediate value is largely dependent on each Association and the efforts they make to relate the information obtained to the conditions on the beaches within their jurisdiction.



Training Group Leader, T. E. Christie, presenting commemorative gavel made from native New Zealand woods to Myron Cox, Chief Lifeguard, Los Angeles City Lifeguard Service.

The efficiency of the American system of lifeguarding has to be seen to be appreciated. It is undoubtedly highly efficient. Also, when you see the crowds on the beaches it is easy to understand exactly why a professional service is absolutely essential. Additionally, because each service is paid and financed handsomely to provide protection on the beaches, this is in reality, their only concern. Competition is a relatively insignificant part of their total operation. On the hospitality front, each and every service treated the Training Group royally. There were times we found it extremely difficult to convey just how appreciative of their hospitality we were. It really was outstanding. Also we met most of the members of the American team that visited New Zealand and they recalled their visit as being one of the most memorable sections of their Australasian tour.

On a broader front, the trip has also cemented good relationships between the American and New Zealand Surf Life Saving Associations. Although the activities of two Associations differ widely, the basic intention — that of providing efficient protection on the beaches — is basically the same. The Americans, too, nurture the idea of an International Organisation, even larger in scope than that which exists at the moment. Already they have plans, following the success of the New Zealand visit, to invite five Lifeguards from Great Britain to America next year.

This international exchange can only bring benefit to those associated with it. Finally, grateful thanks should be extended to those sponsors who made the trip possible, and to those New Zealand officials who contributed so much behind-the-scenes work.

THE SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

We acknowledge again the close co-operation which exists between our organisation and the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia which will be further cemented during the forthcoming season when a representative team will visit all States of Australia for a period of six weeks.

Advice has been received to the effect that after many years of valuable service to the Australian movement, the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Watson, M.B.E., signified his intention to resign from this office as from the 31st July and we record that Mr Harry Brown, previously Assistant Secretary, has been appointed to act in the above office until final appointment can be made which involves the calling of nominations for this important office.

Ken Watson has played an important part in the friendly relationship which exists across the Tasman and at the present time is our alternative delegate to the International Council of Lifesaving, and we feel sure that when the history of the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia is written that his very valuable contribution on a world basis to our cause will reveal a service which could be unequalled in our humanitarian activity. We sincerely trust that our relationship under the control of the Senior Executive Officer of the Australian Association to be appointed will result in even closer

ties and we assure our sister organisation in Australia of our keenness in bringing about a closer liaison and a pooling of ideas in maintenance of our service to the community.

We acknowledge with pleasure the assistance which we have received from other officers of the Australian Association headed by Mr. J. B. Dearlove, Chief Superintendent, and likewise acknowledge the service of our representative to the Australian National Council, Mr. H. J. Wootton.

Under the reciprocal agreement for representation by a liaison officer to the respective national councils we have been very pleased to welcome to our meetings Mr. Jim Campbell, as the Australian representative and express our appreciation to him for his contribution to our movement during the year.

INTER-DISTRICT SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Annual Conference allocated the conduct of the 8th Inter-District Championships to the Hawke's Bay District Association, the event being held at Waimarama Beach, Hastings, on Saturday, 1st February 1969, all districts being represented with a team with the exception of the Otago Association.

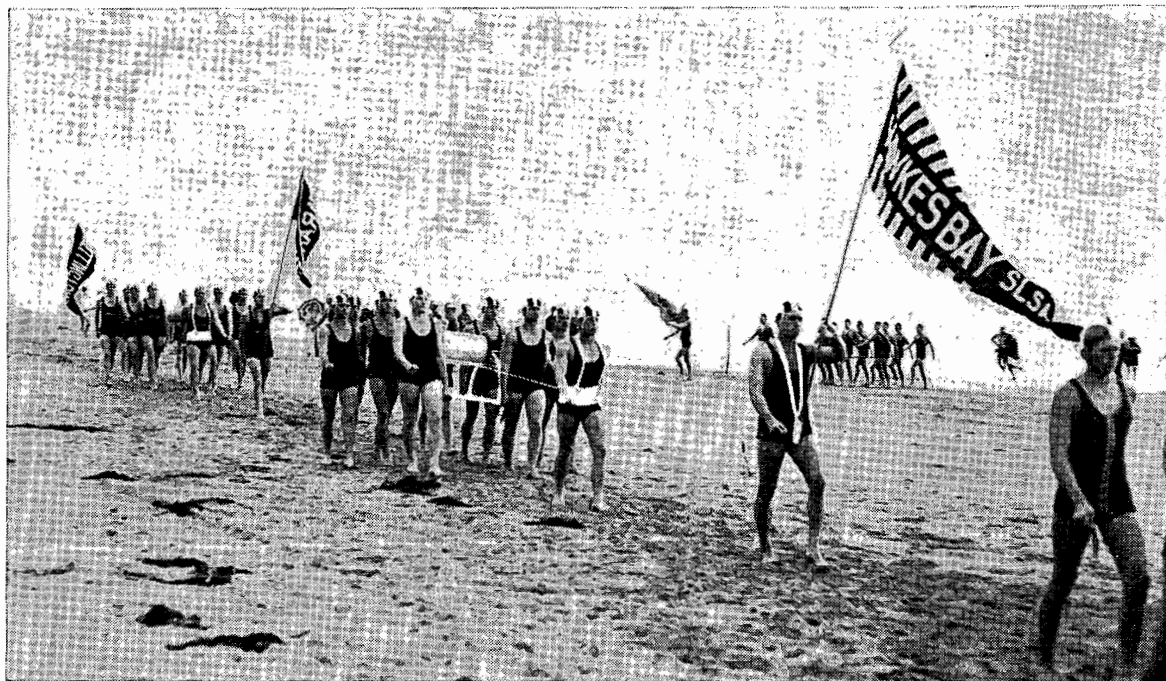
The Carnival commenced in fine overhead conditions which later gave way to cold, wet and blustery southerly, but despite the unfavourable weather the carnival was concluded satisfactorily, resulting in a splendid win for the Canterbury Association.

Our congratulations are extended to them on the excellence of their performance in holding the trophy won in the previous year.

In accordance with the decision made at the last Annual General Meeting this could be the last occasion on which the Inter-District Championships will be held as a separate identity, as under the combined restricted championships arrangements if brought into force in the coming season, this event will be staged on the second day of the National Championships with teams increasing from 10 to 15 members and incorporating in the programme a surf boat race series, hollow long board race and surf ski race.

The Annual Meeting agreed to a new system of points allocation which will apply in the future with further provision for points allocation covering the additional events referred to above.

Special medals were produced by your Council and will be presented annually to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in the Inter-District Championship event.



THE MARCH PAST—INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1969.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969

The national championships in the current season were conducted by the Gisborne District Association and were held at the Midway Beach on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 28th February and 1st/2nd March. The championships were held in conjunction with the Bi-Centennial Celebrations of the landing of Captain Cook.

The fixture was favoured with varying weather conditions with very little surf, but nevertheless proved most satisfactory, receiving good entries and support by the public, especially on the Sunday when the squally conditions experienced earlier gave way to brilliant sunshine.

The success of the championships made it apparent that the officials of the Gisborne District Association had given considerable time in concluding the many requirements and they are to be congratulated for their efforts.

We take this opportunity also of expressing our thanks to all officials who gave their time and best efforts in the conclusion of a fixture which must rank among the most successful held by the Association.

A new innovation was the holding of a 'row past' of surf boats and surf canoes which took place during the official speeches following the conclusion of the march past championship, and this proved most spectacular and interesting from the public viewpoint and given similar sea conditions we consider that this 'row past' should be repeated at future national championships.

Elsewhere in this report we have reproduced a photograph of certain craft taking part in this event.

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to teams and individuals who were successful in gaining New Zealand championship honours. History was made in the winning of the Nelson Shield for the Senior Six Man R. & R. Blue Riband event for the third year in succession by the Waikanae Club of Gisborne. In view of the apparent improvement in R. & R. drill by the stronger clubs this feat is all the more meritorious and the congratulations of our Association are extended to the members of the Waikanae club in establishing a record which may never be equalled. They have the chance to make it four in a row and our best wishes are extended to them for the forthcoming national championships.

The annual general meeting decided that a championship medal should be presented to individuals and team members gaining third place in events, with exception of the march past and this decision resulted in the provision of new design championship medals in gold, silver and bronze for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing which were received most enthusiastically.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st Maranui A: (K. O'Malley, K. Mark, M. Harvey, D. Cleverley, G. Gallagher, J. Gallagher). Total: 5.20.

2nd, East End B: (B. Schicker, G. Payne, M. Boulter, M. Hannan, D. Emmett, G. Moriarty). Total: 9.62.

3rd, Titahi Bay: Gaskell, Nolan, Burrett, Stanton, McNaught, Quaid). Total: 9.96.

Heat 2:

1st, Worsley Bay A: (P. Kent, B. Crowther, C. Billing, R. Ransom, R. Arnold, D. Coulter). Total: 6.56.

2nd, Eastern United: (G. Allnutt, J. Sneyd, D. Ritchie, C. Duncan, R. Kerr, I. Given). Total: 6.60.

3rd, Taylor's Mistake A: (C. Read, D. Neate, P. Carpenter, P. Goldsmith, C. McQuire, C. Yock). Total: 7.10.

Heat 3:

1st, Fitzroy: (A. Drent, W. Clow, N. Earley, J. Velvin, B. Velvin, R. Johns). Total: 5.60.

2nd, South Brighton: (A. Allen, L. Richards, J. Allen, J. Moses, K. Lanyon, P. Ross). Total: 7.44.

3rd, Lyall Bay: (G. Mace, W. Martlew, C. Gough, A. Jamieson, J. Alnek, R. Stoddart). Total: 8.52.

Heat 4:

1st, Waikanae A: (B. Adams, B. Green, M. Pickett, K. Barrett, G. Thompson, B. McLean). Total: 5.28.

2nd, Waikanae B: (R. McLean, P. Hazael, W. Jones, B. Cairns, D. Colebourne, N. Hardy). Total: 5.80.

3rd, East End A: (D. Hale, K. Roebuck, P. Winstanley, T. Corkin, D. Smart, R. Wildermoth). Total: 7.46.

Final:

1st, Waikanae A: (G. Thompson, M. Pickett, K. Barrett, B. Green, B. Adams, B. McLean). Total: 5.82.

2nd, Worsley Bay: (R. Arnold, B. Crowther, P. Kent, B. Ransom, G. Coulter, C. Billings). Total: 6.00.

3rd, Taylor's Mistake: (P. Carpenter, P. Goldsmith, D. Neate, W. McGuire, P. Yock, C. Reed). Total: 6.18.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Eastern United: (J. Sneyd, G. Allnutt, I. Given, D. Ritchie). Total: 1.34.

2nd, Fitzroy: (W. Clow, J. Velvin, B. Velvin, R. Johns). Total: 2.40.

3rd, Titahi Bay: (G. McNaught, A. Burrett, R. Renouf, B. Stanton). Total: 3.54.

Heat 2:

1st Worser Bay: (P. Kent, B. Crowther, R. Ransom, C. Billing).
Total: 2.40.

2nd, Westshore: (A. Christie, Williams, Cameron, Streeter).
Total: 4.76.

3rd, Waihi: (D. Harris, J. Hawkes, D. Lindsay, M. Clarke).
Total: 5.18.

Heat 3:

1st, Piha: (B. Clark, T. Griffiths, G. Bray, S. Isbey). Total: 2.60.

2nd, Muriwai: (S. Allen, R. Taylor, R. Seward, J. Thomas).
Total: 2.88.

3rd, Taylor's Mistake: (D. Neate, P. Goldsmith, W. Maguire, B. Erickson). Total: 2.90.

Heat 4:

1st, East End: (R. Wildermoth, T. Corkin, B. Schricker, D. Emmett). Total: 2.02.

2nd, Waikanae: (M. Pickett, B. Adams, G. Thompson, B. Green).
Total: 2.18.

3rd, South Brighton: (K. Lanyon, J. Moses, L. Richards, P. Ross).
Total: 2.60.

Heat 5:

1st, Maranui: (J. Gallagher, M. Harvey, G. Gallagher, K. Mark).
Total: 2.20.

2nd, Waimairi: (J. Hughes, S. Carruthers, R. Ettrick, I. Greig).
Total: 4.74.

3rd, Lyall Bay: (C. Gough, W. Martlew, G. Mace, S. Alnek).
Total: 5.66.

Final:

1st, Fitzroy: (W. Clow, J. Velvin, B. Velvin, R. Johns). Total:
2.80.

2nd, East End: (R. Wildermoth, T. Corkin, B. Schicker, D. Emmett). Total: 2.82.

3rd, Waikanae: (M. Pickett, B. Adam, G. Thompson, B. Green).
Total: 2.86.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st, J. Moses (South Brighton B).

2nd, D. Gerrard (Piha B).

3rd, K. Lanyon (S. Brighton A).

Heat 2:

1st, W. Clow (Fitzroy A).

2nd, K. Stoneman (St. Clair B).

3rd, P. Langley (Whakatane).

Heat 3:

1st, B. Smith (Oreti B).

2nd, C. Billing (Worser Bay A).

3rd, K. Barfoot (Muriwai B).

Heat 4:

1st, G. Allnut (East. United A).

2nd, N. Penwarden, (Waimarama)

3rd, K. Roebuck (East End B).

Heat 5:

1st, D. Cleverley (Maranui A).

2nd, D. Rhodes (Waihi).

3rd, I. Greig (Waimarie B).

Heat 6:

1st, J. Velvin (Fitzroy B).

2nd, M. Harvey (Maranui B).

3rd, T. Corkin (East End A).

Heat 7:

- 1st, G. Meade (Kiwi A).
- 2nd, G. Dann (N. Brighton A).
- 3rd, W. Martlew (Lyll Bay A).

Final:

- 1st, W. Clow (Fitzroy A).

Heat 8:

- 1st, R. Harker (Red Beach).
- 2nd, H. Brown (Muriwai).
- 3rd, D. Kilpatrick (St. Clair A).

- 2nd, R. Harker (Red Beach).

- 3rd, J. Moses (S. Brighton B).

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR TEAMS (of four) AND INDIVIDUAL SURF TEAMS RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Heat 1:

- 1st, A. Seager (Piha).
- 2nd, K. Barfoot (Muriwai).
- 3rd, W. Clow (Fitzroy).
- 4th, J. Moses (South Brighton).
- 5th, N. Penwarden (Waimarama)

Heat 2:

- 1st, D. Gerrard (Piha).
- 2nd, D. Cleverley (Maranui).
- 3rd, A. Christie (Westshore).
- 4th, R. Harker (Red Beach).
- 5th, H. Brown (Muriwai).

Heat 3:

- 1st, N. McLoughlin (Maranui).
- 2nd, B. Smith (Oreti).
- 3rd, W. Martlew (Lyll Bay).
- 4th, T. Corkin (East End).
- 5th, R. Taylor (Muriwai).

Heat 4:

- 1st, M. Harvey (Maranui).
- 2nd, R. Bronkey (Waikanae).
- 3rd, C. Billing (Worser Bay).
- 4th, J. Sneyd (Eastern United).
- 5th, R. Rountree (Piha).

Final:

1st, Piha: (A. Seager, D. Gerrard, T. Griffiths, L. Rountree). 15 points.

2nd, Maranui: (N. McLoughlin, M. Harvey, D. Cleverley, P. Fitzsimmons). 15 points.

3rd, Muriwai: (K. Barfoot, H. Brown, T. Dallimore, R. Taylor). 19 points.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st., D. Gerard (Piha); 2nd, W. Clow (Fitzroy); 3rd, D. Cleverley (Maranui).

Lloyd Cornish, Photo.



**THE SPECTACULAR "ROW PAST" AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—
GISBORNE, 1969.**

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat:1:

- 1st., Maranui.
- 2nd, Worser Bay A.
- 3rd, Waipu Cove9.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Red Beach.
- 2nd, Whakatane.
- 3rd, South Brighton.

Repecharge: Heat 1:

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

First Semi-final:

- 1st, Muriwai B.
- 2nd, Titahi Bay A.
- 3rd, Whakatane.

Third Semi-final:

- 1st, Lyall Bay B.
- 2nd, Island Bay.
- 3rd, Worser Bay.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Muriwai B.
- 2nd, Titahi Bay B.
- 3rd, North Beach.

Heat 4:

- 1st, Titahi Bay A.
- 2nd, Muriwai A.
- 3rd, Worser Bay B.

Repecharge: Heat 2:

- 1st, Lyall Bay A.
- 2nd, Westshore.
- 3rd, Port Waikato.

Second Semi-final:

- 1st, Muriwai A.
- 2nd, Lyall Bay A.
- 3rd, Titahi Bay B.

Final:

- 1st, Titahi Bay A.
- 2nd, Muriwai A.
- 3rd, Muriwai B.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP (Teams of 4).

Heat 1:

- 1st, Waimairi A.
- 2nd, Sumner A.
- 3rd, Brighton A.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Waimairi B.
- 2nd, Waimairi D.
- 3rd, Sumner B.

First Repecharge:

- 1st, Bethells Beach.
- 2nd, Brighton B.
- 3rd, Orewa.

First Semi-final:

- 1st, Waimairi A.
- 2nd New Brighton B.
- 3rd, Paekakariki.

Third Semi-final:

- 1st, Taylor's Mistake B.
- 2nd, Waimairi B.
- 3rd, Muriwai.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Taylor's Mistake A.
- 2nd, Paekakariki.
- 3rd, Waimairi C.

Heat 4:

- 1st, Taylor's Mistake B.
- 2nd, East End.
- 3rd, Maranui.

Second Repecharge:

- 1st, Muriwai.
- 2nd, New Brighton B.
- 3rd, New Brighton A.

Second Semi-final:

- 1st, Taylor's Mistake A.
- 2nd, Sumner A.
- 3rd, Brighton B.

Final:

- 1st, Waimairi A.
- 2nd, Taylor's Mistake A.
- 3rd, Sumner A.

N.Z. SENIOR MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st, Taylor's Mistake, 1.875 points; 2nd, Waikanae, 2.0 points;
3rd equal, Worser Bay, 2.375 points, Eastern United, 2.375 points.

N.Z. IRON MAN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st, A. Christie (Westshore); 2nd, D. Jackman (Muriwai); 3rd, D. Dalton (North Beach).

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Heat 1:

1st, R. Goodman, Muriwai C.
2nd, J. Hughes, Waimairi A.
3rd, B. Dennehy, Westshore C.

Heat 2:

1st, R. Stott, Waikanae.
2nd, T. Allan, Paekakariki A.
3rd, J. Mazengarb, Wainui.

Heat 3:

1st, R. Dalton, North Beach A.
2nd, T. Dell, Mt. Maunganui.
3rd, P. Way, Red Beach A.

Heat 4:

1st, G. Butt, Muriwai A.
2nd, A. English, Bethells Bch. C.
3rd, R. Mouat, Waimairi B.

Heat 5:

1st, M. Bray, Piha A.
2nd, G. Marshall, Sumner D.
3rd, G. Elmsley, Sumner E.

Heat 6:

1st, M. Lord, Sumner B.
2nd, F. Ethell, Bethells Beach B.
3rd, K. Pritchard, Midway B.

Heat 7:

1st, D. Jackman, Muriwai B.
2nd, B. Grace, Titahi Bay B.
3rd, D. Dalton, North Beach B.

Heat 8:

1st, G. Mauger, Piha B.
2nd, P. Von Zalinsky, Muriwai F
3rd, F. Sloan, Sumner A.

Heat 9:

1st, G. Larsen, Kiwi B.
2nd, B. Broughton, Island Bay.
3rd, L. Young, Orewa A.

Heat 10:

1st, I. Riley, Muriwai D.
2nd, G. Serhijenko, Bethells A.
3rd, S. Carruthers, Waimairi K.

Final:

1st, G. Butt, Muriwai; 2nd, R. Dalton, North Beach; 3rd, M. Bray, Piha; 4th, R. Goodman, Muriwai.

N.Z. SURF SKI RESCUE

1st, G. Butt, Muriwai; 2nd, R. Dalton, North Beach; 3rd, D. Dalton, North Beach.

N.Z. TAPLIN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP (Teams of Six)

1st, Muriwai; 2nd, Westshore; 3rd, Taylor's Mistake.

N.Z. MALIBOU BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, C. Allan, South Brighton A.
2nd, — Clarke, Piha C.
3rd, B. Brighton, Island Bay.

Heat 2:

1st, A. Nicholls, Red Beach A.
2nd, C. Ransley, Midway A.
3rd, P. Kitchings, Bethells B'h C.

Heat 3:

1st, I. Sturrock, Nth. Beach B.
2nd, J. Hoysted, Red Beach B.
3rd, M. Bray, Piha A.

Heat 4:

1st, S. James, St. Clair B.
2nd, J. McDermott, T. Mistake A.
3rd, B. Ward, Orewa A.

Heat 5:

- 1st, D. Dalton, North Beach A.
- 2nd, P. Way, Red Beach D.
- 3rd, L. Gallagher, Maranui A.

Heat 7:

- 1st, H. Lee, Waipu Cove B.
- 2nd, T. Hesson, Waimairi C.
- 3rd, T. Allen, Paekakariki.

Heat 9:

- 1st, S. Carruthers, Waimairi D.
- 2nd, M. Munroe, Waihi B.
- 3rd, R. Gordon, East End A.

Final:

- 1st, D. Dalton, North Beach; 2nd, A. Nichols, Red Beach; 3rd, I. Sturrock, North Beach B.

N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP (Hollow)**Heat 1:**

- 1st, D. Dalton, Nth. Beach A.
- 2nd, B. Grace, Titahi Bay A.
- 3rd, M. Bray, Piha A.

Heat 3:

- 1st, D. Jackman, Muriwai.
- 2nd, C. Colebourne, Waikanae.
- 3rd, I. Sturrock, North Beach B.

N.Z. 100 YARDS BEACH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

- 1st, C. Billing, Worser Bay A.
- 2nd, N. Robins, Titahi Bay B.
- 3rd, W. Faass, N. Brighton B.

Heat 3:

- 1st, T. Tarlos, Muriwai B.
- 2nd, M. Bray, Piha A.
- 3rd, G. Shannhan, Waipu Cove.

Heat 5:

- 1st, K. Riley, Muriwai A.
- 2nd, R. Guthrie, Westshore B.
- 3rd, C. Miller, Mairangi Bay A.

Final:

- 1st, C. Curley, Red Beach; 2nd equal, C. Billing, Worser Bay, and I. Riley, Muriwai.

N.Z. BEACH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

- 1st, Red Beach.
- 2nd, Wörser Bay.
- 3rd, Westshore.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Muriwai.
- 2nd, South Brighton.
- 3rd, Mairangi Bay.

Heat 6:

- 1st, G. Colebourne, Waikanae A.
- 2nd, I. Hill, Waipu Cove A.
- 3rd, L. Ethell Bethells Beach A.

Heat 8:

- 1st, L. Richards, Otaki A.
- 2nd, P. Fitzsimmons, Maranui B.
- 3rd, G. McDonald, Mt. Maun'ui.

Heat 10:

- 1st, C. Corley, Waipu Cove.
- 2nd, D. Cleverley, Maranui C.
- 3rd, D. Williams, Wainui A.

Heat 2:

- 1st, G. Mauger, Piha B.
- 2nd, B. Broughton, Island Bay.
- 3rd, R. Johnstone, T. Mistake C.

Final:

- 1st, D. Jackman, Muriwai.
- 2nd, D. Dalton, North Beach.
- 3rd, B. Grace, Titahi Bay.

Heat 2:

- 1st, C. Curley, Red Beach A.
- 2nd, J. Stead, Tay. Mistake A.
- 3rd, P. Curley, Red Beach B.

Heat 4:

- 1st, T. Hutton, North Beach A.
- 2nd, S. Benson, Midway A.
- 3rd, R. Gowans, Maranui B.

Heat 6:

- 1st, B. Heath, Waihi A.
- 2nd, R. Johns, Fitzroy.
- 3rd, G. Hill, Bethells Beach B.

N.Z. JUNIOR SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Paekakariki A: (C. Derbridge, W. Macey, K. Harvey, D. Carpenter, J. Waterson, R. Harvey). Total: 10.78.

2nd, Westshore: (M. Dinneen, I. Ransley, B. James, P. Kingston, G. Hall, R. Smith). Total: 11.46.

3rd, Eastern United B: (M. Webb, R. Allnutt, J. Payne, T. Hill, D. Hopkins, M. McKay). Total: 11.62.

Heat 2:

1st, Fitzroy: (P. Rutherford, G. Mannine, G. Fraser, R. Philp, D. Knapman, R. Fraser). Total: 7.74.

2nd, Eastern United A: (C. Engel, G. Payne, D. Jones, K. Pirie, G. Allnutt, C. Adams). Total: 8.84.

3rd, Midway A: (Griffin, Hayes, Poulsen, White, Duncan, Gray). Total: 10.60.

Heat 3:

1st, Wainui: (K. Price, R. Suttor, J. Mazengarb, D. Haxton, J. Broadbent, D. Williams). Total: 7.72.

2nd, Kiwi A: (P. Burns, S. Denholm, K. Bennett, F. Harbottle, S. Larsen, A. Horton). Total: 8.60.

3rd, Kiwi B: (D. Scott, R. Shaw, B. Faulkner, D. Jones, B. Ludvigergsen, R. Carnegie). Total: 12.78.

Heat 4:

1st, Muriwai A: (D. Brown, M. Butt, T. Bunting, G. Vesey, H. Paraha, G. Sweetman). Total: 6.54.

2nd, Taylor's Mistake: (E. Hunter, S. Syme, B. McGuire, N. Duckmanton, S. Kemp, S. Mason). Total: 9.14.

3rd, East End: (C. Leuthart, K. Ball, P. Allen, B. Ball, G. Crossan, G. Patten). Total: 9.20.

Final:

1st, Fitzroy: (D. Knapman, R. Philp, R. Fraser, G. Manning, P. Rutherford, G. Fraser). Total: 6.80.

2nd, Muriwai A: (G. Vasey, D. Brown, H. Paraha, B. Sweetman, M. Putt, T. Bunting). Total: 8.88.

3rd, Taylor's Mistake: (S. Sime, E. Hunter, S. Kemp, B. McGuire, S. Masor, N. Duckmanton). Total: 10.22.

N.Z. JUNIOR FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Waikanae: (C. Samson, G. Egan, D. Fox, B. Adsett). Total: 2.80.

2nd, Midway: (T. Gray, B. Hayes, P. Duncan, R. Poulsen). Total: 3.08.

3rd, Waihi: (M. Munroe, P. Warren, J. McLean, T. Walker). Total: 4.34.

Heat 2:

1st, Fitzroy: (D. Knapman, R. Fraser, P. Rutherford, G. Manning). Total: 3.48.

2nd, Muriwai: (T. Bunting, G. Sweetman, G. Vesey, M. Butt). Total: 3.64.

3rd, Mairangi Bay: (L. Brady, R. Brooks, B. Van Dyke, M. Brooks). Total: 5.60.

Heat 3:

1st, East End: (P. Allen, G. Crossan, B. Ball, C. Leuthart).
Total: 4.26.

2nd, Maranui: (J. Estall, V. Pickett, G. Mentiplay, P. Bramley).
Total: 7.02.

3rd, Titahi Bay: (B. Dunlop, D. Dunlop, C. Ross, G. Tuohy).
Total: 8.50.

Heat 4:

1st, Eastern United: (G. Jones, G. Payne, G. Allnutt, K. Pirie).
Total: 2.60.

2nd, North Beach: (M. Kemp, C. McEwen, J. Baigent, P. Goosey). Total: 3.40.

3rd, Kiwi: (S. Denholm, P. Burns, A. Horton, K. Bennett).
Total: 4.90.

Heat 5:

1st, St. Kilda: (S. Gourly, D. Allen, W. Robertson, B. Daniells).
Total: 3.00.

2nd, South Brighton: (Calder, Ward, Wilson, O'Keefe). Total:
4.86.

3rd, Wainui: (D. Haxton, R. Souter, B. Mazengerb, P. Broadbent).
Total: 5.50.

Final:

1st, Muriwai: (T. Bunting, G. Sweetman, G. Vesey, M. Butt).
Total: 4.00.

2nd, Fitzroy: (B. Knapman, R. Fraser, P. Rutherford, G. Manning). Total: 4.10.

3rd, Eastern United: (G. Jones, G. Payne, G. Allnutt, R. Price).
Total: 4.20.

N.Z. JUNIOR BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st, D. Hopkins, East. United A.

2nd, P. Ryan, Mt. Maunganui.

3rd, V. Pickett, Maranui.

4th, P. Burns, Kiwi A.

5th, M. Beckett, Westshore A.

Heat 2:

1st, B. Hayes, Midway.

2nd, J. Morrison, Worser Bay A.

3rd, G. Mentiplay, Maranui B.

4th, T. Baker, St. Clair A.

5th, P. Allen, East End B.

6th, J. Waterson, Paekakariki B.

Heat 3:

1st, B. Ward, Sth. Brighton B.

2nd, M. Nevin, Bethells Beach.

3rd, P. Hay, Taylor's Mistake B.

4th, D. Allen, St. Kilda B.

5th, G. Crossan, East End A.

6th, I. Harding, Bethells Bch. A.

7th, S. Twigden, North Piha.

Heat 4:

1st, G. Fraser, Fitzroy B.

2nd, G. Payne, East. United B.

3rd, D. Harliwich, N. Beach B.

4th, G. Vesey, Muriwai B.

5th, C. McDougall, Island Bay.

6th, J. Rodgers, Orewa.

Heat 5:

1st, G. Egan, Waikanae B.

2nd, S. Tynan, Westshore B.

3rd, R. Curry, Worser Bay B.

4th, K. Shute, Palmerston N.

5th, E. Hunter, Tay. Mistake A.

6th, A. Tomlinson, Levin-Wai're.

Heat 6:

1st, B. Mutschin, N. Brighton.

2nd, D. Knapman, Fitzroy A.

3rd, R. Brooks, Mairangi Bay.

4th, C. McEwen, N. Beach A.

5th, P. Warren, Waihi.

Heat 7:

- 1st, A. Kerr, Waikanae A.
- 2nd, D. Dunlop, Titahi Bay.
- 3rd, D. Gourley, St. Kilda A.
- 4th, C. Crichton, Wainui.
- 5th, K. Bennett, Kiwi B.
- 6th, C. Durbidge, Paekakariki B.

Heat 8:

- 1st, R. Wilson, Sth. Brighton A.
- 2nd, R. Blomfield, Muriwai A.
- 3rd, R. Witty, St. Clair B.
- 4th, B. White, Midway.
- 5th, W. Millward, Waimairi A.
- (Uncompleted).

Final:

1st, B. Ward, South Brighton B; 2nd, D. Hopkins, Eastern United A; 3rd, R. Wilson, South Brighton A.

N.Z. JUNIOR TEAMS (of four) AND INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP: INDIVIDUAL

Heat 1:

- 1st, R. Bloomfield, Muriwai.
- 2nd, D. Dunlop, Titahi Bay.
- 3rd, B. Campbell, Midway.

Heat 2:

- 1st, B. Ward, South Brighton.
- 2nd, D. Knapman, Fitzroy.
- 3rd, G. Sweetman, Muriwai.

Heat 3:

- 1st, S. Tynan, Westshore.
- 2nd, B. Mustchin, N. Brighton.
- 3rd, M. Nevin, Bethells Beach.

Heat 4:

- 1st, A. Kerr, Waikanae.
- 2nd, G. Payne, East. United.
- 3rd, H. Paraha, Muriwai.

Final:

1st, Muriwai: (R. Bloomfield, G. Sweetman, G. Vesey, H. Paraha).
 2nd, Fitzroy: (R. Fraser, D. Knapman, G. Fraser, R. Philp).
 3rd, Eastern United: (K. Pirie, D. Hopkins, J. Payne, G. Payne).
 4th, Midway (B. Campbell, C. Griffin, B. Hayes, B. White).

N.Z. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st, A. Kerr, Waikanae; 2nd, R. Fraser, Fitzroy; 3rd, R. Bloomfield, Muriwai.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP,

First Race Series

Heat 1:

- 1st, Titahi Bay.
- 2nd, Waikanae.
- 3rd, North Beach.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Muriwai.
- 2nd, Lyall Bay.
- 3rd, South Brighton.

Second Race Series

Heat 1:

- 1st, Muriwai.
- 2nd, North Beach.
- 3rd, New Brighton.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Titahi Bay.
- 2nd, Waikanae.
- 3rd, Lyall Bay.

Third Race Series

Heat 1:

- 1st, Lyall Bay.
- 2nd, Worser Bay.
- 3rd, North Beach.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Titahi Bay.
- 2nd, Muriwai.
- 3rd, Waikanae.

Final:

1st, Titahi Bay; 2nd, Muriwai; 3rd, Lyall Bay.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP (Teams of Four).

Heat 1:

- 1st, Waimairi.
- 2nd, Maranui.
- 3rd, Kiwi.

Heat 2:

- 1st, New Brighton.
- 2nd, Sumner.
- 3. Taylor's Mistake.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Orewa.
- 2nd, Bethells Beach.

Repechage Heat:

- 1st, Paekakariki.
- 2nd, Brighton.

First Semi-final:

- 1st, New Brighton.
- 2nd, Sumner.
- 3rd, Taylor's Mistake.

Second Semi-final:

- 1st, Paekakariki.
- 2nd, Waimairi.
- 3rd, Brighton.

Final:

- 1st, New Brighton; 2nd, Sumner; 3rd, Waimairi.

N.Z. JUNIOR MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st, Taylor's Mistake, 2.50 points; 2nd, North Beach, 2.65 points;
- 3rd, Fitzroy, 3.25 points.

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st=, G. Mauger, Piha B.
- 1st=, G. Sernijanko, Bethells A.
- 3rd, J. Dell, Mt. Maunganui.

Heat 2:

- 1st, D. Dalton, N. Beach A.
- 2nd, R. Goodwin, Muriwai A.
- 3rd, F. Sloane, Sumner B.

Heat 3:

- 1st, G. Butt, Muriwai B.
- 2nd, L. Young, Orewa A.
- 3rd, D. McDonald, T. Mistake B.

Heat 4:

- 1st, J. Dumble, Titahi Bay.
- 2nd, J. Hughes, Waimairi A.
- 3rd, B. Grace, Titahi Bay B.

Heat 5:

- 1st, R. Dalton, N. Beach B.
- 2nd, A. Lewton, Tay. Mistake A.
- 3rd, M. Bray, Piha A.

Heat 6:

- 1st, P. Davies, Waimairi B.
- 2nd, B. Denneghy, Westshore B.
- 3rd, D. Moore, Waihi B.

Heat 7:

- 1st, M. Lord, Sumner A.
- 2nd, R. Trilford, Maranui.
- 3rd, D. Emmett, East End A.

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- 1st, Muriwai, 25.5 points; 2nd, Fitzroy, 25.0 points; 3rd, Waikanae, 13.0 points.

N.Z. LADIES' SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Waimairi: (A. Johnstone, J. Hardie, J. Mouat, B. Doiver, T. Selman, A. Davies). Total: 8.62.

2nd, New Plymouth Old Boys: (L. Parsons, J. Parsons, M. Green, K. Nodder, M. Thompson, B. Dryden). Total: 9.48.

3rd, Paekakariki: (P. Brock, C. Quirk, J. Hodge, E. Stewart, L. Elvy, S. Creesman). Total: 9.68.

Heat 2:

1st, East End: (Pearson, Corkin, Winstanley, Hannan, Hayward, Walker). Total: 8.54.

2nd, Moana Rua: (J. Gunn, L. Murray, S. Kallal, M. Steven, M. Church, A. Wildey). Total: 9.40.

3rd, Fitzroy: (S. Winstanley, R. McCallum, M. Lyle, K. Knapman, C. Grace).

Heat 3:

1st, Wellington Ladies: (N. Hemi, S. Morgan, L. Watson, E. Stanford, J. Newport, C. Brown). Total: 9.34.

2nd, North Beach (M. Fraher, V. Duncan, M. Dalton, S. Cardwell, E. Andrew, S. Clephane). Total: 11.00.

3rd, Central Brighton B: (M. Richardson, J. Howie, L. Connor, M. Warner, H. Barker, R. Quickenden). Total: 13.04.

Final:

1st East End (P. Walker, K. Hannan, S. Pearson, M. Hayward, R. Winstanley, D. Corkin). Total: 6.80.

2nd, Paekakariki: (L. Elvy, P. Brock, C. Quirke, E. Stewart, J. Hodge, S. Cheesman). Total: 9.10.

3rd, Wellington Ladies: (E. Stanford, L. Watson, C. Brown, N. Hemi, S. Morgan, J. Newport). Total: 9.32.

N.Z. LADIES' FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat:1:

1st, Moana Rua: (R. Ellison, B. Boberg, J. Smith, M. Church). Total: 3.40.

2nd, South Brighton A: (J. McAllister, J. Ancell, C. Simmons, L. McKenzie). Total: 4.82.

3rd, Waitemata B: (K. Leitch, C. Small, H. Gillespie, F. Bowsey). Total: 5.40.

Heat 2:

1st, Fitzroy: (R. McCallum, M. Lyle, J. Knapman, C. Grace). Total: 3.00.

2nd, East End: (D. Corkin, K. Hannan, K. Winstanley, M. Hayward). Total: 3.50.

3rd, Waimairi A: (A. Johnstone, J. Mouat, B. Davies, J. Selman). Total: 3.54.

Heat 3:

1st, Paekakariki A: (C. Quirk, P. Brock, D. Hodge, E. Stewart). Total: 3.80.

2nd, N.P.O.B. A: (K. Nodder, J. Parsons, M. Green, B. Dryden). Total: 4.96.

3rd, Island Bay A: (M. McFarlane, M. McCrae, J. Randerson, S. Cameron). Total: 5.24.

Heat 4:

1st, Central Brighton A: (K. Harris, M. Richardson, L. Mundy, R. Gibson). Total: 4.60.

2nd, Kiwi A: (D. Harbottle, J. Berridge, J. Tutt, J. McCormack). Total: 4.86.

3rd, Central Brighton B: (C. Ryan, J. Strange, R. Quickenden, R. Dynes). Total: 6.62.

Final:

1st, Waimairi A: (A. Johnstone, J. Mouat, B. Davies, J. Selman). Total: 2.82.

2nd, Paekakariki A: (C. Quirke, P. Brock, J. Hodge, E. Stewart). Total: 3.60.

3rd, East End: (D. Corkin, K. Hannan, K. Winstanley, M. Hayward). Total: 3.64.

N.Z. LADIES' BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st, J. Abrahamson, N. Beach B.

2nd, M. Dalton, N. Beach A.

3rd, K. Harlwich, S. Brighton B.

Heat 2:

1st, L. Donaldson, Moana Rua B.

2nd, M. Lyle, Fitzroy.

3rd, S. Cheesman, Paekakariki B.

Heat 3:

1st, M. McCrae, Island Bay.

2nd, B. Boberg, Moana Rua A.

3rd, L. Douglas, Sumner A.

Heat 4:

1st, P. Brock, Paekakariki A.

2nd, K. Hannan, East End.

3rd, J. Strange, Cn. Brighton B.

Final:

1st, M. McCrae, Island Bay; 2nd, I. Abrahamson, North Beach B; 3rd, P. Brock, Paekakariki A.

N.Z. LADIES' TEAMS (of four) AND INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP: INDIVIDUAL**Heat 1:**

1st, B. Boberg, Moana Rua.

2nd, J. Abrahamson, N. Beach.

3rd, K. Nodder, N.P.O.B.

Heat 2:

1st, G. Donaldson, Moana Rua.

2nd, S. Cheesman, Paekakariki.

3rd, M. Lyle, Fitzroy.

Final:

1st, J. Abrahamson, North Beach; 2nd, B. Boberg, Moana Rua; 3rd, G. Donaldson, Moana Rua.

TEAMS SURF RACE

1st, Moana Rua: (B. Boberg, J. Gunn, G. Donaldson, R. Ellison).

2nd, N.P.O.B. (K. Nodder, L. Parsons, J. Parsons, M. Green).

3rd, Fitzroy: (S. Winstanley, C. Grace, M. Lyle, R. McCallum).

N.Z. LADIES' MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st, Waitemata Ladies, 4.125 points; 2nd, Moana Rua Ladies, 5.375 points; 3rd equal, North Beach, 6.50 points, and Central Brighton, 6.50 points.

RESTRICTED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual general meeting approved a plan under which entries for national championships will be restricted and will result in the combining of the Inter-District and National Championships which will be held over a three-day period and will incorporate style board riding, iron man and taplin relay.

A suggested three-day programme has been circulated together with the system under which entries will be accepted for national championship events where team and individual entrants will qualify through performances at regional area championships.

Under this scheme the only events which will not be restricted will be the senior and junior canoe and senior and junior boat races, and in the case of the March Past senior, junior and ladies all affiliated clubs will have the right of one entry. z

A further alteration will be the increase of district teams contesting the "Norrie Trophy" from 10 to 15 members to incorporate a surf boat series, hollow board and surf ski races as additional events.

Your Council decided that the championships in the combined and restricted form be brought into force next season and will ask the forthcoming annual general meeting to ratify this decision.

1970 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1970 series of National Championships have been allocated to the Auckland District Association for conduct and on the recommendation of that Association the fixture will be held at Muriwai Beach with Orewa as the alternative.

According to subsequent advice we understand that the Auckland Regional Authority is carrying out protective work to combat sand drift in the beach area adjacent to the Muriwai Surf Life Saving Club Pavilion which will preclude the holding of the championships in that area of the beach, and the venue will have to be moved some distance north of the usual competition area.

Any alteration in venue would be a matter for decision by the New Zealand Council.

CONDITIONS OF CADET AWARD

The Annual General Meeting approved the recommendations of the Instructional Conference held in the previous season to amend the conditions of the Cadet Award, details of which are set out hereunder:—

1. Minimum age 12 years.
2. The qualifying certificate award is designed for members of clubs who wish to qualify for Land Drill and Resuscitation only. The training is intended for persons other than those who have passed or are qualifying for the surf medallion. Any members, associate or otherwise, not on the active list is eligible for this award and obtain the certificate.
3. The examination shall embrace the following:
 - (a) Knowledge of signals.
 - (b) Dismantling and assembling of a safety release belt.
 - (c) Reel, line and belt drill (omitting the swim).
 - (d) Oral test covering the above work and the reasons for it, rescues, and releases, lifesaving hints, treatments, elementary physiology and other information in the Blue Handbook.

4. A member being 12 years of age in that particular season, having gained the Association's qualifying certificate shall be eligible to compete in cadet events at carnivals and competitions, until he attains the age of 14 years.
5. Cadet candidates shall be required to swim 220 yards in 4½ minutes.
6. Be holders of the R.L.S.S. resuscitation certificate, or be examined in its requirements.
7. Cadet candidates must have their parents' or guardians' consent in writing before participating in cadet events.

SHARK PROTECTION

Your Council has not been idle in our realisation that four valuable lives have been lost in a comparatively short period of time on New Zealand beaches due to shark attack and we commend the action of the Otago Association in the efforts which they have made in the provision of motorised surf boats for the purpose of patrol duties for which Government have seen fit to extend a grant towards the overall cost.

During the visit of our delegates to the Australian Instructional Conference fullest enquiries were made in respect of shark attack and it would appear that whilst boat and air patrols play a most important part in the warning of the bathing public of the presence of sharks, the most accepted form of protection is the meshing of beaches and in this connection it is recorded that since 1935 when certain beaches in the New South Wales area were meshed there has not been a report of a fatal attack.

The cost of this meshing has been met by the N.S.W. State Government and we record also that similar action has recently been taken by the Queensland State Government where beaches in their area have likewise been meshed.

It is considered that the shark netting of St. Clair and St. Kilda beaches where three fatalities have occurred is a matter of extreme importance and based on our enquiries it would appear that only two nets would be necessary to provide protection, although a further two nets would be necessary to guarantee replacement of damaged nets.

Under the system adopted in Australia the nets would be set and lifted daily at a distance of up to 4 miles from the water's edge, placement being dependent upon local knowledge of the currents etc., and it has been ascertained that the four nets could be made available at a total cost of \$1200, of which the overseas content would be approximately \$400.

The daily lifting and replacement of the nets during the summer season would cost an additional estimated \$800, representing an outlay for the first season of \$2000.

Your council approached Government seeking assistance to this extent on the basis that should the moneys be made available we would undertake the work of arranging the importation and slinging of the nets, but it is with extreme and general disappointment that we learn from the Minister of Internal Affairs that Government is not prepared to make available the funds and all we have been offered is a 20% subsidy of the cost from Golden Kiwi funds.

This attitude is most disappointing to your Council as it is in the interests of water safety that our representations have been submitted and we feel that Government have not realised the value and significance of the opportunity afforded in providing a community service to the constituencies of the Dunedin area. However, your Council is not deterred in this attitude of Government and it is hoped that following publication of this report that a public meeting will have been held in Dunedin and that support has been received from the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber, Lions International and local government in a scheme to raise the necessary finance to ensure that the St. Clair and St. Kilda beaches are meshed in the forthcoming season. We hope that the future will see the acceptance by Government of the responsibility of shark protection, having in mind the actions of the N.S.W. and Queensland State Governments in providing the funds to cover the shark meshing of beaches in their area.

PROPOSED VISIT OF N.S.W. COUNTRY TEAM

Advice has now been received to the effect that the deferred visit to New Zealand of a country team from the New South Wales State Centre will take place in the coming season. Under current arrangements the team of 15 members accompanied by Max Sabien as Team Manager and Bill Singleton as Team Instructor will arrive in Auckland on Friday, 9th January, 1970, and finally depart from Christchurch on Monday, 2nd February, 1970.

The proposed itinerary of the visit is listed hereunder:—

ITINERARY OF N.S.W. COUNTRY TEAM

January 1970:

Saturday, 10th	....	Arrive Auckland.
Sunday, 11th	....	Auckland.
Monday, 12th	....	Travel Mount Maunganui. Stay overnight.
Tuesday, 13th	....	Carnival Mount Maunganui. Stay overnight.
Wednesday, 14th	....	Travel to Rotorua. Stay overnight.
Thursday, 15th	....	Rotorua. Stay overnight.
Friday, 16th	....	Travel to Gisborne.
Saturday, 17th	....	Carnival Gisborne Afternoon. Travel to Napier.
Sunday, 18th	....	Carnival Napier.
Monday, 19th	....	Napier.
Tuesday, 20th	....	Napier.
Wednesday, 21st	....	Napier trip to Waimarama.
Thursday, 22nd	....	Travel to Palmerston North. Stay overnight.
Friday, 23rd	....	Palmerston North.
Saturday, 24th	....	Carnival Himitangi. Travel to Wellington.
Sunday, 25th	....	Carnival Wellington.
Monday, 26th	....	In Wellington.
Tuesday, 27th	....	Council function.
Wednesday, 28th	....	To Picton, 10 a.m. Stay overnight.
Thursday, 29th	....	In Picton. Stay overnight.
Friday, 30th	....	Travel to Christchurch via Kaikoura.
Saturday, 31st	....	Carnival Christchurch.

February

Sunday, 1st	....	Carnival Christchurch.
Monday, 2nd	....	Depart for Australia.

REPORT OF REGISTRAR AND CHAIRMAN

The Statistical Table which is included in this booklet indicates a return from almost every Club so that the table is well up-to-date, but this has only been produced as the result of many letters and telegraphic appeals from the Secretary and was only completed last week.

As Registrar, I draw your attention to the award sections in this table, with which I am most concerned and the balance of the figures will be dealt with in the main Annual Report.

Now, as to Surf Medallion Awards gained (353), these show a drop over last year and this is worrying. However, I have been unable in the short time I have had the returns to check their complete accuracy with my award register.

I have already noted many errors and therefore, as is all too frequent of recent years, I will need to clear these up and advise the winner of the London Trophy at the Annual Meeting. This trophy carries with it a substantial donation from the Royal Life Society of New Zealand and our thanks are due to them. Perhaps I should confirm that the winner last year was the Gisborne Association followed by Auckland and then Wellington.

As to the Gudsell Trophy, which was won last year by the Kiwi Club (Hawke's Bay), this year we have a big surprise in that the Mt. Maunganui Club gained a grand total of 29 Surf Awards and is a clear cut winner, and our congratulations go to that club for a large number of their members come eighty miles and more to do their patrol work. New Brighton of Canterbury did well with 20 Surf Awards.

At the Annual Meeting as your retiring Chairman — a position I have occupied since 1962 — I will have the opportunity to express to the delegates certain feelings, but I want to try and make the members of the movement as a whole realise how fortunate we are in that the Council members are willing to give in a voluntary capacity so many hours of work to our movement. In particular, I would like to express thanks to that small group, the Management Committee, who have met each fortnight during the year. It has been a pleasure to sit and to work with them for members should realise that each meeting means, in addition, much homework for all of them and, as is usually the case, they all have important jobs.

As my health will not allow me to again consider accepting the Chairmanship of our movement, I want to express thanks to the Council and the Management for their tolerance of my many weaknesses as a Chairman over the last seven years. I have never attempted to dictate a policy but have always endeavoured to remain in the background and to have the delegates from the Associations create their own policy for we are a democratic body. The value of our voluntary movement is not realised by New Zealand as a whole and if elected, I will be pleased to carry on as your Registrar, for I believe that in the next few years there will be exciting changes in our rescue methods and my own feeling is that, while your Council and Management Committee carry out the routine matters of the movement, a strong second body should be set up to look to future developments that will make our beaches even safer for our swimmers.

J. D. HUNTER,
Registrar and Chairman.

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HAWKE'S BAY—

Kiwi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	8	11	1	42	40	2504.00
Ocean Beach	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	2	—	6	18	330.00
Pacific	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	—	50	7	500.00
Waimarama	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	20	2	6	1	33	73	
Westshore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	4	10	1	44	60	

TARANAKI—

East End	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	41	28	1000.00
Fitzroy	7	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	8	—	54	161	200.00
N.P.O.B.	5	2	—	2	—	—	—	12	10	10	—	43	20	1400.00
Ohawe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	100.00
Opunake	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	111	700.00
Patea	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	100.00
Waitara	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	4	6	7	7	

WESTERN DISTRICTS—

Castlecliff	8	23	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	10	1	30	103	1500.00
Castlecliff Ladies	—	—	—	(In recess)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Palmerston North	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	10	2	35	117	720.00
Foxton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	10	50.00
Levin-Waitarere	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	1	13	21	600.00
Otaki	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	—	18	137	590.00

WELLINGTON—

Island Bay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	—	42	15	120.00
Lyall Bay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	4	5	—	42	50	800.00
Maranui	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	62	43	
Paekakariki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	6	—	47	88	2400.00
Riversdale	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	12	230.00
Scorching Bay Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	8	12	250.00
Titahi Bay	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	64	6	10	1	54	62	2690.00
Titahi Bay Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	14	8	100.00
Wellington Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	2	—	10	3	250.00
Worser Bay	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	5	5	—	57	57	6000.00

CANTERBURY—

Cent. Brighton Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	20	5	
Kotoku	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	7	900.00
New Brighton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	14	20	2	140	84	1700.00
North Beach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9	—	82	35	1700.00
Pegasus	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	34	3	
South Brighton	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	57	2	3950.00
Sumner	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9	1	64	6	1205.00
Taylor's Mistake	4	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	1	13	2	48	184	1800.00
Waimairi	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	9	1	48	14	600.00

OTAGO—

Balclutha	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	16	4	
Brighton	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	2	22	35	1317.00
Oreti	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	7	1	21	20	500.00
Moanarua Ladies	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	19	12	350.00
St. Clair	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	47	28	3185.00
St. Kilda	—	3	—	—	3	—	3	—	5	10	9	59	27	2600.00
Kaka Point	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	

Individual Clubs —

Rarangi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	2	140.00
Tahunanui	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	28	4	

79	159	22	44	16	10	54	6	602	248	357	26	2323	2700	75395.50
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PAID BEACH PATROLS

It is recalled that our strong approaches to Government to meet the cost of paid beach patrols did not receive the expected support, but it is pleasing to be able to report that local bodies, in many cases, have accepted the responsibility and have arranged for the patrolling of beaches during the week days at the more popular beaches when our voluntary services have not been available.

We do extend our appreciation to those local bodies who have realised the responsibility of safeguarding the bathing public, especially during the school holiday period, and we sincerely hope that the financial provisions will be maintained in future years.

In the year under review many more beaches came under the weekday control of paid beach patrols and it is of interest to record that as a result many lives were saved which will justify the cost of the undertaking.

...INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SURF LIFESAVING...

A meeting of the International Council of Surf Lifesaving will be held in Sydney, Australia, commencing on Monday 4th August at which England, South Africa, Ceylon, Hawaii, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand will be represented by direct delegates.

A very comprehensive agenda will be considered and the Association will be represented at the Conference by the Hon. General Secretary, Mr. C. T. Jones.

FUTURE OF ASSOCIATION

In view of the progress which has been registered by the Association over past years it has been apparent for some time that a careful examination of future activities has been overdue. A special meeting of the Council was held recently when due consideration was given to matters to ensure that our organisation has the capacity to fully absorb the expected developments in the ensuing years.

Reference has been made on many occasions to the demands of voluntary service and foremost in the recommendations made by the special committee which were allotted the task of preparing recommendations, was the employment of a paid Executive Officer responsible to the Chairman of the Council who could give full-time activity to the furtherance of surf lifesaving in New Zealand.

It is an accepted fact that progress has been hindered purely from the lack of finance and in view of the worthwhile service which is extended by affiliated clubs that the activities of a paid Executive Officer could seek out untapped sources of income to the general benefit of the movement.

It is interesting to record that the Auckland District Association have already instigated this move which we feel sure will not only benefit their District Association but will also bring added advantages to the movement as a whole.

The decisions of the special meeting of the Council will be referred to the Annual General Meeting for consideration, having in mind that initial costs of the employment of a paid officer would have to be borne by District Associations which would really mean that the responsibility would fall with our affiliated clubs.

'21 CLUB'

The season marked the occasion of the 21st year of activity of the '21 Club' and it was decided to commemorate this occasion by making available to the Association a further trophy for annual competition which has been accepted by your Council, subject to conditions which were laid down some time ago covering the acceptance of national trophies.

Under the above arrangement it will be necessary for the '21 Club' to submit for approval details in regard to the form in which the trophy will take and a special committee has been appointed to submit recommendations in regard to the allocation of the trophy.

The Association takes this opportunity of congratulating members of the '21 Club' in the progress which has been made in 21 years of existence and expresses appreciation in the action of the Club of once again making available a trophy for national competition.

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND INSTRUCTIONAL CONFERENCE

By mutual arrangement competition drill methods have been standardised between Australia and New Zealand and alterations are considered at five-yearly intervals at an instructional conference at which the Association is represented by two delegates with voting power.

The five-yearly conference was held this season in Hobart, Tasmania, over the period 2nd-6th March 1969, the Association being ably represented by Messrs. H. J. K. Farey and S. D. Tarrant.

Submissions to the conference totalled 313 items which were included in an agenda of 136 foolscap pages from which it will be realised the volume of work which had to be carried out by the Conference.

The manner in which the agenda was prepared was indeed a credit to the Australian Hon. Chief Superintendent, J. B. Dearlove, and to the Conference Secretary, V. A. Doig, and it is of interest to record that the report of proceedings of the meeting was available within a week of the holding of the conference.

The decisions covered alterations to practical drill and same will come into force in the forthcoming season and will be placed on the agenda for ratification of the Annual General Meeting.

Resulting from the Conference it has been decided to dispense with the Red Competition and Blue Instructional Handbooks and the Australian Association already have in hand the preparation of a combined visual aid handbook incorporating the alterations adopted by the Instructional Conference. The task involved in the preparation of this new handbook which will co-ordinate the wording with visual aid plates in colour is a mammoth job, and it is of special interest to record that the preparation of the format and wording of the new four man drill was entrusted to our delegates to the conference.

A draft copy of the handbook running into 136 foolscap pages of copy was received at the end of April, which indicates further the tremendous job which was carried out by the responsible officers of the Australian Association allocated the task of incorporating the decisions of the five-yearly conference.

It is expected that the first supplies of the new handbooks will be available about mid-September when same will be made available to affiliated clubs through District Associations.

In consequence of alterations in craft specifications a new edition of the Brown Gear Handbook will be prepared and no doubt will be available in due course.

N.Z. TEAM VISIT TO AUSTRALIA, 1970

In the forthcoming season a team of ten members, including two juniors accompanied by a team manager and team instructor will visit Australia for a period of approximately six weeks at the invitation of the Surf L.S. Association of Australia. The team will visit all Australian States, arriving in Brisbane by air on 17th February, 1970, and finally departing from Melbourne on 30th March. The itinerary of the visit is as follows:

Arrive Brisbane	17th February
Brisbane to Sydney by Coach	24th February
Sydney to Perth by air	3rd March
Perth to Adelaide by air	10th March
Adelaide to Melbourne by coach and Melbourne to Devonport by air	17th March
Devonport to Melbourne by air	24th March
Departing from Australia by air	30th March

The above itinerary will involve travelling approximately 7000 miles within Australia by various modes of transport. In addition to contests with State teams an Australia v. New Zealand test will be held, the event to be conducted on Good Friday afternoon, the 27th March, 1970, the day prior to the commencement of the Australian National and inter-club championships which will be held in Melbourne.

The test match will comprise the following events:

1. 6 Man R. & R.
2. March Past. Teams of 8.
3. Senior Belt Race. One man.
4. Junior Belt Race. One man.
5. Senior Surf and Teams Race. Four men.
6. Junior Surf and Brace Relay. Two men.
7. Beach Sprint. One man.
8. Single Surf Ski. One man.
9. Surf Board. One man.
10. Beach Relay. Four men.

The points system will be 3 and 1 for the R. & R. and March Past and 2 and 1 for all other events.

The responsibility of the selection of the New Zealand team is in the hands of the appointed Selectors, Messrs. H. J. K. Farey, S. D. Tarrant, and I. Wilson, and team nominees will be required to meet pre-requisite stated swimming times to qualify for selection.

Trials have been arranged on the following dates:

6th December 1969 at Taylor's Mistake or New Brighton Beach (Southern Regional area).

13th December 1969 at Himatangi or Castlecliff (Central regional area).

20th December at Piha or North Piha (Northern regional area).

The final trial will be held about mid-January following which the New Zealand team will be announced.

APPRECIATION

Over many years past the generosity extended to us by the business community has played a most important part in the welfare of the Association and we acknowledge the assistance which has been extended to the Association and also the support which our District Associations have received locally. In particular we would like to refer especially to the following assistance received:

Rothmans Sports Foundation:

For the provision of insurance on surf club members as referred to under separate heading in this report.

Union Steam Ship Co. N.Z. Ltd.

Our appreciation for the concessions granted to us in the carriage of gear and equipment in club attendance at our national championships.

Wellington Harbour Board:

For the concessions granted in the payment of wharfage on lifesaving gear carried by club teams to and from our national championships.

Lyttelton Harbour Board:

We acknowledge the assistance which has been received in the remission of wharfage charges on lifesaving gear carried to and from the venue of our national championships.

Port Line Limited:

The assistance which we have received from the Port Line Limited in the free charge of gear between Australia and New Zealand has been most appreciated and we do express to them our thanks for their help and cooperation during the past year.

General Foods Corporation N.Z. Ltd.

Special reference has been made in this report to the help received from General Foods Corporation for which we are most indebted.

Intellectually Handicapped Children's Society

We sincerely appreciate the facilities extended to us in the provision of accommodation for meetings of the Management Committee of the Association.

During the last 12 months we have received help from many of our affiliated clubs in providing accommodation for meetings of the Association, the Press in the publicity received and the N.Z. Broadcasting Corporation for radio and television coverage of our activities, and many other companies and individuals and we would like to make it known that we sincerely appreciate this assistance which has played an important part in the conclusion of a further successful season.

CONCLUSION

The season just concluded has seen increasing demands on the voluntary services of officials and members of the Association and in reviewing the work accomplished during the season it is difficult to foresee the provision and maintenance of rescue craft and other equipment without additional finance in the forthcoming season. We intend to make approaches to the business community with the object of establishing a fund from which grants can be made to provide equipment and assistance to those clubs which due to circumstances of membership and locality find it difficult to maintain normal patrol duties.

It is sincerely hoped that approaches made by the Association will receive the sympathetic consideration of the business community.

The forthcoming season promises to be one of extreme interest, in that we will receive the visit of a team from New South Wales and will send a New Zealand representative team to tour all States of Australia. In the above we will be faced with problems in reception and outfitting, but it is a fact that such visits are of extreme importance to our movement in promoting competitions which, whilst being purely an adjunct to our main purpose of saving life, are an incentive to existing membership and an attraction to the youth of New Zealand to take part in a healthy and worthwhile recreation.

In conclusion we acknowledge without reservation the service of members of affiliated clubs in providing patrols on New Zealand beaches in the interests of public safety and to all officials of District Associations who have been responsible for the organisation of the movement within their areas, the success of which is indicated by the results achieved during the season.

The work of our members has been carried out in the true tradition of our motto: Vigilance — Service — Endurance.

For the Council,

COLIN JONES,
Hon. General Secretary.

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

GEAR STOCK FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969.

To Stock on hand 30/4/68	3741.00	By Sales	2559.00
„ Purchases	2763.47	„ Subsidies	1317.72
		„ Stock on hand 30/4/69	2627.75
	<u>6504.47</u>		<u>6504.47</u>
To Stock on hand 30/4/69	2627.75		

OVERSEAS TOURS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969

45 To Balance	4670.07	By Balance 30/4/68	3455.50
		„ Levies	1126.50
		„ Interest	88.07
	<u>4670.07</u>		<u>4670.07</u>
		By Balance 30/4/69	4670.07

“EDEN HOUSE” BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969

To Balance	18196.07	By Balance 30/4/68	14515.37
		„ Interest	680.70
		„ Transfer	3000.00
	<u>18196.07</u>		<u>18196.07</u>
		By Balance 30/4/69	18196.07

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969.

1967/68	1968/69
\$	\$ \$
We received the following income:	
8880 Grant from National Water Safety Council	8880.00
50 Grant from Royal Lifesaving Society	50.00
50 Donations	500.00
531 National Championships	— —
189 Interest	198.42
157 Affiliation Fees	144.90
112 Profit from Devaluation	— —
<hr/> 9969	<hr/> 9773.32

Our Expenses were as follows:—

2241 Educational Expenses	2603.84
845 Educational and Other Conferences	665.32
50 London Trophy Awards	50.00
513 General Expenses	243.81
959 Secretarial Expenses	912.00
668 Printing and Stationery	673.74
396 Awards, Certificates, Medals, etc.	123.00
1629 Subsidies of Lifesaving Gear and First Aid Equipment	1486.72
421 Cost of Gear Supply, including Storage, Cartage, Freight and General Costs	495.19
142 Travelling Expenses	251.90
259 Proportion Cost of Australian Team Visit	— —
130 Depreciation	90.00
— Net Cost of National and Inter-District Championships	9.34
— Grant Establishment Southern Regional Committee	150.00
<hr/> 8253 Our Total Expenses were	<hr/> 7754.86
2850 Transfer to "Eden House" Building Fund A/c	3000.00
<hr/> 1133 Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Accumulated Funds	<hr/> 981.54

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1969.

1968		ASSETS		1969	
\$				\$	\$
	Fixed Assets				
30	Furniture	.....	.....	25.00	
60	Gestetner (purchased 1969)	.....	.....	562.50	
230	Typewriter	.....	.....	200.00	
10	Starting Guns	.....	.....	10.00	
25	Stop Watches	.....	.....	20.00	
175	Trophies	.....	.....	150.00	
300	Medallion Die Sets	.....	.....	400.00	
					1367.50
	Trust Accounts				
	Building Fund				
8515	At P.O.S.B.	.....	.....	12196.07	
6000	In Auckland Harbour Board 5% Stock, 21/1/70	.....	.....	6000.00	
	Overseas Tours Fund				
3376	At P.O.S.B.	.....	.....	4590.32	
					22786.39
	Current Assets				
3095	Sundry Debtors	.....	.....	1074.15	
3741	Stock of Gear	.....	.....	2627.75	
104	Blazer Pockets	.....	.....	148.01	
171	Medallions	.....	.....	1163.70	
656	Handbooks	.....	.....	655.93	
—	Carnival Handbooks	.....	.....	147.20	
2400	Provision for Gear Ordered	.....	.....	2400.00	
264	Current Account National Bank of Australia	.....	.....	276.36	
26	Savings Account National Bank of N.Z.	.....	.....	25.75	
16	Current Account National Bank of N.Z.	.....	.....	435.04	
					8953.89
29194					33107.78

		LIABILITIES			
	Special Funds				
3456	Overseas Tours Funds	.....	.....	4670.07	
14515	Building Fund "Eden House"	.....	.....	18196.07	
17971					22866.14
	Accumulated Funds				
12356	Balance as at 30/4/68	.....	.....	11223.18	
1133	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	.....	.....	981.54	
11223					10241.64
29194					33107.78

I have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Association and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet set out a true and fair position of the Association affairs.

J. C. BLAKELEY, A.C.A.,
Hon. Auditor.

REPORT HON CHIEF INSTRUCTOR 1968-69 SEASON

The maintenance of adequate beach patrols by our clubs is of the utmost importance. Reports of rescues indicate the continued efficiency of these patrols. The extension of patrols by the formation of new clubs requires the attention of all District Associations. It is pleasing to record the formation of a new club by the Canterbury Association during the past season.

Australian Instructional Conference:

The Conference was conducted in Hobart from 2nd to 6th March, 1969, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. B. Dearlove, Hon. Chief Superintendent, Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia, with Mr. V. A. Doig, Queensland State Centre, Conference secretary. State Centres and N.Z.S.L.S.A. were each represented by two delegates.

It is considered that all decisions of the Conference will prove of benefit to the movement's practical work. The combining of the Instructional and Competition Handbooks and its production in coloured visual aid format will prove to be of great benefit to all instructors.

The friendly and co-operative spirit of all Conference delegates to a most arduous task had to be experienced to be believed and ensured the success of the Conference for the benefit of Surf Life Saving.

National and Inter-District Championships:

The Inter-District Championships were conducted at the Waimarama Beach, Hawke's Bay. The arrangements made by the organising committees of the Hawke's Bay Association were of the highest order and ensured the successful conduct of the Championships and reflected credit on those responsible.

Heavy surf conditions proved a real test for all competitors with outstanding performances by many young and promising surf life-savers, resulting in excellent competition which was enjoyed by officials, competitors and spectators alike.

The Championships were conducted at Midway Beach, Gisborne. The arrangements made by the organising committees of the Gisborne Association were of the highest order and ensured the successful conduct of the Carnival. To those responsible sincere thanks are extended on behalf of officials and competitors for their outstanding effort.

The report of the Carnival controller indicated that the excellent facilities available and a high standard of competition in all events resulted in an excellent and well conducted carnival.

Judges Advisory Committee:

Appointment of Judges for both national Carnivals were made by the committee on the basis of three judges per team, each judge being from a different district.

The general standard of judging proved reasonably satisfactory, out-of-step judging sheets and judges' cards are presently being considered by the committee and corrective action will be taken where necessary.

Appreciation:

Expressions of appreciation to all officers, and members of the New Zealand Council, judges' advisory committee for their continued assistance and co-operation during the past season.

To Mr. Ken Watson, M.B.E., General Secretary, Mr. J. B. Dearlove, Hon. Chief Superintendent of the S.L.S.A. of Australia are extended our sincere appreciation for their ever ready assistance in so many ways.

H. J. K. FAREY,
Hon. Chief Instructor.

REPORT OF HON. CHIEF INSPECTOR OF GEAR 1968-69 SEASON

The supply of gear was much better than it has been for some years. However, there are still difficult circumstances due to the gear being stored in so many different places. This involves a lot of travelling to the various places to organise the dispatching of gear. The ideal arrangement of our own storeroom is still in the future and the situation will not ease things for some time yet. We thank the manufacturers and suppliers for their co-operation in storing and dispatching orders.

At the National Championships this year it was evident the Ross Safety Belt showed signs that some clubs have not spent enough time on correct maintenance of the belt. This was noticed more frequently in the boats, and crews are reminded to check this belt regularly.

For an efficient belt the following action should be followed. Check safety release before using the life belt, making sure the safety pin goes through each stud and is properly clipped to the top stud and tied securely to the belt. Always ensure that the pin is straight as it can curve after a lot of wear and is hard to replace unless straightened. **Keep the pin clean.** The safety pin and stud backing plate are of stainless steel. Studs and eyelets of brass. None of these will rust. To prevent the forming of verdigris a light smear of vaseline on the pin is needed. By following these simple instructions the safety pin will be easily withdrawn in an emergency. This could prove essential to the saving of life.

Surf lines are now made in New Zealand and are equal in strength and quality to those imported.

To Wax Lines:

Because of numerous enquiries at the National Championships I shall repeat the method.

New lines should be soaked for at least twenty-four hours and thoroughly stretched and dried. Old lines should be washed to remove sand, etc, and dried.

A simple method of waxing a line is to use a new four-gallon kerosene tin. Cut out lid and smooth the rough edges. Make a

hole about one inch in diameter on opposite sides for the line to pass through, making sure the edges are smoothed down in the direction through which the line passes. Cut four lengths of dowel rods or broom handle to fit tightly inside the tin. Nailing from the outside place two rods about two inches from the bottom of the tin and two inches in from the sides. The other two to be placed opposite the one-inch holes so that the line passes over without touching the sides of the tin and then under the lower rods and up over the fourth length of dowel. The dowels must fit tightly to prevent the melted wax seeping out of the nail holes. A piece of clean cloth can be used around the rope so that all excess wax is removed from the line. The line should be suspended above the ground to dry.

The Wanganui Engineering Co. Ltd., will continue to supply surf reels this year. Portable reels, box lines and marbles, belts and patrol equipment are all in good supply.

The largest collection of boats, canoes, boards, and skis to be seen at a National Competition were inspected on the beach at Gisborne. All measured up to the correct requirements. I would like to thank the Club and boat captains who assisted me with this inspection. This was the first year such an inspection was held and proved to be a much longer task than anticipated.

During the last year we have been given three torpedo shape one-man rescue buoys. These are used in America and Australia for use in rescue work where there is only one man available. The principle of these buoys is for one swimmer to slip a light belt (school bag style over one shoulder), the buoy on a synthetic line of six to ten feet in length is towed behind the swimmer. Having reached the patient the buoy can be held by a conscious person or folded under the arms if unconscious.

Two of the buoys come from America. One is of aluminium. This would be of little use if the patient were unconscious. It is also felt that this buoy could be dangerous in a heavy surf. The other is of neoprene, i.e., foam rubber with an outer coating of thin rubber. After testing it was felt that this was a most effective piece of equipment, with little cause for concern over wear and tear etc. The third buoy from Australia is an inflatable tube. It proved to be as efficient as the neoprene model, keeping in mind that care must be taken not to over-inflate as then the buoy is too rigid to fold around an unconscious patient. This model could be damaged by puncturing. After testing by the N.Z.S.L.S.A. Gear Committee and the Auckland S.L.S.A., it is felt that the American neoprene model was the most satisfactory. A further model from the United Kingdom has yet to arrive and be tested.

M. J. HAXTON,

Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear.

STOCK OF GEAR, 30th APRIL, 1969

	\$
2 Standard Reels	186.00
23 Portable Reels	575.00
19 Boxline Reels	228.00
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Lines	114.00
14 $\frac{5}{8}$ " Lines	154.00
42 No. 4 Belts	294.00
18 Boat Belts	117.00
31 Patrol Flags (Clubhouse)	124.00
109 Patrol Flags (Beach Marker)	272.50
71 Patrol Hats	53.25
23 Signal Flags	69.00
51 Danger Flags	153.00
24 Sets of Marbles	48.00
8 First Aid Kits	160.00
N.Z. Council Ski and Paddle	40.00
N.Z. Council Board	40.00
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	2627.75

District Association Reports

AUCKLAND

The 1967/68 season was another of continued success and advancement for the Auckland Association and we are proud to report that no drownings occurred in the areas patrolled by our clubs.

In the competitive areas teams from the Auckland patrols maintained the high standard of previous seasons and the Auckland champions "Muriwai" were able, admittedly by only a small margin, to retain the Allan Gardner Memorial aggregate points trophy at the New Zealand championships. Veteran champion Reg Harker (Red Beach) made a valiant effort to retain his national belt title for the fifth year, but he had to bow to youth in the form of Warren Clow (Fitzroy).

The Auckland Association would take this opportunity to congratulate all those who were successful at the 1969 New Zealand Championships.

On the local scene "Muriwai" continued its domination in the Auckland Championships, but they had to bow to their old champions "Eastern United" in the Speedo Shield for the senior six-man rescue and resuscitation championship.

Once again the holding of the Auckland championships over the two days of the weekend of 8th and 9th February proved an outstanding success. An added attraction at this year's Carnival was the attendance of the "East End" patrol from New Plymouth, and it was pleasing to see T. Corkin from that club win the senior surf race.

Another event which attracted an outside entry was the annual round the island surf boat race for the Jack Butt trophy and this prize was taken to Christchurch when the North Beach crew (with Muriwai's Rick Goodman as sweep) came home a good winner.

The other item of competitive interest was the visit by the Muriwai Club to the Bronte Club in Sydney and their greatest success during that tour was the win by the "A" boat crew under their sweep Red Lewton, in the Sydney branch surf boat championship. Incidentally the Muriwai boat "Brew 22" which was made in Auckland attracted a lot of interest while it was in Australia.

The non-competitive side of our activities saw a continuation of the many demonstrations and patrols which our members undertake each year. Among these were two Water Safety clinics in conjunction with the Physical Education Department and also the Auckland Board of Judges are conducting water safety clinics at regular intervals in the Devonport Naval Base where they give instruction to the new entries who are starting the secondary phase of their training.

The 10ft. portable tower with which each Auckland surf patrol is equipped is proving a great success.

A major happening in the Auckland district has been the action of the late Mr. Charles Bell, who made the Auckland Association a very substantial beneficiary in his will. The bequest amounts to some \$18,000 and is being invested in the future development of the movement in Auckland.

The other major event was the calling for applications for the paid position of Secretary/Manager or Administrator for the Auckland Association and at the time of writing several interesting applications have been received.

On Saturday the 25th January was another milestone in the history of the Auckland Association when some 6000 people witnessed the opening of Mangawhai Heads S.L.S.C. by the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, and the club is to be congratulated on the fine building they have erected.

And so the season closed on a high note and we look forward to 1969/70 with confidence with planning for the 1970 New Zealand Championships well advanced.

In conclusion we would thank all those who gave their time and effort to assist us and also to all those sponsors who have helped us to maintain our patrols.

BAY OF PLENTY

From reports from clubs coming to hand, the 1968/69 season ended with the following statistics:

Membership, Rescues, Awards Gained:

Membership, Rescues, Awards Gained:				Awards Gained	
	Patrol Seniors	Strength Juniors	Rescues effectuated	RLSS Bronze	Surf Medal
Maketu	5	4	9	3	2
Mt. Maunganui	18	28	5	26	29
Waihi	46	10	10	—	—
Whakatane	12	7	—	—	—
Whangamata	22	4	23	—	—
	103	53	47	29	31

Patrols:

Each of the six member Clubs mounted patrols during weekends and over the holiday period — a patrol efficiency competition was instituted with Mt. Maunganui winning this initial contest while our Chief Gear Steward and Beach Inspector reports that the coming season should provide keen competition between clubs for this trophy.

Carnivals:

Five of these were held, one at each of the beaches patrolled by clubs in the Bay of Plenty. Whangamata Surf Club were host to the Bay of Plenty Surf Championships held at that beach, which proved a very successful one for all teams competing.

This Association was host to the Auckland and Gisborne Surf Associations at the Northern Regional Carnival at Waihi Beach. This NRC Carnival seems destined to take place at Waihi each year and with a new clubhouse at Waihi visiting teams are assured of up-to-date facilities for the future.

Club Activities:

The past season showed that clubs in the Bay of Plenty have plenty of initiative as demonstrated by the following:—

Maketu staged a nine-mile ocean swim from Motiti Island to Maketu.

Mt. Maunganui launched a very promising "Nippers Club".

Waihi undertook a 100 miles in 24 hours "Swimathon".

Whakatane whipped its crew to a 50-mile "Rowathon".

Special mention must be made of the "Nippers Club" formed by Mt. Maunganui Surf Club. So successful has been this venture that other clubs in the Bay and other associations have requested details with a view to launching similar clubs in their regions. This will assure material from which the lifesavers of "tomorrow" will be drawn.

Rescue Craft:

With the emphasis on craft both for rescues and their increasing role at Carnivals, five of the six clubs in the Bay of Plenty now have either a Surfboat or Canoe, thus providing further incentive for members to diversify their activities.

On the whole the past season has been one of progress and consolidation with service to the general public through increased patrol efficiency.

GISBORNE

The past season can be said to be one of the most successful despite the fact that it was mainly one of consolidation.

Again we can report that there were no drownings on our beaches whilst patrols were on duty. In all twenty-three persons were reported as rescued — the majority of these late in the season — which again reflects the vigilance of our members. Patrols were reported as efficient and the co-operation of the public was good. Our Association rescue trailer was maintained in good order and two calls were made on this equipment.

Probably the highlight of the season was the successful completion of the National Championship, said by many to be possibly the best yet. Whilst a lot of the credit for this success must go to this Association and Championship Committee there can be no doubt that much of it is due to the enthusiasm and dedication of the competitors and officials. Blessed with fine weather everything went smoothly and perhaps the only disappointing feature was the thought that this would probably be the last of the "big ones".

For some unknown reason the figure four seems to assume prominence in this Association. Waikanae's four wins in a row of the Nelson Shield, the Association's fourth consecutive win of the London Trophy. Fourth place seems to be our regular position in the Inter-Districts Carnival. We again have four teams in the final of the six-man R. & R. and we still have only four active clubs. Probably the last mentioned of these is the most urgent problem, for it is here that the future advancement of this district stands. The fact that attempts to increase our affiliated clubs in the past have not been successful should be a spur to future endeavours.

District Championships held this year at Midway Club on Sunday 16th February in fine weather saw good representation from all except the ladies' clubs. Notable was the high standard of the Waikanae Seniors and Midway, Wainui and Waikanae Juniors. Waikanae emerged overall points winners, but only after a stern challenge by Midway.

The Pentathlon held the day before was keenly contested with full entries in both Junior and Senior. Local clubs did not do quite so well at the Northern Regional Championships although some very good individual and team performances were made. This Association representative teams performances can only be improved, it would seem, by more attention being paid to individual events, and more enthusiasm by members.

Financially the Association has had a fairly good year despite the loss on the Nationals. Thanks to the good returns from the clothes drives, generous educational grant from the Council and our Associate members. Clubs it seems have also fared well, which mirrors the confidence of the public in a practical way.

Although all returns are not yet to hand it would seem that membership has been maintained. It is to be hoped that the usual stimulus which the National Championships provide when held in our city will be reflected by significant gains in the year's returns.

All clubs have given attention to their equipment, adding to, replacing, and renovating where required. Great interest into the possible acquisition of torpedo buoys was evident from both club members and public. Should research confirm expectations then this new equipment could possibly surpass the more cumbersome box-line. The most notable achievement is Midway's decision to purchase a jet boat, or perhaps it would be more correct to say launch. Whilst complimenting Midway on their generous attitude in providing the public of this area with such an asset one can only express the hope that the maintenance and running costs don't prove too great a burden to future finances.

We express our thanks to the New Zealand Council, and especially our resident delegate, Gary Mace, for efforts on our behalf. To our sponsors, local and otherwise, Press and radio, our thanks. We wish success to fellow clubs and associations for the coming season.

HAWKE'S BAY

The surf season in Hawke's Bay was dogged by bad weather in its early stages, and the competitive scene prior to Christmas was not tremendously active. All clubs were preparing themselves for the busy holiday patrol time, and all over during the season there were five rescues; a much smaller number compared with last year when twenty-seven were carried out on the Waimarama Beach alone. However, vigilance was maintained right through the year, and all patrols on all beaches carried out their duties with great merit.

The Association prepared itself for its biggest event in some years, which was the New Zealand Inter-Districts Surf Life Saving Championships held on the Waimarama Beach on the 1st February. These we feel proved to be most successful and although there was some distance to travel from Hastings to the beach, competitors were rewarded with a moderate surf and reasonably pleasant conditions, apart from a shower of rain.

I would think most Associations would hope that Otago will be able to consider competing in these championships in future years and so far they are the only ones missing from this very worthwhile competition.

Three clubs entered in the National Championships at Gisborne and did not disgrace themselves in any way in the competition. It was indeed, a very proud moment for all of Hawke's Bay when Allan Christie of the Westshore Club, became the first Iron Man Champion of New Zealand, his club backing this up by coming second in the Tablin Relay.

We are looking forward to the Nationals in 1970 which could prove to be a most interesting event. However, it is hoped that with the recent visit to America of the team of five men chosen from different Associations in this country, to learn their life saving methods, that more attention will be given to the modifying and the life saving methods in this country and doing away with some of the obsolete and antiquated methods and equipment. In an effort to streamline our Association and make them more popular in the eyes of the public and sponsors, and make way for greater things in both life saving and competition.

TARANAKI

In retrospect, the 1969 surf life saving season has been the most successful in the history of the Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Association, and the individual clubs, in particular East End, Fitzroy, and New Plymouth Old Boys.

It has been well known among surf lifesavers in Taranaki that our season has been starting too late to obtain maximum efficiency and fitness for competition, but 1969 has seen our lifesavers competing in no fewer than 11 carnivals, with the result that the climax at the New Zealand surf lifesaving championships at Gisborne was the winning of four titles. Taranaki emerged as one of the major associations in rescue and resuscitation in New Zealand.

Indeed, it was only the large entries that other prominent clubs had in craft events that enabled them to score so many successes and so boost their tally in the overall points programme.

With only two Taranaki Clubs, Fitzroy and East End, entering in rescue and resuscitation events, it was a tribute to lifesaving in Taranaki that these two clubs had teams in every final in these events, a feat probably unequalled at the National Championships.

The season started with an impromptu carnival by East End in November, and from then on competition was regular. It was feared at the early part of the season that our beaches would not be in good condition for carnivals with so much sand erosion, but more settled weather after Christmas saw the sand returning and beaches becoming very popular.

The Stanley Bridger Memorial Shield carnival in conjunction with the East End Club's opening day saw the season start in earnest, and from the results of this, selection was going to be keen for the Taranaki representative team.

The trials for this team brought 38 members of the New Plymouth clubs together, and the final selection was a strong and evenly balanced team that was later to bring credit to Taranaki with third placing in the New Zealand Inter-District carnival and winning the Central Districts Regional carnival in the same weekend.

These two carnivals saw the Taranaki team members performing at their best at all times, and each and every member of the team gave of his best with the result that other teams attending the carnivals became aware of the strength and depth of lifesaving in Taranaki.

Features of the Taranaki successes were the fine performances of Warren Clow and Ross Fraser of the Fitzroy Club.

The dedication of lifesavers in the clubs of Taranaki leaves little to be desired, and the public are indeed fortunate that our lifesavers put swimming ability and commonsense before all other interests during the summer season.

With the New Zealand Championships at Gisborne bringing top competition for the season to a close, the successes of the East End and Fitzroy clubs can close the season for Taranaki on an exceptionally high note. Although these clubs are quite strong at the moment, it is pleasing to report that the other clubs such as Waitara, Opunake, Patea, and Ohawe are making their attempts at revival as strong as possible, and it is hoped that it will not be long before we see them back in regular competition.

Clubs have made regular patrols of our beaches and several rescues were effected. The lifesaver is always conscious of his need to be fully fit and available to perform rescues when required, and it is this dedication with which the Taranaki surf lifesaving season ended on a very high note.

At the conclusion of the season, District Associations were informed that the tour to America by New Zealand surf lifesavers would be undertaken, and Trevor Corkin, East End, was selected to tour.

Reports filtering through point to the tour being a success, and we anticipate becoming well informed of the techniques used by the American lifeguards when our representatives return.

With the matter of restriction still hovering in the background, we in Taranaki compliment those Associations who have given matters such as this so much thought and have seen fit to realise the importance to clubs in their districts if introduced next year.

To members of the New Zealand Association, we commend your efforts during a very busy year.

WESTERN DISTRICTS

The 1968-1969 season has been a comparatively quiet one and the Association can look back on the season as one in which consolidation was the theme rather than extreme activity.

However, clubs within the Association, namely Castlecliff, Palmerston North, Foxton, Levin-Waitare, and Otaki all successfully patrolled their respective beaches without the loss of life from a patrolled area. Membership is still a concern of all clubs, but if the recruitment and successful examination passes continues at its present rate at least clubs will have a steady influx of members. Senior membership continues to lapse but junior members have in fact increased and it is hoped clubs can create a continued interest for these members.

The Association was again represented at the Inter-Districts Championships and Central Regional Carnival held at Waimarama Beach, Hawke's Bay. Although not successful ourselves, we offer our congratulations to the respective Carnival winners. Clubs attended the New Zealand Championships at Gisborne, and we congratulate the Gisborne Association on their organising of the Championships.

No major carnivals were held by the Association apart from the Western Districts Championship held at Waitarere Beach. The Castlecliff Club took aggregate honours. We welcomed clubs from outside the Association to this event and we trust they enjoyed their visit.

All clubs are increasing their status and all clubs can now boast a surf canoe each, which augurs well for some good competition this coming season. The coming season will be an interesting one; what with the proposed drill changes and restriction of entries to the New Zealand Championships, clubs will certainly have to be on their toes to keep their names competitively to the fore.

At our recent Annual Meeting of the Association two awards were made. Ron Spooner (Castlecliff) was elected third Life Member of the Association, a reward which Ron has truly earned, and we hope we will still see him for a long time yet working for the movement. Roger Buller was awarded his Service Award. He also directly represented the Association at New Zealand Council Meeting which has proved of great worth to the Association.

In conclusion we thank all for any assistance given to the Association and take the opportunity to wish New Zealand Council, all Associations and clubs a very successful 1969-70 season.

OTAGO

It is gratifying to be able to report again this year that all beaches were effectively patrolled and no loss of life recorded. Although rescue figures are still down on those of previous years, rescues were effected on all beaches in the Otago area. The public is still very conscious of the danger of venturing far out in the sea and have been most appreciative of the sterling service given by members of the St. Clair, St. Kilda, Brighton and Oreti clubs in patrolling bathing areas whenever possible in the motorised shark patrol boats which were designed by Mr. H. D. Gillis and officially launched this season.

Ten members of the St. Kilda Club gained surf medallions during the past season but figures for other clubs were very disappointing.

This Association was very sorry to see the Tarama Bay club go into recess and trust support will be forthcoming in the near future.

Otago congratulates Gisborne for the very efficient running of a most successful National Championships and once again offer congratulations to the Waikanae Nelson Shield team.

In conclusion we express our appreciation to members of the New Zealand Council for the work they perform on our behalf, and to our past Resident Delegate, Mr. P. Anderson, and Mr. R. Hodder for their interest and support our sincere thanks.

WELLINGTON

Patrol responsibilities were discharged adequately throughout the 1968/69 season, with several calls made on patrols, particularly those safeguarding beaches outside the city area.

An enjoyable competitive programme was carried out to help keep patrols on their toes, and the recently held Annual Meeting considered and adopted a sub-committee's report aimed at increasing carnival efficiency.

We are looking forward to making good use of the material and information brought back from the United States by Terry Christie, who was chosen as our representative, and later as tour leader, for the tour of that country. We were fortunate in receiving generous sponsorship by the Evening Post to cover Terry's air fares.

Another beach was patrolled during the past season, at Waikanae, and it is hoped to form a new club there shortly.

At the end of the season our chief instructor and chairman, Mr. Pat Anderson, transferred to Taranaki, and his past efforts were recognised by the Annual Meeting's approval of a Life Membership for him.

In conclusion we would like to thank all those surfers whose co-operation and assistance we received during the past season."

CANTERBURY

The 1968/69 season has been a very eventful one in Canterbury and clubs have maintained efficient patrols during which seventeen rescues were carried out.

Sixty-seven surf awards were gained in Canterbury, which is not a very satisfactory number, although it is a slight improvement on last year. Also gained were five instructors' certificates and twenty-nine R.L.S.S. bronze medallions.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the visit by Their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt, and Lady Porritt to our fourth Championship Carnival. We were fortunate that the sea conditions were testing for all competitors and Their Excellencies witnessed a most entertaining programme.

Taylor's Mistake again proved to be the premier club, winning the Senior/Junior Championship for the third time in four years. North Beach won the women's section, halting a long run of successes by South Brighton. On the provincial side Canterbury retained the Norrie Trophy at the Inter-District Championships.

A new club was formed late in the season at Spencer Park. This was very pleasing as this is a beach where a club is badly needed and the Waimairi County Council has co-operated very fully in endeavouring to form a club there. During the past year they have erected an excellent building for the beach patrol and have supported paid patrols for the school holidays and weekends until mid-March.

In conclusion we wish to thank the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association for their work and to wish all Associations a successful 1969/70 season.

