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NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION  
N.Z. Council Established 1932

# Annual Report and Financial Statement Season 1966-67

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Commerce House, Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Saturday, 3rd September, 1966.

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# **New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association**

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**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,  
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**Messrs. J. D. HUNTER and C. T. JONES.**

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**Auckland:** R. W. WILLIAMS, P.O. Box 851, Auckland.

**Bay of Plenty:** J. LANGLOIS, 190 Valley Road, Mt. Maunganui.

**Gisborne:** K. MORSE, Box 272, Gisborne.

**Hawke's Bay:** (Mrs.) G. HATTON, Box 503, Napier.

**Taranaki:** P. ELLIOTT, Box 326, New Plymouth.

**Western Districts:** R. BULLER, Box 609, Wanganui.

**Wellington:** G. MACE, Box 200, Wellington.

**Canterbury:** SILVESTER, Box 2168, Christchurch.

**Otago:** T. MORETE, P.O. Box 35, Dunedin.

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**N.Z.A.S.A. N.Z. Council:** O. WILLIAMS, Box 391, Christchurch.

**R.L.S.S. N.Z. Council:** Mr. S. NICOL, 240 High St., Christchurch.

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

# **New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association**

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## **Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts**

**SEASON ENDING 31 MAY, 1966**

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting  
to be held at the Wellington Chamber of Commerce  
Board Room, Wakefield Street, 1966, commencing  
at 1.30 p.m.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your council has pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st May 1966.

The year under review has been an extremely busy one for the Association and it is indeed pleasing to record the successful conclusion of matters which will reflect to the future wellbeing of our organisation.

By a decision of the annual general meeting a major change in the control of the Association was adopted under which the routine business of the council was placed in the hands of a management committee, whilst the policy of the Association and matters affecting the movement as a whole were given due consideration at quarterly meetings of the New Zealand council.

Under the new arrangement more expeditious handling of the current business of the Association by the management committee which met fortnightly was affected, and it would appear that the impetus engendered by the activity of the management committee has been reflected right throughout the movement where the interest and keenness displayed by officials of district Associations has never before reached such a high degree of efficiency.

The need to exercise greater vigilance in patrol work was clearly emphasised in the unfortunate loss of a further life by shark attack, the second in a period of approximately 2 years, and at this stage of the report we express our appreciation to our patrols for the work carried out at the respective beaches to at least endeavour to do all possible to safeguard bathers from further tragedy.

The sensationalism given by the Press to the question of adequate shark alarms was not considered to be in the public interest having regard to the proven humanitarian service which has been extended by our movement since the formation of our organisation when it is considered that during our existence we have effected 7068 rescues and have maintained a record of no lives lost in patrolled areas.

The general question of shark alarms has been dealt with fully under separate heading in this report.

## GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

It is with pleasure that we again express to the Government our most sincere appreciation for the financial assistance received during the season when the Association was favoured with a grant of £5,500 which sum was extended in maintaining our programme of water safety including the subsidisation of essential gear and equipment supplied to affiliated clubs.

The grant which was £750 higher than the amount received in the previous season is vital to the well-being of our organisation and we feel sure that the progress which has been recorded in our activities over past years can be directly attributed to the help which has been available through the medium of the grant in the provision of adequate gear and equipment to carry out our voluntary task of safeguarding the beaches of New Zealand.

For information purposes we set out here under sums granted by the Government in the current season for water safety together with grants approved in the past two seasons:

	1963/64	1964/65	1965/66
N.Z.S.L.S.A. ....	5000	4750	5500
N.Z.A.S.A. ....	4000	3750	4000
R.L.S.S. ....	2000	2750	2750
National Water Safety Committee	12680	11750	12750
	<hr/> £23680	<hr/> £23000	<hr/> £25000

The grant was made following the submission of a budget of proposed expenditure as prepared by your council and considered by a meeting of the National Water Safety Council.

The budget for the forthcoming season was prepared some months ago in order to meet the requirements of the Department of Internal Affairs and based on our submissions, which were approved by the National Water Safety Council, the Association has received a grant of £6000.

We express to the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. David Seath, our deep gratitude for the favourable consideration extended to our application for assistance.

## SUBSIDIES

The receipt of the grant from the government made it possible for your council to maintain the previous policy of providing subsidies on the purchase of gear and equipment by affiliated clubs, and whilst it had been found necessary to increase the price of certain items of gear due to rising costs, the extension of subsidies continues to play an important part in the provision of adequate lifesaving equipment at the various beaches.

Under previous arrangements the extension of subsidies to be available have been placed in the hands of a special committee and as a result all applications have received fair and careful consideration and it will be noted that in the current season subsidies were extended on the installation of alarm and warning systems which were considered to be vital to the particular areas. The committee likewise reviews annually the extension of subsidies which will be available on the respective items of gear and for information purposes we record hereunder the price list which will be operative for the period 1st May 1966 to 30th April 1967:

	Price	Price to Affiliated Clubs
	£	£
Standard Reel	47 0 0	25 0 0
Portable Reel	16 10 0	8 10 0
Portable Boxline	6 0 0	3 0 0
3/4 in. Standard Lines	16 0 0	8 0 0
3/4 in. Cotton Line	8 0 0	4 0 0
No. 4 Belts	3 10 0	2 0 0
No. 5 Belts	3 10 0	2 0 0
Clubhouse Flag	2 0 0	1 0 0
Beach Marker Flag	1 5 0	12 6
Patrol Cap	7 6	5 0
Boat Belts	3 15 0	2 15 0
First Aid Cabinet	10 10 0	5 5 0
Ballot Marbles (set and bag)	1 0 0	15 0
Signal Flags	1 10 0	15 0
Shark Alarm Flags	1 10 0	15 0

No alteration has been made in the policy adopted with new clubs where the council on approval of affiliation makes a few issue of a complete reel, line and belt, first aid equipment, and patrol gear.

Subsidies are also available on the purchase of surf skis which comply to minimum specifications laid down by the council and subject to the terms under which such grants are made are met by the particular club.

Reference has already been made to the fact that alarm and warning systems likewise qualify for subsidy, subject of course to such equipment being regarded as essential in the safeguarding of bathers at dangerous beaches.

For some years past the council has extended grants to District Associations to meet costs associated with educational work and in furthering interest in the aims of the Association and in the current season the following sums were made available from the government Grant:

Auckland Association	100
Bay of Plenty Association	100
Gisborne Association	150
Hawke's Bay Association	100
Taranaki Association	150
Western Districts Association	100
Wellington Association	100
Canterbury Association	100
Otago Association	100

It is intended that consideration be given to the question of the future allocation of grants to district associations.

### GRANTS FOR CLUB BUILDINGS

Again we have to express our sincere appreciation to the Golden Kiwi Board of Control for the sympathetic consideration which has been given to applications made by affiliated clubs for grants for the purpose of providing club buildings.

The fact that grants are available through the medium of the Golden Kiwi Lottery has provided an incentive to clubs to raise moneys for the purpose of supplying adequate headquarters and the season has witnessed the opening of new buildings which are a credit to the enthusiasm and keenness of the club officials concerned.

The council was very pleased to receive copies of applications made by certain clubs which gave the opportunity to carefully examine the project with a view to offering support.

The following is a list of grants made by the Kiwi Board of Control during the current year:

	£
Titahi Bay S.L.S. Club (Inc.) ....	500
Waipu Cove S.L.S. Club ....	1000
Taylor's Mistake S.L.S. Club (Inc.) ....	700
Whangamata S.L.S. Club (Inc.) ....	2000
Midway Club ....	5000
Lyll Bay Club ....	750
Mairangi Bay Club ....	200
South Brighton Club ....	500
New Plymouth Old Boys ....	700
Whakatane Club ....	250
Paekakariki ....	2400
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	£14000

### FORTHCOMING VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE SURF LIFESAVING TEAM

An invitation has been extended to the surf lifesaving Association of Australia to send a team of ten competitive lifesavers including two juniors, accompanied by a team manager and a team instructor to visit New Zealand during the forthcoming season, and in accordance with the itinerary which has already been prepared the team will arrive in Auckland on 5th January to finally depart on the 30th January 1967.

Advice has been received to the effect that the Australian National Council has appointed Mr. Kevin Weldon as Team Manager.

The itinerary provides for visits to the Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Western Districts, Taranaki, Wellington and Canterbury areas where competitions will be held with district representative teams, and the tour will include a Test which will be contested at Wellington on 20th January 1967. The itinerary also provides for a visit to Rotorua where we hope to organise interesting entertainment for our visitors.

The council hopes that it will be possible to incorporate the inter-district surf lifesaving championship carnival during the visit of the Australian team and that the venue of same can be fixed to allow visitors the opportunity to compete particularly as the inter-district carnival has been arranged on the basis of international competition.

Up to the present time the only application received by the Council for the staging of the inter-district carnival which has been received, is from the Bay of Plenty Association where Ohope Beach has been suggested as the venue, the event to coincide with the centennial celebrations of the Whakatane Borough but the allocation of this event is a matter for consideration by the annual general meeting.

Subject to the approval of the above venue the event could be included in the itinerary of the Australian team but in the meantime the council is carefully examining the application with a view to ensuring that adequate facilities are available for the successful conclusion of the carnival.

We can assure our Australian visitors of a warm welcome and feel sure that all members of the Association look forward with enthusiasm to the forthcoming visit.

For the purpose of the selection of the New Zealand representative team the council has appointed Messrs. H. J. K. Farey, J. Ferguson and S. D. Tarrant as National Selectors.

#### **VISIT OF COMPETITION TEAM FROM QUEENSLAND STATE CENTRE**

By mutual agreement between your Council and the Australian National Council an invitation was extended to the Queensland State Centre to visit New Zealand over the Christmas/New Year period and we were very pleased indeed to be able to welcome the team of 21 members which was managed by Max Klingner with Andy Frizzell as team instructor.

Whilst a comprehensive tour had been arranged through a New Zealand travel agency, the Association was called upon to make the necessary accommodation bookings for the team and at certain areas billets were provided by courtesy of the District Association.

Competitions were arranged at the various district areas and whilst the visit was not favoured with good weather conditions it was indeed pleasing to be able to meet members of the team who displayed keenness in competition and at all times created a most favourable impression.

Your council was happy indeed to be able to arrange for a reception to the team in the form of a dinner held at a local hotel and we feel confident that our visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the Association and the opportunity to meet old stalwarts of the movement in New Zealand.

#### **VISIT OF TEAM FROM SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

Your Council has received correspondence from the Surf Life Saving Association of America advising that a team will be travelling to Australia in February/March 1967 to take part in the Australian National Championships and it has been suggested that possibly the team may stop over in New Zealand for the purpose of taking part in local competitions.

The New Zealand section of the proposed visit is still under consideration and it would appear that the date of arrival at Auckland will coincide with the final carnival at Christchurch of the visit of the Australian representative team which would call for the attendance of certain officials of the New Zealand Council.

The matter has already been referred to the Auckland Association and it is hoped that a more general report on the situation may be available for presentation to the forthcoming annual conference.

#### **OVERSEAS & INTER DOMINION EDUCATIONAL TOURS FUND**

In view of the satisfactory conclusion of an arrangement with the National Council of the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia for a regular inter-change of visits of representative teams for the purpose of international competition, the Council gave prior consideration to the question of ensuring that funds are available to cover the cost of receiving a team from Australia and for the return visit by a New Zealand team, on a two yearly basis, and made a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting that the annual levy payable by members of affiliated clubs be increased from the



figure of 2/6 for each senior and 1/- for each junior which presently apply.

As a result of the submissions made by your Council the levy payable was increased to 7/6 each for seniors, 5/- each for juniors and 2/6 each for ladies, but it was agreed that this alteration be not applicable until the 1966/67 season.

The additional income received to the credit of our Overseas Tours Fund will overcome the problem of meeting the high cost of receiving and sending of representative teams, and although the increase will not cover the full cost we are extremely hopeful that in arranging future international visits that we will again benefit by the kindly assistance of commercial interest which have in the past indicated their keenness in our problems by their generous donations of gear and equipment.

### **CONTROL OF ASSOCIATION**

Reference has already been made in the introductory section of this report to the alterations made in the handling of the business of the Association where a management committee of four members elected by the annual general meeting plus the Council Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Instructor in Chief and Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear, deal with the routine business of the Association and the full meetings of the New Zealand Council were held in the months of September, December, March and June.

Under the alterations adopted meetings of both the management committee and New Zealand Council can be held at lesser intervals should such action be necessary.

The alteration, which is in line with the control of other sporting organisations, whilst placing added responsibility on officers of the Association, was received with certain reservations by district Associations but we consider that the results which have been achieved in the past season where the activity of the management committee has been able to give prior consideration to matters to be dealt with by the council.

It is pleasing to note no move has been made to upset the arrangement as it is considered that the new system where management of the day to day affairs of the Association is placed in the control of a committee without allegiance to any district Association should be given full and fair trial.

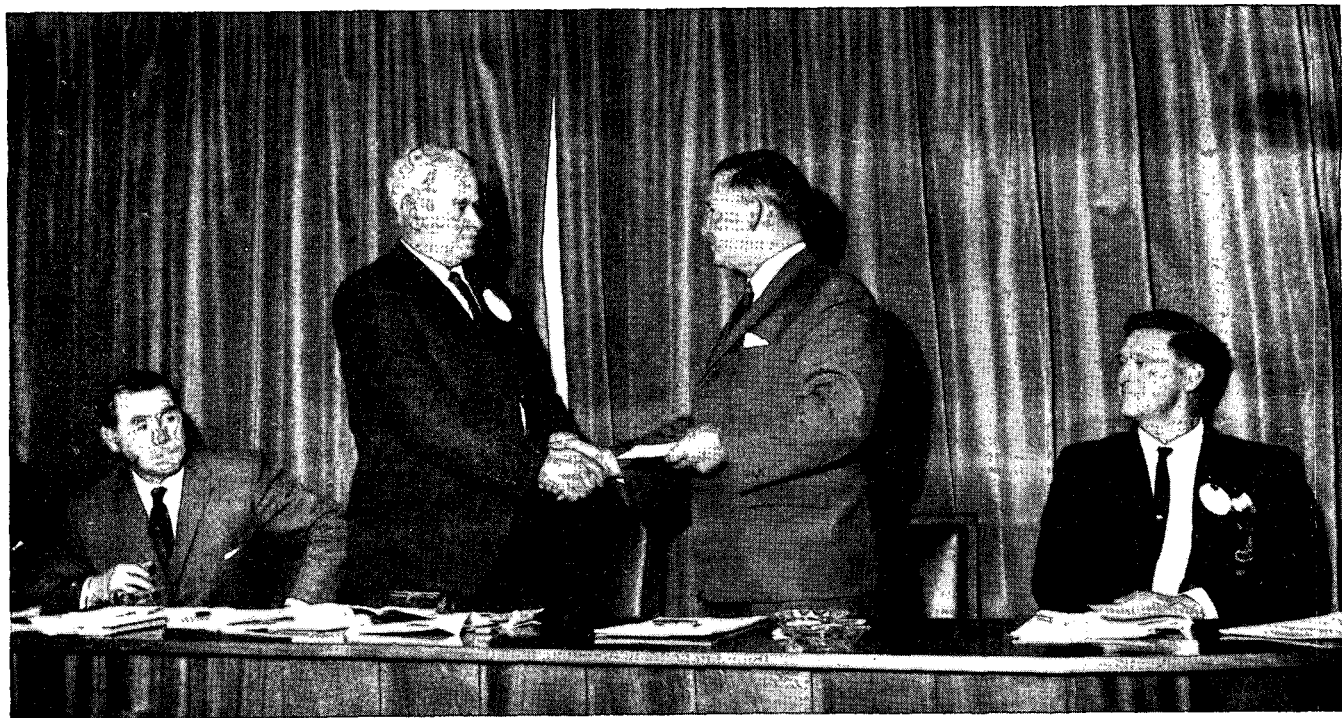
### **GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION OF N.Z. LTD.**

The Association was indeed privileged to receive a grant of £500 which was made available to us by General Foods Corporation for the purpose of improving the facilities for both competitors and the general public attending the 1966 national championships.

Whilst the Association has been favoured with grants from other commercial companies this was the first occasion where funds were made available for the purpose of giving more competitor and spectator appeal in our national championships.

We were very happy indeed to meet Mr. Frank Orr, Managing Director and other representatives of the Corporation at our annual general meeting when the cheque was handed to our national president and subsequently we were most happy to welcome representatives of the company to the National Championships at Oakura.

As a result of the grant improved seating arrangements were provided for the general public and improved facilities for competitors including team shelters and the issue of free lunches on the Saturday and Sunday of the meeting. In addition funds from the grant were used for the purpose of advertising the national championships and in meeting the cost of necessary printing.



N.Z.S.I.S.A. President Mr. W. V. Griffin receiving cheque for £500 from ~~Mr.~~ Frank Orr, Managing Director, General Foods Corporation (N.Z.) Ltd.

From left: Hon. DAVID SEATH (Minister of Internal Affairs), Mr. W. V. GRIFFIN, Mr. FRANK ORR and A. VEART, Deputy President.



**Peter Snell representing Rothmans Sports Foundation presenting Rothmans Insurance Policy to the Chairman of the N.Z. Council, Mr. J. D. Hunter.**

## ROTHMANS INSURANCE SCHEME

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Rothmans of Pall Mall for the valuable donation made to the Association to cover the cost of an annual insurance scheme for all active officials and members of affiliated clubs, and for information purposes we set out hereunder the benefits available under the above scheme:

Rothmans have provided Accident Insurance Cover with Lloyds of London through J. B. Westray & Company under the following conditions:

1. **Cover:** All active participating Members, Instructors and Committee Members registered with the Association, whilst engaged in Life Saving activities, whilst competing in Life Saving Carnivals, and whilst engaged in Club or Association practice. The cover is extended to include such members whilst travelling as a team to compete within New Zealand:
2. **Schedule of Benefits: Compensation payable in respect of Accident —**
  - (a) Death: £1000.
  - (b) Permanent total loss of sight of one or both eyes: £1000.
  - (c) Loss of one or more limbs: £1000.
  - (d) Permanent total disablement (other than above): £1000.
  - (e) Permanent total disablement (other than above): £1000.
  - (f) Temporary total disablement (limited to 104 weeks): £10.0.0 per week. Loss of a limb means loss by physical separation of a hand at or above the wrist, or a foot at or above the ankle.
3. **Claims:**
  - (a) The Club Secretary will immediately advise Westrays Auckland Office whence a claim form will be despatched.
  - (b) The Club Secretary will then forward the completed claim form to Westrays, certifying that the Claimant is a qualified member.
  - (c) Payment will then be made direct to Claimant.
  - (d) The under noted Westray Branches will be pleased to assist at any point should the need arise.  
Auckland: Cnr. O'Connell & Chancery Streets, P.O. Box 1865.  
Napier: Maritime Building, 1 Byron Street, P.O. Box 15.  
Wanganui: Broadway Building, 74 Ridgway Street, P.O. Box 220.  
Christchurch: 146 Manchester Street, P.O. Box 395.  
Wellington: Maritime Building, 2 Customhouse Quay, P.O. Box 559.  
Dunedin: Maritime Building, 11 Crawford Street, P.O. Box 863.  
Invercargill: Maritime Building, 10 Esk Street, P.O. Box 422.

To give effect to this cover it has been necessary to obtain from all affiliated clubs lists of active officials and members. It is intended that special forms be printed and that each year declarations of members be made as at the end of November and that a supplementary list be submitted as at the end of January to provide for new members and the elimination of those who are not taking an active part in the affairs of the movement in the particular season. Naturally the council is anxious to extend every co-operation to make available complete lists of members and trust that we will receive the co-operation of district Associations and affiliated clubs in the submission of the information required on due date.

## **NATIONAL LIFESAVING WEEK**

The question of maintaining the previous policy of the Association in conducting a National Lifesaving Week was reviewed generally at the annual conference as it had been reported from several districts that lack of public interest did not fully justify the effort and financial commitment which was involved in arranging this week.

For many years past the Association has set aside a week early in the season for the purpose of educating the public in the art of Rescue and Resuscitation of the apparently drowned and whilst the scheme proved an outstanding success immediately following the introduction of the expired air method of resuscitation the efforts of affiliated clubs in recent years did not receive the support of the public.

However, the Association is of the opinion that efforts should be made to maintain national lifesaving week and endeavour to add additional interest by seeking the co-operation of other interested organisations within their own areas and as a result National Lifesaving Week was held over the period 27 November to 4 December 1965.

From reports received it is apparent that the decision to maintain National Lifesaving Week was fully justified as valuable work was carried out in educational institutions and it would appear that the success of lifesaving weeks in the future will require a different approach with greater concentration on the education of youth.

The Council acknowledges the assistance received through the local Water Safety Committees in the success achieved in the past season.

## **LIFESAVING METHODS**

In accordance with previous arrangements made with the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia drill methods were standardised for a period of 5 years, although with the agreement of the Australian National Council certain qualifications and alterations to the wording in the current Australian Handbook were adopted and circulated to District Associations.

Under the above arrangement alterations to drill methods will not be considered until after the 1967/68 season at which time an instructional conference will be held in order to consider possible improvements which can be referred for final decision to a conference comprising representatives of your Council and the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia.

To fit in with the above arrangement the annual conference agreed to an alteration to the rules of the Association under which an instructional conference was set down for conduct in 1967 and in future such meeting will be held by decision of the Council or annual conference.

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

The annual conference decided that separate events at National Championships be held for surf boards of hollow construction and malibou boards of solid construction. Following conclusion of the last National Championships it appears necessary to determine minimum and maximum specifications for the above craft and recommendations thereto will come forward to the forthcoming annual conference.

It was also decided that the dispensation extended to ladies teams in the six man R. & R. competition where three members of

a team only draw for water position be cancelled and therefore ladies teams will compete on the same basis as senior and junior teams.

In view of an earlier cancellation of a swimming time dispensation in the surf medallion examination for ladies they now qualify for this award on the same conditions as males and as mentioned above compete under the same conditions.

The conference also decided that in future to provide for 8 starters in all beltman's events that where necessary a repechage heat be held for all second place competitors, the winner and if necessary the second place competitor to compete in the final.

### CADET MEMBERSHIP

It has been apparent for some years that in view of the competition offered by other sports that affiliated clubs must foster the junior section of their activities and as a result many clubs have strong junior-junior sections, and in certain district areas events were held for such members, although the Association rules make it mandatory that all competitors taking part in competitions under the control of the Association must hold the Bronze Surf medallion where a minimum age limit of 14 years applies.

However, it was realised that unless certain events were arranged for these young potential life-savers they would be lost to other organised sports and in order to correct the existing anomaly a special committee submitted a report to the annual conference under which a cadet system could be established and at the same time provide for events in which they could participate.

Conditions were adopted for a qualifying certificate for cadet membership, details of which are recorded hereunder for information purposes.

It is hoped that affiliated clubs will take advantage of the provisions which have been made to encourage cadet membership and in due course it is hoped to be able to restrict the competitions which were approved to those cadet members who hold the cadet qualifying certificate.

The conditions of the award are as follows:

1. A person shall be eligible to contest Cadet events, after attaining the age of 12 years, but has not attained the age of 14 years at the 1st October in the season in which he desires to compete as a cadet, provided he has gained the Association's Qualifying Certificate. After attaining his Surf Bronze Medallion he then ceases to be eligible for Cadet Events.
2. To gain the Association's Qualifying Certificate the Candidate must:—
  - (a) Swim 220 yards in under 4½ minutes.
  - (b) Have a knowledge of Surf Signals.
  - (c) Demonstrate one-man rescue procedure including Sylvester-Brosch Resuscitation drill.
  - (d) Be able to dismantle and assemble a Safety Release Belt.
  - (e) Show Proficiency in Reel, Line, and Belt Drill — excluding the swim.
  - (f) Pass an Oral Test of not less than ten questions including the reasons for (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), as well as other forms of resuscitation, rescues, releases, lifesaving hints, first aid treatments, elementary physiology, as in the Blue Handbook.
  - (g) Be the holder of the R.L.S.S. Resuscitation Certificate or showing proficiency in its requirements.
  - (h) Supply evidence, such as Birth Certificate of similar document, of his legal age.

3. Before competing in Cadet activities he must present in writing, his parents or guardians consent.
4. At Carnivals, qualified Cadets may compete in:—
  - (a) Beach Events.
  - (b) Surf Race (Conditions etc., at the discretion of the Referee).
5. The Examination for the Association's Qualifying Certificate will be made under the Jurisdiction of the Hon. Instructor in Chief of the District Association.

### **AIR SAFETY PATROLS**

Representatives of your council were very pleased indeed to have the opportunity of meeting executives of the Rex Aviation Co., Ltd., prior to the commencement of the National Championships held at Oakura Beach, New Plymouth, when discussions were held in regard to the institution of weekend patrols by aircraft and that company did arrange an exercise in conjunction with the New Plymouth Aero Club where an air patrol was made of all North Island beaches over the weekend of our National Championships.

We have maintained contact with the Rex Aviation Co., Ltd., and have already received correspondence from other aero clubs interested in inaugurating a fixed arrangement for patrols of popular beaches with the object of giving early warnings of the presence of sharks and sincerely hope that this arrangement will come into being during the forthcoming summer months.

It has been estimated that the cost in providing patrols would be in excess of £2000 and it is apparent therefore that without the guarantee of the finance required it will not be possible to bring this scheme into effect.

The council would be very interested to obtain a sponsor prepared to make available funds to institute this valuable safety precaution which can be tied in with the beach patrol work already being carried out by the Association from government sponsorship.

### **SURF PATROLS**

As a result of investigations carried out by a special committee of the Council on the question of surf patrols many districts instituted systems under which this important aspect of our activities was brought under the control of beach inspectors who were responsible to ensure that beaches were adequately patrolled in the interests of public safety.

The fact that no lives were lost during the season in patrolled areas is significant of a job well done and the council expresses congratulations and appreciation to affiliated clubs for maintaining this proud record.

In order to widen the scope of patrol work during the school holiday period your Council has seriously considered the question of paid patrols to safeguard bathers during the week days, as in the main the voluntary work of affiliated clubs can only be carried out during weekends and statutory holidays, and at the outset may we refer to the fact that for many years past the Christchurch and Dunedin City Councils have made funds available to ensure week-day patrols at certain Canterbury and Otago beaches.

In the current season the Hutt County Council likewise provided the necessary finance to cover week-day patrols at the Titahi Bay Beach.

As a result of investigations made through District Associations on the question of local bodies meeting the cost of paid patrols at beaches considered to be hazardous under certain weather con-

ditions, it is apparent that local bodies are reticent to meet the cost involved, and it is understood that the whole matter will come forward to the next Municipalities Conference.

It has been suggested that the provision of paid patrols is the responsibility of government, whereas your Council considers that the local body controlling the particular beach has a responsibility to bathers and when enquiries have been finalised it is intended that a report be made to government covering beaches where it is considered that prompt action will have to be taken to provide patrols during week-days of the school holiday period.

### **SHARK ALARMS**

It will be recalled that immediately following the fatal shark attack which occurred at St. Clair beach in February 1964 the council arranged for the supply of danger warning and signal flags to affiliated clubs free of charge, and in view of the adoption of a hand operated bell or gong as a standard shark warning signal, advised all Associations to proceed in the equipment of clubs within their areas, the cost to be met from the government grant.

Enquiries had revealed that hand operated bells were not available and thus district Associations would be in a position to supply a bell or gong of a type which would be standard within their own areas.

It has been found that action was taken by certain district Associations to equip clubs with siren alarms to be used as shark warnings and in certain cases equipment was donated for this purpose and in view of a Notice of Motion which came forward to the last annual general meeting where it was suggested that 10 second interval blasts on a siren be the standard shark warning the whole matter came forward for reconsideration.

In the interim a letter had been addressed to the Department of Internal Affairs requesting advice of the attitude of that department to the use of fixed sirens at beaches for the purpose of shark alarms, and whilst a reply could not be placed before the annual conference, the council was subsequently informed that no objection was held by that department which likewise applied to the Police, Fire Services and Ambulance Services.

However, the question of bells versus sirens as a standard alarm of the Association was fully discussed and in view of the circumstances at that time the conference rejected the use of sirens following which the council requested all district Associations to contact the local body controlling beaches on which clubs were active with the object of ascertaining whether local bylaws would restrict the use of sirens which applied particularly where voluntary fire brigades were operating.

The replies received indicated that at certain beaches authority would not be granted for the operation of sirens by clubs and the general position has been even more confused where objections have been made by the Civil Defence H.Q. where as in certain areas the local Civil Defence authorities have welcomed the idea of the installations which could be used in conjunction with civil defence precautions.

In view of the second unfortunate shark attack which occurred at New Plymouth in February last and the resultant press publicity on the question of shark alarms your council immediately commenced enquiries for a suitable type of shark warning bell or gong which could be uniform throughout New Zealand and we do express our appreciation to the many offers of assistance received including that of the Army Department where an offer of the supply of shell cases was accepted with pleasure.



The council has already finalised an arrangement for the purchase of a satisfactory bell which was given exhaustive tests and in due course these bells will be supplied to affiliated clubs free of charge and will be put in use in the forthcoming season.

Your council wishes to make it clear that whilst the bells will be the standard shark alarm there is no reason why sirens should not be used in areas where approval has been given for their operation, but it is reasonable to point out that we accept responsibility to patrol certain beach areas which are defined by patrol flags and the standard bell alarm which can be placed immediately at the hand of the team patrol has been found adequate to warn bathers within the marked beach area.

### **INTER-DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVAL**

The fifth inter-district surf lifesaving championship carnival was held at Lyall Bay Beach Wellington under the control of the Wellington District Association, the event taking place on the 5th February 1966, and your Council extends congratulations to the Auckland District Association which was successful in winning the event for the second time since the inauguration of this carnival in the 1962/63 season.

The Carnival was held in pleasant overhead conditions with calm seas, and whilst the absence of surf took away the spectacular aspect of the contest, the events were keenly contested and the final result was in doubt right up to late in the afternoon programme.

Details of the results of the various events are included elsewhere in this report.

By decision of the annual general meeting the "Norrie" Trophy which was previously awarded to the District Association gaining the greatest number of points based on club team performance, at national championships each year, was transferred for award to the inter-district championship and in reviewing this change the opportunity was taken of fully considering conditions under which the Trophy is awarded.

In addition to an alteration of the points allocation to the 12 events under which the contest is conducted, it was decided that paddle board events be deleted and substituted by a surf ski rescue event. It would appear that anomalies exist in the points allocation for the senior and junior individual and teams surf races as compared with the allocation for the six-man R. & R. event, and it is intended that this matter be brought forward for consideration by the forthcoming annual conference.

An arrangement for the equalisation of expenses of provincial teams taking part in the inter-district championship was adopted by the last conference and as the financial burden of travelling teams will be shared all Associations will have an equal opportunity of competing in future contests.

### **VENUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1966/67**

The 1967 National Championships will be conducted by the Otago District Association on Friday/Saturday/Sunday the 24/25/26 February, the venue being the Warrington Beach with St. Clair as the alternative.

The above decision was made on the recommendation of the Otago Association whereas your Council is aware of the difficulties associated with holding the national event at a beach where no permanent facilities are available and involving long transport of competitors from the accommodation centre.

The council has received a suggestion from the Otago Association to divide the events with R. & R. competitions on the first two days at Warrington and boat, board and ski events at St. Kilda and with the final days programme at Warrington beach.

A special committee of the council reviewed this matter and it has been found impracticable due to the change-over of major championship officials between the beaches. However, it is intended that a complete review of the facilities to be provided will be made by your Council with a view to ensuring that all aspects of championship requirements are met to ensure the success of the carnival.

### **PADDLE BOARD FREE-STYLE CHAMPIONSHIP**

It will be remembered that at the previous annual conference the Association decided to introduce paddle board free-style championships to be judged in accordance with current international rules, and the Council instituted the necessary enquiries to obtain up to date information in regard to the control and judging of such competitions which detail has now been circulated to District Associations.

It is of interest to record that the Australian Surf Lifesaving Association have already introduced paddle board free-style events in conjunction with their National Surf Lifesaving championships, and whilst the successful holding of these events is dependent upon a venue where a reasonable surf can be guaranteed it is hoped that district Associations will take action within their own areas in including such events in their own carnival programmes in order that the information so obtained can be used in finally adopting the decision of that Conference.

### **TROPHIES**

The council acknowledges the donation of a splendid trophy made by the "21" Club and to be known as the "21" Club Trophy, which will be contested annually and awarded to the winners of the national junior surf race championship.

The council likewise acknowledges the donation of a valuable trophy which was presented to the Association as a memorial to members who made the supreme sacrifice in two world conflicts. This trophy will be contested annually and will be awarded to the club winning the senior surf boat race championship.

### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The Council extends congratulations to Mr. John A. Whisker who was elected unanimously by the annual conference to the office of Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

Mr. Whisker, whose services to the Association dates back to 1917 when he joined the Maranui Surf Life Saving Club, has rendered valuable service for a period of 48 years through the Wellington Association and the New Zealand Council where his name has become synonymous with surf life-saving.

Whilst he has relinquished active participation in the administration of the Association he will retain a very keen interest in local affairs.

### **HON. SURF AWARD BLAZER**

The annual general meeting approved the award of the Hon. Service Blazer to F. M. Clow of the Fitzroy Club, New Plymouth; H. E. Miller of the Mairangi Bay Club, Auckland; and R. W. Williams of the Piha Club, Auckland.

All have rendered outstanding service to the movement and our congratulations are extended to them in the Award.

## AWARDS

It will be noted from the returns made by affiliated clubs that a total of 332 surf medallions were gained during the season but the number should be far greater as the Council is still awaiting receipt of examination forms which obviously are still outstanding when taking into consideration the claims made by certain affiliated clubs.

During the season a total of 22 surf instructors awards were gained which is well below the average number gained each year, particularly having regard to the total of surf medallions gained during the year.

It is interesting to note that through the activity of club instructors a total of 273 Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallions were gained by surf club members.

## RESCUES

The vigilance which has been exercised by surf patrols has been well illustrated by the fact that during the season a total of 348 rescues were reported, details of same being as follows:

With line and belt .....	85
Without line and belt .....	162
With surf ski etc. ....	101
	<hr/>
	348

Under the system adopted by the Association some years ago affiliated clubs are required to forward special returns of rescues and it is worthy to note that many were carried out in heavy surf conditions which were hazardous to the rescue patrol.

The season was unusual for the high seas experienced particularly on the North Island coast-line where surf patrols carried out mass rescues with credit to the movement. It is disturbing to the Council to note the increasing number of surf board riders who have required the services of our patrols from which it is apparent that many board riders of below average swimming ability not only risk their own lives but by the irresponsible action are creating circumstances which could be extremely dangerous for members of our clubs called to effect rescues.

## MEETINGS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Up to the date of the submission of the draft copy of this report for publication nineteen (19) meetings of the Management Committee had been held, attendance being as follows:

P. Anderson (19); K. Farey, W. Mason, C. Jones, Mrs. D. Fitzsimmons (18); M. Haxton (17); J. Hunter (16); K. Mitchell, G. Perry (14), G. Mace (13).

## MEETINGS NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL

Four meetings of the N.Z. Council were held with a further meeting scheduled for the 17th August, the attendance at these four meetings being as follows:—

W. Griffin, G. Perry, J. Hunter, E. Hughes, M. Sullivan, D. Bull, P. Anderson, L. Tointon, K. Farey, M. Haxton, C. Jones, W. Mason, G. Mace, Mrs. D. Fitzsimmons (4); D. McCloughry, B. Readman, H. Stoddard (3); W. Campbell, K. Mitchell, G. Lindstrom (2); W. Lidstone, H. Dickson (1), B. Devenport (nil).

## NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

We express our appreciation of the continued co-operation from the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association, particularly in respect of the arranging of dates of our respective national championships.

It will be recalled that Miss Doreen Brown relinquished the position of Hon. Secretary of that Association in the previous season and we take this opportunity of expressing our warmest congratulations to her in receiving the award of the M.B.E., from Her Majesty the Queen in appreciation of services rendered to swimming over a long period of years.

The office of Hon. Secretary of the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association has been taken over by Mr. Owen Williams who has long association with swimming in New Zealand.

### ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

The Council has been pleased to maintain contact with the Royal Life Saving Society in matters relating to the welfare of our organisation.

During the year a visit to New Zealand was made by the Chief Secretary of the London Executive, Brigadier P. De C. Jones, O.B.E., and we appreciate the opportunity extended to the Council to meet that gentleman at a reception held in Christchurch.

It is pleasing to record the interest shown by the Chief Secretary in the activities of the surf movement in New Zealand.

### APPRECIATION

The council would be remiss if expressions of thanks and appreciation were not extended to officials and executive members of the various District Associations for the valuable service which has been rendered in the advancement of our movement.

We also express sincere thanks to the New Zealand Press and to the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for their assistance and co-operation.

Our sincere thanks are also offered to the Union Steam Ship Company for their assistance in handling gear and equipment to and from our National Championships free of charge and to the Wellington Harbour Board for their action in remitting wharfage charges on such gear.

We also are indebted to the Port Line Limited for the free carriage of lifesaving equipment between New Zealand and Australia.

The council also extends appreciation for the use of club-house facilities for meetings by the Maranui, Island Bay and Lyall Bay clubs, and to the ladies of the Island Bay and Wellington Ladies' clubs for their assistance in providing afternoon teas on official occasions.

We also acknowledge the assistance which has been rendered to the movement by L. J. Sutherland, our delegate to the Royal Life Saving Society, and G. Pratley, our representative on the council of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, and also to Mr. Haxton and Mr. Sullivan we express our thanks for their assistance on the National Water Safety Committee.

We appreciate to the full the valuable services which have been rendered by association officers without whose assistance it would not be possible to present this favourable report.

The Council has been unable to include all members who have assisted by name, but would assure all that the special favours which have been bestowed upon the Association are greatly appreciated and we trust that we will benefit by this continued assistance.

## CONCLUSION

Every season has seen further advances in the activity of the Association in our voluntary task of safeguarding the bathing public and the past year has been no exception in that efforts have been made to establish air patrols and likewise increase the surveillance of bathers through the appointment of paid beach inspectors.

On our part we have instituted systems which have considerably improved the efficiency of our patrolling of beaches and it is interesting to note the work which has been carried out within the various district areas as revealed by the district reports which are included in this publication.

The financial assistance which has been made available by commercial interests and from government plays a most important part in the continued progress of our Association and we sincerely hope that this support will continue in reward for the long hours of training and patrol duties which are given voluntarily by our members without thought of personal gain or the risks which would be accepted without question in effecting rescues under difficult conditions.

In the forthcoming season we anticipate further advancement with the incentive of the visit of teams from Australia and the U.S.A. which we hope will bring greater public appreciation and knowledge of the humanitarian work of the surf life saving movement.

In conclusion your Council would express to all members of our organisation the great appreciation of the efforts which have been made in recording a further year of progress carried out in the true traditions of our motto: Vigilance—service—endurance.

FOR THE COUNCIL,

W. V. GRIFFIN, President.

C. T. JONES, Hon. General Secretary.

# New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1966.

1964/65

1965/66

### We received the following income:

4750	Grant Nat. Water Safety Council	5500	0	0
25	Grant Royal Lifesaving Society (London Trophy) .....	25	0	0
147	Donations .....	1462	10	0
100	National Championships .....	61	12	0
59	Interest .....	73	1	5
74	Affiliation Fees .....	79	16	0

5155 Therefore our Total Income was: ————— 7201 19 11

### Our Expenses were as follows:

347	Educational Expenses .....	1151	0	9
347	Educational & Other Conferences	372	13	9
25	London Trophy Awards .....	25	0	0
125	General Expenses .....	132	8	10
250	Secretarial Expenses .....	320	0	0
259	Printing & Stationery .....	317	12	5
60	Depreciation .....	46	0	0
70	Awards, Certificates, Medals, etc. Subsidies on Lifesaving & First Aid .....	95	10	0
3173	Equipment including free issues to New Clubs .....	1969	15	9
427	Cost of gear supply including Storage,, Cartage, Freight & General Costs .....	424	17	6
—	Travelling Expenses .....	123	6	0

5083 Our Total Expenses were: ————— 4978 5 0

72 Leaving a surplus of income over  
expenditure of ..... 2223 14 11

which was allocated to

	Overseas Tours Account ....	600	0	0
	Eden House Building A/c	1200	0	0
72	Accumulated Funds .....	423	14	11

2223 14 11

5155

**STOCK ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1966**

	£5388	5	4
To Stock on Hand 30/4/66	2150	5	0

### OVERSEAS TOURS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1966

22	To Expenses Australian Tour .....	46	10	0		By Balance .....	589	6	1
	" Balance .....	1366	7	5		" Levies .....	193	14	6
						" Interest .....	29	16	10
						" Transfer .....	600	0	0
		£1412	17	5			£1412	17	5
						By Balance .....	1366	7	5

**EDEN HOUSE BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1966**

To Balance 30/4/66	4433 10 5	By Balance 30/4/65	3126 10 2
		„ Interest	107 0 3
		„ Transfer	1200 0 0
	<u>£4433 10 5</u>		<u>£4433 10 5</u>
		By Balance 30/4/66	4433 10 5

# New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1966.

## ASSETS

1965				1966
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
28	Furniture less Depreciation	25	0	0
54	Gestetner less Depreciation	48	0	0
180	Typewriter less Depreciation	160	0	0
5	Starting Gun less Depreciation	5	0	0
25	Stop Watches less Depreciation	20	0	0
128	Trophies less Depreciation	116	0	0
—	Medallion Die Set	110	0	0
				484 0 0
	<b>Trust Accounts</b>			
3126	Building Fund "Eden House" at P.O.S.B.	1433	10	5
—	In Auckland Harbour Board 5% Stock	3000	0	0
1059	Overseas Tours Fund at P.O.S.B.	1366	7	5
				5799 17 10
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
444	Sundry Debtors	1455	19	3
1629	Stock of Gear	2150	5	0
282	Stock of Amber Manakins	282	0	0
51	Stock of Blazer Pockets	49	19	0
178	Stock of Medallions	256	0	0
113	Stock of Handbooks	174	19	4
1200	Provision for Gear Ordered	1200	0	0
740	Current Account National Bank of Australasia	224	3	6
483	Current Account National Bank of New Zealand	—	—	—
				5793 6 1
9725				12077 3 11

## LIABILITIES

	<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
160	Sundry Creditor	—	—	—
500	Monies Sir John Campbell Logan Trust	500	0	0
—	Current A/c Nat. Bank of N.Z.	3	2	9
				503 2 9
	<b>Special Funds</b>			
589	Overseas Tours Fund	1366	7	5
3126	Building (Eden House) Fund	4433	10	5
				5799 17 10
	<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
5278	Balance as at 30/4/65	5350	8	5
72	Add Excess Income over Expenditure	423	14	11
5350				5774 3 4
9725				12077 3 11



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

My sympathy goes to District Association secretaries who have to extract returns from clubs during the "off" season. The trouble is that these returns are most essential for checking the correct issuing of awards gained and for supplying to the Government an accurate indication of the work done each year by each club.

It is with regret that I have to report such a number of discrepancies between the data on the Surf Examination forms received and the claims made for Awards on the Annual Club Returns and this plus the fact that obviously there are a large number of Surf Examination forms still being held by the District Associations and that there are many club returns missing means that I cannot even forecast the result of the London Trophy (R.L.S.S.) competition.

With reference to the Gudsell Trophy presented to the Club gaining the greatest number of Surf Awards in the season the statistical table herewith would indicate that Fitzroy (New Plymouth) gains the trophy with 18 awards, closely followed by Waimarama (Hawke's Bay) and Sumner (Canterbury) with 17 awards. Yet according to the actual examination forms received Muriwai gained 19 surf awards yet they only claim 16 in their return. Obviously this matter will need to be clarified. All three clubs deserve congratulations on the great work and had the Canterbury returns been in the table it would have shown several clubs there as gaining more than 10 awards.

In my register this year I have entered 359 Surf Awards and 20 Surf Instructors Certificates and I have reason to believe there are many more Surf examination forms held by the associations and not yet sent in for recording.

With some anticipation of much work I bought a Register for the recording of the new Cadet Certificates but only 12 were issued. This is rather an anti-climax in that we had expected big things in that direction.

As your Chairman I would like to take this opportunity to advise the members of the great work of your Management Committee which functioned for the first time this year. Formal meetings, of which you have all had full minutes, were held fortnightly but much additional work was called for of these willing members. It is my considered belief that this committee has enabled the day to day work of the movement, which is increasing, to be carried out more quickly and efficiently.

However I would suggest that in addition to the regular full Council meetings opportunity be taken next year to call special meetings of that Council just to consider the future policy of the movement as to how we may meet the various impacts on us of other new sports and yet provide increased efficiency in life saving methods and carry them into effect over a larger field than at present.

J. D. HUNTER.



# HAWKE'S BAY—

Clifton .....	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	17	37	350
Kiwi .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	3	200
Pacific .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waimarama .....	—	1	—	—	10	16	17	2	50	2	550
Westshore .....	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	35	47	435

# TARANAKI—

East End .....	—	4	—	—	—	4	5	—	36	135	450
Fitzroy .....	2	3	—	—	—	15	18	—	41	128	500
N.P. Old Boys' .....	3	1	1	—	—	5	11	—	37	51	680
Ohawe .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	12	100
Opunake .....	—	—	1	—	—	4	3	—	11	148	350
Patea .....	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	—	15	8	150
Wai-Iti .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	25	100
Waitara .....	—	—	—	—	4	—	6	1	13	13	205

# WESTERN DISTRICTS—

Castlecliff .....	12	24	—	—	10	12	13	—	49	120	1300
Castlecliff Ladies' .....	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	8	13	65
Foxton .....	3	11	—	—	2	4	3	1	21	48	210
Levin-Waitarere .....	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	17	10	200
Otaki .....	7	25	9	3	5	8	8	—	41	133	320
Palmerston North .....	2	—	—	—	8	8	11	2	32	33	950

# WELLINGTON—

Island Bay .....	—	—	2	—	6	1	2	—	21	13	409
Maranui .....	—	—	1	—	7	1	7	—	61	121	200
Paekakariki .....	—	—	—	—	18	20	6	1	70	46	400
Raumati .....	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	1	9	—	200
Scorching Bay .....	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	11	5	150
Titahi Bay Ladies' .....	—	—	—	—	7	4	2	—	12	23	270
Titahi Bay .....	—	3	—	—	56	8	2	—	54	78	400
Wellington Ladies' .....	—	—	—	—	17	—	6	2	23	11	—
Worser Bay .....	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	64	75	700

# **CANTERBURY—**

Kotuku .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	6	275
North Beach .....	No return.									
New Brighton .....	—	—	—	4	9	7	—	160	94	550
Pegasus .....	No return.									
South Brighton .....	—	1	—	1	7	—	—	48	246	500
Sumner .....	—	3	2	1	20	5	17	—	62	152
Taylor's Mistake .....	1	—	—	—	—	1	14	1	64	464
Waimairi .....	—	—	—	—	—	3	9	1	97	31
										1000

# **OTAGO—**

Balclutha .....	No return.									
Brighton .....	No return.									
Moana Rua Ladies' .....	—	—	—	3	2	5	1	25	20	—
St. Kilda .....	3	—	1	—	6	8	6	—	49	4
St. Clair .....	No return.									300
Kaka Point .....	—	—	—	—	15	8	1	21	—	374
Taramea Bay .....	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	13	5	345
Waikouaiti .....	No return.									

# **INDIVIDUAL CLUBS—**

Rarangi .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	18	4	80
Tahunanui .....	—	3	1	—	26	4	6	—	44	9
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Totals .....	85	162	101	9	498	273	332	22	2201	2952	£22872
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## GEAR REPORT 1965-66

This year the delivery of gear and equipment was fulfilled on all orders placed before March. Again we must thank our manufacturers and suppliers for their courtesies and goodwill extended to the N.Z.S.L.S.A. in the manufacturing, storing and dispatching of equipment. In particular for the storage help, for without this help my work would be far more difficult.

It was decided this year to use an interim gear order where each association could place an estimated order for gear required for the coming year by the end of March. This was to allow the N.Z. Association to arrange orders to supply sufficient gear for everyone taken on an average over the last five years. The estimated orders of the few associations would so cover all gear required for the coming season.

It has come to the notice of the Gear committee that the Annual Gear Inspection forms are not being filled in by every association. These forms are a valuable source of information to the N.Z. Council for the information required when making an application for the Government grant each year.

### BELTS

At the National Championships the general standard of gear was good. The main weakness seems to be the care and attention paid to the safety release on life belts. The instructions are clear. Always check the safety release before using a life belt ensuring the safety pin goes through each stud and is properly clipped to the top stud. Also ensure that the pin is straight. Long wear can cause the pin to curve and make it difficult to insert correctly if not straightened. KEEP CLEAN. The safety pin and stud backing plate are of stainless steel; studs and eyelets are of brass so will not rust. Keeping the safety release clear of sand and verdigris and in good working order is a must. A life could depend on the efficient working of this simple operation. A very light film of vaseline on the pins and around the eyelets helps with the removal of the pins and also stops verdigris but it must not be used heavily as this will cause the clogging, with sand, of the moving parts.

This year 91 No. 4 and 12 No. 5 belts have been delivered.

### LINES

At the Nationals the lines were mainly waxed and mostly in good order on the surf reels. On the boats, lines were on some occasions in a very poor condition. I would like to remind clubs that lines should be removed from the drum at intervals and thoroughly dried before being replaced on the drum from the reversed end.

The reversal of the line prevents constant chafing where the line passes through the "D" of the Life Belt, and also ensures more even wearing of the line. A new line should be stretched and washed in clean fresh water and dried before being put on a reel. A wet line left on the reel over a long period can mildew and cause damage to the reel.

### REELS

As the most costly and important piece of equipment reels should receive the care and maintenance they deserve. All moving parts must be kept lubricated, nuts tightened periodically and chocks properly adjusted to drum flanges. If a reel is dipped in the sea after a competition to remove the sand it is essential that it is

hosed down with fresh water to prevent rust. The removal of the line when wet will prevent damage to the reel drum batons by the shrinking of the line.

The attention of Club and District Association gear stewards is drawn to the following. Although most clubs are to be commended on the high standard of maintenance of gear there are still the few exceptions: Rust showing on reels and lack of paint, worn winding handles, bent and worn guide rope spreader bars, defective brakes and brake clips have been found. The fastening bolts on reels will not be able to rust if they are kept tightened. Reels should be kept properly painted and chromed. Registration numbers should be clearly marked.

Although the inspection of team gear at the National Championships was carried out in trying conditions, due to the transfer from Oakura, it was evident that great care and attention had been given to all competition gear. Credit for this is due to the club gear stewards.

All clubs should be grateful to the efficient organisation of the National Championships this year. Under trying conditions all gear and facilities were assembled ready for use when needed even when there was a change of beaches.

Gear delivered during the season: Reels, 36; Part Reels, 9; No. 4 Belts, 91; No. 5 Belts, 12;  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Lines, 44;  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Lines, 11; Boat Belts, 66; Patrol Flags (small), 90; Patrol Flags (large), 42; Patrol Hats, 222; Danger Flags, 4; Signal Flags, 2.

M. J. HAXTON, Gear Inspector.

#### STOCK OF GEAR 30th APRIL, 1966

12 Reels	510	0	0
40 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Lines	590	0	0
44 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Lines	319	0	0
44 No. 4 and No. 5 Belts	88	0	0
10 Portable Reels	148	10	0
38 Boxline Outfits	209	0	0
16 Boat Belts	48	0	0
80 Patrol Hats	25	10	0
5 Clubhouse Flags	10	0	0
5 Patrol Flags	6	5	0
44 Danger Flags	59	0	0
50 Signal Flags	65	0	0
New Zealand Council Ski & Paddle	36	0	0
New Zealand Council Board & Paddle	36	0	0
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	£2150	5	0

## **REPORT OF HON. CHIEF INSTRUCTOR**

It is again pleasing to report that the principal aim of our Association of making our surfing beaches safe for the public, has been efficiently carried out by the patrols of our clubs. Reports received of many excellent rescues performed by patrols is evidence of their necessity.

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The organisation of the 1965-66 Championships was the responsibility of the Taranaki Association. Arrangements made by the various committees were of the highest order and reflect credit on those responsible. It was indeed unfortunate that extremely big seas at Oakura Beach wrecked the arena and buoy settings in the early morning of the first day of the Championships, necessitating the transfer of the days events to the alternative beach Ngamotu.

With excellent work by the Organising Committees and outstanding co-operation by all officials and competitors, the transfer of events was made with minimum delays. The final two days were successfully concluded at the original venue Oakura Beach.

It is indeed pleasing to report the assistance given in various ways by members of visiting Associations to ensure the smooth running of the Championship Programme, this co-operation was greatly appreciated.

The uniformity and standard of R. & R. drill procedures was extremely good and reflected credit on Instructors and team members.

### **JUDGES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Appointments of Judges for National Carnivals were made by the Committee, two Judges per team for Inter-District events and three Judges per team for National Championship events.

It is regretable to report that out of step judging did not show the desired improvement. In an endeavour to improve the position the Committee has recommended that at future Inter-District Carnivals three (3) Judges per team be appointed for R. & R. events. In National Championships that separate appointments be made for R. & R. and non-R. & R. events. In R. & R. events that Judges from different Associations be grouped in threes and judge together in all R. & R. events.

### **HON. CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

Mr. Bob Brydon, Hon. Chief Superintendent Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia, will be retiring from office at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia. He will be remembered by his many friends in New Zealand as the popular Manager of the 1960-61 Australian Surf Team.

Mr. Brydon has held the Office of Chief Superintendent for the past nine years. His contribution to the Surf Lifesaving Movement has been considerable and it is desired to place on record our very sincere appreciation and thanks for his ever ready help and assistance. He has done much to cement the very excellent relations and close co-operation between both our Associations.

## APPRECIATION

Expressions of sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all Officers and Council Members, Mr. A. J. Wootton, The Hon. General Secretary, and all Members of the Judges Advisory Committee for their ever ready assistance and co-operation during the past season.

Once again we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ken Watson, M.B.E., Hon. National Secretary, and Mr. Bob Brydon, Hon. Chief Superintendent Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia, for their continued help and assistance in so many matters.

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

## INTER DISTRICT CONTEST

at Lyall Bay on February 5.

Norrie Trophy was won by Auckland, with 41 points, to Wellington's 28 and Canterbury's 13.

Results:—

**Senior six-man R. & R.:** Gisborne, 5.1, 1; Wellington, 6.3, 2; Canterbury, 6.56, 3; Auckland, 8.18, 4; Hawke's Bay, 9.64, 5; Taranaki, 10.26, 6; Otago, 10.36, 7; Western Districts, 11.98, 8.

**Beach Sprint:** C. Billing (Wellington), 1; R. Dalton (Canterbury), M. Bray (Auckland), 3; M. Gudson (Hawke's Bay), 4.

**Senior Belt:** R. Harker (Auckland), 2 min. 34.2 sec., 1; A. Lee (Canterbury), 2 min. 35.6 sec., 2; M. Harvey (Wellington), 2 min. 38.4 sec., 3; L. Olds (Otago), 4; C. Williams (Hawke's Bay), 5; B. Adams (Gisborne), 6; T. Corkin (Taranaki), 7; J. Michalski (Western Districts), 8.

**March-Past:** Auckland, 1.125, 1; Canterbury, Wellington and Western Districts, 1.5 each, equal 2; Taranaki, Otago and Hawke's Bay, 1.175 each, equal 5; Gisborne, 1.875, 8.

**Junior Belt:** G. Allnutt (Auckland), 3 min. 2.2 sec., 1; W. Clow (Taranaki), 3 min. 28.4 sec., 2; C. Hurdley (Wellington), 3 min. 28.6 sec., 3; B. Wilson (Hawke's Bay), 4; C. Blumfield (Gisborne), 5; J. Willis (Otago), 6; B. Leask (Canterbury), 7; A. Larsen (Western Districts), 8.

**Senior Four-Man Alarm:** Gisborne, 3.1, 1; Auckland, 4.06, 2; Wellington, 4.14, 3; Hawke's Bay, 5.1, 4; Taranaki and Canterbury, 5.38 each, equal 5; Otago, 5.84, 7; Western Districts, 7.3, 8.

**Senior Teams' Surf Race:** Auckland, 20 pts., 1; Wellington, 31, 2; Canterbury, 34, 3.

**Senior Individual Surf Race:** R. Harker (Auckland), 1; M. Harvey (Wellington), 2; K. Corbett (Auckland), 3; L. Olds (Otago), 4; K. Thornton (Wellington), 5; R. McIntosh (Canterbury), 6; J. Dallimore (Auckland), 7.

**Surf Ski Rescue:** Canterbury, 1; Gisborne, 2; Auckland, 3; Wellington, 4.

**Junior Teams Surf Race:** Hawke's Bay, 10 pts., 1; Wellington, 11, 2; Auckland, 13, 3.

**Junior Individual Surf Race:** G. Allnutt (Auckland), 1; B. Wilson (Hawke's Bay), 2; W. Clow (Taranaki), 3.

**Beach Relay:** Wellington, 1; Auckland, 2; Taranaki, 3.



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1966

The 1966 National Surf Lifesaving Championships were conducted by the Taranaki District Association the venue being the Oakura Beach with Ngamotu as the alternative beach.

The event was held on Friday/Saturday/Sunday the 4/5/6 March and unfortunately adverse weather conditions made it necessary to transfer the carnival to Ngamotu beach on the Friday as the turbulent surf conditions experienced at Oakura were responsible for the loss of the swimming buoys and arena area.

The change-over was effected efficiently and it is pleasing to say that despite a late start it was possible to conclude the first days programme of events at the alternative venue.

The Council wishes to express appreciation to the Taranaki District Association and to those many helpers who assisted in the transfer of the events, the result of which is considered to be a tribute to the unselfish attitude of officials and competitors alike in placing their full time at the disposal of the Association to ensure the successful conclusion of the championships.

The Saturday and Sunday programme was concluded at Oakura Beach under ideal surf conditions and fully tested the ability of competitors.

We were very pleased indeed to be able to welcome the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. David Seath, the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. Honnor, and other local dignitaries at our National Championships and we do express to them our appreciation of their interest in the work of our movement.

As has been stated on many occasions the holding of competitions is only an adjunct to our main purpose of saving life as it is a fact that without the stimulus of active competition apart from the arduous call upon club members for patrol duties, then our movement would fail to hold our membership against the call of other sports.

The council takes this opportunity of expressing appreciation to the many business houses and individuals who assisted us in the successful conclusion of the championships and expresses congratulations to the winners of the various events.

The following clubs were represented with entries:

### Senior and Junior:

Castlecliff	Oreti
East End	Orewa
Eastern United	Otaki
Fitzroy	Pacific
Island Bay	Paekakariki
Kako Point	Palmerston North
Kare Kare	Piha
Kiwi	Rarangi
Lyll Bay	Red Beach
Mairangi Bay	Ruakaka
Maranui	St. Clair
Mount Maunganui	South Brighton
Muriwai	Sumner
New Brighton	Taylor's Mistake
New Plymouth Old Boys	Titahi Bay
North Beach	Waihi
North Piha	Waikanae
Ohawe	Waimairi
Opunake	Worser Bay

**Ladies:**

Central Brighton  
 East End  
 Fitzroy  
 Island Bay  
 Moana Rua  
 New Plymouth Old Boys  
 North Beach  
 Pacific

Paekakariki  
 Scorching Bay  
 South Brighton  
 Sumner  
 Taylors Mistake  
 Titahi Bay  
 Waimairi  
 Waitemata  
 Wellington Ladies

**N.Z. SENIOR FOUR-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP****Heat 1:**

1st, South Brighton (N. Brixton, P. Ross, K. O'Keefe, C. Gurr).  
 Total 2.80.

2nd, Lyall Bay (K. Purchase, R. Gough, P. Coltart, C. Symonds).  
 Total 3.40.

3rd, North Piha (W. Watson, S. Bisby, R. Dallimore, P. Knight).  
 Total 4.22.

**Heat 2:**

1st, Worser Bay (R. Billing, R. Arnold, R. Ransom, C. Billing).  
 Total 3.6.

2nd, Muriwai (R. Seward, R. Taylor, K. Riley, K. Thomas). Total  
 3.72

3rd, Paekakariki (J. Brinck, L. Cook, T. Varcoe, R. Parsons).  
 Total 3.76.

**Heat 3:**

1st, Red Beach (W. Pritchard, R. Harker, P. Curley, R. Malyon).  
 Total 3.42.

2nd, North Beach (G. Cutting, A. McIntosh, J. Vessey, G.  
 McKenzie). Total 3.80.

3rd, Piha. Total 6.32.

**Heat 4:**

1st, Waikanae (J. McLean, D. Adams, D. Thompson, M. Pickett).  
 Total 2.40.

2nd, Titahi Bay (G. Brown, K. McDonald, B. Grace, B. Stanton).  
 Total 3.28.

3rd, New Brighton (R. Cooper, G. Williamson, B. Scott, R.  
 Claxton). Total 4.56.

**Heat 5:**

1st, Maranui (J. Gallagher, B. Crowder, M. Haxton, K. Mark).  
 Total 2.80.

2nd, Taylors Mistake (J. Stead, G. Le Cren, D. Bradley, B.  
 Erikson). Total 2.94.

3rd, Eastern United (N. Corbett, D. Ritchie, J. Jenkins, B.  
 Phillips). Total 3.08.

**Final:**

1st, Eastern United. Total 1.60.

2nd, Taylors Mistake. Total 2.60.

3rd, Red Beach. Total 2.84.

**N.Z. SENIOR SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP****Heat 1:**

1st, Maranui A (K. Mark, N. Penwarden, K. O'Malley, B. Crowder,  
 J. Gallagher, M. Haxton). Total 6.40.

2nd, Waikanae B (W. Jones, J. Bean, Watt, B. Cairns, Scandrett,  
 Clark). Total 8.66.

3rd, St. Clair (Banks, Brown, Scott, Cousins, Old, Clarke). Total  
 9.34.

**Heat 2:**

1st, Fitzroy (Johnston, Webster, Earley, Parkin, Walsh, Gollin). Total 7.72.

2nd, South Brighton B (N. Roake, J. Fielding, N. Brixton, A. Allen, A. Hunter, M. Pocock). Total 9.00.

3rd, Sumner (C. Humphries, D. Lawrence, T. Clows, G. Drewry, M. Couzins, Elmsley). Total 10.98.

**Heat 3:**

1st, Eastern United (B. Phillips, D. Robertson, J. Jenkins, R. Busing, N. Corbett, D. Ritchie). Total 5.84.

2nd, Taylors Mistake (G. Le Cren, D. Bradley, J. Stead, W. Newton, B. Erickson, P. Carpenter). Total 7.48.

3rd, Lyall Bay A (M. Harvey, C. Symonds, Coltart, Soofe, Ryan, Thornton). Total 8.00.

**Heat 4:**

1st, Muriwai A (R. Taylor, R. Seward, D. McCrystall, J. Thomas, J. Staton, J. Young). Total 8.14.

2nd, North Beach (J. Vessey, D. Cutting, L. McIntosh, I. Donaldson, G. McKenzie, M. McGurr). Total 8.40.

3rd, Paekakariki B (Wills, Jackson, Jarvis, Cook, Cameron, Brinck). Total 12.24.

**Heat 5:**

1st, South Brighton A (K. O'Keefe, A. Kee, C. Gurr, K. Lanyon, G. Bliss, P. Ross). Total 5.20.

2nd, Waikanae A (J. McLean, M. Pickett, R. McLean, D. Adams, Thompson, P. McLean). Total 5.52.

3rd, East End (R. Wildermortt, N. Goldsworthy, D. Corkin, D. Hale, M. Dobson, B. Coleman). Total 9.70.

**Final:**

1st, Waikanae. Total 4.80.

2nd, South Brighton. Total 5.86.

3rd, Eastern United. Total 6.40.

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

1st, Maranui B (N. Penwarden).

2nd, East. United A (Robertson).

3rd, Piha A (T. Griffiths).

**Heat 5:**

1st, Waikanae A (B. Adams).

2nd, Sth. Bri'ton B (K. Lanyon).

3rd, Oreti A (D. Nicol).

**Heat 2:**

1st, Worser Bay A (C. Billing).

2nd, Kiwi (R. Turnbull).

3rd, N.P. Old Boys (J. McLean).

**Heat 6:**

1st, Taylors Mistake (Le Cren).

**Heat 3:**

1st, St. Clair A (L. Olds).

2nd, Nth. Beach B (L. McIntosh).

3rd, St. Clair B (D. Gerrard).

**Heat 7:**

1st, Maranui A (M. Haxton).

2nd, East End (T. Corkin).

3rd, Lyall Bay A (M. Harvey).

**Heat 4:**

1st, Sth. Brighton A (A. Lee).

2nd, Worser Bay B (R. Arnold).

3rd, North Piha A (S. Isbey).

**Heat 8:**

1st, Red Beach A (R. Harker).

2nd, East. United B (N. Corbett).

3rd, Otaki (J. Dinnison).

**Final:**

1st, R. Harker (Red Beach) 3.4.

2nd, B. Adams (Waikanae) 3.14.

3rd, A. Lee (Sth. Brighton) 3.21 1/5.

## N.Z. SENIOR TEAMS (OF FOUR) AND INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Heat 1:

- 1st, Lyall Bay (M. Harvey).
- 2nd, St. Clair (D. Gerrard).
- 3rd, Muriwai (R. Taylor).

### Heat 3:

- 1st, Red Beach (R. Harker).
- 2nd, Piha (P. Jack).
- 3rd, North Piha (S. Isbey).

### Heat 2:

- 1st, Eastern United (N. Corbett).
- 2nd, St. Clair (L. Olds).
- 3rd, Pacific (E. Brown).

### Heat 4:

- 1st, South Brighton (A. Lee).
- 2nd, Waikanae (B. Adams).
- 3rd, Lyall Bay (D. Smith).

### Final Individual Surf Race:

- 1st, St. Clair (D. Gerrard).
- 2nd, East. United (N. Corbett).
- 3rd, Lyall Bay (M. Harvey).

### Final Teams Surf Race:

- 1st, Lyall Bay (15 points).
- 2nd, St. Clair (19 points).
- 3rd, Piha (21 points).

## N.Z. JUNIOR FOUR-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP

### Heat 1:

- 1st, South Brighton (J. Allen, L. Richards, W. O'Keefe, I. Gower). Total 3.80.
- 2nd, Red Beach (B. Malyon, C. Brady, P. Dalton, C. Curley). Total 4.86.
- 3rd, Pacific (E. Duncan, D. Gempton, S. Rowans, J. Harris). Total 5.78.

### Heat 2:

- 1st, Fitzroy (W. Frazer, W. Clow, J. Velvin, V. Velvin). Total 3.66.
- 2nd, Waikanae (M. Hardie, C. Blumfield, K. Barrett, D. Colbourne). Total 3.80.
- 3rd, Muriwai (G. Ridder, S. Allen, R. Scarhill, T. Price). Total 4.80.

### Heat 3:

- 1st, St. Clair (N. Ellison, P. Ravenwood, P. Bentley, B. Anderson). Total 4.80.
- 2nd, Worser Bay (R. Verry, T. Keegan, P. Kent, J. Ritchie). Total 7.56.
- 3rd, North Piha (V. Fleming, J. Holland, J. Dallimore, C. Pigeon). Total 7.68.

### Heat 4:

- 1st, Eastern United (C. Metcalfe, G. Allnutt, F. Rooke, J. Senior). Total 3.60.
- 2nd, Taylors Mistake (I. Johnson, P. Goldsmith, D. McDonald, D. Neate). Total 4.80.
- 3rd, Waimairi (W. Paulin, B. Leask, J. Robertson, S. Carruthers). Total 5.52.

### Final:

- 1st, Eastern United. Total 2.80.
- 2nd, Taylors Mistake. Total 4.28.
- 3rd, Waikanae. Total 4.38.

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

### Heat 1:

- 1st, Waikanae (G. Sutton, N. Hardy, M. Colebourne, A. Byrne, K. Barrett, C. Blumfield). Total 6.80.
- 2nd, Eastern United (Roberts, Duncan, Roopie, G. Allnutt, Senior, Metcalfe). Total 11.60.
- 3rd, South Brighton B (B. Ward, M. Palmer, A. Bliss, D. Melhuish, L. Harris, P. O'Keefe). Total 12.26.

**Heat 2:**

1st, Taylors Mistake A (D. Neate, I. Johnson, C. Read, D. McDonald, D. Goldsmith, R. Brodie). Total 8.78.

2nd, Fitzroy (B. Velvin, J. Velvin, Knapman, R. Frazser, W. Clow, G. Frazser). Total 9.04.

3rd, Castlecliff (M. Buller, R. Palmer, A. Larsen, T. Jones, C. Curry, G. Law). Total 12.92

**Heat 3:**

1st, Kiwi (L. Dixon, P. Clarke, F. Harbottle, I. Davidson, B. Wilson, J. Hawkins). Total 10.66.

2nd, Lyall Bay (C. Hurdley, Manley, Morris, Moyle, Hollings, P. Hazael). Total 15.00.

3rd, St. Clair (Bentley, Anderson, Eavenwood, Williams, Ellison, Moore). Total 16.12.

**Heat 4:**

1st, South Brighton A (I. Gurr, W. O'Keefe, L. Richards, J. Marcussen, J. Mosse, F. Allan). Total 9.20.

2nd, New Plymouth Old Boys (K. Wood, Dyer, M. Wood, Smaile, Cameron, Taylor). Total 19.22.

3rd, Island Bay (K. Sanbury, C. McDougal, P. Burrow, G. Olson, K. Kuch, B. Dickens). Total 22.20.

**Final:**

1st, Waikanae (C. Blumfield, A. Byrne, K. Barrett, D. Coleburne, G. Sutton, M. Hardy). Total 7.20.

2nd, Eastern United (C. Metcalfe, C. Duncan, F. Rooke, G. Allnutt, W. Roberts, J. Senior). Total 8.72.

3rd, Fitzroy (J. Velvin, O. Fraser, R. Fraser, L. Knapman, W. Clow, B. Velvin). Total 9.60.

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

1st, Waikanae A (C. Blumfield).

2nd, Worser Bay B (T. Keegan).

3rd, Waimairi Bay B (Johnston).

**Heat 2:**

1st, Oreti A (H. Miller).

2nd, Fitzroy B (J. Velvin).

3rd, Rarangi (A. Jamison).

**Heat 3:**

1st, Fitzroy A (W. Clow).

2nd, South Brighton B (J. Moses).

3rd, Oreti B (T. Pryde).

**Heat 4:**

1st, Worser Bay A (Henderson).

2nd, Lyall Bay A (C. Hurdley).

3rd, Sth. Brighton A (B. Ward).

**Heat 5:**

1st, Kiwi A (B. Wilson).

2nd, Taylors Mistake A (Read).

3rd, North Piha B (P. Macauley).

**Heat 6:**

1st, Taylors Mistake B (Harrow).

2nd, Waimairi A (B. Leask).

3rd, New Brighton A (I. Wright).

**Heat 7:**

1st, Waikanae B (G. Sutton).

2nd, Eastern United A (Allnutt).

3rd, Lyall Bay B (W. Moyle).

**Heat 8:**

1st, Eastern United B (Metcalfe).

2nd, Castlecliff A (E. Eyre).

3rd, St. Clair B (J. Willis).

**Final:**

1st, Waikanae B (G. Sutton) 4.54 3/5.

2nd, Kiwi (B. Wilson) 5.1 2/5.

3rd, Fitzroy (W. Clow) 5.16.

**N.Z. JUNIOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP****Heat 1:**

1st, Eastern United (G. Allnutt).

2nd, North Piha (J. Holland).

3rd, Waikanae (C. Blumfield).

**Heat 2:**

1st, Lyall Bay (C. Hurdley).

2nd, North Piha (J. Carney).

3rd, Waikanae (A. Byrne).

**Heat 3:**

- 1st, Fitzroy (W. Clow).
- 2nd, Waikanae (G. Sutton).
- 3rd, Oreti (V. Smith).

**Final Surf Teams Race:**

- 1st, North Piha (15 points).
- 2nd, Waikanae (19 points).
- 3rd, Fitzroy (20 points).

**Heat 4:**

- 1st, Kiwi (B. Wilson).
- 2nd, Fitzroy (J. Velvin).
- 3rd, Worser Bay (D. Henderson).

**Final Junior Individual Surf Race:**

- 1st, Eastern United (G. Allnutt).
- 2nd, Waikanae (G. Sutton).
- 3rd, Worser Bay (D. Henderson).

**N.Z. LADIES' FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP****Heat 1:**

1st, North Beach (K. Donaldson, J. Clark, D. Gillespie, J. Ritchie). Total 4.80.

2nd, Wellington Ladies B (J. Newport, C. Brown, D. Haley, I. Turnbull). Total 5.82.

3rd, Taylors Mistake B (C. Hopper, E. Holland, L. Teehan, C. Dickey). Total 5.86.

**Heat 2:**

1st, South Brighton A (L. McKenzie, R. McKenzie, A. Downs, B. Ross). Total 3.40.

2nd, Moana Rua A (H. Swan, R. Olds, J. Smiht, J. Swan). Total 4.74.

3rd, Taylors Mistake A (A. Palmer, A. Mitchell, M. McArthur, C. Palmer). Total 7.72.

**Heat 3:**

1st, East End (J. Wood, D. Corkin, M. Haywood, S. Yates). Total 5.60.

2nd, Waimairi B (A. Christie, J. Baigent, G. Middleton, G. Stevens). Total 5.62.

3rd, Central Brighton A (S. Campbell, P. Weyman, K. Emery, K. McCormac). Total 5.86.

**Heat 4:**

1st, Waimairi A (B. Davies, B. Leask, J. Leask, L. Hulme). Total 3.00.

2nd, Sumner (K. O'Neil, C. Parmenter, H. Sandle, M. Sutherland). Total 5.52.

3rd, Wellington Ladies A (J. Buttle, D. Haswell, L. Grint, P. Total 5.22.

**Final:**

1st, Waimairi A. Total 3.32.

2nd, South Brighton. Total 3.96.

3rd, North Beach. Total 4.60.

**N.Z. LADIES' SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP****Heat 1:**

1st, East End A (Hayward, Yates, Low, Knight, Walsh, Corkin). Total 9.06.

2nd, South Brighton B (Simmons, Brown, Jamison, Ross, Ancell, Hodgson). Total 10.04.

3rd, Paekakariki (C. Brown, M. Brinck, S. Cameron, E. Stewart, L. Brinck, S. Northcote). Total 12.00.

**Heat 2:**

1st, Moana Rua B (C. Ryan, J. Jaffray, C. Newey, J. Smith, E. Borberg, J. Swan). Total 10.82.

2nd, Taylors Mistake (McArthur, Collins, Mitchell, A. Palmer, C. Palmer, C. Dickey). Total 11.06.

3rd, Waimairi (L. Leask, R. Leask, B. Middleton, P. Davies, E. Pope, O. Baigent). Total 13.20.

**Heat 3:**

1st, South Brighton A (M. Ramsey, L. McKenzie, A. Harliwich, B. McKenzie, L. Ward, F. Moyer). Total 6.40.

2nd, Moana Rua A (R. Olds, H. Blacklock, H. Swan, M. Church, R. Johnston, M. Burrow). Total 10.92.

3rd, Titahi Bay (V. Hassel, S. Lindsay, V. Hassel, S. Stafford, E. Timbs, J. Timbs). Total 12.50.

**Final:**

As all teams exceeded their swimming times, all were totally disqualified.

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

1st, South Brighton (Mackenzie).

2nd, Wellington A (D. Haswell).

3rd, Sth. Brighton B (L. Ward).

**Heat 2:**

1st, Wellington B (C. Brown).

2nd, Waimairi A (R. Leask).

3rd, N.P. Old Boys (R. Dryden).

**Heat 3:**

1st, N.P. Old Boys (J. Froggatt).

2nd, Taylors Mistake (Mitchell).

3rd, North Beach B (Armstrong).

**Heat 4:**

1st, North Beach A (J. Clark).

2nd, Taylors Mistake A (Hopper).

3rd, Moana Rua B (N. Burrow).

**Final:**

1st, North Beach A (J. Clark).

2nd, South Brighton A (R. Mackenzie).

3rd, Waimairi A (R. Leask).

**N.Z. LADIES' INDIVIDUAL AND SURF TEAMS RACE CHAMPIONSHIP****Heat 1:**

1st, Sth. Brighton (McKenzie).

2nd, Fitzroy (L. Knapman).

3rd, Pacific (K. Morris).

**Heat 2:**

1st, North Beach (J. Clark).

2nd, East End (D. Corkin).

3rd, Wellington Ladies' (Watt).

**Heat 3:**

1st, Moana Rua (R. Johnston).

2nd, Sth. Brighton (McKenzie).

3rd, Taylors Mistake (Mitchell).

**Heat 4:**

1st, N.P. Old Boys (J. Froggatt).

2nd, Nth. Beach (H. Armstrong).

3rd, Sth. Brighton (J. Ancell).

**Final Individual Surf Race:**

1st, North Beach (J. Clark).

2nd, Sth. Brighton (McKenzie).

3rd, N.P. Old Boys (J. Froggatt).

**Final Surf Teams Race:**

1st, Sth. Brighton (12 points).

2nd, Moana Rua (16 points).

3rd, North Beach (16 points).

**N.Z. SENIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP****1st RACE****Heat 1:**

1st, Titahi Bay.

2nd, Muriwai A.

3rd, Lyall Bay A.

**Heat 2:**

1st, Muriwai B.

2nd, South Brighton.

3rd, Maranui.

**Heat 3:**

1st, Eastern United.

2nd, Piha.

3rd, North Piha.

**2nd RACE****Heat 1:**

1st, South Brighton.

2nd, Lyall Bay A.

3rd, North Beach.

**Heat 2:**

1st, Mount Maunganui.

2nd, Muriwai B.

3rd, Titahi Bay.

**Heat 3:**

1st, Maranui.

2nd, North Piha.

3rd, Lyall Bay B.

### 3rd RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Titahi Bay.  
2nd, Mount Maunganui.  
3rd, Muriwai B.

#### Heat 2:

1st, Muriwai A.  
2nd, Eastern United.  
3rd, Maranui.

#### Heat 3:

1st, North Piha.  
2nd, South Brighton.  
3rd, Lyall Bay B.

#### Final:

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

## N.Z. SENIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1st RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Sumner.  
2nd, Taylors Mistake.  
3rd, Castlecliff.

#### Heat 2:

1st, Waimairi A.  
2nd, East End.  
3rd, Waimairi C.

### 2nd RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Waimairi A.  
2nd, North Beach.  
3rd, Waimairi B.

#### Heat 2:

1st, Taylors Mistake.  
2nd, Sumner.  
3rd, Waimairi C.

### 3rd RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Waimairi A.  
2nd, Sumner.  
3rd, Taylors Mistake.

#### Heat 2:

1st, Waimairi B.  
2nd, Castlecliff.  
3rd, East End.

#### Final:

1st, Waimairi A.  
2nd, Sumner.  
3rd, Taylors Mistake.

## N.Z. JUNIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1st RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Muriwai.  
2nd, Maranui.  
3rd, Eastern United.

#### Heat 2:

1st, Lyall Bay.  
2nd, Piha.  
3rd, North Brighton.

### 2nd RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Titahi Bay.  
2nd, Lyall Bay.

#### Heat 2:

1st, Piha.  
2nd, Maranui.  
3rd, Muriwai.

### 3rd RACE

#### Heat 1:

1st, Muriwai.  
2nd, Maranui.  
3rd, Piha.

#### Heat 2:

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

#### Final:

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



## N.Z. JUNIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1st RACE

1st, Waimairi B.  
2nd, Kiwi.

### 2nd RACE

1st, Waimairi A.  
2nd, Kiwi.  
3rd, Waimairi B.

### Final:

1st, Waimairi A.  
2nd, Waimairi B.  
3rd, Taylors Mistake.

## N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Heat 1:

1st, Midway A (W. Gordon).  
2nd, Taylors Mistake B (Stead).  
3rd, Titahi Bay (K. McDonald).

### Heat 3:

1st, Sumner B (D. Lyons).  
2nd, Orewa A (G. Serhijenko).  
3rd, Muriwai B (K. Candy).

### Heat 2:

1st, Waimairi A (P. Davies).  
2nd, Nth. Beach B (R. Dalton).  
3rd, Waimairi B (M. Stevens).

### Heat 4:

1st, Nth. Beach A (D. Dalton).  
2nd, Titahi Bay B (B. Stanton).  
3rd, Sumner A (M. Lord).

### Final:

1st, Waimairi (P. Davies).  
2nd, North Beach (R. Dalton).  
3rd, Taylors Mistake (J. Stead).

## N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP (Hollow Board)

### Heat 1:

1st, Titahi Bay (K. McDonald).  
2nd, Waimairi (T. Jay).  
3rd, Sumner (J. Pearson).

### Heat 3:

1st, Piha (M. Bray).  
2nd, Waimairi (P. Stevens).  
3rd, Waimairi (J. Freeborn).

### Heat 2:

1st, Muriwai (D. Jackson).  
2nd, North Beach (D. Dalton).  
3rd, Muriwai (T. Butt).

### Final:

1st, North Beach (D. Dalton).  
2nd, Piha (M. Bray).  
3rd, Titahi Bay (K. McDonald).

## N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP (Malibu)

### Heat 1:

1st, Muriwai (T. Butt).  
2nd=, North Beach (D. Dalton).  
2nd=, Piha (M. Bray).

### Heat 4:

1st, Piha (J. Kinghorne).  
2nd, Sth. Brighton (M. Pocock).  
3rd, Nth. Brighton (P. Cooper).

### Heat 2:

1st, Muriwai (R. Neale).  
2nd, Maranui (K. Marshall).  
3rd, Titahi Bay (B. Grace).

### Heat 5:

1st, Muriwai (D. Jackman).  
2nd, Waikanae (A. Byrnes).  
3rd, South Brighton (D. Gurr).

### Heat 3:

1st, Muriwai (N. Seward).  
2nd, Maranui (L. Gallagher).  
3rd, St. Clair (N. Reid).

### Final:

1st, Muriwai (D. Jackman).  
2nd, Muriwai (T. Butt).  
3rd, Muriwai (N. Seward).

## N.Z. BEACH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

### Heat 1:

1st, Taylors Mistake.  
2nd, Eastern United.  
3rd, North Beach.

### Heat 2:

1st, Worser Bay.  
2nd, Waimairi.

**Heat 3:**  
1st, Muriwai.  
2nd, South Brighton.

**Heat 4:**  
1st, Fitzroy.  
2nd, Red Beach.  
3rd, Waihi.

**Final:**  
1st, Muriwai (Stanton, Brown, Riley, Painter).  
2nd, Taylors Mistake (G. Le Cren, Carpenter, Stead, Bradley).

### **N.Z. 100 YARDS BEACH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Heat 1:**  
1st, Taylors Mistake A (J. Stead).  
2nd, Muriwai B (J. Stanton).  
3rd, North Beach B (R. Dalton).

**Heat 4:**  
1st, Worser Bay A (C. Billing).  
2nd, East. United A (Robertson).  
3rd, Piha B (A. Wetzell).

**Heat 2:**  
1st, Muriwai A (L. C. Painter).  
2nd, Fitzroy (P. Johns).  
3rd, Worser Bay B (D. Coulter).

**Heat 5:**  
1st, Sumner A (D. Lawrence).  
2nd, North Beach A (N. McGurr).  
3rd, Sth. Brighton A (O'Keefe).

**Heat 3:**  
1st, Piha A (M. Bray).  
2nd, Waimairi A (W. Paulin).  
3rd, Kare Kare B (T. Brady).

**Heat 6:**  
1st, Pacific (J. Martin).  
2nd, Lyall Bay A (J. Hardie).  
3rd, N.P. Old Boys B (D. Lean).

**Final:**  
1st, Worser Bay (C. Billing).  
2nd, Muriwai A (T. Painter).  
3rd, Sumner A (D. Lawrence).

### **N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RACE**

**Heat 1:**  
1st, North Beach (D. Dalton).  
2nd, Sumner (M. Lord).  
3rd, Waimairi (B. Leask).

**Heat 4:**  
1st, Sumner (R. Pearson).  
2nd, Waimairi (P. Stevens).  
3rd, Taylors Mistake (Newton).

**Heat 2:**  
1st, Sumner (D. Lyons).  
2nd, Waimairi (M. Stevens).  
3rd, Waimairi (B. Leith).

**Heat 5:**  
1st, North Beach (R. Dalton).  
2nd, Waimairi (C. Mitchell).  
3rd, North Beach (L. Macintosh).

**Heat 3:**  
1st, Titahi Bay (T. McDonald).  
2nd, Waimairi (P. Davies).  
3rd, Waihi (D. Harris).

**Final:**  
1st, Titahi Bay (K. McDonald).  
2nd, North Beach (D. Dalton).  
3rd, North Beach (R. Dalton).

### **ALLAN GARDINER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

1st, Waikanae (25 points).  
2nd, Eastern United (21 points).  
3rd=, Taylors Mistake (12 points).  
3rd=, Muriwai (12 points).

# District Association Reports

## AUCKLAND

The season under review has been one of steady progress and achievement, every year it has been our aim to expand and flourish, the season just finished has been no exception with increases in all phases of our activities.

Again this year we proudly state that "NO LIVES WERE LOST WHILST OUR PATROLS WERE ON DUTY". This statement together with the fact that the number of rescues carried out shows an increase over the previous year by 36 the total being 167 can only testify to the fact that the vigilance and efficiency of our members and patrols has in no way decreased and that we are confidently upholding the tradition of our service to the Community, on whose behalf we extend our sincere congratulations to all Club Officers and Member for their very fine efforts.

We welcome once again Bethells Beach Surf Life Saving Club who have been in recess for a number of years, these Clubs now fill a break in the chain of Surf Life Saving Clubs in our District.

It was indeed a great pleasure to welcome and act as hosts to the visiting Queensland State Team who proved to be worthy representatives of their State.

We reaffirm our loyalty to the National Council and all its Officers, special mention must be made of the excellent job which has been carried out by all members of the Management Committee, to the National Secretary we extend our thanks for his help in all matters.

Our congratulations are extended to the Canterbury Association on attaining their fiftieth Jubilee year, to the Taranaki Association our thanks for being hosts at the 1966 Championships, while to all other Associations we extend to them our sincere good wishes for the coming season.

## CANTERBURY

The prime function of saving life was again carried out efficiently by the club patrols of Canterbury during the past season. The sea conditions during the summer months were ideal for the average bather with the result that rescues were well down on last year's figures. Only six rescues were recorded during the season, one at Taylors Mistake and five at Sumner, and our record of no drownings in patrolled areas still stands.

In the competitive field Canterbury clubs did very well at the New Zealand Championships and the standard of surfing in general in Canterbury is still on a high level. Champion club was again Taylors Mistake, which just managed to hold off South Brighton in one of the closest championship finishes seen for a long time. South Brighton won the ladies section with North Beach in second place.

The awards gained by Canterbury clubs during the past season were down in number on last year's figures and it cannot be stressed too strongly of the importance of encouraging younger members to obtain these awards. There were 67 Surf Awards and 2 Instructors Awards.

The Queensland State Team visit was one of the highlights and the carnival held at Taylors Mistake on January 2nd against the Canterbury Clubs proved a great success and was commended upon by the visitors. The Queensland team emerged the victors with 24 points, South Brighton were second with 19 points and Taylors Mistake third with 17 points.

We are looking forward to the coming season as this is our 50th year in operation and several big events have been arranged to celebrate the occasion.

We again look forward to the coming season with confidence and would like to take this opportunity of thanking our parent body, the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association, for the able way it has handled its administrative duties over the past season. To all other clubs and associations throughout New Zealand we also extend our best wishes for 1966-67, and to Barry Readman our delegate in Wellington a special thank you.

### GISBORNE

The season just concluded has again been one free of drownings on our patrolled beaches. Recorded rescues of twelve persons indicate that our motto of "Vigilance, Service, Endurance" is being maintained. The rescue report returns show that most rescues were of normal nature probably due to the notice the public are taking of water safety on our beaches. Our rescue trailer was used on only one occasion — to assist with the locating and recovery of a duck shooter drowned in the Waiapoa River. The trailer was called on two other occasions, but was not needed owing to prompt rescue by nearby patrols.

Members have spent many hours during the off season with lectures, instruction and showing of water safety films. Again many schools have been visited, and this avenue is one that will always require our attention. It is a pity that more time can not be given in this direction, as many lifesaving awards could then be obtained.

Our box-lines have been maintained in good order and the public have, in the main, shown respect for these. Unfortunately, one of these suffered gunshot damage at the hands of an unknown person, and another was damaged by a nearby fire. No rescues have been recorded with this equipment.

Membership at 91 is one more than last year, but added to this are 17 Junior Juniors, 4 of which gained their Cadet Certificates. Waikanae, and Ladies Club have increased their membership, Midway maintained theirs, Wainui and Tolaga Bay decreased. Analysis of Club returns show Waikanae 42, Ladies 16; and this is an increase of 7 and 14 respectively. Midway, 20 a decrease of 2, but they also have 15 Junior Juniors, 4 of which are Cadets. Wainui 9 two of which are Junior Juniors, Tolaga Bay 9 one of which is a Junior Junior, decreases of 7 and 6 respectively. Wairoa still remains at one, but indications are for a revival there this coming season.

Twenty-three Surf Medallions and four Instructors were gained by members of affiliated clubs, a big increase on last year. The average for the previous three years was 12.66 and 1, and this season's upsurge is a pleasing feature, one which we all hope will continue. Midway Club take the honours with 12 awards, Ladies 2nd with 8, Tolaga Bay 4 and Waikanae 3. In addition to these 20 R.L.S. Society Bronze Medallions were obtained.

Waikanae again showed their superiority competitively in the District Championships and a stronger challenge from other clubs

would be welcomed. However, with the quality of juniors gained by Midway more action could come from that direction in the future. The Ladies Club have also some very good members coming on and with more polish could be a force to be reckoned with. The shortage of Officials has been overcome somewhat, but Judges are still very short.

The season saw the completion of Midway's fine Club-House at a cost of £21500 plus a further £2000 for furnishings and is now debit free. The government valuation is £35000. The Gisborne Ladies also moved into new premises and with the facilities they now have should be adequately housed for many years. Waikanae have completed additions to house their newly acquired surf boat at a cost of some £1200, and Tolaga Bay are still having difficulties in finalising their plans. Wairoa have completed renovations to their Club House at Opoutama, Wainui have had difficulties with vandals but have maintained their building in operational order.

Financially the Association has had another good year due mainly to the renewal of membership by Honorary Members and the Street Day Appeal plus a good return in the form of Educational Grant. We are now in a good position to run the New Zealand Championships and with plans in hand a good showing should be made in entertaining our Australian visitors next January.

For the future, it would seem that taking all factors into consideration that progressive growth will be maintained and our beaches reasonably patrolled. The fact that all our members are covered by insurance is indeed gratifying and our thanks to Rothmans Limited for their generous gesture.

We look to the coming season with confidence and would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Parent Body, the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Association for their efforts on our behalf and especially our Resident Delegate E. B. (Ted) Hughes and his wife, and all others who have rendered assistance. Our best wishes to them, and the Clubs and Associations in the coming season.

## **HAWKE'S BAY**

The Hawke's Bay Association has continued to flourish. Fortunately, whichever way you look at it, the Association is suffering from the effects of growing too fast too quick, and this has brought with it many problems, since we now have far too many "indians" and not enough "chiefs", particularly in the instructional field, and most Clubs are desperately short of acceptable personnel with suitable qualifications to carry out this most important aspect of the work. This problem will in the course of time right itself, but in the meantime a great many are going to depend on the services of very few.

An indication of the growth is the fact that all Clubs have plans already prepared for either new Clubhouses or additions to existing Clubhouses in order to cope with their increased memberships.

The outstanding feature of the years activities is undoubtedly the effort of the Waimarama Surf Club in attaining seventeen Awards for the year. This revival of interest in the Waimarama Club is very gratifying, and the fact of them gaining seventeen new Surf Awards reflects great credit upon the Club.

Throughout the year patrols were maintained on each of the five beaches upon which Surf Clubs are active. We have but one

rescue to report, that was affected by the Pacific Club on the Napier Foreshore, but there have been many cases of first-aid having been rendered. There have been no drownings in patrolled areas.

Portable box-lines are now sited throughout all beaches in the Hawke's Bay area, and have been used to effect rescues. However, in the Napier area this equipment has suffered very badly at the hands of vandals and other idiots. The amount of damage and interference has been such that the Officer of the Association responsible for the inspection of these lines resigned his office, and we were unable to locate within the Association any other individual prepared to accept this responsibility. As a result of negotiations between the Association and the Local Bodies concerned, the responsibility for the inspection of this gear now rests with the appropriate Local Body with the Association acting in an advisory capacity with regard to repair and replacement.

The Association, after some years of difficulty in obtaining the services of a good Secretary, was fortunate this year in obtaining the services of Mrs. G. Hatton, who some years back was the Secretary of Pacific Surf Club. There is no doubt that the increased efficiency of the Association in the past twelve months is due almost entirely to having her services, and we look forward to being able to retain them for many years to come.

We thank the New Zealand Council for their co-operation and assistance in the course of the year, and also the Central Regional Committee which appears to be gaining more strength as the years go by.

## TARANAKI

For Taranaki the past season has involved a considerable increase in overall activities, the major of these of course being the staging of the 1966 National Surf Championships.

After an early upheaval due to adverse weather the championships were concluded most successfully this being due in no small part to the willing assistance given by a number of club members from throughout the country and to these folk we offer our grateful thanks.

Once again we were represneted at the Interdistrict Carnival in Wellington but unfortunately were unable to get into a major placing in the overall results.

Taranaki's fortunes in the Central Districts Regional Carnival at Waimarama however were brighter as our representative team after a close tussle with Hawke's Bay managed to take the honours at this meeting and bring home the Western Districts trophy.

An early event in our season was once again our Golf Tournament which on this occasion attracted record entries and was probably the most successful yet held. Another social event held during the season was a dinner for members of the Executive and wives and although the numbers attending could have been larger it turned out to be a most successful evening.

Once again we are proud to record that patrols were fully maintained throughout the swimming season and although a number of rescues were effected there were no drownings recorded. Keeping patrols on the alert were our two Beach Patrol Supervisors who paid periodic and unheralded visits to clubs during patrol periods and there is no doubt that this system has lead to an increase in the efficiency of our patrol work.

Our season was marred unfortunately by the tragic death of a young girl as the result of a shark attack at Oakura Beach in January and while we realise that the extent of surf club activities is limited being of a voluntary nature it is becoming increasingly obvious that clubs will have to be prepared to take on the added task of shark patrols and in this respect we hope that uniform warning alarms and signals can be successfully adopted before the next season gets under way.

Other Association activities during the year included a series of very successful pre-Christmas carnivals, a visit from the Queensland State Surf Team and of course our own Taranaki Surf Championships which were conducted unfortunately in adverse weather conditions.

A most important phase of our activities is the training of new members in the art of Life Saving and it is indeed pleasing to record a record number of over 50 surf awards gained over the past season, this augurs well for the future of the movement in Taranaki.

Another achievement during the year was the building of a new clubhouse for the Old Boys Club at Oakura, this building was used as the headquarters for the National Championships and drew many favourable comments from visiting surfers.

It was indeed pleasing to know that our long time resident delegate in Wellington Johnny Whisker was honoured with a New Zealand Association Life Membership Award, this was we felt a fitting reward for the outstanding service he has rendered to the movement over many years.

Of the future — we have the likelihood of paid beach patrols on some of our beaches during the busy midweek periods of our season which must be encouraged as an added safeguard to swimmers, we have also an accident insurance scheme for our club members becoming fully operable and for this we must offer our sincere thanks to Rothmans and last but not least we have the Australian National Surf Team with us early in 1967.

It is very apparent that all clubs are once again going to have a very busy season with patrol work, and carnivals, both local and national once again occupying much of their spare time in the coming season.

In conclusion we would once again like to offer our thanks to the New Zealand Council for the assistance it has given Taranaki over the past year, our thanks also to Resident Delegate Michael Sullivan for looking after our interests on the National body and finally to all Associations and clubs we offer our best wishes for the season ahead.

## WELLINGTON

Although not as successful competitively as in former years, the past season resulted in six months incident free bathing for the Wellington public, and this alone is satisfaction enough for all those whose efforts maintained surf lifesaving in our area over the past year.

Zoning has been introduced on Lyall Bay beach to separate bathers and board riders, and is likely to be introduced to Titahi Bay in the near future. Contact has been established with board-club representatives and should result in mutually beneficial co-operation in the future. An approach has also been made to the Swimming and Water Polo bodies with the object of securing greater liaison in future.

A full competitive season resulted in local honours being more evenly distributed than in recent past seasons. However the keener competition failed to bring teams to the peak required to dominate the National field. More training and effort will be needed next season.

Our thanks to the Taranaki Association for a most enjoyable National Championship weekend, and our best wishes to Otago for an equally successful 1967 meeting.

On the administration side, we have lost Bill Anderson, Chairman and Chief Instructor, and Bernie Wolland, Gear Inspector, both of whom are long standing members who have devoted many years to the movement.

Overall membership increased slightly, but a greater emphasis must be placed on recruiting in the new season.

Sincere thanks to the National Association for their continued efforts, and in particular to the Management Committee for successfully carrying out a difficult assignment, that of streamlining the national administration.





