

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

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VIGILANCE - SERVICE - ENDURANCE

37st

Annual Report
and
Financial Statement

Season 1962-63



To be presented at the Annual General Meeting,
to be held at the Island Bay Surf Club Pavilion,
Island Bay, on Saturday, 27th July, 1963.



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New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

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New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

Thirty-first Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

SEASON ENDING 31st MAY, 1963.

TO be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Island Bay Surf Lifesaving Club, Island Bay, Wellington, on Saturday 27th July, 1963, at 10.00 a.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The season just concluded, without doubt, has been the most notable in the history of the Association in that the movement was privileged in being granted Royal Patronage at a Surf Life-saving Carnival which was arranged as part of the itinerary of the visit to New Zealand of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip.

The Council was justifiably proud of the honour which was bestowed on us and the occasion will be one which will live long in the memory of those members of our organisation who were fortunate enough to meet the Queen and Prince Philip, and to those competitors who represented their districts on this important day.

The past year has likewise been notable for the acceleration of our progress made apparent by the extent of voluntary educational work which has been accomplished in the various districts, and not only in the furthering of our activities of our movement, but in the education of the public in the art of saving life.

This work has resulted in the revival of the activities of three clubs which had been in recess for some years and in the formation of one new club, whilst the apparent interest in our work arising from the educational visits gives us good reason to believe that further new clubs will be formed in the forthcoming season.

The season was particularly noteworthy also for the fact that a record was established in the quantity and value of gear and equipment supplied, whilst the number of awards gained was not far short of the record total of the previous season.

Final figures could reveal a new record total of surf instructors awards gained.

Through the activities of club patrols many excellent rescues were reported and it is indeed pleasing to be able to say that through the vigilance of our clubs we have been able to maintain our record of no drownings in patrolled area.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS.

In recognition of the outstanding devotion to the humanitarian ideals of the Association in the rescue of a person who was in danger of losing his life by drowning, the Association was proud to grant to Peter Way of the North Piha Surf L.S. Club the Meritorious Award in Silver, and to Don Wright of the Piha Surf L.S. Club the Meritorious Award in Bronze.

Letters of commendation were awarded to the North Piha and Piha Surf Clubs.

The awards were made at a Mayoral Reception at Auckland held on 14 June, 1963.

The Awards were granted together with the following citations:

PETER WAY — MERITORIOUS AWARD IN SILVER.

On January 8, 1962, following the closing of the beach due to very heavy and dangerous surf conditions, a man was sighted waving frantically at a distance of over five hundred yards from the beach, and immediately surf patrols were alerted, following which unsuccessful attempts to reach the patient were made both by swimmers with line and belt, and with other lifesaving equipment.

Peter Way showed considerable knowledge of local conditions and ran some distance to the rocky north end of the beach, and although risking being crashed on to the rocks by the huge waves, which were estimated at twenty feet high, made use of the out-running current to carry him out beyond the broken water to the patient, who was reached after a half-hour's swim, and who by this time had been carried to a position perilously close to the rocks, which made rescue appear almost impossible.

Peter Way supported the man and swam out to sea with him, and after a lapse of some time was relieved by Don Wright, a member of the Piha Surf Lifesaving Club, who had finally been successful in travelling through the surf on a ski, by which means the patient was brought to safety.

In view of the condition of the patient and the fact that the return trip through the surf was extremely hazardous, Peter Way refused to overload the ski and chose to remain beyond the broken line until a further member of the Piha Club was able to get his paddle board to sea and thus support Peter Way and allow him much-needed rest before attempting his return through the violent and broken seas.

In effecting this meritorious rescue Peter Way ran a tremendous risk of being dashed on to the rocks, which would have meant the inevitable loss of his life, and the part he played in the rescue far exceeded the duties which could be expected of him as a member of our Movement, and his fearless and prompt action was responsible for the rescue which was carried out in the true traditions of our motto — VIGILANCE — SERVICE — ENDURANCE.

DON WRIGHT — MERITORIOUS AWARD IN BRONZE.

Don Wright of the Piha Surf Lifesaving Club the Meritorious Award in Bronze for the part played by him in the successful rescue of a person in danger of drowning at North Piha Beach.

On January 8, 1962 following the closing of the beach due to dangerous surf conditions, a man was noticed being carried out and waving frantically for assistance, following which surf patrols were alerted, but many attempts to get a line out, or reach the patient by paddle board, were unsuccessful due to the extremely heavy and confused surf. In the meantime, Peter Way, of the North Piha Surf Lifesaving Club, had reached the patient after a swim through waves estimated at twenty feet high.

During this period of time Don Wright had made continuous attempts to negotiate the surf on a ski, only to be knocked off again and again. The dangerous conditions and his continued unsuccessful efforts did not dismay him, but instilled even greater determina-

tion, and finally, by adopting the tactics of dismounting from the ski before each successive wave broke over him and remounting, he was successful in reaching the patient, who by this time had been dragged clear of the rocks to a position beyond the breaking waves by Peter Way.

Don Wright took over the patient, and was able to carry him back through the surf to safety.

It was apparent that due to the heavy surf conditions and the distance the patient and Peter Way were from the water's edge, that without the determination of Don Wright in persevering to finally negotiate the seas both the patient and Peter Way would have had little chance of survival, and it is considered that his actions revealed a great devotion to duty.

We sincerely commend him for his services which were carried out in the true traditions of our motto.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

In recognition of the outstanding services rendered by members of the North Piha Surf Lifesaving Club in the successful rescue carried out at North Piha on January 8, 1962 the Association had great pleasure in forwarding this Letter of Commendation.

On that day, following the closing of the North Piha Beach due to dangerous surf conditions, a man was sighted being carried out, following which club patrols were brought into action and various members endeavoured to reach the patient by means of reel, line and belt, paddle board and surf ski without success.

Members of the Patrol in turn endeavoured to swim out with a line, only to be driven back to the beach by the huge waves, which were estimated at twenty feet high, and whilst conditions made it appear impossible for success, there was no relaxing in the efforts of the beltmen or those members who were persistent in their endeavours to negotiate the surf by paddle board and ski.

These efforts were not successful until over one hour had elapsed, during which time Peter Way and Don Wright of the Piha Club, had reached the patient, who was later successfully brought to shore on a ski.

Piha Club member, Peter Byers finally was successful also in negotiating the seas, and as a result of his efforts Peter Way was assisted to safety through the breaking surf.

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GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

For some years past in favouring us with a financial grant it was the policy of the Government to make available a sum not only to cover the payment of normal subsidies on gear and equipment, but also for the extension of assistance to affiliated clubs in the form of building grants, and in the year under review an application had been made for a total grant of £11,423 which included the sum of £6,482 to cover subsidies on new club buildings.

However, following on the success of the Golden Kiwi Lottery the Government gave consideration to the allocation of profits accruing, and in this connection we are indebted to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Sir Leon Gotz, in approving our application that surf lifesaving clubs be included amongst those privileged organisations which qualify for assistance from such funds.

As a result the Council was relieved of the responsibility of the allocation of funds to clubs, although under the previous system it is considered that the moneys made available were most carefully administered, having in mind the many claims for assistance which were received in that period.

Under the altered arrangements affiliated clubs submitted applications direct and as a result many have benefitted substantially in obtaining grants for building purposes.

It has been advised that the basis of building grants would be £1 for every £2 raised which would include sums granted by local bodies, although loan moneys subject to repayment, would not qualify as moneys raised on which the above subsidy would be payable.

Since that date, the authority of the Minister of Internal Affairs in allocating grants from Golden Kiwi profits has been passed over to a Recreation and Youth Activities Allocation Committee acting on an independent and voluntary basis. In view of the fact that this committee would consider the question of a grant being made to the Association for the coming season, a meeting of the National Water Safety Council was held in Wellington on 18th May last when that meeting, in addition to agreeing to applications for financial assistance made by the N.Z.A.S.A. and R.L.S.S., and also the National Water Safety Committee to cover the cost of Radio, Press and other forms of advertising in persuing the water safety campaign, approved an application made by your Council on the following basis:

	£
Subsidies on Lifesaving Equipment for which orders have already been placed	3,159
Educational Work and fostering new clubs	2,000
Medallions, Publications, Handbooks etc.	575
Gear Storage and distribution:	550
Total	6284

For information purposes we set out hereunder the amounts granted in the current season to the various organisations together with the amount applied for to cover activities in the 1963/64 season:

	62/63	63/64
N.Z.S.L.S.A.	3,750	5,324
N.Z.A.S.A.	4,500	6,284
R.L.S.S.	2,000	2,000
National Water Safety Committee	9,200	12,680
Totals	£19,450	£26,288

It will be noted that the total amount applied for covering next season's activities under the water safety programme shows an increase of £6838.

On 7th June a deputation from the National Water Safety Council was privileged to meet the Recreation and Youth Activities Allocation Committee when the various amounts comprising the budgets of the four organisations were closely scrutinised and representatives given the opportunity of submitting details of the programme envisaged by each organisation under the water safety programme in the coming year.

We have now learned that a grant of £5000 has been made to the Association for the forthcoming season to cover our programme of work in the interests of the safety of the public, and we do express our sincere appreciation to the Allocation Committee for making the above funds available which will ensure that we are again able to maintain the supply of gear on the same terms as previously, and likewise will provide certain sums to assist the progress of our movement.

BUILDING GRANTS

It will be recalled that in the previous year no grants were made by the Association for building purposes and following on the decision this year by the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs that applications would be considered direct, the Council passed on those applications which were held in abeyance in order that same could receive consideration for an allocation from the Golden Kiwi profits.

Subsequent applications which were made by clubs in the current year were referred to your Council by the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs for a recommendation and it was noted that in certain cases the information supplied was thought to be too meagre and it is hoped that when applying for building grants that clubs will give all detail possible, including moneys raised, total cost of the project, plans and specifications, and information as to the method of financing any balance which may have to be raised after taking into consideration a grant on the basis approved by the Minister.

It has been made clear that the policy of the Allocation Committee will be more favourable to those clubs which are in a position to proceed to finality with building plans and it is considered

that clubs contemplating making applications should withhold making the request until they are able to finance the project, taking into consideration the expected grant from Golden Kiwi funds.

Under present policy applications made by clubs passed direct to the Board of Control where same receive consideration, and where necessary inquiries are instituted with a view to obtaining further detail which may be considered necessary before such applications are passed on to the Recreation and Youth Activities Allocation Committee.

The Council would point out that the Association has no control whatsoever in the passage of grant applications and has been informed that subject to clubs not submitting full and detailed information there is likely to be a delay of up to 18 months before an application reaches the Allocation Committee.

It would appear that many clubs still have the idea that applications are controlled by the Council, but as mentioned above this is not the position and it is in the hands of clubs to ensure that when applying for grants that delays are inevitable where complete information is not supplied.

The following grants were made from Golden Kiwi funds during the current year:

	£
East End	300
Fitzroy	400
Kotuku (Greymouth)	500
Maranui	250
Muriwai	500
New Brighton	200
Omanu Pacific	500
Port Waikato	750
Titahi Bay Ladies	500
Waipu Cove	500
Westshore	1500
Red Beach	500
Ruakaka	300
Eastern United	350
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SUBSIDIES

As previously reported a grant of £4,500 was received from the Government during the season just concluded and as a result the Council was again able to provide for the subsidisation of the cost of gear and equipment as purchased by affiliated clubs.

This system has now applied for some years past and it is considered that the policy of making available lifesaving gear at prices representing approximately half the purchase cost has proved to be the most satisfactory method of assisting affiliated clubs to meet their recurring expenditure, as under this scheme we may be assured that the equipment placed on the beaches for the safety of the public is of a very high standard of efficiency.

In the year just concluded the sum of £3040 was required to meet the cost of subsidies made on such equipment and it is pointed out that this total is far in excess of the sum made available in any previous season.

During the year your Council gave consideration to the extension of subsidies on surf boats, paddle boards and surf skis where such craft was owned by affiliated clubs and whilst it was decided that no

action be taken in offering assistance in the purchase of boards and boats, it was agreed that a payment of £10 be made available on the purchase of skis where such equipment was suitable for rescue purposes and that payment be limited to 3 yearly intervals and that the grant only be paid on skis purchased after 21st February 1963 and where applications were supported by a statement from the local Association Gear Inspector certifying that such ski was suitable for rescue purposes.

In making the above decision that Council is aware that many clubs are called upon to patrol more than one beach area and in many cases this work can be carried out efficiently by the use of a ski, and the object of this subsidy is to assist those clubs in extending patrol work outside the normal marked area.

In view of the fact that our commitments have been stabilised as a result of the decision of Government to handle applications for building grants direct, the Council has also been able to look further into the whole question of subsidies and agreed that such items as replacement parts for Ambu Manikins should become a charge against moneys received for water safety purposes.

No alteration was made in the previous arrangement to make available a complete set of free equipment to new clubs and in the past season a precedent was set in that similar issues were made to clubs which had been reformed after a period of recess.

Despite the fact that the cost of various items of gear has advanced during the season the purchase price to clubs has been maintained which has necessitated providing increased subsidies on the items concerned.

Items of gear which have been supplied under the subsidy system are listed hereunder together with details of the cost of such equipment to the Council together with the subsidised price at which same is made available to affiliated Clubs:

Equipment	Present Cost	Subsidised Cost to Affiliated Clubs
Reel, std, new type, chrome fittings, prime coat paint	£40 0 0	£20 0 0
Reel, only portable life line	15 0 0	8 10 0
Portable life line, complete, reel, line belt	26 5 0	13 0 0
Line, std 3/4 in. cotton 500 yds.	14 15 0	5 0 0
Line, 3/4 in. cotton, 300 yds for portable life line	7 5 0	2 10 0
Life belt, std, "Ross" Safety No. 4	3 0 0	1 10 0
Life belt, std, "Ross" Safety Flotation "Portable Line" No. 5	4 0 0	2 0 0
Patrol Flag, "Clubhouse"	1 10 0	15 0
Beach marker flag (each)	15 0	7 6
Patrol cap	7 6	5 0
Boat life jacket, H.W. No. 4	3 8 0	2 0 0
Boat life jacket, H.W. No. 5	3 11 0	2 0 0
Boat life jacket, H.W. No. 6	3 16 0	2 0 0
First Aid Cabinet, complete	12 10 0	8 0 0
Ballot Marbles, set and bag	15 0	10 0

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

The Council was pleased to be able to approve the payment of certain sums for educational and other work in the furtherance of the activities of the Association.

For some time past it has been apparent that certain work which has been carried out by District Associations in the interest

of Water Safety should have been a charge on the funds made available to the Association and the extension of these grants enabled District Associations to step up the volume of work carried out in the education of the public and also activity in travelling demonstration teams to adjacent beaches with the object of stimulating interest in the formation of new clubs.

The grants also assisted in the installation of lifesaving equipment in certain beach areas.

Certain sums will be available in the forthcoming season for such work and the system of allocation will be a matter which will require urgent attention by the Council.

ROYAL SURF CARNIVAL

At the time of the announcement of the projected visit to New Zealand of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. Prince Philip, your Council made representations to the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs to include Royal Patronage at a Surf Carnival in the itinerary of the tour and we were indeed proud and greatly honoured to learn that the Queen had expressed her wish to view the work being carried out by the movement in the safeguarding of the public on our beaches.

This important event was held on Saturday 9th February, 1963, at Ocean Beach, Mt Maunganui, and whilst weather conditions were not favourable the occasion was most memorable for the Association.

On arrival at the venue the Royal Couple were met by our President, Mr S. Mason and following introductions to members of our organisation were escorted to the official dias to view the events.

During the one and half hours they were in attendance, the Queen and the Duke showed considerable interest in the work of our movement, and it is pleasing to say that the competition was of a very high standard as all R. and R. events were contested by teams representing District Associations.

To commemorate this special occasion in our history a souvenir programme was compiled and we are indebted to many of our suppliers of lifesaving equipment and other gear for their sponsorship in assisting towards the cost of production.

We are pleased to acknowledge the co-operation which was received from members of the Bay of Plenty Association and the Mt. Maunganui Surf Club in attending to local arrangements and we would be remiss if we did not likewise acknowledge the help received from the Mayor of Mt Maunganui, the Ministry of Works, Roberts Concrete Company, Bay of Plenty Power Board and many other persons whose assistance contributed in no small way to making this day one which will live long in our memory.

We would also acknowledge with extreme pleasure and appreciation the gift of five fully equipped lifesaving reels which were donated by the A.P.A. Assurance Ltd., as trophies for contest by district Association teams present at the Royal Carnival.

The following were the official results:

ROYAL CARNIVAL — RESULTS.

SENIOR SIX MAN R. & R.

1st, Wellington: (C. Billing, K. Ryan, P. Griffin, P. Perkinson, C. Blakeley, C. Symonds). 8.6 deductions.

2nd, Gisborne: (K. Twigley, B. Adams, R. Turnbull, J. McLean, B. Green, B. McLean). 9.05 deductions.

3rd, Canterbury: (A. Lee, I. Greig, K. McDonald, G. Silvester, G. Le Cren, G. Dann). 9.6 5deductions.

SENIOR FOUR MAN R. & R.

- 1st, Gisborne: (J. McLean, B. Adams, B. Green, P. Gregory).
3.50 deductions.
2nd, Auckland: (J. Sneyd, R. Woodall, D. Lineen, R. Worman).
5.35 deductions.
3rd, Wellington: (P. Perkinson, K. Ryan, C. Billing, P. Griffin).
5.08 deductions.

MARCH PAST

- 1st Canterbury, 3.5 deductions.
2nd Auckland, 4.0 deductions.
3rd Taranaki, 4.375 deductions.
4th Wellington, 4.50 deductions.

SENIOR TEAMS OF FOUR SURF RACE:

- 1st Wellington, 16 points.
2nd Auckland, 44 points.
3rd Gisborne, 56 points.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE:

- 1st K. Ryan (Wellington).
2nd B. Crowder (Wellington).
3rd J. Sneyd (Auckland).
4th R. Harker (Auckland).

SENIOR BELTMAN'S RACE:

- 1st Auckland, 2min. 40 sec.
2nd Canterbury, 2min. 49.6 secs.
3rd Gisborne, 2 min. 55.1 secs.

JUNIOR BELTMAN'S RACE:

- 1st Taranaki, 3 min. 11.9 secs.
2nd Otago, 3 min. 32.6 secs.
3rd Hawke's Bay, 3 min. 36.8 secs.

JUNIOR TEAMS OF TWO SURF RACE:

- 1st Canterbury, 8 points.
2nd Wellington, 11 points.
3rd Otago, 13 points.
4th Taranaki, 16 points.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE:

- 1st R. McDowell (Canterbury).
2nd N. Corbett (Auckland).
3rd N. Penwarden (Taranaki).
4th M. Jordan (Otago).

BEACH RELAY

- 1st Wellington.
2nd Bay of Plenty.
3rd Canterbury.

BEACH SPRINT

- 1st Wellington (C. Billing).
2nd Taranaki (L. Whittle).
3rd Canterbury (G. Le Cren).
4th Bay of Plenty (I. Robinson).

SURF BOARD RACE:

- 1st Canterbury (K. McDonald).
2nd Canterbury (R. McDowell).
3rd Auckland (P. Way).
4th Auckland (R. Worman).

TEAM RESULT:

- 1st Wellington, 27 points.
2nd Canterbury, 23 points.
3rd Auckland, 15 points.
4th Gisborne, 10 points.
5th Taranaki, 7 points.

INTER-DISTRICT SURF LIFESAVING COMPETITION

The Annual General Meeting decided that an inter-district surf lifesaving competition be held at Wellington on the 2nd February, 1963 for the Griffiths Trophy which previously had been contested between the Wellington and Canterbury Districts, and in view of the inclusion of a Surf Carnival in the itinerary of the Royal visit to be held on Saturday 9 February, 1963, which was only one week after the date decided for this contest, and having in mind the difficulties associated with travelling on two following weekends and the wish to be able to present to the Royal couple competition contested by the top surfers of New Zealand, your Council decided that the position could be best met by the transfer of the Inter-Districts competition to Ocean Beach, Mt. Maunganui.

In making this decision the Council was aware of the fact that the cost associated with holding this competition at Mt Maunganui instead of Wellington would be rather substantial and following a preliminary estimate of the additional amount involved representations were made to the Royal Tour Committee with the object of obtaining financial assistance.

We are very indebted to that Committee and to Mr J. V. Meech, Secretary for Internal Affairs, for the granting of £450 but at the same time it was realised that this sum would fall far short of the additional cost of bringing Association teams to compete at Mt Maunganui. However, it is pleasing to state that all Associations were represented and also a combined team from the Nelson/Marlborough district, and the amount of the grant received was paid to the districts concerned on the basis of fares payable to the venue by the cheapest method of travel.

In order to consider the transfer of venue and other matters relating to the conditions under which the competition would be contested, a meeting was held in Wellington of district Association representatives, when the change of venue was approved and likewise decisions were made as to the events to be contested, the points allocation and also the composition of district Association teams.

For record purposes it is stated that teams comprised 8 seniors and 2 juniors which is in line with previous arrangements made in respect of competitions with Australia.

In view of the fact that the decision of the Annual Meeting implied that this competition would be held for this season only, your Council discussed fully the question of a Trophy, in that should the competition not become an annual one and the Griffiths Trophy won by a District Association other than Wellington or Canterbury, then this Trophy would be lost for subsequent competitions for which same was donated.

As a result the matter was submitted to the Conference of Association representatives when both the Wellington and Canterbury delegates expressed approval of the action of the Council and were in agreement that the Griffiths Trophy remain for contest between the two district Associations.

The Council is happy to say that the A.P.A. Assurance Ltd. most generously donated the Trophies for contest at the Royal Carnival and appreciation is expressed in a separate section of this report.

STANDARDISATION OF METHODS

As a first step towards standardisation of methods with Australia through the International Council of Lifesaving, the Association in the previous season adopted the drill methods as agreed to by the Ninth Australian Instructional Conference held in Adelaide in March

1961 and except for minor differences which have been incorporated to suit New Zealand conditions complete standardisation between our two Associations has applied in the past season.

However, control of future alterations in drill is a matter which still requires finalisation, as under our Constitution an Instructional Conference is set down for 1964 and this Conference could consider alterations in drill methods and if approved be brought into force in the following season.

The Council has maintained contact with the Australian National Council on this very important matter and we are aware that officials of that Association are keen to see general standardisation in drill practiced by all member countries to the International Council of Surf Lifesaving, and it is proposed that an International Instructional Conference be held in 1964 either in South Africa or in Sydney next Easter at the time of the 1964 Australian Championships, and it is proposed that this Conference endeavour to finalise drill methods which are acceptable to all member countries, and in this connection the South African Association has asked that their methods be considered as an alternative to those at present being practiced by Australia and New Zealand.

The Council has been at a disadvantage, in that we have not received copies of the latest Handbook as issued by the South African Association, and although copies have been requested until same arrive it will not be possible to give consideration to the methods practiced in that country.

Your Council has decided that the Association be represented by a direct delegate at this International Conference and an appointment will be made following the Annual General Meeting.

It has been decided further by the Australian National Council that an Instructional Conference of that Association be held about the same time as the proposed International Meeting and we were most thankful to receive an invitation to be represented at this meeting which has likewise been accepted.

As it is obvious that these meetings will give consideration to alterations in drill procedure your Council considers that the time is opportune to review the current drill and accordingly decided that an Instructional Conference be held in Wellington on the 12-13 October 1963 and a date has been set for the closing of Notices of Motion to that meeting, namely 4th August 1963, and it is intended to seek approval of the date set from the Annual General Meeting.

It must be appreciated that whilst under our rules our normal Instructional Conference will be held next year the meeting called for in October will be merely asked to approve recommendations to go forward to the International and Australian Instructional Conferences to be considered under discussions in respect of the all important question of the adoption of a standardised drill which will apply to all countries affiliated to the International body.

It is sincerely hoped that the enthusiasm which has been shown by all concerned in the approval of a uniform drill will be successful, although it may be stated that if negotiations fail then by common agreement future alterations of drill in both Australia and New Zealand will be brought under unified control which will be one of the matters to be considered by the Australian Instructional Conference to be ratified in New Zealand in 1964.

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Clifton	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	17	3	108
Pacific	—	1	—	—	—	6	4	—	46	8
Waimarama	1	6	—	—	20	2	5	1	33	62
Westshore	—	—	—	—	—	10	9	1	44	44

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Castlecliff	—	—	7	—	5	17	18	3	52	136	1100
Castlecliff Ladies'	No return										
Levin-Waitarere	No return										
Foxton	No return										
Palmerston North	9	5	5	2	2	8	8	—	46	52	201
Otaki	—	4	—	1	2	7	5	1	26	128	400

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WELLINGTON—

Island Bay	—	1	—	—	11	2	5	—	36	47	400
Lyall Bay	—	—	—	—	15	3	11	2	93	36	1200
Maranui	—	—	—	—	16	4	3	—	70	135	750
Paekakariki	—	1	—	—	2	6	10	2	46	30	350
Pukerua Bay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	20	350
Raumati South	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	16	29	100
Riversdale	—	3	—	1	—	5	5	—	16	57	250
Titahi Bay	—	2	—	—	25	12	14	1	45	59	620
Titahi Bay Ladies'	—	—	—	—	3	10	10	1	20	12	96
Wellington Ladies'	—	—	—	—	47	1	3	—	28	24	232
Worser Bay	—	—	—	—	23	8	13	1	79	68	220
Scorching Bay Ladies'	No return										

CANTERBURY—

16 Kotuku	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	20	15	340
North Beach	8	—	—	—	—	7	22	3	71	25	490
New Brighton	1	16	—	—	4	4	—	—	164	155	500
South Brighton	1	12	—	1	1	8	9	1	71	7	500
Sumner	—	5	6	1	5	5	19	2	161	113	265
Taylor's Mistake	1	—	1	—	—	10	21	1	57	465	650
Waimairi	—	—	—	—	—	11	29	3	92	23	500

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS—

Rarangi	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	13	—	70
Tahunanui	No return										

Totals	86	98	48	8	484	361	406	40	2473	3012	£19814
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RESCUES

Once again it is pleasing to be able to record that no drownings have been reported in areas where surf patrols have been active and as a result of the efficiency and vigilance of surf clubs a total of 232 rescues were recorded, of which number 8 required the application of artificial respiration.

In addition to the above reports received from affiliated clubs indicated that their services were called upon on 484 occasions to render first aid.

The above figures again reveal the humanitarian service which is rendered by the movement in the patrolling of beaches and in many cases rescues were performed under most difficult and dangerous conditions.

The following is the detail of rescues effected during the season:

With line and Belt	86
Without Line and Belt	98
With Surf Ski etc.	48
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	232

AWARDS

Although figures for the season are not yet final tentative returns indicate that a total of 404 awards were gained and whilst this number falls short of the total for the previous season, it is considered most satisfactory and is the second highest number achieved in the history of our Association.

Reports forwarded by affiliated clubs claim a total of 40 instructors awards, but unfortunately at this date the Council can only confirm that 33 awards have been obtained as we are still awaiting receipt of examination forms from certain areas.

However, the total gained is considered to be most satisfactory and should the final figures confirm the number claimed this would be an all time record for the Association.

It will be noted from the schedule of returns which is printed in this report that outstanding work is being accomplished in certain clubs in the gaining of awards and the Council would like to express congratulations to those clubs for the excellent results which have been recorded.

COMBINED R.L.S.S. BRONZE & N.Z.S.L.S.A. SURF AWARD

In accordance with the direction of the Annual General Meeting an approach was made to the N.Z. Council Royal Life Saving Society with the object of combining the examinations for the Society's Bronze Medallion and the Surf Award of the Association, and we are very pleased to say that negotiations have been finalised in respect of the conditions of the combined award and the only matter outstanding is the finalisation of the appointment of examiners to act in respect of examinations for the combined award.

It is hoped that this matter will be settled prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The following are the conditions relating to the combined examination:

Candidates already holding the Bronze Medallion of the R.L.S.S. will not be re-examined in tests 4 to 8 of the Award.

The new award is in two section — the first section to be held for preference in a swimming pool and the second section to be held on a surf beach. The tests for the two sections are to be held within one week of each other. The general conditions attaching to the present Surf Award are still to apply.

The candidate for the new award must pass in the following tests:

First Section:

1. Expired Air Resuscitation using manikin or mask.

2. Silvester-Brosch Resuscitation.

These two tests to be carried out as a drill procedure in accordance with the present R.L.S.S. resuscitation drill.

3. 440 yards swim (in under 9 minutes).

4. Search and Retrieve.

Perform a surface dive in 6-7 feet of water and proceed with an underwater search over an area approximately 10 feet by 20 feet, retrieve an object from the bottom, bring this object to the surface and land at nearest point.

5. Jump feet first from a height of 5-9 feet into water, making the shallowest entry possible.

6. Tread water for 4 minutes continuously, using legs only for 2 minutes and arms only for 2 minutes.

7. Swim to a patient about 10 yards away, surface dive, re-surface and approach from the rear (having kept the subject in view when under water), use the hip-carry tow, tow for 50 yards, and land patient on side of pool.

Tests 5, 6, and 7 are continuous.

8. Make a shallow dive entry, release from any clutch or grip specified by the examiner and tow patient at least 20 yards using any other method than that in "7".

9. Oral questions on (a) Resuscitation. (b) Surf Rescue and Release Drill.

Second Section:

10. Surf Rescue and Release drill as required at present except that no expired air resuscitation need be done other than correctly positioning patient.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the Royal Life Saving Society, N.Z. Council for their ready co-operation in according to this combined examination which has revealed the close liaison which exists between the Association and the Royal Life Saving Society.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1962-63 SEASON.

It gives me a deal of pleasure to present my own report for this season. First of all the Surf Awards issued this year (404) while not a record are very high indeed and represent a deal of hard work by the club instructors.

From the secretary's statistical table you will note some interesting features. Foremost is the wonderful record of Canterbury in gaining 100 Surf Awards in a season. What a great record for the seven clubs in that area. Wellington's total of 80 is also commendable.

The Auckland proposal for the integration of the exam for the Royal Life Bronze Exam with the Surf Bronze Exam has much claim for our attention when you see that in Auckland the clubs seem to need to train a very large percentage of their members for their R.L.S. Bronze whereas, as we move South for instance to Canterbury, we see that more members seem to have already gained their R.L.S. Bronze before joining clubs. At any rate you will note that Auckland gained 94 R.L.S. Bronze and 66 Surf Awards whereas the Canterbury figures were 45 and 100 respectively.

For sheer merit the Canterbury Association returns with 100 Surf Awards and 10 Instructors Certificates, should entitle them to a win in the London trophy but on provisional figures which will need to be confirmed at the Annual Meeting they will probably only take third place to two smaller associations. This is brought about by the fact that the rules of the competition provide that while two points are received for each R.L. Bronze obtained and five for a Surf Award plus fifteen for an Instructor's Certificate the district grand total has then to be divided by the number of active members the association can call on for patrol duties. It sometimes happens that the totals in the statistical table exceed those in the Awards register due to the Associations failing to send in exam forms in which case the Awards register must be the figure taken.

With the "London Trophy" as presented by the Royal Life Saving Society comes substantial prize money for the first and second place getters in this competition and we thank this body for this annual gift.

The Gudsell Trophy is given for the Club gaining the greatest number of Surf Awards in any one season and this year it goes to Waimairi of Canterbury with the grand total of 29 Surf Awards. This club also won this trophy the previous year when they gained 19 Awards. What a grand challenge to other clubs to qualify 48 members in two years.

It is a pleasure, as with last year, to record the increasing number of Instructors Certificates gained by Clubs.

A word of praise for the District Secretaries for sending in their returns even if it needed prompting in some cases from our Secretary. One District Association has overlooked sending in exam returns and a great number were sent in late or more than two months after the exams.

Overall though, the co-operation between the Districts and the Council has been excellent, for they in turn have to deal with late returns from Clubs and Examiners.

J. D. HUNTER,
Registrar.

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1963 Surf Lifesaving Championships were conducted by the Hawke's Bay District Association at the Westshore Beach, Napier on the 8-9-10 March.

Whilst it had been considered that after only two years of operation the officials of the Hawke's Bay Association were rather ambitious in undertaking the many responsibilities associated with this important event in our sporting calendar, the meeting proved an outstanding success and must rank among the best organised and controlled meeting held since the formation of the Association.

Whilst the arena area was rather stony, as a result of heavy seas experienced during the winter months, the general nature of the Westshore Beach lent itself admirably to the conduct of the meeting as it provided ample room to allow the erection of those many amenities, which in many instances are inadequate due to restricted beach front and further allowed ample car parking facilities and public accommodation.

Although weather conditions were rather unseasonable a good surf was experienced and as a result of heavy entries competition was keen and we extend our congratulations to those teams and individual competitors who were successful in the various events.

We would be remiss if we did not extend our congratulations to the Hawke's Bay Association on the success of the meeting and refer particularly to the care which had been given to every aspect of championship control and we feel that it would be unfair to single out for special reference any section in organisation, although we must extend our special thanks for the work carried out in the presentment of an official booklet of results which was available within 5 minutes of the conclusion of the final event.

We trust that the outstanding success of the championships would bring its own reward to the many officials of the Hawke's Bay Association who worked so diligently to ensure the success of the Carnival.

For the second year in succession the Norrie Trophy which signifies the premier district of New Zealand, was won by Canterbury Association. Lyall Bay Club and Waimairi Club were successful in annexing (with equal points) the Alan Gardner Memorial Trophy as the premier clubs.

In concluding this section of the report we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to His Worship the Mayor Napier, Mr Peter Tait, for his assistance in doing all possible to improve the beach area by the use of heavy mechanical equipment.

The following teams took part in the Championships and team events:

Clubs Represented at the National Championships, 1963.

Senior and Junior

Castlecliff	New Plymouth O.B.	St. Kilda
Clifton	North Beach	South Brighton
East End	North Piha	Sumner
Eastern United	Opunake	Taylor's Mistake
Fitzroy	Oreti	Titahi Bay
Island Bay	Orewa	Waikanae
Kare Kare	Otaki	Waimarama
Kotuku	Palmerston North	Waimairi
Lyall Bay	Pacific	Wainui
Maranui	Paekakariki	Westshore
Midway	Piha	Whakatane
Mount Maunganui	Red Beach	Worser Bay
Muriwai	Riversdale	
New Brighton	St. Clair	

Ladies

Balclutha	Moana Rua	South Brighton
East End	Mount Maunganui	Taylor's Mistake
Fitzroy	New Plymouth O.B.	Waimairi
Gisborne Ladies	Paekakariki	Waitemata
Island Bay	Scorching Bay	Wellington Ladies

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

1st Heat:

1st Worser Bay A (B. Devenport, G. Dickie, C. Billing, D. Lowe, T. Christie, I. Greenwood). Total 8.45.

2nd Red Beach: (D. Ellis, R. Woodhall, A. Anderson, R. Worman, R. Mallion, R. Harker). Total 10.95.

3rd Sumner A: (A. McPhail, T. Donald, M. Cousins, R. Stockhill, J. Pearson, B. Monk. Total 12.20.

2nd Heat:

1st Waikanae A: (J. McLean, B. McLean, B. Adams, M. Pickett, G. Thompson, R. Turnbull). Total 6.40.

2nd Lyall Bay A: (Symonds, Blakely, Griffen, Fergusson, Harvey, Ryan). Total 7.90.

3rd Waimairi: (E. Leagh, I. Greig, T. Gasthill, T. Stevens, B. Walker, M. Stevens). Total 9.65.

3rd Heat:

1st Eastern United: (I. Given, R. Boyce, J. Jenkins, H. Sneyd, R. Busing, D. Lineen). Total 8.30.

2nd Waikanae B: (R. Zalstra, A. Scandestt, J. Wilson, N. Webster, B. Evans, L. Saddler). Total 9.80.

3rd East End: (B. Walsh, P. Steferson, J. Tipenson, R. Wildermoth, D. Hale, T. Hawkson). Total 11.35.

4th Heat:

1st St. Clair: (C. Couzine, J. Lindsay, L. Olds, L. Jordan, O. Thaites, G. Couzins). Total 9.60.

2nd North Piha: (D. Pullen, Q. Simpson, C. Perris, W. Blundell, P. Way, R. Cates). Total 13.00.

3rd Taylors Mistake: (M. McDonald, R. Turpin, W. McClurg, P. Harrow, G. LeCrew, B. Turpin). Total 13.65.

5th Heat:

1st Maranui A: (R. Mark, K. Gallagher, K. Buttes, R. O'Malley, B. Braithwaite, M. Crowder). Total 10.40.

2nd Piha: (A. Murray, B. Webber, P. Sullivan, D. Cox, P. Leather, D. Ritchie). Total 11.00.

3rd North Beach: (B. Graham, S. McKinley, D. Dalton, L. Anderson, K. Bird, J. Vessie). Total 11.50.

6th Heat:

1st Oreti: (P. Stewart, D. Foster, J. Van Leeuwen, R. Burgess, T. Finton, J. Fogerty). Total 8.00.

2nd Lyall Bay B: (B. Hayley, R. Purchase, G. Lister, T. Norman, G. Nael, R. Jacobson). Total 12.50.

3rd Opunake: (B. Naughton, D. Conaglen, G. Lay, L. Buttuline, B. Boswell, C. Naughton). Total 13.85.

Final:

1st Eastern United: (H. Sneyd, I. Given, J. Jenkins, R. Busing, D. Lineen, R. Boyce). Total 8.35.

2nd Lyall Bay A: (P. Griffin, C. Blakely, M. Harvey, P. Ferguson, K. Ryan, C. Symonds). Total 8.60.

3rd Waikanae A: (B. McLean, G. Thompson, R. Turnbull, M. Pickett, J. McLean, B. Adams). Total 8.60.

N.Z. SENIOR FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Heat:

1st, Eastern United: (N. Kay, J. Sneyd, I. Given, G. Roper). Total 3.50.

2nd, Maranui: (M. Braithwaite, M. Haxton, K. O'Malley, B. McPherson). Total 4.65.

3rd, Red Beach: (Anderson, Harker, Woodall, Warman). Total 5.70.

2nd Heat:

1st, Lyall Bay: (P. Perkinson, K. Ryan, A. Betty, P. Griffin). Total 4.60.

2nd, Piha: (C. Wright, P. Jack, G. Barker, M. Bray). Total 5.85.

3rd, Waimairi: (P. Clark, I. Greig, R. Tremewan, M. Steven). Total 5.95.

3rd Heat:

1st, Waikanae: (N. Pickett, B. Odams, G. Thompson, P. Gregory). Total 4.05.

2nd, South Brighton: (B. Ross, A. Lee, G. Sylvester, N. Roake). Total 5.60.

3rd, Worser Bay: (G. Dickey, C. Billing, T. Christie, I. Greenwood). Total 5.90.

4th Heat:

1st, St. Clair: (O. Thwaites, L. Olds, J. Cousins, C. Cousins). Total 4.40.

2nd, Sumner: (B. Monk, A. McPhael, Sutherland, M. Cousins). Total 4.90.

3rd, Nth. Beach: (K. Bird, D. Dalton, S. McKindley, J. Vessey). Total 5.60.

5th Heat:

1st, New Brighton: (N. Chamberlain, G. Dann, T. Allen, K. Chamberlain). Total 5.30.

2nd, Taylor's Mistake: (P. Harrow, G. LeCrew, D. Bradley, B. Turpin). Total 5.60.

3rd, Midway: (C. Twigley, T. Harris, K. Twigley, D. Swann). Total 8.75.

Final:

1st, Waikanae: (M. Pickett, B. Odams, G. Thompson, P. Gregory). Total 3.50.

2nd, Eastern United: (N. Kay, J. Sneyd, I. Given, G. Roper). Total 3.75.

3rd, Lyall Bay: (P. Perkinson, K. Ryan, A. Betty, P. Griffin). Total 3.85.

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

1st Maranui A, 3.9 2/5
2nd S. Brighton B, 3.25 2/5.
3rd N.P.O.B. A, 3.34.

2nd Heat:

1st Sumner A, 3.45 2/5.
2nd N. Piha A, 3.48 4/5.
3rd Maranui B, 3.58.

3rd Heat:

1st Piha A, 3.15 2/5.
2nd Red Beach A, 3.25 1/5.
3rd Waikanae B, 3.25 1/5.

4th Heat:

1st Worser Bay A, 3.55 1/5.
2nd Kotuku, 3.55 3/5.
3rd New Brighton B,

No signal seen.

5th Heat:

1st Red Beach B, 3.34 2/5.
2nd North Beach A, 3.36 2/5.
3rd Waimairi B, 3.45 3/5.

6th Heat:

1st Lyall Bay B, 3.23 3/5.
2nd Muriwai B, 3.29 2/5.
3rd Waimairi A, 3.38 2/5.

7th Heat:

1st Waikanae A, 3.20.
2nd Piha B, 3.25 3/5.
3rd Paekakariki, 3.40 1/5.

8th Heat:

1st St. Clair B, 3.27 2/5.
2nd Muriwai A, 3.35.
3rd East End, 3.45 2/5.

FINAL

1st Maranui (B. Crowder) 3.14 1/5.
2nd Red Beach (R. Harker), 3.21 3-5.
3rd Lyall Bay (M. Harvey), 3.38 3/5.

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

1st Maranui
2nd Red Beach
3rd South Brighton
4th Lyall Bay
5th Waikanae

3rd Heat:

1st Lyall Bay
2nd Eastern United
3rd New Brighton
4th Red Beach
5th Waikanae

2nd Heat:

1st Lyall Bay
 2nd Piha
 3rd North Piha
 4th Kotuku
 5th Eastern United

Final:

1st (R. Harker) Red Beach
 2nd (B. Crowder) Maranui
 3rd (M. Harvey) Lyall Bay

4th Heat:

1st Lyall Bay
 2nd St. Clair
 3rd North Piha
 4th Sumner.
 5th South Brighton

Teams:

1st Lyall Bay, 7 points
 2nd Eastern United, 25 points.
 3rd Sth. Brighton, 26 points

N.Z. SENIOR MARCH-PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Maranui, 3.25.
 2nd Taylor's Mistake, 3.625.
 3rd Eastern United, 3.75.

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

1st, South Brighton A: (W. Campbell, N. G. Rixton, C. G. Gurr, T. K. O'Keefe, R. A. Costin, T. G. Calister). Total 8.75.

2nd, Waikanae B: (T. Champion, T. Harper, N. Holborn, M. Clark, W. Cairns, Matell). Total 11.20.

3rd Sumner: (T. Clews, G. Drury, L. Lumbstone, G. Marshall, D. McHolmes, F. Sloan). Total 12.95.

2nd Heat:

1st, East United: (J. Longley, W. Rook, P. Bull, H. Wade, G. Alnutt, K. Litchwark). Total 7.95.

2nd Worser Bay A: (R. G. Arnold, R. A. Remson, W. R. Haseby, I. F. Stober, R. Harrison, F. B. Brookings). Total 9.00

3rd, Waikanae A: (I. Carmichael, K. Barrett, T. Burn, J. Pean P. Graham, G. Sutton). Total 10.25.

3rd Heat:

1st, Lyall Bay A: (I. A. Watson, T. M. Brace, L. B. Rush, P. W. Simmonds, R. H. Dixon, A. B. Griffin) Total 11.20.

2nd Westshore: (R. George, L. Carrington, C. Williams, D. Iorns, I. Greenhalgh, M. Gudgeon). Total 11.40.

3rd, North Beach: (D. C. Goldberg, I. A. Donaldson, I. C. Gunthorp, D. C. Cutting, D. Cloverley, A. G. Hallwell). Total 12.85.

4th Heat:

1st, Midway A: (R. Hall, B. Koyds, R. Lloyd, K. Kelly, W. Smith, M. Clapham). Total 13.05.

2nd Oreti: (T. Bright, R. J. Limind, G. Soper, G. Limond, I. Littlejohn, A. Houlison). Total 13.20.

3rd, South Brighton B: (A. L. Hunter, N. G. Pocock, S. S. Carlaw, J. C. Thomas, G. J. Lee, A. B. Harrow) Total 14.25.

5th Heat:

1st Maranui: (J. Kelleher, L. Callaghan, H. Steven, B. Gallagher, I. Hamilton, A. Raven). Total 6.20.

2nd, Taylor's Mistake A: (J. Stead, G. Seddon, W. Corcrass, G. McNaught, P. Goldsmith, W. Wire). Total 9.75.

3rd New Brighton: (T. More, G. Finch, C. West, S. Warner, G. Bacon, G. Williamson). Total 10.70.

Final:

1st, Taylor's Mistake: (W. McGuire, G. Seddon, J. Stead, J. McNaught, P. Goldsmith, J. Gilchrist). Total 10.35.

2nd South Brighton A: (T. O'Keefe, T. McAlister, R. Johnson, C. Gurr, J. Campbell, N. Brixton). Total 10.55.

3rd, Lyall Bay A: (R. Dickson, Watson, M. Brace, P. Simmonds, A. Griffin, R. Rusk). Total 10.60.

N.Z. JUNIOR FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Heat:

1st, Maranui: (L. Gallagher, H. Stephen, I. Hamilton, J. Gallagher). Total 5.30.

2nd, Waimari: (D. Staples, G. Stringer, T. Jay, S. Smythe). Total 5.80.

3rd, Westshore: (C. Williams, R. George, M. Gudgeon, L. Carrington). Total 7.55.

2nd Heat:

1st, Paekakariki: (D. Wills, L. Cook, C. Kent, R. Dunlop). Total 5.05.

2nd, Worser Bay: (W. R. Auslabie, R. G. Arnold, R. A. Ransom, S. Brookin.g). Total 7.40.

3rd, Taylor's Mistake: (R. Hunter, W. McGuire, E. Erickson, G. McNaught). Total 7.70.

3rd Heat:

1st, Eastern United: (L. Webb, R. Lichtwark, P. Bull, W. Rooke). Total 4.25.

2nd, Lyall Bay: (O. Watson, A. Griffen, T. Grace, R. Dickson). Total 5.70.

3rd, Midway: (M. Clapham, N. Smith, D. Hall, P. Doyds). Total 8.60.

4th Heat:

1st, Whakatane: (D. McArthur, G. McIntosh, D. Julian, P. Julian). Total 8.30.

St. Clair: (N. H. Reid, M. B. Jarden, T. Clark, I. Maskell). Total 9.05.

3rd, Waimarama: (R. Mole, D. Padfield, W. Sewell, P. Kidd). Total 11.85.

Final:

1st, Waimairi: (D. Staples, G. Stringer, T. Jay, S. Smythe). Total 4.80.

2nd, Paekakariki: (D. Wills, L. Cook, C. Kent, G. Dunlop). Total 6.40.

3rd, Westshore: (C. Williams, R. George, M. Gudgeon, L. Carrington). Total 7.00.

N.Z. JUNIORS BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Heat:

1st Red Beach, 3.42 4/5.

2nd Worser Bay B, 3.46.

3rd Lyall Bay B, 3.50 2/5.

5th Heat:

1st Red Beach B, 3.38 1/5.

2nd Oreti B, 3.44 2/5.

3rd Paekakariki B, 3.47 2/5.

2nd Heat:

1st Waimairi B, 3.20 3/5.

2nd North Piha, 3.24 1/5.

3rd Taylors Mistake A, 3.57 1/5.

6th Heat:

1st North Beach B, 3.35 1/5.

2nd Oreti A, 3.49.

3rd N.P.O.B. B, 3.54.

3rd Heat:

1st Waimarama B, 3.42.

2nd Maranui B, 3.43 2/5.

3rd Westshore B, 4.46 4/5.

7th Heat:

1st Waimari A, 3.10.

2nd Lyall Bay A, 3.13 3/5.

3rd Piha A, 3.37 2/5.

4th Heat:

1st Pacific A, 3.48 2/5.

2nd Midway B, 4.2 3/5.

3rd Worser Bay A, 4.11.

8th Heat:

1st Waikanae A, 3.22 1/5.

2nd Eastern United A, 3.26.

3rd Riversdale 3.43 1/5.

Final:

- 1st Waimairi B, (R. Gaskell) 3.42.
 2nd Waimairi A, (G. Stringer)
 3.50 3/5.
 3rd Red Beach, (W. Pritchard)
 3.58.

N.Z. JUNIOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Heat 1:

- 1st N.P.O.B.
 2nd Waimairi.
 3rd Waikanae.
 4th Patea.
 5th Red Beach.

Heat 2:

- 1st Waimairi.
 2nd Lyall Bay.
 3rd Midway.
 4th New Brighton.
 5th Sth. Brighton.

Final:

- 1st N.P.O.B., N. Penwarden.
 2nd Nth. Piha, N. Corbett.
 3rd New Brighton, G. Bacon.

Heat 3:

- 1st North Piha.
 2nd Lyall Bay.
 3rd St. Clair.
 4th Riversdale.
 5th Midway.

Heat 4:

- 1st Waimairi.
 2nd Paekakariki.
 3rd Maranui.
 4th New Brighton.
 5th Sth. Brighton.

Teams:

- 1st Waimairi, 15 points
 2nd Lyall Bay, 23 points
 3rd Waikanae, 25 points

N.Z. JUNIOR MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Taylor's Mistake, 3.75. 2nd North Beach, 4.125. 3rd Lyall Bay, 4.50.

N.Z. 100 YARDS BEACH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st Lyall Bay A (Newport).
 2nd Muriwai B (Stator).
 3rd Oreti A (Foxton).

Heat 2:

- 1st Worser Bay B (Billings).
 2nd North Piha A (Gardner).
 3rd New Brighton A (Chamberlain).

Heat 3:

- 1st Fitzroy (Johns).
 2nd Sumner B (Lawrence).
 3rd Worser Bay A (Martin).

Final:

- 1st Fitzroy, R. Johns. 2nd Worser Bay, C. Billings
 3rd North Beach, R. Dalton.

Heat 4:

- 1st North Beach B (Dalton).
 2nd Eastern United A (War-nock).
 3rd Opunake B (Boswell).

Heat 5:

- 1st Taylor's Mistake A (Bradley)
 2nd Titahi Bay A (Reedmonte).
 3rd St. Clair B (Maskell).

Heat 6 :

- 1st Muriwai A (Kelly).
 2nd Taylor's Mistake B (Le Cren).
 3rd Midway (Twigley).

N.Z. BEACH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

- 1st Worser Bay.
 2nd Waikanae.
 3rd Sumner.

Heat 3:

- 1st Piha.
 2nd Muriwai.
 3rd South Brighton.

Final:

- 1st Worser Bay.
 2nd Piha.
 3rd Fitzroy.. -

N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Heat:

- 1st Piha, Byers.
- 2nd Kare Kare, Murphill.
- 3rd Mt. Maunganui, McKee.

2nd Heat:

- 1st Sumner, Wayne.
- 2nd Piha, Gray.
- 3rd, Muriwai, Butt.

3rd Heat:

- 1st Kare Kare, Stanton.
- 2nd Sumner, Pearson.
- 3rd Red Beach, Warman.

Final:

- 1st Paekakariki, T. White.
- 2nd Sumner, D. Quane.
- 3rd Waimairi, T. Jay.

4th Heat:

- 1st Paekakariki, White.
- 2nd Midway, Pritchard.
- 3rd North Beach, Dalton.

5th Heat:

- 1st Waimairi B, Jay.
- 2nd South Brighton, Pocock.
- 3rd Midway, Gordon.

6th Heat:

- 1st St. Clair, Smale.
- 2nd Piha, Murray.
- 3rd N. Piha, Delaney.

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st North Beach, R. Dalton
- 2nd Waimairi, I. Graham
- 3rd Sumner, D. Lyons

Heat 2:

- 1st Muriwai, M. J. Gray
- 2nd Waimairi, P. Stevens
- 3rd Westshore, I. Shaw

Final:

- 1st Sumner, D. Quane
- 2nd Sumner, B. Monk
- 3rd Sumner, K. McDonald
- 4th Muriwai, M. Gray

Heat 3:

- 1st Sumner, D. Quane
- 2nd North Beach, D. Dalton
- 3rd Sumner, B. Monk

Heat 4:

- 1st Paekakariki, T. White
- 2nd Midway, W. Gordon
- 3rd Sumner, K. McDonald

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st New Brighton B, Carbines.
- 2nd Waimairi A, Stevens.
- 3rd Wainui A, Robins.

Heat 2:

- 1st St. Clair, B. Smaill.
- 2nd Titahi Bay A, A. Hyde.
- 3rd South Brighton A, B. Ross.

Heat 3:

- 1st Paekakariki, T. White.
- 2nd Sumner B, K. McDonald.
- 3rd Midway B, W. Gordon.

Heat 4:

- 1st Sumner A, D. Quane.
- 2nd Orewa, R. Lewton.
- 3rd Lyall Bay, N. Rush.

Heat 5:

- 1st North Beach, R. Dalton.
- 2nd Midway B, K. Pritchard.
- 3rd Titahi Bay B, J. Dumble.

Final:

- 1st Paekakariki, T. White.
- 2nd equal New Brighton B, E. Carbines and North Beach A, R. Dalton.

N.Z. OPEN SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Heat:

- 1st North Beach
- 2nd Wainui
- 3rd Oreti

2nd Heat:

- 1st Sumner
- 2nd Waimairi
- 3rd N.P. Old Boys

4th Heat:

- 1st Sumner
- 2nd North Beach
- 3rd Oreti

5th Heat:

- 1st Sumner
- 2nd Wainui



The
Royal Party
arriving at the
Royal Carnival,
Mount
Maunganui.



On the Official Dias, at the Royal Carnival.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip arriving at the Royal Carnival held at Mount Maunganui. Left to right: C. T. Jones, Hon. General Secretary, N.Z.S.L.S.A.; W. Hume, President, Hawke's Bay S.L.S.A.; J. Lambert, President, Mount Maunganui Surf Club; H.R.H. Prince Philip; Queen Elizabeth II; and S. Mason, President, N.Z.S.L.S.A.



A generous gift by W. D. and H. O. Wills of 10 fully equipped Reels (one for each association in N.Z.)
 From left: Mr. G. Cooper (Deputy Chairman of Directors W. D. & H. O. Wills Ltd.), Mr. S. Mason
 President N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Assn.) and Mr. W. Fox, M.P., Miramar.

3rd Heat:

1st Wainui
2nd Waimairi
3rd N.P.O.B.

6th Heat:

1st Waimairi
2nd North Beach
3rd N.P.O.B.

FINAL

1st North Beach, 14 points.
2nd (equal) Sumner, 14 points.
3rd Waimairi, 13 points.

N.Z. SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st New Brighton A.
2nd Titahi Bay.
3rd Maranui.
4th Island Bay.
5th New Brighton B.

Heat 3:

1st Titahi Bay.
2nd New Brighton A.
3rd New Brighton B.
4th Maranui.
5th Island Bay.

Heat 2:

1st Titahi Bay.
2nd New Brighton A.
3rd New Brighton B.
4th Maranui.
5th Island Bay.

Final:

1st New Brighton A, 14 points.
2nd Titahi Bay, 12 points.
3rd Maranui, 7 points.
4th New Brighton B, 6 points.
5th Island Bay, 1 point.

ROSS TROPHY — NORTH v. SOUTH ISLAND (TEAMS OF FOUR)**Junior Surf Race**

1st North Island, 16 points. 2nd South Island, 20 points.

Team

N. Corbett (North), R. Gashell (South), N. Penwarden (North),
A. Griffin (North), M. Jordan (South), D. Staples (South), D. Stringer
(South), L. Cook (North).

CAMBRIAN SHIELD RESUSCITATION

1st S. Smythe (Junior), Waimairi.
2nd equal Warman, Red Beach; Miss Johnston, Taylor's Mistake;
T. McAlister, South Brighton.

NORRIE TROPHY**District Association With Highest Aggregate Points.**

1st Canterbury, 8 points. 2nd Wellington 3 points. 3rd Auckland
2 points.

ALLAN GARDINER MEMORIAL TROPHY**Club With Highest Aggregate Points**

1st equal Waimairi, 19 points, and Lyall Bay, 19 points. 3rd
Eastern United, 12 points.

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

1st, Taylor's Mistake A: (B. Breward, J. Campbell, M. Hart,
R. Anderson, M. Monk, C. Wells). Total 11.10.

2nd Moana Rua: (N. Burrow, N. Wheeler, N. Cameron, D.
Darling, Gillies, J. Swan). Total 12.00.

3rd, South Brighton: (L. McKenzie, L. Norman, A. Taylor, R.
McKenzie A. Downes, B. Ross). Total 13.75.

2nd Heat:

1st, Waimairi: (G. Johnson, D. Dazler, C. McDonald, M. Hume,
K. Lusk, S. Stevens). Total 10.60.

2nd, Wellington A: (L. Watson, J. Blakely, J. Buttle, A. Rice,
D. Turnbull, D. Sleep). Total 15.95.

3rd, Gisborne: (S. Whale, S. Ashwell, G. Petty, J. Petty, L.
Zeilstra, P. Mountford). Total 18.5.

Final:

1st, South Brighton (R. McKenzie, L. McKenzie, B. Ross, A. Taylor, A. Downes, L. Norman). Total 9.85.

2nd, Taylor's Mistake A: (B. Breward, M. Monk, C. Wales, J. Campbell, R. Anderson, M. Hart). Total 10.20.

3rd, Moana Rua (N. Borough, J. Gillies, M. Werner, J. Swan, M. Cameron, A. Dowling). Total 12.00.

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

1st, South Brighton A : (A. Taylor, R. McKenzie, A. Downes, B. Ross). Total 4.10.

2nd, Balclutha: (B. Hill, A. Hewitt, D. Selwood, L. Hansen). Total 7.35.

3rd, Wellington A: (J. Buttle, L. Watson, J. Blakely, A. Rice). Total 7.70.

2nd Heat:

1st, Taylor's Mistake A: (J. Campbell, B. Buward, R. Anderson, M. Hart). Total 4.70.

2nd, Moana Rua B: (E. Boberg, N. Burrow, H. Blacklock, R. Olds). Total 8.30.

3rd, Mt. Maunganui: (L. Brownie, F. Sangster, G. Holmes, H. Stevenson). Total 8.30.

3rd Heat:

1st, South Brighton B: (M. Sloper, L. Norman, L. MacKenzie, A. Peaston). Total 6.15.

2nd, Taylor's Mistake C: (M. Hessey, L. Harrow, S. Johnston, S. Low). Total 8.10.

3rd, Moana Rua A: (M. Werner, J. Gillies, A. Darling, J. Stevens). Total 10.35.

Final:

1st, Taylor's Mistake A: (J. Campbell, B. Breward, R. Anderson, M. Hart). Total 5.40.

2nd, South Brighton A: (A. Taylor, R. McKenzie, A. Downes, B. Ross). Total 7.05.

3rd, Wellington Ladies A. (J. Buttle, L. Watson, J. Blakely, A. Russ). Total 9.20.

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

1st South Brighton.

2nd Gisborne.

3rd Moana Rua.

4th East End.

5th Taylor's Mistake.

2nd heat:

1st Taylor's Mistake.

2nd Island Bay.

3rd East End.

4th Waimairi

5th Gisborne.

3rd heat:

1st Taylor's Mistake.

2nd Mt. Maunganui.

3rd South Brighton.

4th Wellington.

5th Moana Rua.

4th heat:

1st South Brighton.

2nd Wellington.

3rd Moana Rua.

4th Taylor's Mistake.

5th Waimairi.

Final:

1st L. Harrow, Taylor's Mistake.

2nd R. McKenzie, Sth. Brighton.

3rd L. Watson, Wellington.

Teams:

1st Taylor's Mistake, 11 points.

2nd South Brighton, 14 points.

3rd Moana Rua, 17 points.

N.Z. LADIES' MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Waimairi, 3.375. 2nd Sth. Brighton, 3.50. 3rd Moana Rua 3.75.

1964 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Annual General Meeting allocated the conduct of the 1964 Surf Lifesaving Championships to the Auckland District Association and the event will be held at Muriwai Beach on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7/8/9th March with Orewa as the alternative beach.

This will be the first occasion since 1939 that the National Event has been held in the Auckland area as in the years 1949 and 1955 when the meeting was conducted by the Auckland Association the event was held at Waihi Beach, which is in the Bay of Plenty area.

The officials of the Auckland Association are keen to ensure that the meeting be an outstanding success and have already issued information to affiliated clubs in regard to the question of accommodation and are endeavouring to obtain sponsorship of the entertainment.

HON. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Annual General Meeting unanimously approved a recommendation made by the Life Membership and Blazer Committee in the appointment of H. D. Gillies as an Hon. Life Member of the Association.

Mr Gillies has a record of service to the Association dating back to 1925 and from that year has rendered most valuable service in the Otago District and it has been due to his keenness and enthusiasm that the movement has been maintained in that area.

HON. SERVICE AWARD BLAZER

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

I. G. Wilson, Waikanae
W. H. Gorely, Pacific
Alan Jordan, St. Clair
W. D. McClaughry, Lyall Bay
H. J. Wootton, Maranui.

The above members have served the Association over a long period of years both from a District and Club level and the work carried out during this period has entitled them to the honour which has been granted.

All are still active in the movement and we trust that in the future they will continue to assist the progress of our organisation.

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY WEEK

It will be recalled that in the previous season approaches were made to the Royal Lifesaving Society and the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association with a view to combining the efforts of the Natatorial bodies in an endeavour to give greater impetus to National Water Safety Week, but unfortunately due to the busy programme of work of the sister organisation at the commencement of the active season they were unable to give the full support necessary to achieve the result held in view, but offered co-operation where same was possible.

It was the view of these organisations that a water safety campaign was carried out in effect over the full summer months and this equally could be said of the work done by the Association through the affiliated clubs in the patrol and other educational work which is accomplished as a self imposed duty.

The question of continuing a concentrated effort in the instruction of the public in the holding of a National Lifesaving Week was considered by the Annual General Meeting, and it was decided that this activity was of great importance as it had been revealed in the past that the instruction received by persons during that week had been responsible for saving life.

It was therefore agreed that the National Lifesaving Week be held over the period 3rd-9th December 1962 and we are pleased to say that from reports received the week was most successful and we are indebted to the help of the National Water Safety Committee and many of the District Committees which co-operated with our District Associations in arranging a full programme during this week. The Council acknowledges the extra work of District Association officials in the success achieved.

CONFERENCE OF INSTRUCTORS

In view of difficulties in the interpretation of drill methods as laid down in the Australian competition handbook, the Annual General Meeting decided that a Conference of District Association Instructors be held at Wellington on 23 September, 1962, for the purpose of standardising the method of application throughout the various centres.

This Conference was attended by delegates representing all district Associations and affiliated clubs and proved an outstanding success and the benefits were apparent at the National Championships.

This conference considered only the standardisation of interpretation, as in view of the proposals for general standardisation with Australia consideration of drill alterations have been deferred pending finalisation of our negotiations on an international basis.

MEMBERSHIP — GEAR

The total number of Clubs affiliated to the Association is 70, and with the exception of the Rarangi (Blenheim) and Tahunanui (Nelson) which are affiliated directly to the Council due to the fact that no District Association is active in that area, the remaining clubs operate directly through nine District Associations, namely Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Western Districts, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago.

During the season by common agreement, the Kotuku Club (Greymouth) was brought under the control of the Canterbury District Association, whereas previously their operations were controlled directly through the Council.

It is pleasing to note that the return of clubs shows an increase in active membership of clubs, although a fall in the number of other members is recorded.

Details are as follows:

	1962/63	1961/62
Active	2473	2346
Other Members	3012	3209
	<hr/> 5485	<hr/> 5555

The value of gear and equipment owned by affiliated clubs for the purpose of maintaining patrols shows an increase from £18,181 to £19,814.

AUSTRALIAN LIAISON OFFICER

Due to the return to New Zealand of Mr O. Pitcaithly who has acted over past years as our Liaison Officer to the Australian National Council, we were compelled to accept his resignation from this office, and the Council expresses full appreciation of the work carried out by Mr Pitcaithly during his term of office to the advantage of our Association.

The Council recently appointed Mr Barry Trotter to this office which is a most important one, having regard to the fact that in the forthcoming season it is hoped that final arrangements can be made to stabilise methods between our two countries.

We are confident that Mr Trotter will carry on the excellent relationship we have gained through the services of our retiring representative.

DONATIONS

The Council acknowledges with deepest appreciation the generosity of the A.P.A. Association Ltd. in making available funds for the purchase of 5 complete reels which were allocated as Trophies at the Royal Carnival, and we record that these reels were won by the Wellington, Canterbury, Gisborne, Auckland and Taranaki Associations.

In accordance with the terms of the donation it will be necessary for those Associations concerned to allocate the reel won to a local competition during the forthcoming season.

On the 2nd February a special Carnival was arranged at Wellington for the purpose of officially receiving the reels donated by W. D. & H.O. Wills following which one reel was handed over to each District Association for competition within their own district.

The conditions relating to the local competition were left entirely to the decision of Districts in order that they should arrange contests which would derive the most benefit to the movement and according to reports received the contests provided keen competition.

Whilst all reels allocated to Districts were contested it was not possible to finalise the competition between the Rarangi and Tahunanui Clubs for the reel made available to that area, and same has now been deferred until December of this year.

MEETINGS OF NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL

In implementing the decision of the Annual Conference it was decided that the Council meet on the second Thursday of each month, although on three occasions it was not possible to adhere to this arrangement due to matters beyond the control of the Council.

During the year the Council was called together on 14 occasions and attendances at the meetings were as follows:

K. Farey, H. Dickson, W. Griffin, J. D. Hunter, C. T. Jones (14); H. Stoddart, D. McClaghry, C. Mentiplay, W. Mason, J. Whisker (13); E. B. Hughes, K. Mitchell, M. Haxton, (11); A. Betty 10; K. Hancox, D. Bull, (appointed 11/10/62) 9; B. Readman (appointed 5/12/62) 7; J. Campbell 5; D. McPherson (resigned 5/12/62); R. George (resigned 8/11/62); W. Lidstone (appointed 24/1/63) 4. S. Mason (President). 1.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

It is pleasing to note that the Northern and Central Districts Regional Committees have operated during the season, and the value of the Committees has been shown in the mutual fixation of dates for the various competitions which matter is decided in the two areas prior to the commencement of the active season.

Regional competitions have also been held which have proved most successful and popular with District Associations.

In considering the question of the extension of financial assistance to District Associations for the purpose of carrying out educational work, associated with the formation of new Clubs, the Council approached the Regional Committees with a view to giving them the opportunity of controlling such grants, having in mind that this action would strengthen their position, but the committees decided that any such grants made available should go direct to District Associations which were more aware of the nature of any necessary work to be carried out.

The Council does appreciate the interest which members of the Regional Committees have in controlling matters arising in their own particular area and acknowledges the efforts which have been made in the past season.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Council has very much pleasure in extending our sincerest congratulations to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Sir Leon Gotz, in the Knighthood bestowed upon him by Her Majesty the Queen in acknowledgement of his services in matters relating to the Royal Tour of New Zealand.

We also express our congratulations to the Secretary of Internal Affairs, Mr J. V. Meech, who was awarded the C.V.O., to Mr P. O'Dea in the award of the M.V.O. 4th Class, and to Mr D. A. Johnstone who was honoured in receiving the M.V.O. 5th Class.

The above awards also were granted in respect of services rendered in conjunction with the visit of the Royal Couple.

APPRECIATION

The Council would particularly express thanks and appreciation of the valuable service which have been rendered by the officers and executive members of the various district Associations and to those many others who have extended assistance through the medium of our affiliated clubs.

We would also offer our thanks to the Press of New Zealand and the N.Z. Broadcasting Corporation for their ready assistance and co-operation. We are also indebted to the Port Line Limited for the free carriage of lifesaving equipment, the Union Steam Ship Co., Ltd, for their favours in the handling of gear and equipment conveyed to National Championships and to the Wellington Harbour Board for their assistance in remitting wharfeage charges on such gear.

The A.P.A. Assurance Limited which company donated to us 5 Reels.

The Council acknowledges the special favours which have been bestowed upon the Association by many thoughtful and generous supporters and accordingly would express our sincerest appreciation for this kind assistance which has been shown in such tangible form.

To the Marauni, Wellington Ladies' and Lyall Bay Surf Clubs we express thanks for the use of their Clubhouse facilities.

We would specially acknowledge the assistance which has been received by the Council from the lady members of the Island Bay and Wellington Ladies' Clubs in arranging the special Luncheons and other functions held during the season.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the assistance rendered by our delegates to the various National organisations, and the work of members of the sub-committees appointed by the Council.

CONCLUSION.

In the season just concluded the extensive work carried out by officers and affiliated clubs has been rewarded in bringing the work of the movement most forcibly before the general public and our prestige has been greatly enhanced due to the honour bestowed upon the Association by Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip, in their attendance at a surf carnival organised to demonstrate the work of the Association as a part of New Zealand way of life.

We did sincerely appreciate the assistance we have received from outside organisations during the year and it is interesting to note the response received to appeals made by the movement for financial assistance, not only in the providing of surf club headquarters, which cannot be regarded as a luxury but an essential in maintaining a healthy and robust club, but also for the purpose of meeting the cost of installing and maintaining lifesaving equipment on the beaches for emergency use.

Again we have received acknowledgement from the State for the work which we are endeavouring to carry out in the interest of public safety and we feel confident that the increase in membership which has been apparent over the past years will be maintained and that the Association will pass from strength to strength in future years.

In recording another year of successful endeavour the Association has lived truly to its motto — VIGILANCE — indicated by the fact that not a single life has been lost in patrolled areas, SERVICE — indicated by the work of patrols in rendering assistance to those in difficulty in the surf, and ENDURANCE — which is typified by the spirit of Barry Davenport conqueror of Cook Strait and John Van Leeuwen who was successful in swimming the notorious waters of Foveaux Strait.

GEAR REPORT — 1962/63.

The supply of gear this year was much better than it has been for the last six years. It is however, still done under difficult circumstances, due to the gear being stored under so many different roofs. This means a lot of travelling to and from the various places to organise the dispatch of gear. The ideal arrangements of our own store room is still to far in the future to ease things for some time yet. We again thank the manufacturers and suppliers of your gear for their co-operation in storing and dispatching gear.

This year all ordered gear has been delivered except for some reels which were ordered in late February of this year and these will be delivered when the next shipment arrives from Wanganui.

At the National Championships this year the gear was in very good condition with the exception of the few clubs whose gear was poor. The old hardy annual of no maintenance of the Ross safety belt was still found, in many cases. With one belt it was found to be impossible to remove the pin until two members tugged at it. The instructions are quite clear and will be repeated again. Check the safety release before using life belt, making sure the safetypin goes through each stud and is properly clipped to the top stud and securely tied to the belt. Also insure that the pin is straight as this can curve after a lot of wearing and will be found to be hard to replace if not straightened. Keep the pin clean. The safety pin and stud backing plate are of stainless steel. Studs and eyelets are brass. None of these items will rust. If these simple instructions are followed the safety pin will be easily withdrawn and the release from the belt in an emergency obtained.

Keeping the safety release clean and free from sand and verdigris and in mechanical order is important as a person's life may depend on its operation!

BELTS

The double dee which was incorporated into the Ross Safety belts last season must have proved satisfactory as there have been no reports of wear to the webbing due to the line passing over it. This year we have had one complaint of a pin not being easy to insert into a new belt. After examination of the belt it was found that the stainless steel backing plate was twisted so that one stud was out of line. This could have been caused if the belt had been trodden on or a heavy object dropped on it. When the plate was straightened, the pin could be inserted easily. It is not likely that this was caused during the manufacturing of the belt but could have happened during storage or transit.

Belt orders have increased considerably over the last ten years —1952-53 season 21 No. 4 Belts and 4 No. 5 Belts were ordered. This season, 104 No. 4 Belts and 25 No. 5 Belts were ordered.

LINES: This year the supply of lines have also reached a new total. Eighty-five $\frac{3}{4}$ in. lines compared with fifty-seven last year. We have seventy-five $\frac{3}{4}$ in. lines ordered for next season and with what is left in stock will give us ninety lines. The supply of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. lines has also been good and we should be able to supply all requirements for the coming season.

WAXED LINES: At the N.Z.S.L.S.A. Championships this year about 70 per cent. of the lines used were waxed and because of numerous enquiries the instructions for waxing lines is repeated.

Before waxing a new line should be soaked for at least twenty-four hours and then thoroughly stretched and dried ready for waxing. An old line should be soaked clean of sand and other particles and dried before waxing.

A simple method of waxing a line is to obtain a new four gallon kerosene tin, cut off the lid and smooth down rough edges. Make a hole about 1in. in diameter on opposite sides for the line to pass through making sure the edges are smoothed down in the direction through which the line passes. Cut four lengths of dowel rods or broom handles to fit tightly inside tin. Nailing from the outside place two rods about 2in. from the bottom of tin and 2in. from sides. The other two placed opposite the 1in. holes so as the line passes over these without touching sides of tin. Make sure of tight fit to prevent wax seeping through nail holes.

The wax (Bees or Paraffin) should be boiled down so that it is as thin as possible then pour into tin. Attach a wire to the end of line and pass it through one hole, over top of first dowel under bottom dowells up over second top dowell and through second hole before pouring wax into tin. A piece of clean cloth can be used to pass the line through to ensure no surplus wax is left on line. The line should then be suspended above ground for drying.

Some clubs in Australia and New Zealand prefer to use a mixture of wax, paraffin and petrol. The petrol helps the wax and paraffin to penetrate into the line more thoroughly. This is best done outside, due to fire risk. To wax two lines use — 6lb. clear wax, 2lb. paraffin wax and 4 pints petrol. Use a similar tin to the previous method. Place the tin inside a larger one filled with water and heat until the wax has melted sufficiently to pull the line through.

REELS. This year a total of forty-five reels were delivered to District Associations. Twenty-nine of these were donated to the N.Z.S.L.S.A. and District Associations by various Businesses, Lodges and Local Councils.

It is important that reels receive the care and maintenance they deserve as the most costly and important piece of equipment. Moving parts well oiled, nuts checked and tightened periodically and chocks properly adjusted to drum flanges. If dipped in salt water to remove sand, it is essential to hose the reel down with fresh water afterwards, to check the development of rust. Lines should be removed from the drums for drying especially if the full line has been used. This prevents damage to the reel drum battons through line shrinkage. Also a wet line left on a drum could develop mildew or otherwise damage the line on its inner ends. The salt action on the aluminium drum ends forms a crystal which expands. Last year a wet line on a reel had crystals expanding to such an extent that the drum end was split.

There were a few complaints this year regarding the finished quality of the reels which we hope to have rectified for the coming season.

PORTABLE REELS. There are twenty portable reels in stock.

This season was a record for issues of patrol gear. A total of two hundred and ninety six, with a corresponding number of patrol flags and beach markers were delivered to District Associations.

After an inquiry by one Association re the size of the Beach marker being too small to see from a distance the flag has been increased in size to 18in. x 24in.

We have an order for three hundred hats and a corresponding number of flags for the coming season.

MARBLES. For the coming season we have had to place another order for 3in. square aluminium bars for marbles which we hope will be ready for the coming season.

SURF BOATS. This season the New Zealand Council adopted the standard specifications set down by the Australian Association in the Brown year book dated 1955 and the amendments in the book dated 1961 regarding the construction of surf boats. This will come into effect next season so clubs are advised to study these and be sure their boats are up to this standard. This could be the cause of disqualification at the National Championships if ignored.

Life jackets are causing some concern to the Council. Those worn by some clubs are of a very inferior type. The jackets of one team sank by themselves when immersed in water. A sample of the standard Australian Association Boat belt has been sent to us and this has been put through some very vigorous tests and found to be very satisfactory. The problem of safety jackets will be discussed at the annual meeting.

At the last National Championships there was the greatest collection of gear and equipment yet with a total of 108 Reels, 6 Canoes and 5 Surf Boats as well as numerous skis and paddle boards of various shapes and sizes.

While it has been stated at each annual general meeting that all bulk orders for district association requirements must be lodged on or before 30th June in each year, the majority of bulk orders arrive late which result in delays at the manufacturers end.

Bulk orders must be placed with the Hon. General Secretary with covering cheque not later than the specified date if clubs expect to receive there ordered equipment for the coming season.

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Stock on hand 30th April, 1962	2502	1	3
Purchases	2988	9	0
			<u>£5490</u>	10	3

Sales	2142	15	7
Subsidies to Clubs on Stock sold and issued	2148	19	7
Transfer to Gear Administration	264	3	1
Stock on hand 30th April, 1963	934	<u>12</u>	0
			<u>£5490</u>	10	3

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Balance 30th April, 1963	2739	17	9		Balance 30th April, 1962	2662	15	11
								Interest	77	1	10
				<u>£2739</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>						<u>£2739</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1963.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1963.

Liabilities:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tours Account				2002	7	2
Building Account				2739	17	9
Accumulated Funds:						
Balance as at 30.4.62	5385	18	1			
Less Excess of						
Expenditure over						
Income	476	14	5			
				4909	3	8

Current Assets:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Current Account National						
Bank of N.Z.	388	14	4			
Current Account National						
Bank of Australia	144	1	6			
Sundry Debtors	1421	13	10			
Provision for Gear						
ordered	1200	0	0			
Stock of Gear	934	12	0			
Stock of "Ambu"						
Manakins	324	0	0			
Trust Accounts:				4413	1	8
POSB Building Account	2739	17	9			
POSB Tours Account	2002	7	2			
				4742	4	11

Fixed Assets:

Furniture	25	0	0			
Less Deprec.	5	0	0			
				20	0	0
Gestetner	73	0	0			
Less Deprec.	7	0	0			
				66	0	0
Trophies	170	0	0			
Less Deprec.	20	0	0			
				150	0	0
Watches	38	0	0			
Less Deprec.	4	0	0			
				34	0	0
Gudsell						
Trophy	25	0	0			
Less Deprec.	2	0	0			
				23	0	0
Typewriters	15	0	0			
Less Deprec.	15	0	0			
Medallions ..	198	2	0			
Starting Gun	5	0	0			
				496	2	0
				£9651	8	7

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I have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out the true position of the Association affairs.

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

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STOCK OF GEAR 30.4.63

Reels	—
20 Portable Reels	300	0	0
10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Lines	147	10	0
15 $\frac{5}{8}$ " Lines	108	15	0
10 No. 5 Belts	....	....	40	0	0
3 Sets Marbles	....	....	3	0	0
Patrol Gear (Flags etc.)	....	59	7	6	
Reel Parts and					
Miscellaneous spares	....	275	19	6	
		£934	12	0	

M. J. HAXTON,
Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear.

REPORT HON. CHIEF INSTRUCTOR — 1962-63.

The first fully representative inter-District Surf Life Saving Carnival held at Mt. Maunganui, 9th Februray 1963 in the distinguished presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was undoubtedly the highlight of the 1962-63 competitive surf lifesaving season. It was indeed unfortunate that poor weather conditions prevailed during the carnival. The co-operation of competitors and officials insured the success of this most important occasion, and experience gained will prove of benefit for the future.

District Associations and Clubs have again had a busy season. Many good rescues have been reported. The efforts of Club Instructors are to be commended for the many new awards gained. While not quite up to last season's record total, they are well above average.

Prior to the commencement of the season, an Instructors Conference was held in Wellington for the purpose of obtaining greater uniformity of drill and judging procedure. All delegates attending considered this conference was of much benefit and could well be repeated in the future.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The preparation of the competition arena, excellent facilities for competitors and officials reflected credit on the organising committee. It was considered that these championships were one of the best ever held.

The drill by teams in all R. & R. finals was of a very high and uniform standard and reflected great credit on team members and Instructors.

The work by Officials of the Hawke's Bay Association in producing a complete booklet of results within minutes of the conclusion of the last event was something outstanding and was greatly appreciated by both competitors and Officials. A grand effort indeed.

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES

Five new members were admitted to the Board last season, Messrs J. W. Chapman; A. Bonnici, Auckland; W. G. Lidstone, Wellington; V. Mason, Otago; D. Laing, Taranaki. The following members have retired from the Board: Messrs. A. St. C. Berge, Taranaki, (a foundation member of the Board); E. A. Bodgen, Canterbury; M. Millar, Wellington; A. H. Da Costa, Gisborne. The total strength of the Board now is 65 members.

The appointment of Judges for the inter-District Carnival was made on the basis representation from all districts, and national Championship judges on the basis of first replies. This later method is not considered a satisfactory way of making appointments.

COMBINED R.L.S.S. & S.L.S.A. SURF BRONZE EXAMINATIONS

It is pleasing to report that this matter has almost reached finality, only one item requires clarification, and it is considered this will be settled before the A.G.M. Thanks are expressed to R.L.S.S. for their ready co-operation.

UNIFORMITY OF DRILL PROCEDURES

Proposals for the conduct of International Instructional Conference have been forwarded to all member countries, and the settlement of venue and dates should be known in the near future.

The S.L.S.A. of Australia have again extended an invitation to New Zealand Council to send a delegate and submit remits in respect to drill procedures for inclusion on the agenda of the 10th Australian Instructional Conference to be held in Sydney in March of 1964, so that uniformity of drill procedure can be maintained between Australia and New Zealand and to prepare for the proposed International Conference.

Your Council has now set dates for the acceptance of remits and the holding of a New Zealand Instructional Conference to prepare submissions for inclusion on the agenda of the Australian Instructional Conference.

APPRECIATION

Expressions of thanks and appreciation are extended to Mr. D. Hunter, chairman of Council, Mr. Colin Jones, hon. secretary and all Council Members. Mr. H. J. Wootton, hon. secretary and all executive members of National Board of Judges for their ready help and co-operation during the past season.

Sincere thanks and appreciation are expressed to Mr. Ken Watson, Hon. Secretary, Mr Bob Brydon, Hon. Chief Superintendent of the S.L.S.A. of Australia, and Mr Stuart Nicol, Hon. Secretary R.L.S.S. of N.Z. for their regular correspondence and wealth of valuable information regularly received.

K. FAREY,
Hon. Chief Instructor.

AUCKLAND S.L.S.A. ANNUAL REPORT — 1963.

Now that the Surf Season has ended, we in Auckland consider that this year has been a hallmark in the history of Surf in New Zealand, highlighted, of course, by the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip at the Royal Carnival.

With four Auckland Association Carnivals, the successful Nationals at West Shore plus the first Inter District Carnival this has been a very busy year.

Inter Club competition has again been of a very high standard as evidenced by some of our Clubs' performances at the Nationals.

Eastern United's performance in winning the coveted Nelson Shield is a testimonial to the hard work, effort and standard of competition to which they were subjected. Reg Harker of Red Beach again proved his worth as an all round surfer by winning the Individual Surf Race. May we at this stage offer our congratulations to all those who were successful in gaining National titles at Napier.

We were fortunate this year in having the backing of the Tamaki Lions Clubs who, with untiring effort, arranged for several Business Houses plus charitable organisations to donate one reel to each Club in the District.

To the Australian Provincial Assurance Co. we are again indebted for their donation of a Surf Reel. Auckland was also successful in winning a Reel for competition, which was presented by Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills Ltd.

On behalf of the Clubs we say thank you and assure all the donors that these reels will be of great assistance to all Clubs.

1964 sees the National Championships in Auckland for the first time since 1939. Planning is well in hand and given the co-operation of all, visiting Surfers can be assured of an enjoyable time in the "Queen City."

This season has seen the opening of three new Club houses, namely Kare Kare, Port Waikato and Ruakaka, the latter two Clubs have only been affiliated for two or three years, their efforts are to be commended.

Those responsible for the information of the Ngarunui Beach Surf Club, which will patrol Raglan Beach, are to be congratulated as this beach has claimed the lives of many in the past.

To conclude we wish to thank all members of the New Zealand Council for the guidance and support especially our resident delegate, Harry Dickson, for his untiring efforts on our behalf.

GISBORNE SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

This Association has had a satisfying year, with a good record of safety. Our system of Patrols has been effective, and only one drowning occurred in the town area, this being about a mile from the nearest Clubhouse. Surfers found the body about half-an-hour after the alarm had been raised. In another instance at almost the same spot, a surfer resuscitated a small girl who had been rescued by a by-stander. Several rescues were performed by all of the Clubs, and many were averted by Patrols directing swimmers to safer areas.

The Gisborne Harbour Board gave Clubs authority to designate areas of surf as for swimmers only, and undertook to prosecute board riders who flagrantly disobeyed patrols. However, board riders were most co-operative.

Instruction in resuscitation by both expired air and manual methods was carried out at many group meetings all over the district, from Te Araroa to Matawai and Waeranga-o-kuri, and Wairoa in the south, as well as at the A. & P. Show, Boat Show, and on the street during Lifesaving Week.

An appeal for funds to provide Box Lines at a dozen points where bathing is popular brought in enough money to provide nearly double the number originally intended, and it is hoped that all will be installed before the beginning of next season.

The Rugby Union was again helpful, giving us sole rights to raffle-selling on the grounds on the occasion of the Australia v Poverty Bay Match, where at we raffled a £50 note, showing a profit of about £200, half of which was split amongst the clubs on a tickets-sold basis.

At its first carnival for the season, this Association tried out a revised deduction schedule, putting greater stress on resuscitation faults, and reducing considerably the deductions for minor drill points. The result was not what had been hoped for, perhaps one carnival was insufficient trial, (time did not allow for more), and it was agreed by all Judges that further thought and trial was necessary.

We hope that the forthcoming instructional conference will result in a schedule with the emphasis on what really counts in life-saving, speed and resuscitation.

We now await the arrival of the South African Drill Manual which we understand is somewhat similar to ideas held on the subject here.

The result of the Inter-District Competition at Mt Maunganui on occasion of the Royal Visit was gratifying in that we attained 5th position out of 10 competing Associations, while at the N.Z. Championships at Napier we gained 4th place in the points aggregate. Our gratitude is extended to the A.P.A. Life Assurance Company and Messrs. W. D. & H. O. Wills for their generous donations of Reels.

Rescues at 12 for the District are the lowest recorded since 1958-59 Season when 11 were rescued. As in last season most rescues were carried out adjacent to, or in, Patrol Areas, which would seem to indicate that the bathing public are now heeding our advice to swim in flagged areas. Wainui head the list with 5, Midway and Waikanae with 3 each, second and third.

As anticipated Active Membership rose, but only by 7, to a total of 104. Midway 36, Waikanae 30 and Wainui 24 would appear to be sound in this respect. Waikanae and Midway with increases of 4 each and Wainui with the same memberships as last year. The Gisborne Ladies at 12 show a decrease of 1 on last year, and seem slightly under strength and Wairoa could do with an increase in membership.

The 2 Surf Instructors and 12 Surf Medallions gained shows a marked decrease on last years 5 and 36 respectively. Last year was admittedly a record, the average for the last 3 years being 2.66 and 22.66 and the marked drop this year should be a cause for scrutiny. All Clubs show decreases which could seriously affect our future operations.

R. & R. Competition did not seem to be as keen as in previous years and it would appear that a definite drift from discipline and drill towards individual and board events is underway. Waikanae again proved the victors in the local Championships.

Judging was maintained at a reasonably high standard under the care of Chief Instructor, Leo Clark, but we find that 10 Judges are still insufficient for our needs.

Financially the Association has had a good year and all Clubs seem to be prospering in this respect, being able to cover maintenance and replacement of buildings and equipment. The Government's decision to increase the amount of grants to subsidise buildings is gratefully welcomed by all. The financial help extended by the N.Z. Council in the nature of Educational Grants to Association and Clubs was an unexpected benefit, and it is pleasing to know that our services in this respect are now being given much needed financial backing. There is a wide field to cover educationally and providing the help is forthcoming we could go a long way to closing the gap which has existed until now.

For the future it would seem that the successful operation of the movement would be in the balance owing to the advent of the Surf Board. With the formation of a N.Z. Surf Riders Association and rumoured formation of District Surf Riders Club or Clubs the recruiting of members may be a much more difficult proposition than in the past. It is to be hoped that the Surf Board, like so many other new innovations, may be a passing fancy, or that members may be persuaded to maintain their interest and activities within the movement.

In conclusion, our thanks to all who have continued to render assistance to our activities, especially to our Resident Delegate, E. B. (Ted) Hughes, and members of the N.Z.S.L.S.A. and our best wishes to them and Associated Members for the coming season.

REPORT OF THE HAWKE'S BAY SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

In this, the third report of this Association it would be an understatement to say that the season just concluded has been a most successful one; the success was achieved in the only possible way — by hard work by many people.

Obviously, the National Championships were the highlight of the season for us. A year's work in preparation which involved so many people and organisations culminated in what we feel was a very good three days. We were proud to be hosts to so many "surfers" and we thank those who came to Napier for their attendance. The local sorcerers who conjured up the surf for the three days have been fed a potion to assist in their hibernation until the next time the Championships are held here. The hotels have plans prepared to enlarge their cellars for the next time, and the local newspaper has a folio of as yet unpublished stories which may be produced in the future — we hope for private purchase only.

We sincerely hope that all who visited Napier for the Championships felt the trip was worthwhile. To those many individuals, Clubs and Associations who have sent such generous letters of thanks, we reply "Thank you, it was a pleasure to have you."

The work of the Association advanced steadily during the year amid the preparations for the Nationals. Membership of Clubs showed an increase over the previous season, rescues effected and first aid administered were more than the previous season, Clubs increased their stocks of gear and Clubhouse facilities; only in the number of awards was there a decline. Lectures and demonstrations were given on a greater scale than before and in this respect we thank those responsible for the cash "incentive" to further this aspect of our work.

The portable life-saving equipment installed on beaches from Waimarama to Waipatiki proved its value in the first season it was available — two lives being saved with assistance from this equipment's use. Further orders are being made up for extending the number of places where this equipment will be available.

Competitively, the Clubs have performed creditably and much improvement was noted in this season over 1961-62. Regrettably, our senior ranks are still weak, only two Clubs being able to field a six man team last season.

At the Central Regional Committee Carnival, held in Opunake, the Hawke's Bay team were in third place for points gained in the water events — our Junior six-man R. & R. team gaining first place in that event. No results have come forward to date of the Royal Carnival at Tauranga, but the Team Manager felt satisfied at the performance of the team under the conditions.

Without a doubt, the Westshore Club overall has been the most successful Club this season. It's efforts however have served as a spur to the other Clubs and next season should see them serving notice on Westshore that they are going to have to work hard to maintain that position. The possibility of other Clubs being formed in the District is now very real and this will benefit the sport greatly if the efforts at present being made come to fruition.

In conclusion, we again thank those who have helped us so much. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr Ken Mitchell as our Resident Delegate on the New Zealand Council and we do appreciate his help and advice. Our thanks too, to the New Zealand Council for their work in administering the sport and the benefits which accrue to the movement from their efforts.

TARANAKI SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

Once again Taranaki has completed a very successful season which started off with the re-formation of two clubs — Waitara and Patea both of which are very keen and report a good membership at the close of the season. Patea put up a particularly fine effort in having 10 members pass the surf medallion examination and one further member gaining the surf instructors award. Altogether this season 42 surf club members in Taranaki passed the surf medallion exam and 5 gained the Instructors award.

Other highlights of the season were first of all the opening of East End's fine new Clubhouse, this should prove a real asset to the Club which incidentally celebrated their 50th Jubilee over the 1963 Easter period. The Association's pre-Christmas carnival was held this time at Fitzroy and once again proved to be a great success. It was Taranaki's turn this year to stage the Central Districts Regional surf carnival which was held at Opunake and was attended by the four member Associations, conditions for the carnival were ideal and the end of the day saw the Taranaki team running out the winners on points: thus taking the Central Districts Cup; followed by Wellington a close second. At the conclusion of the carnival a social function was held for senior members, all of whom appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

One of the big occasions of the season for all Associations was the Royal Surf Carnival at Mt. Maunganui before the Queen, the trip from Taranaki's point of view was a great success and although the team was placed fifth in the overall points they still managed to win one of the A.P.A. presentation reels, our congratulation must go to Wellington on a most meritorious win; they certainly put on a great performance.

The Taranaki Surf Championships conducted at Strandon Beach, New Plymouth were amongst the best yet with record entries in most events; the overall points winners New Plymouth Old Boys taking the Roebuck Shield and A.P.A. reel, the W. D. & H. O. Wills reel was won by Fitzroy in a competition that was concluded with the Taranaki Champs. Generally speaking the trophies were shared evenly amongst the competing clubs and the goodwill between Officials and competitors made for a very successful carnival.

Once again the Nationals proved to be bigger, brighter and better organised than ever, the Hawke's Bay Association certainly deserve a well merited pat on the back, apart from the buoy settings and the stony beach, conditions were well nigh perfect. The introduction of result sheets at the conclusion of events was really appreciated by competitors and is no doubt worth the extra effort put into producing them. Again some clubs experienced accommodation difficulties and it is felt strongly in Taranaki that the host Associa-

tion should always take the responsibility of arranging all accommodation for National Championships; it is therefore pleasing to note the Auckland Association have decided to do this for teams attending next years champs.

There is the promise of a lot of work for club members in the near future with Old Boys and Wai-iti having applied for building grants from the Golden Kiwi funds and Opunake's decision to build another floor on top of their present building; and no doubt the two new clubs will have plans to equip themselves with suitable headquarters soon.

Finally we would like to thank the Council for their guidance and assistance given in the past, and wish all Clubs and Associations the best of luck for a happy and successful coming season.

ASSOCIATION REPORT — 1963

Once again this past season has been a very successful one. There was no drownings on any patrolled beaches this being due to some very meritorious rescues by club patrolmen. From the competitive point of view the season has also been a successful one both of club and National level. Although the long trip took its toll on our team at Mt. Maunganui competitors performed extremely well at the National Championships at Napier, several individuals reaching finals, while we had the unprecedented experience of seeing both the St. Clair and Oreti Clubs in the final of the 6 man R. & R. We should also while on this subject like to heartily congratulate the Hawke's Bay Association on the extremely well run championships.

On the home front competitions have on the whole been successful. From the beginning the carnivals based on the new points system resolved themselves into a duel between Oreti and St. Clair, the former taking the majority of the team events, the latter the individual with St. Clair running out the final winners for the season.

Further incentive was given to competition this year through the very generous donation by Messrs. W. D. & H. O. Wills. Oreti again scooped the pool by winning this reel, thus bringing their tally to 2 reels won out of 2 donated.

Thanks to a hard working sub-committee ably assisted by volunteers from the clubs, especially St. Kilda, the combined Association headquarters and Moana Rua clubhouse, situated between St. Clair and St. Kilda, is rapidly nearing completion, should be ready for the coming seasons.

LOOKING AROUND THE CLUBS

Brighton have this year had a very quiet season due to an ebb in senior membership, and perhaps through missing under the new points system the carnival formerly held annually for the Stevenson Cup. There is however a strong junior membership in this club as seen by the 9 Juniors ready to go for the Surf Medallion Exam at the beginning of next season.

Kaka Point too have had a quiet season locally although the annual carnival there was as usual a success. At national level, this club was successful in gaining a place in the ladies 4 man R. & R. final.

Moana Rua ladies have had one of their best seasons since the club was formed. At Napier they gained 3rd place in both the ladies 6 man and surf race, and 4th in the ladies 4 man R. & R. With their new clubhouse nearing completion Moana Rua should acquit themselves even better with a settled base from which to operate.

Oreti have this year been the province's best club team. This can probably be attributed to the great spirit of co-operation which has arisen in aiding John Van Leeaven in his magnificent effort of conquering Foveaux Strait. Thanks to this too, Oreti appear to be well on the way in the collection of funds for a badly-needed new clubhouse, to be named after John.

St. Clair is at present probably the strongest club in Otago. With a very high swimming potential plus a large number of new members, it has continued to dominate individual events on the local scene. At Napier it reached the finals of almost all the events it entered for, and should pose a formidable threat in the coming season.

It is very pleasing to see St.Kilda once more on the up and coming after such a long lapse. St. Kilda was a strong competitor at all local carnivals this year, finishing in 3rd place. An even more important aspect is the high number of, and difficult rescues carried out by this club and the very full reports of those rescues.

Taramea Bay, the Dominion's southernmost club has been lying low this season, although this could be a period of building up strength as membership has been steadily increasing. The youngest club in this Association, it has a good executive to lead it to maturity.

In conclusion we should like to express our sincere thanks to our Resident Delegate Alan Betty who is giving us such good representation in Wellington, and wish all brother Associations, members of the New Zealand Association and club members, the very best for the coming season, both in rescue and competition work.

CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury Clubs maintained their service of safeguarding human life efficiently and have to report that no fewer than 51 rescues were recorded on patrolled beaches compared with 35 last year. It is with pleasure we mention that no lives were lost in a patrolled area.

The second factor of great importance to our District Association is the notable growth of membership by all our clubs. With some 154 awards gained this least season, surfing in Canterbury cannot help but expand and provide patrollers for our essential duty. Broken down, the awards gained were 10 Surf Instructors, 99 Surf Bronze and 45 Bronze Medallions, compared with the previous season's 6 Surf Instructors, 60 Surf Bronze and 24 Bronze Medallions.

Canterbury clubs have always been strong numerically but with a 30 per cent. membership increase this last season of team and patrol members local clubs are becoming too big. From 313 members available for Team and Patrol duties last year we record 404 this year.

Also this last season has been noted for the establishment of women's teams by a further two of the Canterbury Clubs. North Beach and Sumner both entered women's teams in our last Carnival with the other regular women's teams of Waimairi, South Brighton and Taylor's Mistake.

With 17 teams entered in our March Past Championship at our fourth Carnival last season and 92 starters in a Junior Race it gave a vivid impression of growth in Canterbury.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Kotuku into our District and although they found it difficult to attend many of our carnivals we did manage to give their area a boost and convey to the West Coasters some conception of surfing. A railcar was chartered and the six Canterbury Clubs fielded demonstration teams in a display carnival on the Coast which attracted a tremendous appreciative public.

One of the greatest boosts to surfing in New Zealand was the Royal attendance at the Royal Inter-District Championship at Mt. Maunganui this season. There is no doubt that this patronage has given surfing a tremendous fillip and prestige status. The publicity associated with this Royal Carnival did indeed bring home forcibly to the public surfing in New Zealand.

Once again this last season only four local Championship Carnivals were held. We consider that this policy of a minimum of carnivals gives strength to surfing in this Province as clubs can put some time into the duty of patrolling more satisfactorily and have time to promote enrolments and training to ensure ourselves of future members to carry on our work. Not only that, but the four carnivals we hold all give points to the Championship Pennant and so they are exceptionally well patronised and have a definite public appeal.

Waimairi once again took the honours as being the Championship Cub of Canterbury with Taylor's Mistake second and Sumner third. The A.P.A. Life Assurance Reel was won by the Taylor's Mistake Club as the Waimairi Club did not qualify for this trophy since they had already won a similar reel last year. However, since the Taylor's Mistake Club also won the W. D. & H. O. Wills Reel for gaining the greatest percentage of Surf Bronze awards for the season they accepted this reel and generously allowed the A.P.A. **Reel to go to the third place-getter, Sumner, in the Canterbury Championship Pennant points.**

We would like to record our sincere appreciation to the A.P.A. Life Assurance Company and W. D. & H. O. Wills for their generous donations to our movement. By applying the W.D. & H.O. Wills Reel to a competition for the gaining of the most Surf Bronze awards as a percentage of a Club's Team and Patrol Duty members we feel that this donation contributed substantially to the large increase in awards gained by this District.

Over two hundred members from our seven clubs in this District attended the N.Z. National Championships at Napier last season and were most successful competitively. A representative team also attended and competed at the Royal Inter-District Championships at Mt. Maunganui.

Once again we installed portable life reels at many of the popular North Canterbury beaches and we are also negotiating with the Residents' Committee in the Southshore area with the idea that perhaps a new surf club may be formed.

A new innovation this year was a most successful combined Surf Ball held. This proved to be the social highlight of the season.

We are looking forward to the coming season with renewed vigour as considerable thought has been given to a complete re-arrangement of our Championship Carnivals. Still numbering four in total we are introducing a considerable number of events and plan to run two fully equipped arenas, thereby hoping to improve our

surfing standards especially in Six and Four Man events. With limited entries in some events we plan to encourage clubs to conduct more competitions and so improve their standards. However, this remains to be proved, but we feel at the moment that it is a step in the right direction and from the administrative angle we seem to be numerically equipped to conduct these enlarged carnivals.

May we take this opportunity of thanking our parent body, the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association, for their efficient administration during the past season and to all members of the movement in New Zealand may we extend our best wishes for a most successful 1963-64 season.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

The 1962-63 season has been a successful one for the association and had many hours of work for the officials especially those dealing with surf carnival matters, training of candidates for awards and giving lectures and exhibition on the Ambu Manakin of expired air artificial resuscitation. These lectures have been widespread and have been most instructive to the various organisations who have taken advantage of the offer of the association and have expressed appreciation of the services rendered to them. Early in the season Mr K. F. C. Hancox relinquished his position as Hon. Secretary of the association and the position was filled by Mr N. A. Ingram a previous secretary years ago. The carnivals held during the year have been well attended by our affiliated clubs and well organised by the carnival committee and controlled by the Chief Instructor (Mr W. F. Anderson) and the carnival committee officials.

The Hon. Judges rendered excellent services as did the Hon. Timekeepers but it would be a greater advantage to the association if more members offered their services as Timekeepers for this office is a most essential one to ensure a well organised carnival. The district championships were a great success and arrangements were well made and the two day championships were a credit to the Titahi Bay Club who were the host club holding, on their own beach, the Wellington Championships for the first time. Teams from our clubs did a great deal of travelling during the season to inter-District and national championships and the representative district team, under the able managership of Mr K. W. Mitchell (Worser Bay Club) and captaincy of Mr C. Biling (Worser Bay Club). The notification of Mr Mitchell that he would not be available as a selector during the incoming years was accepted with regret for he has done very good work for this association as selector and manager of our teams. The association has twelve (12) clubs affiliated and active and with one other in recess and the association here pays tribute to the officers and members of these clubs who have done so much work during the past year which has helped to place the association in its strong position now held. During the year three members of our association excelled in the art of long distance swimming during the season . . . Barry Davenport successfully crossing the unpredictable Cook Strait for the first time in our national history.

Brian Crowder (Maranui Club) was the first to swim from Kapiti Island to Paraparaumu Beach and then Keith Hancox (Island Bay Club) swam a long distance from Cape Kidnappers to Napier Beach and the first to have done so. In applauding the great efforts of our own members we do not fail also to recognise and applaud the great

Foveaux Strait swim of J. Van Leeuwen (Oreti Club Otago District). To these four gallant swimmers the association records their value to the surf life-saving movement of New Zealand.

The vital statistics of the association records:

	Membership	1961/62
Senior	257	187
Junior	136	128
Ladies	67	63
Junior-Juniors	16	112
Other Members	348	373

AWARDS GAINED

R.L.S.S.	51	96
Surf	80	63
Inst.	6	6
Value of Gear held by Clubs (estimated)		£4,848
Value of Club Buildings (estimated)		£42,769

During the past season it was noticeable the growing numbers and other residents of the district enjoying the exhilaration of riding the Surf Boards and no doubt in the years ahead their numbers will grow in strength and will afford ample opportunity to gauge the effect of this growth of activity not so much as a challenge to the recognised activities of surf life-saving clubs as now known but as an opportunity to co-ordinate to the full into the ranks of the surf clubs themselves of all surf board riders who frequent our beaches under a system of membership both advantageous to the surf board rider and to the association itself. To the future we look forward with full recognition of the fact . . . that a subject logically considered and discussed by both parties will eventually produce a much desired co-ordination of all those who frequent our beaches in the best interests of the natatorial organisations of New Zealand. Mr H. J. Wootton our worthy chairman of this year and others has relinquished the office and is abroad on business matters.

During the season another surf boat was added to our list and with the acquisition of a new boat by the Lyall Bay Club and the replacement with a new boat by the Titahi Bay Club our fleet is increased to four boats and what with the training seen about during the early winter months there should be some good racing with our boat crews and other district Association's boats so we look for choppy seas and good oarsmen.

WESTERN DISTRICTS

Again — a most busy season for all clubs in our district. It is apparent, that our beaches are getting more popular as the years go by and it is very pleasing to receive reports from club officials that all clubs are carrying out their active patrol work.

Loud speaker systems are practically negligible in the district and it is felt that a good strong public address system is most essential for clubs patrolling beaches on our stretch of the coast. Clubs that do possess same find it most helpful to control the swimming public, in keeping them away from the more dangerous areas. With PA systems the public are aware that a constant watch is being kept over them.

Thirty rescues were effected and we once again are proud to report that no lives were lost on our beaches while surf patrols were on duty.

The movement as a whole is making steady progress in our district. An increase in membership is due to extensive membership drives the clubs have held over the past season.

The return of Foxton Club to the active scene has been mainly due to the sterling effort of our district chairman, W. A. (Joe) Jordan and the great club spirit of the Palmerston North Club.

Our appreciation to W. D. & H. O. Wills for the donation of a fully equipped reel for competition among the clubs in the district. After long discussion it was decided to hold a resuscitation competition for the reel. This idea being to give all clubs an equal chance to win the reel. Our congratulations to the Foxton Club for gaining the top honours, and a full measure of thanks to Wills' representative for presenting the reel at our district championship.

Our representative team travelled to Mount Maunganui to compete in the Royal Carnival. We did not bring home any trophies, but returned with knowledge, and experience, that will, no doubt assist our clubs through the individual members of the representative team. The Rep. team also travelled to Opunake where the Regional Carnival was held.

Special thanks are due to Mr C. Way, our chief instructor for his untiring efforts in preparing our representative team.

Three district club teams attended the National Championships, but found the competition too strong. But once again from the experience gained we feel sure of success at National level in the near future.

We record our appreciation of the co-operation from New Zealand Surf Council and in particular from our Resident Delegate, Mr Don Bull.





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