



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

Annual Report *and Financial Statement* *Season 1964-65*

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be
held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Commerce
House, Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Saturday,
11th September, 1965.

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New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1964/65.

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

Hon. Publicity Officer: Mr L. TOINTON.

Hon. Registrar: Mr J. D. HUNTER.

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Auckland: H. D. DICKSON. **Bay of Plenty:** G. MACE. **Gisborne:** E. B. HUGHES. **Taranaki:** J. WHISKER. **Wellington:** H. C. STODDART. **Hawke's Bay:** K. MITCHELL. **Western Districts:** D. BULL. **Canterbury:** B. READMAN. **Otago:** P. ANDERSON. **Individual Clubs:** W. D. McCLAUGHRY. **N.Z. Council R.L.S.S.:** W. LIDSTONE. **N.Z. Council N.Z.A.S.A.:** B. DEVENPORT.

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

Delegates to National Water Safety Council:

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

Delegates to National Water Safety Committee: Messrs. M. HAXTON, W. D. McCLAUGHRY.

Liaison Officer to Australian National Council:

Mr. B. TROTTER (resigned), Mr. H. WOOTTON.

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Constitution: Messrs. N. A. INGRAM, K. MITCHELL, J. D. HUNTER
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Handbook Revision Committee: Messrs. H. J. K. FAREY (convener),
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Gear: Messrs. M. HAXTON (convener), W. D. McCLAUGHRY, W.
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Subsidies: Messrs. W. MASON (convener), M. HAXTON,
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Regional Committees:

Northern: R. D. CAMPBELL, 10 Leith Street, Gisborne.

Central Districts: D. NORRIS, 142 Sutherland Rd., Wellington, E.3.



Hon. Secretaries — District Associations:

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

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

Gisborne: K. MORSE, Box 272, Gisborne.

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

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

Wellington: G. MACE, Box 200, Wellington.

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

Canterbury: B. TURPIN, P.O. Box 2168, Christchurch.

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



Individual Affiliated Clubs:

Rarangi: L. CHARTERS, 3 Brewer St., Blenheim.

Tahunanui: J. FERGUSON, 2 Allan St., Nelson.

Allied Organisations:

N.Z.A.S.A.: N.Z. Council: Miss D. BROWN, Box 391, Christchurch.

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

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

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

Thirty-third Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

SEASON ENDING 31st MAY, 1965

TO be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Wellington Chamber of Commerce Board Room, Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Saturday, 11th September, 1965, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your council is of the opinion that we have successfully negotiated a further busy and eventful year which saw a representative team of surf lifesavers leave our shores to take part in competitions with State Centres of the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia which we hope will begin a regular inter-change of visits with Australia in future years.

The adoption of new drill methods following on standardisation with the Australian National Council placed added responsibility on to club instructors, but as a result of our negotiations it is very probable that the methods now being practiced will remain constant for a further four years.

The work which is being carried out by the movement is receiving greater recognition on a practical basis where commercial organisations are making available substantial sums to our district Associations for the provision of gear and in the furtherance of our activities, and needless to say we do appreciate this valuable assistance which instils confidence and the spirit to attack with vigor the many problems which are apparent in the fulfilment of our self-appointed humanitarian task.

The year has seen the adoption of measures to increase the efficiency of our patrol activities and it is with pleasure that we record at this early stage in this report that as a result of these efforts 329 lives were saved and again no fatalities were recorded where patrols were active.

The continued progress which has been made is indicated by the splendid result of five new clubs formed and operating in the protection of bathers.

ROBERT A. McDOWALL, MERITORIOUS AWARD IN SILVER IAN V. GRAHAM, MERITORIOUS AWARD IN BRONZE

At approximately 7 a.m. on the morning of February 5, 1964, Robert McDowall and Ian Graham were surf riding at St. Clair Beach, Dunedin, conditions being fine with heavy swells running into good waves forming about 150 yards from the beach, at which time Leslie Jordan was swimming about 250 yards out beyond the breaker line when the attention of Ian Graham was drawn to calls for assistance, at which time Robert McDowall was turning from the beach after a good wave.

Ian Graham immediately paddled his board out to render help and on approaching Leslie Jordan was warned that a shark had attacked him and immediately an effort was made to place the patient across his paddle board in order to bring him ashore.

Meanwhile Robert McDowall had arrived to assist in the rescue and the patient was placed across the two boards which were brought together as the buoyancy of one board was not sufficient to support Jordan.

During this operation the shark made repeated attacks, swimming around the boards, coming up behind and passing beneath them, and followed the rescuers on the journey back to the beach which occupied over seven minutes, the paddle boards being finally over-turned in the broken surf at which stage the shark withdrew from the attack.

Leslie Jordan was brought to the shore but unfortunately had succumbed through the injuries inflicted by the shark.

It was in the face of the most extreme danger and with total disregard for their own lives that Ian Graham and Robert McDowall brought Leslie Jordan to the shore. Immediately on reaching the patient both were aware of the attacking shark, yet neither panicked or turned away and fearlessly arranged the paddle boards to commence the long and extremely hazardous journey of carrying the patient some 250 yards through the surf, during which time they were completely exposed to the attacking shark.

In affecting this rescue all that was humanly possible was done to save the life of Leslie Jordan, both Ian Graham and Robert McDowall displayed the highest degree of bravery and supreme devotion to the ideals of our movement, and acted in the true spirit of our motto—Vigilance—Service—Endurance.

PETER R. GREGORY — BRUCE A. ADAMS LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

On the 16th of August, 1963, following an emergency Police call trailer equipment provided by the Gisborne District Association was rushed to Tatapouri where two persons had been sighted clinging to an up-turned boat about 500 yards from the shore and immediately Peter Gregory and Bruce Adams set out on surf skis to endeavour to effect a rescue.

Conditions at the time were most difficult with a very heavy sea running and huge waves breaking over a reef and partially submerged rocks which formed the basis of the coast-line. In addition night was closing in which made observation of the up-turned boat most difficult and called for the utmost skill in negotiating the rescue craft beyond the natural hazards created by the turbulent conditions.

The falling light made it most difficult for observers to follow the progress of the rescuers and it was some time before the skis returned to the beach with their patients, at this stage guided by lights from parked motor vehicles.

At the time of the rescue the up-turned boat was drifting out further from the shore and in the conditions lives would have been lost but for the timely action of Peter Gregory and Bruce Adams who averted a double drowning fatality.

The journey back to the beach in darkness with each carrying a patient was even more hazardous requiring outstanding skill and courage as the return journey had to be made through a narrow channel and under the constant risk of being flung on to the jagged, rocky outcrops which were the predominant feature of the rescue area.

Peter Gregory and Bruce Adams acted without thought of their personal safety with the object of rendering immediate aid to persons in extreme danger and in the true tradition of our motto—Vigilance, Service, Endurance.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Council extends to Jack Hatchwell, who was graciously honoured by Her Majesty the Queen in the Birthday Honours in the award of the M.B.E. for service rendered to the surf lifesaving movement.

To our knowledge this is the first occasion on which a member of our Association has received such an honour and having the knowledge of the work which has been carried out by Mr. Hatchwell in his long association with our organisation we feel that the award has been justifiably earned.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

It is with pleasure that we again express to the Government our sincere appreciation for the financial assistance received during the season when the Association was favoured with a grant of £4,750, the bulk of which sum has been expended in the provision of subsidies and grants to District Associations and affiliated clubs in the supply of equipment and educational work in the interest of our voluntary task of safe-guarding beaches in New Zealand.

The monies received from the grant were expended as follows:—

	£	£
Gear and Equipment purchased	4,264	
Less amount recovered by sales	1,152	
Amount of subsidies applied from grant		3,112
Part cost of awards		45
Grants to District Associations		288
Printing and Stationery		259
Costs and grants associated with gear supplied, storage, railages, administration services		427
Subsidies on alarm and loud speaker systems		59
Educational expenses		110
Purchase of handbooks		200
		<hr/> £4,500
Balance not expended		250
		<hr/> £4,750

The balance of £250 together with sums provided from other sources has been set aside to cover the purchase of additional supplies of gear ordered but not delivered at year end.

Our grant was £250 lower than the amount received in the previous season but would advise that the council was happy to agree to the transfer of this sum to the R.L.S.S. to cover preliminary costs associated with the production of the new R.L.S.S. Handbook for which similar concessions were extended by the N.Z.A.S.A. and the National Water Safety Committee.

For information purposes we set out hereunder the sums granted by Government in the current season for the purposes of

water safety together with grants approved in the past two seasons:—

	1962/63	1963/64	1964/65
N.Z.S.L.S.A.	3,750	5,000	4,750
N.Z.A.S.A.	4,500	4,000	3,750
R.L.S.S.	2,000	2,000	2,750
N.W.S.C.	9,200	12,680	11,750
Totals	£19,450	£23,680	£23,000

In accordance with the previous policy the council prepared a budget of estimated expenditure for the forthcoming season from which it is apparent that on the basis of current subsidies expended on purchases of lifesaving equipment the cost of this item alone will be £3,112 and taking into consideration normal other recurring costs the Association will require a total sum of £6,352 to maintain the normal activities in the promotion of water safety.

This year submissions to the Minister of Internal Affairs have been placed forward much earlier than in the past to facilitate consideration prior to the finalisation of the annual grant made for the purposes of water safety, and it is very pleasing to be able to report that the Association has been favoured with a grant of £5,500 for the forthcoming season, and we express our sincere appreciation to the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. D. C. Seath, for the substantial increase which has been made in the grant to the Association. However, it is apparent that as a result of increased orders received from District Associations that the Council will not be able to carry on in the payment of subsidies at the present rate and this matter was considered by the Subsidies Committee which matter is dealt with in a separate section of this report.

SUBSIDIES:

During the season the Council maintained the previous policy to subsidise purchases of standard items of gear and equipment to affiliated clubs under which essential equipment was made available at prices in most cases representing approximately 50% of actual costs and the continuation of this system has resulted in first-class equipment being in the hands of clubs, and at the same time provided gear for installation outside normal beach patrol areas for use in emergency

A special committee was appointed to look very fully into the question of extending benefits to affiliated clubs and district associations in the form of subsidies and the deliberations of that committee brought to attention the steadily increasing costs of subsidies paid from the Government grant in maintaining the standard prices which had operated for many years having regard to the steadily increasing costs which have been paid by the Council to provide for the heavy increase in orders which we have been called upon to supply to the movement.

As a result a new price list for gear was adopted which applied as from 1st May and it is intended that the matter be reconsidered during the forthcoming season and that the present list be operative only to the 30th April, 1966.

It will be noted therefore that all gear prices and subsidies will be subject to review at 12-monthly intervals.

Advice of the above was forwarded to District Associations together with copies of the new price list for circulation, details of which are set out below:

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

It will be remembered that the Council has made available to new Clubs on affiliation a free issue of essential equipment which has been continued and likewise the previous policy under which subsidies have been available on the construction of skis solely for rescue purposes, alarm and public address systems where it is considered that such equipment is essential in safeguarding of bathers at dangerous beaches.

During the year the Council supplied free of charge shark warning and signal flags and authorised the purchase of shark warning signals in the form of a hand-operated bell or similar device, the cost of such equipment being met directly from the Government grant.

The Council also made a distribution of portable life-line outfits to the value of £500 to the various Associations for installation on dangerous beaches, the allocation being decided upon following the consideration of requests received from the various districts. It is realised that the equipment available from this amount was entirely inadequate, although it was the maximum which could be provided in current circumstances and we feel that we should make reference to the individual efforts of district Associations in local fund raising activities to provide the necessary moneys to allow additional installations following the token distribution as arranged by your Council.

As a result of the considerable cost of payments made on direct subsidies it was not possible to make adequate grants to district Associations for the purpose of carrying out educational work in the interests of water safety and the fostering of new clubs. However, applications were not received from all Associations and following consideration the following grants were approved:

	£
Bay of Plenty	80
Wellington	70
Taranaki	57
Hawke's Bay	45
Gisborne	35
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In the coming season the Council will again consider extending grants to Associations for educational purposes, but by decision of the Council districts will be informed of the various headings under which grants may be claimed. It will be noted from earlier reference in this report that the sum of £3886 was applied directly to subsidies and educational grants made to the movement from our total grant of £4750.

GRANTS FOR CLUB BUILDINGS

We express unreservedly our thanks to the Golden Kiwi Board of Control for the continued consideration given to applications made to affiliated surf lifesaving clubs for grants from lottery profits for the purpose of meeting part of the costs of contemplated improvements and additions to existing club buildings, the extent of which is revealed in the list of grants made in the current season as detailed below.

There appears to be certain misunderstanding among clubs applying for assistance and in view of the above we would refer again to the system which is presently operating, in that all applications are to be directed to the Golden Kiwi Board of Control for subsequent consideration by the Recreation and Youth Activities Allocation Committee, on behalf of the Minister of Internal Affairs.

The council previously agreed to extend support to applications where same is requested and considered justified, and in such cases representations must be made through the local district Association supported by full information which will allow the council to fully view the application and decide on the question of support.

In certain instances applications made by clubs have been referred to the council which has made it necessary for further information to be sought through district Associations, and it is regrettable that on certain occasions considerable delay has been evident in obtaining the desired detail required to allow the council to formulate a decision based on the facts of the particular case.

The delays are particularly embarrassing to the council and we consider that in such cases urgent priority should be given to supplying the information requested as alternatively we will be compelled to withdraw offers of support.

Although the Association was informed originally that the basis of grants would be £1 for every £2 raised, the amounts granted have been based on the merits of the application due to the restriction of moneys available from Golden Kiwi profits as a result of unprecedented demands.

Accordingly it is a recommendation that clubs intending to make application for grants should ensure that they have the necessary funds on hand which together with the anticipated grant from Golden Kiwi would allow them to proceed and complete the work for which the application is made.

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

	£
Whangamata Surf Lifesaving Club	150
Otaki Surf Lifesaving Club	250
Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club	1250
Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club	250
St. Kilda Surf Lifesaving Club	650
Omanu-Pacific Surf Lifesaving Club	200
Midway Surf Lifesaving Club	1000
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VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND TEAM TO AUSTRALIA

In view of the acceptance of the kind invitation extended to the Association by the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia to send a team to that country over the period December/January, 1964/65, many matters came forward for the attention of your council and we do express our sincerest appreciation to the District Associations concerned in the conduct of trial carnivals held to select our representative team, and also the many persons who likewise assisted us in providing billets and in many other ways.

Following on the receipt of nominations the council appointed K. W. Mitchell, Wellington (Convenor), J. Ferguson, Auckland, and S. D. Tarrant (Canterbury) as national selectors and we do thank them for the thorough manner in which they tackled the job of selecting our team from a total of 81 nominations and would record that trial carnivals were conducted at Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Canterbury and Wellington with the final trial also at Wellington over the weekend of 14/15 November when the selectors named the following team of 8 seniors and 2 juniors to represent New Zealand: G. M. Harvey, G. Allnutt, C. W. Billing, C. S. Blakeley, A. R. Turnbull (captain), R. N. H. Harker, G. E. Dann, G. G. Sutton, D. H. Dalton, J. R. Jenkins.

H. J. K. Farey was appointed the Manager/Instructor of the team.

The team assembled in Wellington on Friday, 11 December, for the purpose of outfitting and finally departed for Brisbane via Sydney on Wednesday morning, 16 December.

The following itinerary had been arranged by the Australian National Council for our team:

16th/23rd December guests of Queensland State Centre.

23rd/30th December guests of New South Wales Centre.

30th Dec./6th Jan. guests of South Australian Centre.

6th Jan./12th Jan. guests of Victorian State Centre.

On Sunday evening, 13 December, the council entertained the team at an official farewell and were indeed thankful to the Minister of Internal Affairs for his action in arranging a Government farewell which was tended the team on Tuesday morning, 15 December.

In order to assist the training of our board and ski rider arrangements were made to import from Australia a Board and Ski of Australian design, whilst the duplicates of these craft were held in Australia for use of our team in the competitions which were held with State teams. Arrangements were made to ship other items of gear to Brisbane and we express our appreciation to the Union Steam Ship Company which firm free freighted this equipment by intercolonial vessel.

Whilst no tests with Australia were conducted keen competition was experienced with the various State Centres and we wish to express our sincerest thanks to Ken Watson, Hon. Secretary of the Australian National Council, and Bob Brydon, Australian Superintendent for the wonderful assistance which they extended to us and also we do appreciate the overwhelming hospitality given to our team members by Australian officials and club members alike.

Special thanks also are extended to the Liaison Officers which were attached to our team in the various State Centres.

The assistance also received from business firms both in New Zealand and Australia in making available equipment and services to the Association was most generous and acknowledgments are recorded hereunder, and the report of the team manager/instructor as submitted to the council is included in this publication for general information.



N.Z. SURF LIFE-SAVING REPRESENTATIVES — AUSTRALIAN TOUR — 1964-65

Back Row: G. M. HARVEY, G. ALLNUTT, C. W. BILLING, C. S. BLAKELEY.

**Front Row: A. R. TURNBULL (captain), R. N. H. HARKER, G. E. DANN, G. G. SUTTON, D. H. DALTON, J. R. JENKINS,
H. J. K. FAREY (Manager-Instructor).**

FUTURE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN SURF TEAMS

The question of a firm arrangement being entered into with the Australian National Council for a regular inter-change of visits of representative surf lifesaving teams for the purpose of inter-dominion competition has been one which has received consideration on both sides of the Tasman for some years, and whilst all have agreed that such an arrangement would be of inestimable value for both Associations, the costs involved in sending and receiving a team at regular intervals has delayed a final decision.

Following reference to the last annual general meeting the council circularised district Associations seeking their opinion on the conclusion of an agreement with Australia and opinions indicated that districts were strongly in favour of the establishment of an arrangement under which the exchange of visits was on a two yearly basis, in other words New Zealand would be required to travel every fourth year and receive an Australian team over the same period.

Associations were unanimous in that teams should comprise 8 seniors and two juniors and be accompanied by a team manager and a team instructor. The council did acquaint district Associations with the costs involved in financing such an arrangement under which it would be necessary to consider the immediate increase of the overseas and educational tours levy which is made on all members of affiliated clubs, the present basis being 2/6 for each senior and 1/- for each junior.

The council decided that a notice of motion increasing the amount of the levy be considered at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The council requested our Manager/Instructor of the New Zealand team to convey the decision of this Association to Australian officials and we are pleased to be able to report that the Australian National Council has agreed in principle with our recommendations and it is hoped that a decision will be made at the annual general meeting of the Australian Council which will be held in Sydney on November 19/20 next.

In view of the above it is necessary for a final decision to be made by the Association, and accordingly this matter will be brought forward at our annual meeting when the recommendations of the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia will be available to all delegates.

In the event of agreement on the basis outlined above the visit of our team to Australia during the current season would be regarded as the commencement of the arrangement and accordingly consideration will also have to be given to extending an official invitation to the Australian National Council to send a team to New Zealand in 1966/67 season.

PROPOSED VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND OF QUEENSLAND STATE SURF LIFE SAVING TEAM

The visit of our team to the Queensland State Centre stimulated considerable interest in the question of an inter-change of visits with New Zealand and already tentative suggestions have been made for consideration under which a Queensland State Centre surf lifesaving team would visit us for a period of 10/14 days during the Christmas-New Year period 1965-66.

Under the suggested arrangements all expenses would be met by the State Centre, but it will be appreciated that careful thought will have to be given to this matter, especially in view of the present overtures made to the Australian National Council for the interchange of visits of representative surf life-saving teams.

This matter has been officially referred to us for consideration and approval before being considered at the Australian National Council at their annual general meeting in November and your Council considers that as a question of policy is involved that proposals should be dealt with at our own annual general meeting in September.

Information which will allow district Associations to review the matter will be circulated to allow prior consideration.

It is recorded that the Chevron group of Hotels donated a most valuable trophy for contest between the Queensland State Centre and New Zealand, and also made available five miniatures of this trophy, one of which is to be competed for at our five following National Championships, the first being allocated to the Nelson Shield Competition held at Christchurch and won by the South Brighton Club.



PLAQUE PRESENTED BY NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL TO NATIONAL COUNCIL AND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA FOR THE ADORNMENT OF "SURF HOUSE", HEADQUARTERS OF THAT ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION PLAQUE TO THE SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

It will be recalled that the Council was very pleased indeed to accept the invitation extended to us by the Australian National Council to donate a Plaque symbolic of New Zealand to the Australian Association for adornment of their new Headquarters "Surf House" Buckingham Street, Sydney.

The plaque was carried to Australia by our New Zealand team and was presented to Judge Adrian Curlewis, president of the Australian National Council, at a function extended by that Association at "Surf House", in welcome to our team.

Prior to presentation the opportunity was taken of arranging for the plaque to be photographed and a reproduction is included in this report.

LIAISON OFFICER TO AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL

We regret to record that as a result of a change of employment of Mr Barry Trotter, our Liaison Officer to the National Council, found it necessary to resign from this office and we express our appreciation for the valuable services rendered in maintaining close liaison with our sister organisation.

After careful consideration the council appointed Mr H. J. Wootton, to fill the vacancy and we feel confident that he will maintain the close link which has been established for the mutual welfare of both Associations.

ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS

It is disappointing to report that due to circumstances arising the progress made in the provision of Association Headquarters has not met with the success which was anticipated mainly due to a change of ideas on the type of construction and, of course, the matter of siting.

It will be appreciated that due to the high cost of land associated with even greater building costs, the Association must consider the construction of premises which will be revenue producing and after consideration of these factors the thoughts of your committee favoured the erection of a parking building including adequate facilities for the Association, and approaches have been made to the Wellington City Corporation for the purpose of their advice, having in mind the decisions in regard to town planning which would dictate the site of a parking block.

The council is of the opinion that all aspects of costs and construction should receive full and careful consideration with the object of ensuring that a final decision be made in favour of the most economical proposition available which would be self supporting and not call upon the movement to provide the finance necessary for the construction and servicing of National Headquarters so necessary for the future well-being of our movement.

SIR JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL RESIDUARY ESTATE

The council is indeed grateful to the Sir John Logan Campbell Residuary Estate for the cheque for the sum of £500 which was forwarded to the Association for the purchase of Lifesaving Gear and Equipment.

According to the terms of the grant the sum must be spent in the installation of equipment in the Auckland district, and accordingly a special committee was appointed with the object of allocating the sum against applications which have been called for from the Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne district Associations which all operate in the Auckland province.

W. D. and H. O. WILLS

It will be recalled that in the previous season W. D. and H. O. Wills most generously donated to the Association 12 rescue surf skis for contest in the various district Association areas, and due to difficulties in manufacture delivery was delayed and many of the district competitions were not held until the current season.

In one case the contest for the ski has been deferred until the forthcoming season.

We do appreciate the kind gesture extended to us by W. D. and H. O. Wills in donating this valuable equipment which will be in use on beaches patrolled by the surf clubs successful in the particular contests.

AUSTRALIAN PROVINCIAL ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Again we have been favoured in the receipt of two fully equipped surf lifesaving reels which were donated by the Australian Provincial Assurance Association Limited, and we would express our sincerest thanks to this company for their generous assistance which is most valued and can be traced back over a long period of years.

The Council, with the approval of the Joint General Manager, Mr G. S. Shuttleworth, allocated one reel as a trophy to go to the winning team at the Inter-District Championship Carnival which was won by the Wellington District Association, and one as a trophy for the N.Z. Senior Six Man R. and R. Championship which was won by the South Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF RESUSCITATION

During the season a meeting of this committee was held when it was recommended to the Health Department to draw up a draft constitution and rules of procedure which was considered necessary in order to place the committee on a sound basis.

It is intended that the proposals be circulated to member organisations for consideration prior to adoption.

The committee agreed that the present "handout" pamphlet depicting expired air resuscitation be withdrawn and be replaced temporarily with the main poster.

The committee condemned the use of resuscitubes in the application of expired air resuscitation due to the risks involved in the use of such apparatus by unqualified persons.

The dangers involved have been brought to attention through the medium of publicity.

THE NATIONAL WATER SAFETY COMMITTEE

The National Water Safety Committee has continued to render a valuable contribution to water safety, particularly in the sphere of radio and press advertising and also in the preparation and issue of other literature designed to draw attention to the dangers of drowning.

During the season the activities of the committee were placed on a firm basis in the adoption of a set of rules under which the membership of the committee has been clearly defined.

Under the new set-up the Association continues to be represented by two delegates, which position also applies to the other natatorial organisations, whereas the Department of Internal Affairs, Tourist and Publicity, Physical Education, Health, and N.Z. Underwater Association have one representative only.

It is considered that the operations of the committee will be considerably assisted and strengthened as a result of this action.

NATIONAL LIFESAVING WEEK

For some years past the Association has conducted a National Lifesaving Week when the efforts of District Associations and affiliated clubs are directed solely towards the education and instruction of the public in the art of rescue and resuscitation of the apparently drowned and this season the week was conducted from November 9-14 to coincide with the Water Safety Campaign launched by the National Water Safety Committee.

From reports received it would appear that although extensive programmes for the instruction of the public were arranged by certain District Associations the interest which was evinced was extremely disappointing and in view of the fact that in arranging such programmes certain financial commitments have to be entered into it is apparent that the Association will have to take a 'new look' at the question of whether the effort and work involved is justified in view of the lack of public interest.

It is to be remembered that affiliated clubs carry out lifesaving instruction throughout the season and our activities are brought before the public as a result of surf lifesaving carnivals and it is similar work carried out by the Royal Life Saving Society and the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association which has dictated the policy of those organisations against a combined approach to a National Lifesaving Week.

The fixing of dates for next season will be a matter for the attention of the annual general meeting when no doubt the future policy of the Association will likewise be reviewed.

LIFESAVING METHODS

It will be remembered that in the previous season a firm understanding was reached with the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia under which drill methods were standardised between our two Associations and it was agreed that same remain stable for a period of five years at which date consideration would be given to incorporating alterations which may receive the approval of both Associations.

Naturally this arrangement was subject to revision in the event of research revealing the necessity for alterations in the application of artificial respiration which may not fit in with our drill system.

It will be noted therefore that subject to the above provision, amendments to drill will not be considered until following the 1967-68 season, whereas under our present constitution the next instructional conference is set down to be held in 1967.

It is therefore apparent that arrangements will have to be made to fit in with the proposals agreed to at the 10th Instructional Conference.

The Annual General Meeting will have to consider the agreement to certain clarifications and alterations to wording in the current Australian Handbook which has been revealed in the light of experience gained in practicing drill methods under the current handbook, details of which will be circulated to district Associations in due course.

COMBINED R.L.S.S. N.Z. AND N.Z.S.L.S.A. BRONZE MEDALLION EXAMINATION

It will be recalled that following representations made to the Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand Council, agreement was reached in respect of a combined R.L.S.S. Bronze and Association Surf Award examination, and although the facilities of this examination are not being used to the extent anticipated we wish to point out that same are of special value to affiliated surf clubs in qualifying new members and as time proceeds we trust that clubs will take advantage of the special concessions which were made to us by our parent organisation.

During the past season the R.L.S.S. N.Z. Council has under preparation a new handbook of instruction in which certain amendments have been made to the R.L.S.S. Bronze examination, and naturally these alterations have also to be brought into effect in our combined examination.

For information purposes we set out hereunder the new conditions relating to the combined R.L.S.S. N.Z. and N.Z.S.L.S.A. Bronze Medallion Examination and would point out that candidates already holding the Bronze Medallion of the R.L.S.S. N.Z. would not be re-examined in tests 4 to 8 of this award:

The award is in two sections—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 award must pass in the following tests:

1st Section:

- 1—Expired Air Resuscitation using Ambu or Mask for two minutes.
- 2—Silvester Resuscitation for two minutes.
- 3—440 yards swim in under nine minutes.
- 4—Demonstrate on land, one method of release from the R.L.S.S., N.Z. Handbook as instructed by the examiner.
- 5—Surface dive or, when a suitable depth of water is not available, surface dive, swim 35 feet under water, recover an object and bring it to nearest landing point.
- 6—Swim by any stroke 20 yards to a patient, release from patient's grasp round neck by Neck Release No. 2, and tow the patient back to the starting point, using the Hip Carry.

- 7—Swim by any stroke 20 yards to a patient, release from the patient's grasp by Body Release No. 1, support him with hands under patient's armpits from behind for one minute within a six-foot circle, and then tow him to the starting point by Chin Carry.
- 8—Swim by any stroke 20 yards to a patient and with Tired Swimmer Carry, push the patient back to the starting point.
- 9—Oral questions on—
 - (a) Resuscitation
 - (b) Surf Rescue and Release Drill.

2nd Section:

- 10—Surf Rescue and Release Drill as required at present, except that no Expired Air Resuscitation need be done other than correctly positioning the patient.

The candidate is to be examined by two examiners. If the examination is in respect of all Tests Nos. 1 to 10, then the examiners must be examiners of the Society as well as being examiners of the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association.

The examination fee for both the R.L.S.S. N.Z. Bronze Medallion and the N.Z.S.L.S.A. Surf Medallion is payable, and, on being successful in the examination, candidates will receive both medallions.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the R.L.S.S. N.Z. Council for the co-operation extended to us during the season and regret to have to report that advice has been received to the effect that their Hon. Secretary, Mr Stewart Nicol, will not seek re-election to this office at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Society due to business reasons.

DRILL HANDBOOKS

With the object of keeping costs to a minimum the Council placed an order with the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia for the supply of both the blue instructional and red competition handbooks, and although shipments have been received during the season the quantities available were far from sufficient to permit reasonable distribution and accordingly affiliated clubs were handicapped in training under the new drill methods as adopted by the Tenth Australian Instructional Conference.

However, additional quantities have now been received and District Associations are requested to submit orders which will receive prompt attention.

Under arrangements agreed upon with the Australian National Council the present drill methods will apply for a period of five years and therefore district Associations should not be hesitant in ordering their full requirements as there will be no question of a new handbook being issued until the end of the period of agreement.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the Port Line Limited which company carried the consignments of handbooks from Australia on a free freight basis.

NEW CLUBS FORMED

One of the most pleasing features of an extremely busy year has been the formation of five new clubs and it is considered that this splendid result has been achieved through the assistance which the council has been able to extend to district Associations for the purpose of furthering our activities.

Whilst certain provisions have been included in our applications to Government for funds to foster the formation of new clubs, in the current season the extension of subsidies paid on the supply of gear and equipment has considerably reduced the moneys which could be allocated to district Associations for educational work.

Our congratulations are extended to officials of district Associations and also those who have been associated in the formation of the following new clubs:

Tolaga Bay S.L.S.C., Gisborne.
Kiwi S.L.S.C., Hawke's Bay.
Pegasus S.L.S.C., Canterbury.
Bayley's Beach S.L.S.C., Auckland.
Waikouaiti S.L.S.C., Otago.

We extend a most cordial welcome to these new clubs to our organisation and trust that in the years to come they will prosper and become worthy members of our Association.

CADET MEMBERSHIP

For some years past many clubs have fostered what has been termed a junior-junior section comprising of members under the qualifying age and the success of this scheme is apparent from the junior strength of the clubs concerned where the interest of these members has been maintained with the subsequent gaining of the surf medallion.

The recruiting of new membership has long been a problem which has troubled club officials, which position has not been helped due to our restriction in age limit of 14 years, and the fact that other organised sporting interests are making special endeavours to cater for children of school age; it is therefore obvious that many potential surf lifesavers are being lost to our cause through the attraction of other sport, whilst the Association because of this situation has not taken direct action with the object of providing for the admission of members under our qualifying age.

This matter was referred to a special committee which prepared a report in respect of the introduction of a cadet system and for a qualifying certificate with a minimum age of 12 years which was circulated for consideration by district Associations.

The council finally decided that this matter should be brought before the annual general meeting with the object of approval, in order that same can be written in our rule books to give official sanction of the organisation to incorporate cadet competitions into the sporting aspect of our activities.

BEACH PATROL DUTIES

We compliment the Auckland District Association on the action taken in adopting rules and regulations governing patrol duties and refer to the decision of the annual general meeting when similar action was commended to other district Associations with a view to standardising this all important function of our activities.

It is sincerely hoped that district Associations have acted on this recommendation and adopted a system workable in the particular area, as we consider that this is a matter which cannot receive too great an emphasis if we are to successfully carry out our self appointed task in the protection of the bathing public.

The council appointed a special committee to look into this important matter and also the appointment of beach inspectors and a report of the sub-committee was subsequently circulated which we hope was of value in examination of the question.

In response to enquiries it has been learned that in the main district Associations appointed beach inspectors to police club patrol activities, and it is hoped that following experience gained in the season just concluded it will be possible to reopen the whole subject with a view to general standardisation and adoption of rules and regulations governing patrol activities.

RESCUES

Due to the splendid weather conditions which prevailed during the summer season surf beaches were extremely popular and as a result surf clubs were required to increase patrol hours and exercise even greater vigilance in the guarding of swimmers at patrolled beaches.

It is to be expected that with the increased patronage of the natural facilities of our surf beaches that the total rescues effected during the season should rise considerably and we are proud of our record of 329 rescues which have been reported by affiliated clubs. Of this total eight persons required artificial respiration following recovery from the surf.

In addition clubs administered first aid at the beaches to 503 persons.

The following is the details of rescues effected during the season:—

With line and belt	108
Without line and belt	122
With surf ski, etc.	99
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Total	329
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AWARDS

The valuable work which has been carried out by club instructors is indicated in the fact that in the current season a total of 384 awards have been claimed, but unfortunately due to the fact that certain returns have not yet reached the council we are only able to confirm a total of 378 and action is presently being taken with a view to clarifying the discrepancy in the totals referred to above.

During the season a total of 37 Surf Instructors awards were gained which is considered very satisfactory although the figures show a slight decrease on the number gained in the previous season.

MEMBERSHIP AND GEAR

The number of clubs affiliated to the Association totals 77 and with the exception of Rarangi (Blenheim) and Tahunanui (Nelson) surf clubs, which are affiliated direct to the council, the balance are affiliated through our nine district Associations namely: Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Western Districts, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago.

The returns submitted by affiliated clubs record a reduction in the number of active and other members details of which are set out hereunder:

	1963/64	1964/65
ACTIVE	2,696	2,555
OTHER	2,696	2,955
	<u>5,942</u>	<u>5,510</u>

INSURANCE ON MEMBERS OF AFFILIATED CLUBS

Approaches have been made through Insurance Brokers on the question of a national scheme for insuring members of affiliated clubs to provide benefits in the case of accidental injuries being sustained whilst taking part in training, patrol and rescue work, travelling to and from carnivals, educational work and conferences, and it is hoped that details of a scheme will be available for submission for consideration by the annual general meeting.

Naturally the success of any scheme on a national basis would be dictated by the interest of members and it is hoped that in the event of a workable scheme being adopted that same will receive full support by affiliated clubs.

VENUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1966/67.

The 1966 National Championships will be conducted by the Taranaki District Association, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 4th, 5th and 6th March, the venue being the Oakura Beach with Ngamoutu Beach as the alternative.

The Taranaki District Association already have arrangements well in hand and although they have made ample reservations for accommodation, clubs intending to be represented are advised to make early application to that Association for the necessary accommodation required, in view of the fact that another major sporting fixture will be held over the same weekend.

The council has already received an application from the Otago District Association to conduct the 1967 National Championships which matter will be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

Applications will be accepted up to the date of that meeting.

PADDLE BOARD FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual general meeting decided that the Association should introduce paddle board freestyle championships to be judged in accordance with current international rules and accordingly your Council instituted enquiries with the object of obtaining as much information as possible in regard to the control and judging of such competitions and valuable data has been received from Australia and also the U.S.A.

However, it is apparent that in view of the fact that our national championships take a full three days to conduct it would not be possible to incorporate paddle board championships and furthermore, such events would require a venue where it was reasonable to assume that suitable surf conditions could be guaranteed which would not be the case with venues decided on for our national surf lifesaving championships.

It is hoped that in the circulation of information which has been received in regard to the conduct of paddle board freestyle championships, that district Associations will be able to conduct local carnivals with the object of gaining the experience necessary to hold these events as annual national fixtures.

TROPHIES

The policy of the Association in the acceptance of trophies for national competition was considered by the annual general meeting when the action of the council in not accepting named trophies was confirmed.

It was also agreed that a Notice of Motion be brought forward to the forthcoming annual general meeting transferring the "Norrie" trophy to the inter-district championship which will in effect cancel out the present points competition which has been conducted for this trophy in conjunction with our national championships.

It was decided to accept the donation of a trophy from the members of the "21" Club for perpetual competition and award to the winners of the N.Z. Junior Surf Teams' Race.

Based on a report on national trophies following a survey taken at the National Championships held at Muriwai, the council decided to withdraw each trophy in turn for the purpose of repairs and standardisation, and it is hoped that the council will receive the co-operation of clubs holding the trophies as many are badly in need of renovation. It is also intended to have carrying cases manufactured for each trophy which we hope will avoid future damage to our very valuable and treasured trophies.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The council extends congratulations to Mr F. H. Jackson who was elected unanimously by the Annual General Meeting to the Office of Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

Mr Jackson whose service to the Association dates back to 1924 has been actively engaged in the work of the Association continuously during which time he has acted as Hon. Treasurer for the period 1935/1942, Hon. Chief Instructor for the period 1944/55, and National President 1960/62.

Undoubtedly he has been one of our most active workers who has always been willing to give the Association the benefit of his knowledge and time in any matters which may be referred to him.

HONORARY SERVICE AWARD BLAZER

The Annual General Meeting approved of the award of the Hon. Service Blazer to K. W. Mitchell, of the Worsler Bay Club, Wellington; A. Y. Priest, of the East End Club, Taranaki; and C. O'Neill, of the North Beach Club, Canterbury.

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

NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

It will be recalled that the Council made representations to the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association on the question of suggested alterations to the amateur definition which relates to amateur status as same applies to members taking part in purely surf lifesaving competitions and we are happy to say that this organisation has signified willingness in placing forward our views to the next meeting of the F.I.N.A. and the council is presently giving further consideration to the submissions which of course must meet with the prior approval of the swimming authority.

The council acknowledges the cooperation received during the season and regrets most sincerely the advice which has been received to the effect that the Hon. Secretary of that Association, Miss Doreen Brown, will not seek re-election to office in the forthcoming season.

Officers of the Council have always held Miss Brown in the highest esteem and are aware of her keen interest in natatorial sport which has been a life-time interest. No doubt her services in an executive capacity will be greatly missed although it is re-assuring to know that Miss Brown will retain active interest at a district and club level.

The Council takes this opportunity of expressing thanks and appreciation to Miss Brown for the many favours extended to the Association during her term of office.

OBITUARY

During the season the movement suffered a severe blow in the passing of J. F. (Wilf) Moorehead a stalwart of the Taranaki Association and a great worker whose service can be traced back to the early years of our existence.

He was associated with the formation of the Fitzroy Club early in the 1920s and subsequently filled various offices in that club including President, Club Captain, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

The late Mr Moorehead rendered valuable service to the Taranaki Association over a long period of years, which included a term as Chairman and also was a keen member of the Taranaki Branch of the R.L.S.S. and N.Z.A.S.A.

He was a champion of the Ladies' Clubs and it can be stated that his enthusiasm resulted in the formation of the first ladies' section which was incorporated in the activities of the Fitzroy Club about 1925.

He was a member of the "21" Club and holder of the Association Service Award Blazer (awarded 1944). Wilf had only retired from active work in the Association during the current season after a lifetime of service and we express to his family our deepest sympathy in their heavy loss.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the fact that an important sporting fixture was to be held in Wellington on the date set down in our Constitution for the holding of our Annual General Meeting which created difficulties in the accommodation of delegates, it was decided that the meeting dates this year be advanced to the 11th September which necessitated the calling of a special general meeting to approve the alteration.

This alternation was one of expedience and accordingly Notice of Motion will come forward to the forthcoming annual general meeting to reinstate the original date set down in the constitution for the holding of our annual general meeting.

APPRECIATION

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

We also offer our thanks to the New Zealand Press and to the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for their assistance and cooperation.

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

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

The Council likewise extends appreciation for the use of clubhouse facilities for meetings by the Maranui, Island Bay and Lyall Bay Clubs, and to the ladies of the Island Bay and Wellington Ladies' Clubs for their assistance in providing afternoon teas on official occasions.

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

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

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

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS — N.Z. COUNCIL

During the year 12 meetings of the N.Z. Council were held, attendance being as follows:—

P. ANDERSON, W. D. McLAUGHRY, C. T. JONES, H. J. K. FAREY (12), J. WHISKER, W. GRIFFIN, J. D. HUNTER, Mrs. D. FITZSIMMONS (11), E. B. HUGHES, M. HAXTON (10), H. DICKSON, H. C. STODDART, K. MITCHELL, B. READMAN, W. MASON (9), D. BULL (8), G. MACE (7) appointed 11/2/65, L. TOINTON, J. CAMPBELL (6), B. DAVENPORT (5) appointed 14/1/65, A. VEANT (2), W. LIDSTONE, K. HANCOX, resigned 10/9/64 (1).

CONCLUSION

The valuable help which the movement continues to receive, particularly from the Government by medium of grants from lottery funds and the business community, is playing a most important part in the welfare of our organisation in making moneys available for the

provision of adequate facilities and gear and equipment, and is responsible for the apparent enthusiasm which is displayed at club level in majority of our district areas. This enthusiasm is reflected in club activity both in practical work and in competition, and doubtlessly will assist in attracting youth to our movement.

Our clubs have played a very important part in the education of the public in water safety and by the efforts of our beach patrols which resulted in many fine rescues being performed during the season, our prestige has reached a stage which can only be maintained by increasing effort and vigilance on the part of all interested in our movement.

We look forward with confidence to the future and appeal to all affiliated clubs to step up their efforts in the forthcoming season and maintain our proud record of achievement which is reflected in our motto—VIGILANCE—SERVICE—ENDURANCE.

FOR THE COUNCIL

W. V. GRIFFIN, President

C. T. JONES, Hon. General Secretary

N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Association

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1965.

1963/64

1964/65

We received the following income:

5000	Grant from Government	4750	0	0
25	Grant Royal Life Saving Society	25	0	0
811	Donations	146	17	6
196	National Championships	100	4	11
99	Interest	58	19	6
72	Affiliation Fees	74	11	0
135	Proceeds Sale Royal Carnival Programmes	0	0	0

6338	Therefore our total income was	5155	12	11
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From which the following expenses were deducted:

1080	Educational Expenses	346	18	9
346	Educational & Other Conferences	347	9	9
25	London Trophy Awards	25	0	0
121	General Expenses	125	2	4
235	Secretarial Expenses	250	0	0
160	Printing and Stationery	259	5	3
75	Depreciation	59	18	0
93	Awards	69	18	3
3266	Subsidies on Lifesaving and First Aid Equipment including free issues to new clubs	3172	11	0
568	Cost of gear supply including storage, cartage, freight and general costs	427	4	8

5969	Total Expenses	5083	8	0
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369	Therefore Surplus Income over Expenditure was	72	4	11
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STOCK ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30/4/65

To Stock on Hand 30/4/64	1647 10 10	By Sales	1299 2 6
To Purchases	4264 0 4	„ Loss on Sales	16 0 0
		„ Subsidies to Clubs	2967 3 8
		„ Stock on Hand 30/4/65	1629 5 0
	<u>£5911 11 2</u>		<u>£5911 11 2</u>
„ Stock on Hand	1629 5 0		

OVERSEAS TOURS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30/4/65

26 To Cost 1964/65 Australian Tour	1919 12 8	By Balance 30/4/64	2255 11 4
„ Balance 30/4/65	589 6 1	„ Levies on Clubs	190 16 0
		„ Interest	62 11 5
	<u>£2508 18 9</u>		<u>£2508 18 9</u>
		By Balance	£589 6 1

EDEN HOUSE BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30/4/65

To Balance 30/4/65	3126 10 2	By Balance 30/4/64	3030 11 2
		„ Donations	5 4 0
		„ Interest	90 15 0
	<u>£3126 10 2</u>		<u>£3126 10 2</u>
		By Balance 30/4/65	£3126 10 2

N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Association

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1965.

ASSETS

1964			1965
	Fixed Assets		
16	Furniture, plus purchase, less depreciation	28 0 0	
60	Gestetner, less depreciation	54 0 0	
200	Typewriter, less depreciation	180 0 0	
5	Starting Gun	5 0 0	
30	Stop Watches, less depreciation	25 0 0	
130	Trophies, less depreciation	110 0 0	
20	Gudsell Trophy, less depreciation	18 0 0	
461			420 0 0
	Trust Accounts		
3031	P.O.S.B. Building Fund Account	3126 10 2	
2255	P.O.S.B. Overseas Tours Account	1058 18 9	
			4185 8 11
	Current Assets		
1273	Sundry Debtors	444 3 0	
1648	Stock of Gear	1629 5 0	
324	Stock of Ambu Manakins	282 0 0	
30	Stock of Blazer Pockets	50 14 0	
163	Stock of Medallions	178 2 0	
—	Stocks of Handbooks	112 19 4	
1200	Provision for Gear ordered	1200 0 0	
35	Current A/c. Nat. Bank of N.Z.	483 8 11	
149	Current A/c. Nat. Bank of Aust.	740 3 6	
			5120 15 9
10569	Total Assets		9726 4 8

LIABILITIES

	Current Liabilities		
5	Sundry Creditor—Australian Surf Association	160 0 0	
—	Sir John Campbell Logan Trust Monies	500 0 0	
			660 0 0
	Special Funds		
2255	Overseas Tours Account	589 6 1	
3031	Building Fund A/c. (Eden House)	3126 10 2	
			3715 16 3
	Accumulated Funds		
4909	Balance as at 30/4/64	5278 3 6	
369	Add excess of income over expenditure	72 4 11	
5278			5350 8 5
10569			9726 4 8

W. MASON, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Treasurer.

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 a true and fair position of the Association's affairs.

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

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION REGISTRAR AND ADJUDICATOR ON LONDON TROPHY 1964-65.

With regret I have to report that while the annual returns from Clubs have been excellent, in quite a large number of cases the Awards claimed do not agree with the Examination forms received from several of the District Associations and it has been necessary to write those Associations to have the situation clarified. There are some eighty awards in dispute and until this situation is cleared up the winner of the Royal Life Saving Society's "London Trophy" cannot be ascertained.

Despite this disturbing situation an examination of statistical table will show that an excellent year for the issue of "Surf Awards" has taken place. It is grand to think that over the last four or five years we have placed on our beaches annually some four hundred qualified life-savers. Yet our target should be higher.

As to the Gudsell Trophy for the Club gaining the highest number of "Surf Awards." Here we see that North Piha and Lyall Bay have each obtained eighteen "surfs" and subject to confirmation they will hold the trophy jointly. Other Clubs that have done well are Palmerston North (15), Waimari (14), Waikanae (12), and St. Kilda (12).

While this section of the report is made in my capacity as Registrar and Adjudicator I wish to take this opportunity as Chairman of the Council to express a word of thanks and appreciation to three "old timers" who each with over twenty years service on the Council have or will be retiring this year, namely W. V. Griffin (our present President), H. D. Dickson and J. Whisker. The word of appreciation is on behalf of the movement as a whole for they have earned our respect and gratitude for their wise counsel in the executive affairs of the Association quite apart from their active participation in the conducting of active life saving in so many capacities. My own thanks is to them personally for the way they have supported and encouraged me to offset the many deficiencies I have as your Chairman. Many thanks to Bill, Harry and John and may they still enjoy many years of continuing co-operation with us in this grand humanitarian movement.

J. D. HUNTER.

	Rescues		Other Gear	Resus- citation	First Aid	Bronze	Surf	Instructors	Active Members		Gear Value
	With Line	Without Line									
AUCKLAND—											
Eastern United	—	—	—	—	1	9	10	2	38	48	625
Kare Kare	3	10	8	—	5	—	2	—	28	10	234
Mairangi Bay	—	—	—	—	12	3	5	1	25	31	150
Moananui Ladies'	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mangawhia Heads	3	—	—	2	8	—	6	—	34	2	95
Muriwai	2	1	1	—	27	9	10	—	53	151	800
North Piha	7	—	—	—	2	18	18	4	44	81	176
Piha	2	30	53	—	17	13	13	1	52	188	460
Orewa	1	—	1	—	—	5	5	5	30	3	330
Ngaranui	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Port Waikato	1	1	4	—	14	—	8	1	58	185	97
Red Beach	—	—	—	—	12	4	6	1	39	10	280
Ruakaka	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	27	20	310
Waipu Cove	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	9	230
Waitemata Ladies'	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	8	2	60
BAY OF PLENTY—											
Maketu	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	1	12	36	145
Mt. Maunganui	—	—	2	2	10	—	—	—	24	48	170
Omanu Pacific	10	3	2	—	8	—	—	—	25	4	150
Waihi	—	—	—	—	20	6	5	—	28	5	500
Whangamata	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	99	600
Whakatane	2	3	—	—	—	12	7	1	37	8	379
GISBORNE EAST COAST—											
Gisborne Ladies'	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22	150
Midway	—	—	—	—	21	9	—	—	22	16	520
Tolaga Bay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	9	20
Waikanāe	1	2	—	—	—	7	12	1	35	2	300
Wainui	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	20	250

Clifton	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	120
Kiwi	—	—	—	—	—	6	8	—	32	250
Pacific	—	6	—	—	—	2	5	—	4	150
Waimarama	—	1	—	—	3	3	7	—	30	500
Wairoa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	50
Westshore	2	2	—	1	26	6	7	2	44	390

East End	—	—	—	—	—	8	11	—	39	92	450
Fitzroy	5	10	—	—	—	16	6	—	29	107	380
N.P. Old Boys'	4	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	25	—	600
Ohawe	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	14	19	100
Opunake	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	171	375
Patea	—	1	—	—	2	2	2	—	11	7	100
Wai-Iti	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	5	25	110
Waitara	—	—	—	—	5	10	10	—	14	2	100

Castlecliff	2	—	8	—	5	9	11	1	72	128	1400
Castlecliff Ladies'	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	8	5	70
Foxton	6	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	19	40	230
Levin-Waitarere	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	16	10	175
Otaki	1	2	—	—	2	10	10	1	26	95	320
Palmerston North	3	5	1	1	—	15	15	—	43	36	943

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WELLINGTON—

Island Bay	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	—	30	30	194
Lyall Bay	—	2	—	—	10	11	18	2	135	44	1100
Maranui	—	—	—	—	11	9	11	2	84	45	950
Paekakariki	2	3	—	—	12	8	4	—	44	57	350
Titahi Bay Ladies'	—	1	—	—	4	2	2	—	15	42	200
Titahi Bay	1	6	6	2	146	18	11	1	57	86	405
Scorching Bay	—	—	1	—	2	8	3	—	24	16	100
Wellington Ladies'	—	—	—	—	16	—	1	—	26	4	225
Riversdale	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	18	30	100
Worser Bay	1	2	—	—	17	2	8	1	63	100	300
Raumati	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	12	—	160

CANTERBURY—

Central Brighton Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	12	9	25
Kotuku	—	—	—	—	12	—	7	—	17	5	150
31 New Brighton	1	1	1	—	6	2	6	—	146	124	900
North Beach	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	40	500
Pegasus	—	6	2	—	—	10	9	—	32	—	160
South Brighton	—	—	—	—	—	3	8	—	61	2	500
Sumner	—	4	2	—	10	7	—	—	179	28	298
Taylor's Mistake	40	10	1	—	—	—	9	1	20	390	650
Waimairi	—	1	—	—	10	10	14	1	106	70	800

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS—

Rarangi	No return.										
Tahunanui	—	—	6	—	12	—	3	1	34	6	100

Totals	108	122	99	8	503	318	384	37	2555	2955	£23048
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GEAR REPORT, 1964-65

The supply of Lifesaving gear has been maintained during the year and covered most requirements.

The supplying of some No. 4 Ross belts was delayed until later in the season due to a holdup in the purchasing of brass for the neck strap buckles. This was caused by the Mt. Isa mine strike and the shortage of brass. The buckles were procured in late March, and the remaining belts were delivered soon after.

Belts: Last year at the Annual General Meeting the Council adopted the Angle type pin for all safety belts. The diameter of the pin has been increased from 1/16in. to 1/8in. Angling the pin enables it to be withdrawn and reassembled easily. The neck strap has been lengthened.

Attention is again drawn to the old hardy annual at the Nationals, of the importance of cleanliness with the Ross belts. Proper functioning can be effected if the safety device is not kept free from verdigris, dirt and sand. As with the parachute—the belt's efficiency involves a regular check before use. A life may depend on the working order of the safety release, and it is up to the user to see that this is in working order before it is used.

Ross belts are worn in a much lower position by the swimmer now than that of a few years ago. With the belt around the hips rather than the waist, the rescuer finds breathing easier and the belt more comfortable. Neck straps are made longer to allow for this change of position, and it is this that led to the adoption of the angle pins which is now placed at a more natural slant for easy, quick withdrawal. Ninety-six No. 4 and forty-five No. 5 Ross belts were delivered during the season.

Lines: Fifty-five 3/4in. and fifty-eight 1/2in. lines were delivered this season. Of these four were waxed during manufacture and sent out for trials. These met with varied views and the clubs felt they would prefer to wax the lines themselves. At the Nationals this year ninety-eight per cent. of the lines were waxed. I must again remind clubs of the need to remove the lines from the drums at intervals. They should be thoroughly dried and replaced on the drum in reversed position. The reversing of the line prevents chafing where it passes through the "D" on the Ross belt. Lines are made from the highest grade cotton and with reasonable care, will give excellent service. Should a wet line be left on a drum over a long period the dampness can result in mildew or damage to the line on the inner coils.

Reels: It is important that clubs with more than one reel have them clearly numbered for identification purposes.

If clubs have developed the habit of dipping the whole reel in the sea to remove sand and grit it must be remembered it is essential to hose it down after with fresh water. Removal of the lines from the reel drum, at periods, is most important. The line should be dried before replacing, particularly if the full length of the line has been used and is wet. This prevents damage to the drum battens caused by line shrinkage while drying.

Thirty-nine reels were delivered during the season.

Increased Cost of Equipment: The Association has been faced with rising costs of gear and equipment. The rise shows an increase of approximately thirty per cent. over the last ten years. Your committee has endeavoured to keep the costs down as low as possible. In particular, reels, lines and belts are the items effected.

During the year the subsidies on some important gear items have been altered and a reference to these will be found in the Treasurer's report.

Boats: The Australian specifications for surf boats can be found in the Brown Handbook with ammendments adopted for New Zealand conditions. The life jacket has been improved by greater floatation ability. Registration forms have been circulated to all District Associations. All boats must be registered and forms returned to the Council. This has not yet been done.

Shark Alarms: Although some districts have suggested an electric siren for shark alarms, the N.Z.S.L.S.A. feel that the hand bell or a mobile siren is more satisfactory. The main reasons for this area:—(a) Not effected by power cuts; (b) not effected by sand or by salt corrosion (as in sirens); (c) can be carried on to beach to control tower or enclosure; (d) no need to run to clubhouse from patrol point to switch-on a siren, thus saving time.

Gear Report Forms: Gear inspection forms are required from all clubs each year. Clubs who are not forwarding these returns are requested to make a point of forwarding these forms at the completion of the inspection, as they are required by the N.Z. Council.

M. HAXTON, Gear Inspector.

STOCK OF GEAR, 30.4.65.

14 Standard Reels	595	0	0
23 ½ in. Lines	339	5	0
12 ½ in. Lines	87	0	0
5 No. 4 Belts	15	0	0
9 No. 5 Belts	27	0	0
11 Portable Reels	165	0	0
3 Boxline Outfits	18	0	0
21 Boat Belts	73	10	0
192 Patrol Hats	72	0	0
25 Large Patrol Flags	50	0	0
22 Small Patrol Flags	27	10	0
46 Danger Alarm Flags	62	0	0
18 Signal Flags	26	0	0
N.Z. Council Ski and Paddle	36	0	0
N.Z. Council Board and Paddle	36	0	0

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REPORT OF HON. CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

The 1964-65 season was indeed a very busy one for district associations and clubs for as well as carrying out our very necessary beach patrols, it was also necessary to implement new drill procedures and judging deduction schedules for R & R competition. Prior to the commencement of the season visits were made to most district associations to assist with interpretation of the new procedures. Expressions of thanks are extended to the S.L.A.A. of Australia who made available to us supplies of both competition and instructional handbooks.

New plates to cover errors in the handbooks are presently being processed in Australia and should be available before the commencement of the coming season.

District associations who have successfully established new clubs in their areas are to be commended for furthering the aims and objects of our association.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1964-65 Championships were conducted at New Brighton Beach, Christchurch.

The preparation of their competition area and facilities for competitors and officials were a credit to the organising committee.

It was pleasing to note a very uniform standard of drill by all competing teams and reflected credit on both instructors and team members.

The official results booklet produced by the Championship Committee and available shortly after the concluding event, was much appreciated by both officials and competitors and sincere thanks is extended to those responsible.

JUDGES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointments of judges for both Inter-District and National Championship Carnivals were made by the committee.

Two judges per team were appointed for the Inter-District Carnival and three judges per team at the National Championships.

It is most pleasing to report that considerable improvement is shown in respect to out of step judging. It is considered that the new deduction schedule and the six section judging system has helped considerably in this respect.

APPRECIATION

Expressions of sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all officers and members of the New Zealand Council, Hon. Secretary and all members of the Judges' Advisory for their ready help and co-operation during the past season.

To Mr Ken Watson, M.B.E. Hon. National Secretary, and Mr Bob Brydon, Hon. Chief Superintendent of the S.L.S.A. of Australia, are extended my sincere thanks and appreciation for their considerable help and assistance in so many ways.

H. FAREY (Hon. Chief Instructor)

REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE SAVING TEAM TO AUSTRALIA, DEC. 1964 / JAN. 1965.

The N.Z. Surf Life Saving Association's Representative Tour of Australia included visits to the States of Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria, and commenced in Brisbane on the 16th December, 1964, concluding in Melbourne on the 12th January, 1965.

The National Council of the L.S.A. of Australia and the State Centres of Queensland, N.S.W., South Australia and Victoria had all made excellent and detailed arrangements for all aspects of the tour. Everywhere the team travelled the most cordial and warmest of welcomes was received, with hospitality of outstanding quality being showered upon us.

Surf Carnivals were arranged by State centres with competition against State and Branch teams. All carnivals were extremely well organised, efficiently controlled and well patronised by the public.

Team members assembled in Wellington on 12th December, 1964. Team training, outfitting, official farewell function and other essential formalities occupied our time until the day of departure.

Farewell functions were accorded the team by the Minister of Internal Affairs on behalf of the Government at Parliament House, and by the President and National Council of the N.Z.L.S.A. Both these functions were much appreciated and enjoyed by all team members.

We departed for Brisbane, via Sydney, at 9 a.m. on the 16th December, 1964, from Wellington Airport, by TEAL aircraft. It was, indeed, both pleasing and encouraging to be farewelled by so many Members of National Council, friends and our families.

Our flight to Sydney was most pleasant. During the flight, team members were shown over the flight deck by the aircraft Captain. This was appreciated by us all.

Mr. Ken Watson, M.B.E., Hon. Secretary National Council S.L.S.A. of Australia, extended a warm welcome to us at Sydney Airport, on behalf of the President and Members of the National Council of the S.L.S.A. of Australia. Mr. Watson, in his usual efficient manner, had all formalities taken care of, and had also prepared for each team member a wealth of surfing literature. Included were competition handbooks and tour itineraries. His actions and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated by all team members.

Shortly after an enjoyable luncheon, we boarded our Ansett A.N.A. 727 Jet Airliner for Brisbane, Queensland.

Arrangements by the Queensland State Centre for aspects of the tour were excellent in every way, and insured our interests were well looked after.

A warm and most cordial welcome was extended to us by Mr. J. Winders (President), and officers of the Queensland State Centre, upon our arrival in Brisbane. Following a session of Press, Radio and T.V. interviews, we were tendered an informal reception in the Airport Lounge—a most enjoyable function—after which we motored to Surfers' Paradise.

Accommodation during our stay in Queensland was at the Surfers' Paradise Club House. What wonderful hosts the officers and members of this Club were! The help given us in so many ways will always be remembered with gratitude. Hospitality of the Club, from arrival until the farewell barbecue, was overwhelming to say the least.

During our stay in Queensland, two Holden Station Wagons were placed at our disposal by a Brisbane Motor Company, with the fuel being supplied by courtesy of B.P. Aust., Ltd. These generous gestures were greatly appreciated.

Our first days were fully occupied preparing gear, training in preparation for the coming Surf Carnivals, as well as attending Civic receptions tendered us by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane and the Mayor of the Gold Coast. Both these functions were most pleasant and enjoyable.

Two carnivals were held at Surfers' Paradise Beach, the first being a Board Boat and Ski carnival in conjunction with a 4-man R. & R. competition. Our board and ski rider, Don Dalton, competed in various events, and two teams were entered in the 4-man R. & R. event. Our teams put up very good performances in their heats to record under 2 point-deductions. Excellent performances by the Queensland team in the final gave them a well-merited win.

The second and major carnival in Queensland was held on Sunday, 20th December, 1964, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel Smith, and Lady Abel Smith.

Following the March Past, the Queensland and the N.Z. teams were presented to His Excellency and the Premier of Queensland, Mr F. Nicklin. The presentation of medals at the conclusion of the carnival was made by His Excellency.

The N.Z. team's performance in their first major carnival was most satisfactory, and augured well for coming carnivals. The highlight of the carnival, from New Zealand's point of view, was the excellent swim by Reg. Harker to win the Senior Beltman's event from Peter Rigby, of Queensland, the Australian Beltman's title holder. The carnival was excellently run, and a wonderfully friendly atmosphere between competing teams was a notable feature.

The remaining days of our stay in Queensland were occupied with morning training and afternoon—and evening—visiting to various beaches and places of entertainment on the Gold Coast.

Our Liaison Officer, Mr. Kevin Thompson, did a wonderful job of looking after our interests and ensuring that our stay was a most enjoyable experience.

On our final evening, a farewell barbecue was arranged by our hosts, the Surfers' Paradise Club. This was, indeed, a most enjoyable evening. During the function, the President of Surfers' Paradise, Mr. Charles Walsh, presented to each team member a suitably inscribed Bamboo Beer Mug, and an ice bucket to the writer. This generous gesture was greatly appreciated by us all.

Wednesday, 23rd December, saw us preparing for our departure from Coolangatta to Sydney. Mr. J. Winders, President, State Centre Officials, Surfers' Paradise Club members and friends journeyed to Coolangatta Airport to bid us farewell. With some reluctance we boarded our aircraft for Sydney, and so ended a most enjoyable stay in Queensland and the Gold Coast amongst so many wonderful friends.

Arrangements made for the New South Wales Section of our tour were well organised by the State Centre. Carnivals were arranged against Branch teams at Whale Beach, Sydney, and against the Newcastle Branch team at Caves Beach, Newcastle District.

On arrival at Sydney Airport, the afternoon of 23rd December, we were met by Deputy President, Mr. Con. Assmusson, and Officers of the N.S.W. State Centre, and transported to a Manly Hotel, where we were accommodated during our stay in Sydney. The Official

welcome given our team at the Manly Warringah League's Club by the New South Wales State Centre was a most enjoyable function. A cordial and warm welcome was extended by Deputy President, Mr. Con. Assmusson on behalf of Mr. Tom. Meagher, O.B.E., President, who was prevented from being present by business commitments, and the New South Wales State Centre. Mr. Alan Fitzgerald, President of the Manly Warringah Branch, in whose area we were accommodated, supported Mr. Assmusson in his welcome.

Visits to beaches in the Manly Warringah area, with training at Whale Beach, after which we were entertained by the Whale Beach Club during the afternoon and were guests of the Manly Warringah League's Club in the evening, made Christmas Eve even more enjoyable.

Due to a misunderstanding, no firm arrangements were made for Christmas Day, and it was a rather subdued team who sat at Christmas dinner in a Manly Restaurant, with thoughts of families and friends in New Zealand.

As guests of the Sydney Branch on Boxing Day we spent a most enjoyable day with the wonderful hospitality extended us by this Branch, Cronulla S.L.S. Club, and Mr. Forshawe, at whose home we spent a wonderful afternoon, enjoyed by us all in grand company. Mr. A. Loton, President of the Sydney Branch, made presentations of souvenir beer mugs to team members. This action was much appreciated by us all.

The Carnival at Whale Beach was well organised and conducted. Our team gave a satisfactory performance in all events, and was now forming into a good, solid team. The Illawarra Branch team scored a well merited win on the points score basis. It was at this carnival that Reg. Harker suffered his only defeat of the tour in Beltman's races. It was unfortunate that he swam off course when leading comfortably. Presentation of Medals to the Illawarra team and the New Zealand team was made by Judge A. Curlewis, National President, at the conclusion of the Carnival, and Mr. T. Meagher, State President, presented Pictorial Books of Sydney to team members.

We left Manly early on the morning of 28th December, with Officers and members of the Newcastle Branch team, by car, and proceeded to Caves Beach, Newcastle, for an afternoon Carnival. Our team gave a very good performance at this carnival, scoring wins in the Senior and Junior Belt races, Senior R. & R., Beach Relay and Junior individual surf race. This was a most enjoyable carnival, being well conducted and organised.

During the evening we were royally entertained by the Newcastle Branch and West League's Club, Newcastle. The hospitality extended to our team while in Newcastle was outstanding and enjoyed by us all.

Our stay in Newcastle seemed all too short as we said our farewells and entrained for our return to Sydney after lunch on 29th December.

On our last evening in Sydney we were the guests of National Council S.L.S.A. of Australia at "Surf House," to be officially welcomed by National President, Judge A. Curlewis. This function was also the opportunity to farewell Judge and Mrs. Curlewis, who were shortly travelling overseas.

This function was indeed most pleasant. The warmest and most cordial of welcomes was extended to us by Judge Curlewis. It was the writer's privilege to present to National Council S.L.S.A. of Australia on behalf of the N.Z.S.L.S.A., the New Zealand Plaque

for inclusion in the furnishings of "Surf House." In accepting the Plaque on behalf of his Association Judge Curlew expressed sincere appreciation of New Zealand's gesture. Presentations were made to team members by the National Council of S.L.S.A. of Australia. This generous gesture was appreciated by team members.

At 9.30 a.m., 30th December, we were farewelled by Officers of National Council and the N.S.W. State Centre at Sydney Airport, where we boarded our aircraft for Adelaide.

Liaison Officer during our N.S.W. tour was Mr. Bruce Brewin, who did a wonderful job of looking after our interests, and helped us in so many ways, insuring that our visit to N.S. Wales was most enjoyable.

The itinerary arrangements made by the South Australian State Centre insured that our visit to that State was a most enjoyable one.

We were met on arrival in Adelaide by State President and Officers of the South Australian State Centre, and then transported to our accommodation at State Centre Headquarters, Henly. We were officially welcomed by President Mr. D. J. Newlands, O.B.E., at a most enjoyable smorgasbord tea. This function gave us the opportunity of meeting representatives of all South Australian Clubs.

The following two days included team training and visits to various beaches in the Adelaide area, and attending an enjoyable New Year's Eve Party at the Semaphore S.L.S. Club.

We travelled to Port Elliott on the morning of the 2nd January, and several members of the team took part in the Malibu Board Riding Carnival. The opportunity was taken to study the judging system for this type of contest.

The All Day Surf Carnival held at Boomer Beach on 3rd January was well conducted and enjoyed by all. Our R. & R. team gave another good performance to win this event, while Reg. Harker again was successful in the Senior Beltman's. Our Junior Beltman, Greg. Allnutt, had the misfortune to have his line snag when a clear leader. All events were keenly contested and many exciting contests were witnessed.

The following day we enjoyed a tour by boat of the Murray River mouth, and surrounding areas, with some of the lads trying out water skiing, both successfully and unsuccessfully. Barbecue luncheon and buffet tea at the home of the Port Elliott Club President, and an enjoyable surf boat session at Port Elliott were voted by team members as being most enjoyable and relaxing with outstanding hospitality being extended to us.

And so to our final day in South Australia. A visit through Penfold's Winery proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable experience.

A farewell function was arranged for our final evening at West Beach Club House. Many surfing films were shown by Mr. Alan Kennedy, State Superintendant. These covered the 1956 International Carnival at Torquay, Victoria. Our arrival in Adelaide and team training and competitions at Boomer Beach, as well as Australian Championships and many excellent board riding shots.

In bidding us farewell, State President, Mr. D. J. Newlands, presented us with a wonderful trophy to commemorate our contest with South Australia.

Mr. Fred Green, our liaison officer, was outstanding. He seemed to sense when we wanted to relax and really became a member of the team.

We were up early on the morning of our departure for Melbourne, 7.15 a.m., 6th January, and again we left behind us many grand people who did so much to make our stay in South Australia so enjoyable.

Once again excellent arrangements had been made for all aspects of our visit to Victoria by the State Centre, named by the team as the Publicity State, for here we received astounding publicity per medium of many T.V. appearances, radio interviews and excellent press coverage.

Officers of the State Centre welcomed us at the airport and transported us to our motel in Melbourne. That evening we were tendered an official welcome and dinner at State Centre Headquarters. Once again a warm and cordial welcome was extended to us by President M. W. Walker. This function gave us the opportunity of meeting the representatives of all clubs in Victoria under very pleasant circumstances. During our stay in Victoria, two Volkswagen Kombi Station Wagons were made available to our team by courtesy of Volkswagen Motors Australia Ltd., and we were very appreciative of their generosity.

Following a training session at the Olympic Pool in Melbourne on the second day, we travelled to Point Lonsdale some seventy miles out of Melbourne where we were accommodated with the Point Lonsdale S.L.S. Club, who were our hosts until the day prior to our departure for home. Officers and members of this club extended to us wonderful hospitality and friendship, and our stay with them was a very pleasant experience.

A day spent aboard the Melbourne Pilot Ship as guests of the Captain and crew, arranged by the Mayor of Queenscliff, proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable experience.

Two excellent Carnivals were held during our Victorian tour. The first being held at Ocean Grove Beach and was contested against State teams of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. While the second was contested against Club teams at Point Lonsdale Beach. Our team performed exceedingly well. Reg. Harker again showed his outstanding ability as a Belt Race swimmer while Glen Sutton and Mike Harvey performing well in the surf races and R. & R. team turning in winning performances.

With our tour swiftly drawing to a close we said farewell to many good friends at Point Lonsdale and returned to Melbourne for our final evening.

It was our pleasure to entertain Officers of the Victorian State Centre at dinner and say a big thank you for all the wonderful hospitality extended to us during our all-too-brief visit.

On the 12th January we said farewell to Australia at Melbourne Airport where many wonderful friends had gathered to wish us a safe return to New Zealand and home. Our minds went back to the start of our tour four weeks previously and the wonderful hospitality and friendship, we had enjoyed during our memorable tour of Australia.

Our Liaison Officer, Mr. Dave Gordon, proved himself a grand friend and looked after our interests in every possible way, and like our other Liaison Officer during the tour became a member of our team.

It is desired to make a number of general comments in respect to our tour.

All Carnivals were contested in the most friendly spirit imaginable with outstanding sportsmanship at all times. It is considered that our team was able to compare most favourably with Australian teams and competitive in Beltman's races both Senior and Junior, Junior surf races, R. & R. events. In Senior surf races there is a greater depth of ability in Australian competitors only Mike Harvey and Reg. Harker would compare favourably. The outstanding ability of Australian Ski and Board riders as well as beach events exponents was most notable. New Zealand competitors in these events would have to improve considerably to approach the required standard.

Many fine compliments were paid our team in respect to their sportsmanship, bearing, dress and behaviour during the tour. My job of team manager was made easy by all team members who acted in a most fitting manner at all times during our tour and proved to be the best possible ambassadors of New Zealand and the surf movement.

To our Hosts, the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, and the State Centres visited, sincere appreciation and thanks are extended for a most memorable experience.

Signed: KEN FAREY,
Manager - Coach.

REPORT OF HON. PUBLICITY OFFICER

In presenting my report I feel that presenting a picture of Surf Life Saving to the public is a continual battle.

Many associations have been very co-operative in sending forward their minutes of meetings which help to tie up loose ends and gives one a picture of what is happening throughout the country.

However, as mentioned in last year's report, I feel that the greatest value in the publicity is on a district basis.

It has been my pleasure to have been able to persuade the Sports Digest editorial staff that Surf Life Saving has more than passing news value and to this extent several articles have appeared in their publications earlier this year.

Last summer, in order to try to get more news about the New Zealand team in Australia, I visited that country under my "own steam" and as the fully accredited representative of the New Zealand Press Association.

While some news did get home to New Zealand (and although it was limited we in this country fared better than some of the Australian States who got none) I feel that in this capacity I was rather a "loner." Consequently news other than that of actual carnivals was extremely hard to come by.

I would suggest that on future tours to and from this country that every facility be given to fully accredited Press representatives irrespective of whether they are Surf Club members or not.

There is precedent for this in other sports and we as a sporting organisation which provides a public service should be to the fore. In passing I must add that in my opinion the Enzed press does give a service which compares more than favourably with Australia.

While the daily Press is regarded as the main media of publicity, radio and television also play their part and I feel that these are fields to be further explored. Water safety talks on children's sessions on T.V. have been of value and judging from occasional comments in other parts of New Zealand have been of value.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have helped and I feel that enthusiasm for the job and a knack of taking knock-backs in his stride are a P.O.s. greatest attributes.

LINDSAY TOINTON, Publicity Officer.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1965.

The 1965 National Surf Lifesaving Championships were conducted by the Canterbury District Association, the venue being New Brighton Beach with Hayes Bay as the alternative.

The fixture was held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 19th, 20th and 21st February, but unfortunately the conditions experienced were rather disappointing with choppy surf and most unseasonable weather.

However, the success of the carnival was a tribute to the excellent work which had been accomplished by the Canterbury Association to ensure the smooth running of the fixture. Officials and competitors were most appreciative of the excellent arrangements which had been made for the competitors and entertainment of the visitors.

A full programme of events was contested which necessitated long hours on the beach by carnival officials and the satisfactory conclusion of the carnival was in itself a tribute to their efficiency.

The events were conducted in two separate arenas with high and low water sets of swimming buoys.

We were very pleased indeed to be able to welcome to our National Championships, the Hon. P. B. Allen, M.P., deputising for the Minister of Internal Affairs; Mr R. M. MacFarlane, Mayor of Christchurch, and other local dignitaries, and would particularly express our appreciation to the many business houses which assisted the Canterbury Association in providing the equipment and entertainment for officials and competitors.

The council extends to the winners of the various events, both individual and teams, our sincere congratulations.

The following clubs were represented with entries:—

Senior and Junior:

Castlecliff
East End
Eastern United
Fitzroy
Island Bay
Kako Point
Kare Kare
Kiwi
Kotuku
Levin-Waitarere
Lyllal Bay
Mairangi Bay
Maranui
Muriwai
New Brighton
New Plymouth Old Boys
North Beach
North Piha
Opunake
Oreti
Otaki
Paekakariki
Piha
Rarangi
Red Beach
Ruakaka
St. Clair
St. Kilda
South Brighton

Sumner
Tahunanui
Taramea Bay
Taylors Mistake
Titahi Bay
Waihi
Waikanae
Waimarama
Waimairi
Westshore
Whangamata
Worser Bay

Ladies:

Castlecliff
Central Brighton
Fitzroy
Island Bay
Kaka Point
Moana Rua
New Plymouth Old Boys
North Beach
Paekakariki
Scorching Bay
South Brighton
Sumner
Taylors Mistake
Titahi Bay
Waimairi
Wellington Ladies
Westshore

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

Heat 1:

1st, Worser Bay 2 (Billing, Trentham, Perkinson, Arnold, Christie, Dickie). Total 7.60.

2nd, Waikanae B (McClan, Scandrett, Bean, Cairns, Jones, Watt). Total 7.82.

3rd, South Brighton B (Johnson, Gurr, Richard, Fielding, Allen, Peters). Total 9.96.

Heat 2:

1st, Lyall Bay A (Symonds, Griffin, Blakeley, Picket, Mace, Harvey). Total 8.20.

2nd, St. Clair (Cousins, Jordon, Banks, Clark, Olds, Scott). Total 9.04.

3rd, Fitzroy (Davis, Johns, Johnstone, Walsh, Parker, Webster). Total 10.98.

Heat 3:

1st, South Brighton (K. Lanyon, A. Lee, J. Campbell, P. Ross, A. Hunter, K. O'Keefe). Total 7.80.

2nd, Eastern United B (M. Kay, N. Corbett, L. Kay, T. Gelbard, R. Busing, K. R. Crocker). Total 8.04.

3rd, New Brighton A (G. Dann, G. Williamson, T. Allan, K. Chamberlain, M. Scott, N. Chamberlain). Total 8.40.

Heat 4:

1st, Waikanae A (Adams, McLean, Gregory, Turnbull, B. McLean, Thompson). Total 5.60.

2nd, North Beach (McKenzie, Dalton, McKinley, Anderson, MacTash, Cutting). Total 7.20.

3rd, Muriwai A (Tateman, Thomas, McCrystal, Thomas, Weston, Young). Total 10.78.

Final:

South Brighton A (Hunter, O'Keefe, Lee, Ross, Lanyon, Campbell). Total 7.20.

2nd, Lyall Bay A (Symonds, Mace, Picket, Griffen, Harvey, Blakeley). Total 7.24.

3rd, New Brighton A (Dann, K. Chamberlain, Allen, N. Chamberlain, Scott, Wiliamson). Total 7.90.

N.Z. SENIOR FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Eastern United (N. Kay, J. Sneyd, B. Phillips, I. Given). Total 3.00.

2nd, Maranaui (R. O'Malley, B. Crowder, M. Haxton, K. Mark). Total 3.94.

3rd, Lyall Bay (K. Purchas, C. Blakeley, G. Mace, J. Griffen). Total 4.10.

Heat 2:

1st, Taylors Mistake (W. Gilchrist, G. LeCren, J. Stead, B. Turpin). Total 4.24.

2nd, North Beach (D. Cutting, L. McIntosh, G. McKenzie, S. McKinlay). Total 4.68.

3rd, St. Clair (J. Clark, M. Jordon, I. Cousins, B. Scott). Total 5.42.

Heat 3:

1st, Waikanae (R. McLean, B. Adams, G. Thompson, P. Gregory). Total 3.00.

2nd, Muriwai (J. Weston, M. Sinclair, J. Bertenshaw, J. Thomas). Total 4.12.

3rd, South Brighton (T. O'Keefe, P. Ross, J. A. Johnston, C. J. Gurr). Total 4.58.

Heat 4:

1st, Worser Bay (G. Dickey, C. Billing, R. Ransom, P. Perkinson). Total 4.20.

2nd, North Piha (T. Wooster, W. Robertson, G. Morrissey, R. Ballard). Total 4.92.

3rd, Waihi (D. Harris, D. Butler, D. Lindsay, R. Wilson). Total 6.54.

Heat 5:

1st, East End (D. Emmitt, T. Corkin, D. Hale, R. Wildermoth). Total 3.80.

2nd, Waimairi (D. Staples, T. Gaskell, D. Bull, I. Greig). Total 4.44.

3rd, Titahi Bay (B. Bibby, R. Rountree, R. Quad, G. Browne). Total 7.46.

Final:

1st, Eastern United (N. Kay, J. Sneyd, I. Given, B. Phillips). Total 2.80.

2nd, Maranui (K. O'Malley, B. Crowder, M. Huxton, K. Mark). Total 3.24.

3rd, Worser Bay (G. Dickie, C. Billing, P. Ramson, P. Perkinson). Total 3.26.

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

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

2nd, East End (T. Corkin).

3rd, Kotuku A (K. Dixon).

Heat 5:

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

2nd, East. United B (J. Jenkins).

3rd, Sth. Brighton B (K. Lanyon).

Heat 2:

1st, Lyall Bay A (M. Harvey).

2nd, Nth. Beach A (L. MacIntosh).

3rd, Waikanae A (R. Turnbull).

Heat 6:

1st, Piha (P. Jack).

2nd, Waimairi A (T. Gaskell).

3rd, Sumner A (K. McDonald).

Heat 3:

1st, Eastern United A (E. Ritchie).

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

3rd, New Brighton A (G. Dann).

Heat 7:

1st, South Brighton B (A. Lee).

2nd, Maranui B (B. Crowder).

3rd, N.P.O.B. A (J. McLean).

Heat 4:

1st, Maranui A (N. Penwarden).

2nd, Waikanae B (B. McLean).

3rd, Lyall Bay B (D. Smith).

Final:

1st, Red Beach (R. Harker).

2nd, Lyall Bay (M. Harvey).

3rd, Worser Bay (C. Billing).

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

Heat 1:

- 1st, Red Beach (R. Harker).
- 2nd, Lyall Bay (C. Blakeley).
- 3rd, Waimairi (D. Staples).

Heat 3:

- 1st, Eastern United (N. Corbett).
- 2nd, Lyall Bay (M. Harvey).
- 3rd, Waikanae (G. Dunn).

Heat 2:

- 1st, Maranui (B. Crowder).
- 2nd, Lyall Bay (P. Fitzsimmons).
- 3rd, Worsler Bay (C. Billing).

Heat 4:

- 1st, Eastern United (J. Sneyd).
- 2nd, Maranui (M. Haxton).
- 3rd, Lyall Bay (B. Smith).

Teams Surf Race Final:

- 1st, Lyall Bay, 8.0.
- 2nd, Eastern United, 10.0.
- 3rd, Waikanae, 23.0.

Individual Surf Race Final:

- 1st, R. Harker (Red Beach).
- 2nd, P. Smith (Lyall Bay).
- 3rd, M. Harvey (Lyall Bay).

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

Heat 1:

- 1st, South Brighton B (O'Keefe, Clarke, Marcussen, W. O'Keefe, Palmer, Devaull). Total 10.70.
- 2nd, Muriwai B (Butt, Riley, Neale, Scapill, Seaward, Price). Total 11.70.
- 3rd, Mairangi Bay (Olsen, Shorthouse, Cheer, Lee, Goodman, Millar). Total 12.10.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Waikanae A (G. Sutton, R. Kerr, Colbourne, Blumfield, Barrett, Byrne). Total 7.20.
- 2nd, Fitzroy (Johns, Velven, Llow, J. Velven, Barclay, Earley). Total 11.38.
- 3rd, Waikanae B (Davis, J. Kellahan, J. Morrow, K. Hardy, M. Goobley, A. Burns). Total 11.78.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Kiwi (P. Clarke, F. Harbottle, L. Dixon, R. Jones, B. Wilson, I. Davidson). Total 11.54.
- 2nd, Castlecliff B (C. Currie, N. Scott, E. Eyre, N. Buller, G. Low, R. Goldsmith). Total 12.98.
- 3rd, North Beach (J. Kemp, A. Burtenshaw, G. Wild, P. Caulton, I. Donaldson, F. Austin). Total 13.42.

Heat 4:

- 1st, Taylors Mistake A (W. Newton, D. Neate, A. Harrow, P. Carpenter, B. Erickson, P. Goldsmith). Total 6.80.
- 2nd, Lyall Bay A (Hardie, Morris, Moyle, Hollings, Martin, Seaner). Total 12.20.
- 3rd, New Brighton A (R. Cooper, P. Cooper, Warren, Finch, Inkpen, Falkner). Total 13.22.

Heat 5:

1st, South Brighton A (Pocock, Bliss, Robinson, Allan, Richards, Gurr). Total 6.80.

2nd, St. Clair A (Ellison, Craib, Bentley, Ravenwood, Anderson, Tallentire). Total 9.38.

3rd, Waimairi A (Connor, Graut, Gall, Lester, Evans, Marshall). Total 11.92.

Final:

1st, Waikanae A (Blumfield, Sutton, Coleburne, Kerr, Buryne, Barrett). Total 8.06.

2nd, Taylors Mistake A (Goldsmith, Harrow, Newton, Neate, Carpenter, Erickson). Total 8.20.

3rd, South Brighton A. Total 9.72.

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

1st, Westshore (Martin, Williams, Greenhalgh, Gudgeon). Total 4.80.

2nd, Maranui (Gallagher, Winter, Smith, L. Gallagher). Total 5.08.

3rd, Muriwai (Butt, Neale, Seward, Price). Total 6.00.

Heat 2:

1st, Eastern United (Hawkes, Allnutt, Rooke, Senior). Total 4.80.

2nd, Titahi Bay (Keating, G. Grace, Sayers, B. Grace). Total 5.80.

3rd, St. Clair (Ellison, Brown, Tallentire, Craig). Total 5.96.

Heat 3:

1st, Island Bay (Kuch, Burrow, Turner, Sharp). Total 4.78.

2nd, South Brighton (Richards, Robinson, O'Keefe, Gurr). Total 5.90.

3rd, Lyall Bay (Seamer, Moyle, Morris, Hollings). Total 6.56.

Heat 4:

1st, Taylors Mistake (Hunter, Goldsmith, McDonald, Carpenter). Total 5.20.

2nd, Waimairi (Carruthers, Forbes, Jamieson, Leith). Total 6.00.

3rd, Fitzroy (Velvin, Johns, Barclay, B. Velvin). Total 7.04.

Final:

1st, Taylors Mistake (R. Hunter, P. Goldsmith, D. McDonald, P. Carpenter). Total 3.80.

2nd, Eastern United (D. Hawkes, G. Allnutt, F. Rooke, J. Senior). Total 4.94.

3rd, Island Bay (K. Kuch, P. Burrow, D. Turner, W. Sharp). Total 5.24.

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

1st, Lyall Bay B (C. Hurdley).

2nd, Westshore B (C. Williams).

3rd, Castlecliff A (E. Eyre).

Heat 2:

1st, Muriwai A (R. Neale).

2nd, Westshore A (M. Gudgeon).

3rd, Kiwi B (I. Davidson).

Heat 3:

1st, Waikanae B (R. Kerr).

2nd, East. United B (C. Metcalfe).

3rd, Sth. Brighton (G. R. Bliss).

Heat 4:

1st, St. Clair B (P. Ravenwood).

2nd, Waimairi B (P. Leask).

3rd, New Brighton B (P. Cooper).

Heat 5:

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

2nd, Taylors Mist. A (R. Brodie).

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

Heat 6:

1st, Worser Bay (A. Keegan).

2nd, St. Clair A (I. Brown).

3rd, Taylors Mist. B (A. Harrow).

Final:

1st, Waikanae (R. Kerr) 3.48 2/5.

2nd, Eastern United (G. Allnutt) 3.55.

Worser Bay (A. Keegan) 4.4 4/5.

N.Z. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL & TEAMS SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, G. Allnutt (Eastern United).
- 2nd, C. Hurdley (Lyll Bay).
- 3rd, A. Harrow (Taylors Mist.)

Heat 3:

- 1st, D. Henderson (Worser Bay).
- 2nd, B. Wilson (Kiwi).
- 3rd, B. Smith (Oreti).

Heat 2:

- 1st, G. Sutton (Waikanae).
- 2nd, R. Gibbons (Tahunanui).
- 3rd, J. Holland (North Piha).

Heat 4:

- 1st, W. Clow (Fitzroy).
- 2nd, K. Thornton (Lyll Bay).
- 3rd, P. Macaulay (North Piha).

Individual Surf Race Final:

- 1st, D. Henderson (Worser Bay).
- 2nd, G. Sutton (Waikanae).
- 3rd, C. Hurdley (Lyll Bay).

Teams Surf Race Final:

- 1st, Waikanae, 16.0.
- 2nd, Lyall Bay, 19.0.
- 3rd, Oreti, 22.0.

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

Heat 1:

- 1st, North Beach A (M. Dasler, D. Dasler, Bumsted, W. Dale, Gillespie, Whale). Total 10.86.
- 2nd, Moana Rua B (E. Boberg, S. Kallil, M. Church, M. Cameron, J. Jaffray, J. Compton). Total 12.36.
- 3rd, Scorching Bay (D. Burge, A. Taplin, L. Bullock, D. Patterson, B. L. Smith, V. Young). Total 14.22.

Heat 2:

- 1st, South Brighton (Harliwich, Nicholson, McKenzie, Ross, Downes, L. McKenzie). Total 6.92.
- 2nd, Waimairi A (Johnson, Leask, Hume, Leask, Johnson, Leask). Total 9.86.
- 3rd, New Plymouth Old Boys Ladies (Barkley, Dryden, Dryden, Nolan, Nolan, Whalen). Total 10.00.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Fitzroy (L. Krapnam, L. Clelland, Christmas, Clow, Coleman, Vallantyne). Total 8.60.
- 2nd, Paekakariki (Cameron, Brink, Brink, Blythe, Northcote, West). Total 10.72.
- 3rd, Waimairi B (Davies, Marshall, Baigent, Carruthers, Christie, Middleton). Total 12.50.

Final:

- 1st, South Brighton (Harliwich, Nicholson, McKenzie, Ross, McKenzie, Downes). Total 6.36.
- 2nd, Fitzroy (Clow, Knapram, Vallentine, Christmas, Coleman, Clelland). Total 8.60.
- 3rd, Waimairi (Leask, Johnson, Hulme, Leask, Leask, Johnson). Total 9.46.

N.Z. LADIES' FOUR-PLACE ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, New Plymouth Old Boys (Barkley, Dryden, S. Nolan, E. Nolan). Total 5.60.
- 2nd, South Brighton B (Moir, Nicholson, Simmons, Harliwich). Total 5.80.
- 3rd, Westshore (Caney, George, Baylis, Warwick). Total 6.58.

Heat 2:

1st, Taylors Mistake A (A. Palmer, L. Harrow, M. McArthur, C. Palmer). Total 5.20.

2nd, Fitzroy (L. Cleland, L. Knapman, C. Valentine, M. Chow). Total 5.22.

3rd, Moana Rua B (M. Cameron, J. Gillies, J. Smith, A. Darling). Total 6.22.

Heat 3:

1st, South Brighton A (L. McKenzie, R. McKenzie, A. Downes, B. Ross). Total 5.38.

2nd, North Beach A (Dasler, Clarke, Ritchie, Wales). Total 6.40.

3rd, Titahi Bay (E. Timbs, Hassell, J. Timbs, Kettlewell). Total 7.34.

Final:

1st, South Brighton A (L. McKenzie, R. McKenzie, A. Downes, B. Ross). Total 4.80.

2nd, Waimairi A (E. Carruthers, R. Leaske, K. Leaske, M. Hulme). Total 4.80.

3rd, New Plymouth Old Boys (J. Barkley, R. Dryden, S. Nolan, E. Nolan). Total 6.76.

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

1st, Taylors Mist. A (L. Harrow).

2nd, Sth. Bri'ton B (S. Nicholson).

3rd, West Shore A (R. George).

Heat 3:

1st, North Beach B (W. Dale).

2nd, Wellington (L. Watson).

3rd, Fitzroy (L. Knapman).

Heat 2:

1st, Sth. Bri'ton A (R. McKenzie).

2nd, North Beach A (J. Clark).

3rd, Taylors Mistake B (J. Monk).

Final:

1st, Taylors Mistake (L. Harrow).

2nd, North Beach A (J. Clark).

3rd, Sth. Bri'ton B (S. Nicholson).

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

1st, Sth. Brighton (S. Nicholson).

2nd, Fitzroy (L. Knapman).

3rd, North Beach (H. Armstrong).

Heat 3:

1st, Taylors Mist. (L. Harrow).

2nd, North Beach (M. Dasler).

3rd, Waimairi (J. Baigent).

Heat 2:

1st, Sth. Brighton (R. McKenzie).

2nd, W'gton Ladies (L. Watson).

3rd, North Beach (W. Dale).

Heat 4:

1st, North Beach (J. Clark).

2nd, Castlecliff (J. Sell).

3rd, N.P.O.B. (J. Barclay).

Surf Teams Race Final:

1st, North Beach, 9.0.

2nd, South Brighton, 10.0.

3rd, Waimairi, 26.0.

Individual Surf Race:

1st, J. Clark (North Beach).

2nd, R. McKenzie (Sth. Brighton).

3rd, S. Nicholson (Sth. Brighton).

N.Z. MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIPS**Senior:**

1st, Eastern United.

2nd, Waikanae.

3rd, Maranui.

Junior:

1st, New Brighton.

2nd, South Brighton.

3rd, Waimairi.

Ladies:

1st, South Brighton.

2nd, Moana Rua.

3rd, Waimairi.

N.Z. BEACH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, Muriwai.
- 2nd, Worser Bay.
- 3rd, Piha.

Heat 3:

- 1st, Taylors Mistake.
- 2nd, Waimairi.
- 3rd, Titahi Bay.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Fitzroy.
- 2nd, St. Clair.
- 3rd, St. Kilda.

Heat 4:

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

Final:

- 1st, Muriwai (Painter, Staton, McCrystal, Riley).
- 2nd, Worser Bay (Dickens, Ranson, Billing, McGrade).
- 3rd, Taylors Mistake (Bradley, LeCren, Hatchwell, Steed).

N.Z. 100 YARDS BEACH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, North Beach (R. Dalton).
- 2nd, Wai. A (A. McDonald).
- 3rd, Waimarama (Martin).

Heat 4:

- 1st, Worser Bay A (C. Billings).
- 2nd, Nth. Beach B (T. Mehrten).
- 3rd, Taylors Mist. B (G. LeCren).

Heat 2:

- 1st, Whangamata (P. Brown).
- 2nd, Waikanae B (R. Glover).
- 3rd, Kotuku A (B. Sweetman).

Heat 5:

- 1st, Taylors Mist. A (Hatchwell).
- 2nd, Sumner B (D. Lawrence).
- 3rd, Oreti (T. Fenton).

Heat 3:

- 1st, Fitzroy A (R. Johns).
- 2nd, Muriwai A (T. Painter).
- 3rd, Piha A (B. Stent).

Heat 6:

- 1st, Whangamata (B. Bryant).
- 2nd, Waikanae A (G. Thompson).
- 3rd, St. Clair B (I. Maskell).

Final:

- 1st, Worser Bay (C. Billing).
- 2nd, Whangamata (P. Brown).
- 3rd, North Beach (R. Dalton).

N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, New Brighton (M. Craw).
- 2nd, Red Beach (P. Way).
- 3rd, Titahi Bay (L. Keeting).

Heat 4:

- 1st, Sumner (K. McDonald).
- 2nd, South Brighton (C. Gurr).
- 3rd, Titahi Bay (C. Sayers).

Heat 2:

- 1st, Waimairi (T. Jay).
- 2nd, New Brighton (G. Finch).
- 3rd, Waimairi (E. Leask).

Heat 5:

- 1st, Waimairi (P. Stevens).
- 2nd, Sumner (K. Pearson).
- 3rd, Sumner (D. Quane).

Heat 3:

- 1st, Muriwai (G. Butt).
- 2nd, Eastern United (R. Boyce).
- 3rd, Taylors Mist. (B. Rattray).

Heat 6:

- 1st, North Beach (D. Dalton).
- 2nd, Sth. Brighton (M. Pocock).
- 3rd, Waimairi (D. Pimm).

Final:

- 1st, North Beach (D. Dalton).
- 2nd, Sumner (K. McDonald).
- 3rd, Sumner (K. Pearson).

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, M. Lord (Sumner).
- 2nd, R. Lewton (Muriwai).
- 3rd, D. Lyons (Sumner).

Heat 2:

- 1st, R. Ealam (Waimairi).
- 2nd, P. Davies (Waimairi).
- 3rd, I. Graham (Waimairi).

Heat 3:

- 1st, R. Dalton (North Beach).
- 2nd=F. Sloane (Sumner).
- 2nd=A. Lewton (Taylors Mist.)

Heat 4:

- 1st, K. McDonald (Sumner).
- 2nd, D. Ingram (Eastern United).
- 3rd, D. Way (Red Beach).

Heat 5:

- 1st, K. Pearson (Sumner).
- 2nd, J. Hughes (Waimairi).
- 3rd, J. Pascoe (Sumner).

Final:

- 1st, R. Dalton (North Beach).
- 2nd, D. Ingram (Eastern United).
- 3rd, K. Pearson (Sumner).

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

- 1st, R. Dalton (North Beach B).
- 2nd, J. Stead (Taylors Mist. A).
- 3rd, J. Dumble (Titahi Bay B).

Heat 2:

- 1st, M. Lord (Sumner B).
- 2nd, D. Dalton (North Beach A).
- 3rd, M. Stevens (Waimairi A).

Heat 3:

- 1st, G. Ealam (Waimairi B).
- 2nd, D. Lyons (Sumner A).
- 3rd, B. Smaill (St. Clair).

Final:

- 1st, R. Dalton (North Beach B).
- 2nd, R. Ealam (Waimairi).
- 3rd, D. Dalton (North Beach A).

N.Z. SENIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

1st SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

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

2nd SERIES

Heat 1:

- 1st, Titahi Bay.
- 2nd, New Brighton A.
- 3rd, Maranui.

Heat 2:

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

3rd SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

- 1st, New Brighton A.
- 2nd, Maranui.
- 3rd, Taylors Mistake.

Final:

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

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

1st SERIES

Heat 1:

- 1st, Titahi Bay.
- 2nd, Taylors Mistake.
- 3rd, New Brighton B.

Heat 2:

- 1st, Lyall Bay.
- 2nd, New Brighton A.
- 3rd, Maranui.

2nd SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

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

3rd SERIES

Heat 1:

1st, New Brighton A.
2nd, Titahi Bay.

Heat 2:

1st, Lyall Bay.
2nd, Taylors Mistake.

Final:

1st, Titahi Bay.
2nd, Lyall Bay.
3rd, Taylors Mistake.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st SERIES

Heat 1:

1st, Taylors Mistake.
2nd, North Beach A.
3rd, Castlecliff.

Heat 2:

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

Heat 3:

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

2nd SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

1st, Taylors Mistake.
2nd, Sumner.
3rd, North Beach B.

3rd SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

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

Heat 3:

1st, Sumner.
2nd, Castlecliff.
3rd, St. Clair.

Final Race:

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

Result:

1st, Waimairi A (15).
2nd, Taylors Mistake (13).
3rd=, Sumner (12).
3rd=, Waimairi B (12).

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

1st, South Brighton.
2nd, New Brighton.

2nd SERIES

Heat 1:

1st, Sumner.
2nd, South Brighton.
3rd, New Brighton.

Heat 2:

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

3rd SERIES

Heat 1:

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

Heat 2:

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

Result:

1st, Waimairi A.
2nd, Taylors Mistake (12).
3rd, Sumner (10).

NORRIE TROPHY

District Association with Highest Aggregate Points

- 1st, Canterbury (7).
- 2nd, Auckland (4).
- 3rd, Gisborne (3).

ALLAN GARDINER MEMORIAL

Club with Highest Aggregate Points

- 1st, Lyall Bay (22).
- 2nd, Waikanae (21).
- 3rd, Eastern United (18).

INTER DISTRICT SURF CARNIVAL

The third inter-district surf Carnival was held at Lyall Bay, Wellington, on Saturday, 30 January, 1965, under cloudy overhead conditions, and with a comparatively calm sea.

The Auckland, Canterbury, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki Western Districts, and Wellington Associations were represented by teams comprising 8 seniors and 2 juniors, and the events contested were the same as those which applied in international fixtures. On the basis of the points allocation of 5.3.1 for teams events and 3.2.1 for individual events, the Wellington team was declared winners of the contest and thus received the fully equipped lifesaving reel donated by the A.P.A. Association Limited.

We express our congratulations to the winning district which won the contest very narrowly from the Auckland Association and trust that at future contests it will be possible for all districts to be represented with teams.

Arrangements were made by the council to provide luncheon for competitors and officials which was very much appreciated and we express our thanks to the members of the Wellington Ladies' Surf Club who so kindly co-operated on this occasion.

The venue of the 1965/66 season contest will be a matter for decision of the annual general meeting.

The following are the official results:

6 Man R. & R.

- 1st Wellington 6.70 deductions.
- 2nd Taranaki 7.70 deductions.
- 3rd Auckland 8.02 deductions.

Beach Sprint:

- 1st Wellington (C. Billing).
- 2nd Auckland (M. Bray).
- 3rd Canterbury (R. Dalton).

Senior Beltman:

- 1st Auckland (R. Harker) 2.58 4/5.
- 2nd Gisborne (R. Campbell) 3.19.
- 3rd Wellington (N. Penwarden) 3.21 2/5.

March Past:

1st Canterbury 4.875.
2nd Auckland 5.625.
3rd Gisborne 6.000.

4 Man R. & R.:

1st Wellington 3.05.
2nd Auckland 3.54.
3rd Canterbury 3.64.

Senior Teams & Individual Surf Race:**Individual:**

1st Auckland R. Harker.
2nd Auckland N. Corbett.
3rd Canterbury A. Staples.

Teams Race:

1st Auckland 19 points.
2nd Wellington 24 points.
3rd Canterbury 40 points.

Junior Beltman:

1st Wellington (D. Henderson) 3.39 3/5.
2nd Gisborne (T. Bryne) 3.43 3/5.
3rd Hawke's Bay (C. Williams) 4.0 4/5.

Paddle Board Race:

1st Canterbury (D. Dalton).
2nd Wellington (P. Griffin).
3rd Auckland (M. Bray).

Junior Teams & Individual Surf Race:**Individual:**

1st Wellington (D. Henderson).
2nd Gisborne (G. Sutton).
3rd Auckland (H. Holland).

Surf Race:

1st Wellington 12 points.
2nd Auckland 28 points.
3rd Canterbury 30 points.

Beach Relay:

1st Hawke's Bay.
2nd Auckland.
3rd Taranaki.

FINAL SUMMARY OF POINTS:

1st Wellington District	30 points
2nd Auckland District	28 points
3rd Canterbury District	12 points
4th Gisborne District	10 points

District Association Reports



AUCKLAND

In reviewing our continued progress let us realise and appreciate that the results are due to the untiring efforts and the unselfish sacrifice of leisure hours by all members. To those many club officers who contribute so much to the success of our great movement the Association offers its thanks and appreciation for the hard job well done and if any reward is needed then it will surely be the knowledge that your activities have continued to keep our beaches safe for the bathing public.

The season has covered a diversity of activity and accomplishments, the major responsibility falling on the club members who patrol the beaches of the district in demonstrating the practical application of Surf Life Saving in the protection of the public who use our beaches from Whangarei to Port Waikato. During the past season the records show that a total of 131 persons were rescued from the sea and doubtlessly owe their lives to the efficiency of our patrols. It should be noted that these figures are rescues actually recorded and do not take into account the number averted by prompt action of patrol members.

A perusal of our membership shows a steady increase, this is indeed a very pleasing trend, we sincerely trust that this will continue with vigour.

Our resident delegate on the N.Z.S.L.S. Council, Harry Dickson, has given another year of conscientious service to the Auckland Association and to surf in general, unfortunately Harry will be retiring at the end of the year, at no time during his 20 years as our delegate has he deviated from what he has considered the right thing as far as our Association is concerned, and at times this must have been most difficult. Once again we express our sincere appreciation for his efforts on our behalf over such a long period.

Our congratulations are extended to the Canterbury Association on their organising of the National Championships—a job well done.

To our controlling body we confirm our allegiance, and at all times our desire to uphold the ideals and traditions of Surf Life Saving.

CANTERBURY

During the last season 70 rescues were reported in Canterbury with the new Pegasus Club carrying out eight of these. The efficient way in which beaches were patrolled during the year was a credit to all clubs in the district and to the Association.

Two new clubs, Pegasus and Central Brighton Ladies, are now competing and patrolling on Canterbury beaches, bringing the total number of affiliated clubs in this Association to nine. With all other clubs reporting steady increases in membership, Canterbury surfing strength is fairly strong.

Champion club was Taylor's Mistake, which just managed to hold off Waimairi in one of the closest championship finishes here for many years. South Brighton won the ladies' section in an equally close finish from North Beach.

The Nationals this year were an outstanding success with the weather being the only thing spoiling an otherwise successful weekend. Our thanks must go to those both from Christchurch and the rest of New Zealand, who helped so much with the organising.

During the year we held a Surfers' Swimming Carnival and it turned out to be one of the most successful social and competitive gatherings of the season. With belt races and with skis and boards being used in novelty events the 200 surfers present had a most enjoyable evening.

We look forward to the coming season with confidence and would like to take this opportunity of thanking our parent body, the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association, for the able way it has handled its administrative duties over the past season, to all other clubs and associations throughout New Zealand we also extend our best wishes for 1965-66.

GISBORNE ASSOCIATION

It is very pleasing that once again we can report a season without drownings on our patrolled beaches. Only two rescues were recorded, both of these being paddle board riders. This was probably due to the prevalence of moderate seas, and the general public's awareness of Water Safety publicity. On two occasions the Rescue Trailer was called for, although it was recalled during transit in one instance and not required in the other case, owing to club equipment being brought into use, as the Waikanae Clubhouse was adjacent to the scene of the rescue. In the case of the recall, persons who were presumed to be in difficulties (some 20 miles away) managed to extricate themselves.

Instructions with the use of the Ambu Mannikin was again carried out by club members, but to a lesser extent than in the past due it is felt, to a saturation point being reached. However, more intensified instruction and demonstration was carried out at school-age levels in the primary schools, and this will be continued.

Box Line extension was maintained, some twenty-eight now having been installed along our coastline. These together with the Association's Rescue Trailer, and equipment held by affiliated clubs gives a fairly good coverage of our area.

Membership at 90 is the same as last year, although included in this figure are 15 from the newly formed Tolaga Bay, which has only one qualified member. However, in the past some persons were included although they were not available for patrols and so the figure this year would be comparable to that of last year. The only club holding its own in membership would be Waikanae, and other clubs would be well advised to launch a vigorous campaign for new members.

Analysis of clubs' returns are as follows:—

Waikanae 35, Wainui 16. An increase of 3 and 2 respectively.
Midway 22, Ladies 1. Decrease of 7 and 13, while Wairoa remains as last year at 1.
Tolaga Bay 15.

It is only fair to point out that Wainui have been trying very hard to encourage and increase membership, and the Ladies and Midway have a number of youngsters in training for the coming season.

Twelve Surf Medallions and one Surf Instructor's Medallion were gained by Waikanae Club. The average of Surf Instructors for the previous three years was 12.66 and 2.33 so the downward trend continues for the third season. Midway Club put through 9 R.L.S.S. and Waikanae gained 7. Most of these should be coming forward for Surfs next year.

With the exception of the District Championships a quiet season was experienced from a competitive angle. Due to the lack of membership in other clubs Waikanae scooped all events except the Surf Ski Race and Rescue which was won by Midway. The drift away from R. and R. events as experienced in past seasons has contributed it would seem to the loss of club membership. A serious shortage of officers, particularly judges is a constant handicap in running our carnivals.

The original estimate for Midway's new building was set at 12,000 and although this has now risen to £18,000, the project is now two-thirds complete. The fine structure is a credit to the Midway Club members and should prove an asset to Surf Life-saving as well as the city. The Ladies' Club are at present negotiating for new premises and should be re-housed by the coming season. Waikanae Club are contemplating extensions and Tolaga Bay have yet to acquire premises. Wainui Club's plans for re-building have been shelved meanwhile, pending an increase in membership.

Financially the Association has had a good year due mainly to a big increase in Honorary Members and a Street Day Appeal held in January. This is indeed fortunate in view of our contemplated application for the New Zealand Championships to coincide with bi-centennial celebrations of Captain Cook's landing in 1969.

For the future it would seem that provided membership can be increased and financial assistance maintained, reasonable progress should be assured. It was a pity that the educational grant was so small, but in view of the heavy commitments incurred by the N.Z. Council same was understandable.

In conclusion our thanks are extended to all who have rendered assistance to our movement, especially our resident delegate, Mr E. B. (Ted) Hughes, and members of the New Zealand Council. Our best wishes to them, and also to members of our sister Associations and affiliated clubs for the coming season.

HAWKE'S BAY

The season just concluded has been, for this Association, the longest active one since the Association was formed four years ago. We were grateful to the New Zealand selectors offering us one of the trials as this got our surfers training earlier than they have done in the past; and although no Hawke's Bay representative was called for the final trial, the experience was to the advantage of those who took part.

Also early in the season, we had a visit from the Hon. Chief Instructor of the Association, Mr H. S. K. Farey, to pass on the new six-man R & R drill. Our thanks go to him for the time he spent with us.

The formation of a new club, called Kiwi, which has its headquarters at the south end of Westshore Beach, brings the total number of clubs in the district to five. Juniors predominate in the new club, and they have performed creditably in their first season in the competition arena.

A programme of three one day carnivals, a Harbour to Westshore race of nearly three miles, and the Hawke's Bay Championships were held successfully. The idea tried this year of having the same programme for all one day carnivals has met with a mixed reception and next season a more varied programme would probably be appreciated better by the competitors. Now that two clubs have Surf Canoes, the programme will require enlarging to include canoe events.

Unfortunately, no clubs visited Hawke's Bay this year for any of the Association's Carnivals. However, in addition to the Nationals at Christchurch, local clubs have travelled more this season to other carnivals than any previous season, and this is of great benefit both from the competitive side, and also the comradeship fostered in the clubs.

Our representative team performed very creditably this year, gaining fifth place overall in the National Inter-Districts Carnival, and first place in the Central Regional Carnival.

Awards this year are slightly down on last year, which is a disappointing aspect of our season's activities. The number of cadets was down this year also to a level which gives cause for concern at the numbers of juniors who will be coming forward next year.

Most clubs have given considerable time to lectures and demonstrations this year, and many organisations and individuals have now a knowledge of Expired Air Resuscitation as a result of these demonstrations.

In conclusion it is fitting to place on record our sincere thanks to our Resident Delegate on the New Zealand Council, Mr. Ken Mitchell. His efforts on our behalf are in addition to a very full load of work for his home club, and this year additionally as one of the National Selectors. Our thanks go too to the Officers of the New Zealand Council for their help.

We extend to all members of the movement our best wishes for the 1965-66 season.

TARANAKI ASSOCIATION

The buoyant nature of surf lifesaving in Taranaki during the previous few seasons was again evident over the past year. Clubs generally have experienced another highly successful season and once again all patrolled areas in the Taranaki District were free from drownings with a total of 21 rescues being recorded.

One of the major problems which faced clubs was the necessity to learn the new sections of drill, a problem requiring the attention of new and old members, instructors and judges alike. Our thanks

are due to Mr Ken Farey who paid us a visit early in the season to acquaint members with the drill changes, and this certainly helped to get things under way. Unfortunately, however, the non-arrival of the bulk of our new drill books made the matter of instruction at times very difficult.

Awards gained by club members included 40 R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallions, 36 Surf Bronze Medallions and 1 Surf Instructor's certificate. In mentioning awards, it was with much pleasure that we in Taranaki learnt of the announcement of the award of an M.B.E. to our chief instructor, Mr Jack Hatchwell, in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Jack has been a stalwart in the surfing movement for a number of years now and was certainly deserving of this honour.

Highlights of the season included the Third Inter-district Surf Carnival, again held at Lyall Bay, and although the Taranaki team did not perform as well as expected, the experience was no doubt of benefit to all team members. On the way back to New Plymouth the team took part in the Central Districts Carnival at Waitarere Beach, the event this year being contested between Hawke's Bay, Western Districts and Taranaki.

The New Zealand Championships at New Brighton of course proved to be the major feature of this year's activities, the carnival once again proving to be a great success, and our congratulations go to the Canterbury Association on their organisation. Although Taranaki clubs did not manage to take any national titles, all who attended had a great time.

It was with deep regret that those of us who were in Christchurch at the time heard of the untimely passing of one of the Taranaki Association's founder members, Mr J. W. (Wilf) Moorhead. Wilf had a record of over 40 years' service to surfing in Taranaki and was a deeply respected member of our Association.

Due to inclement weather, the Taranaki Surf Championships, this year held at Opunake, were not up to the standard of past years. However, the heavy surf conditions did provide plenty of thrills and spills. Having the use of Opunake's new clubhouse proved a big asset under the conditions prevailing, the building itself drawing many favourable comments from visiting club members and officials.

Looking to the future the Taranaki Association has a big task ahead with the staging of next year's National Championships. Already organising committees have been set up and have made preliminary arrangements towards the running of the carnival. The host club, New Plymouth Old Boys, will shortly be starting work on the erection of a new 2800 sq. foot two-floor clubhouse on the beach at Oakura and hope to have the building fully completed in time for the Nationals in March.

We would be remiss if we did not include in this report our sincere thanks to Mr Johnny Whisker, our resident delegate on the N.Z. Council, who has once again represented Taranaki in a most able manner. Johnny has intimated that he wishes to retire from this position this year and the Taranaki Association would like to record a grateful tribute for the work he has done and for the manner in which he has represented us over the past 19 years.

In conclusion we would like to offer our thanks to the New Zealand Council and its officers for the assistance and guidance given us again this year.

To all Associations and Clubs we offer our best wishes for the season ahead and trust that we will see you all in New Plymouth for the National Championships.

WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION

The past season was probably the most active yet in Wellington, with two National trials and the Inter-district Carnival added to the local programme. Clubs and officials offered their full co-operation to enable all activities to be carried out smoothly and enjoyably.

Memberships continue to increase, with an emphasis on younger recruits, particularly cadets. Two cadet carnivals were held for the benefit of these youngsters.

Several rescues were effected, with a number of particularly meritable efforts at Titahi Bay. The West Coast beaches are becoming more popular, and at times tax to the limit the abilities of the clubs patrolling them. It was disappointing to note the lack of responsibility shown by a local body when asked to provide paid-patrol assistance during the holiday period. Consequently, it was pleasing to note the public spirit shown by private industry in providing the assistance needed.

Our congratulations go to the members of the New Zealand team who toured Australia, and proved worthy ambassadors for our movement.

The National Championships were enjoyed by all, with our hosts even managing to supply some typical Wellington weather. Wellington clubs enjoyed a fair share of the honours, with Lyall Bay annexing the Allan Gardener trophy. We tender our congratulations to all title winners, and our best wishes to the Taranaki Association for a successful 1965-66 Championship.

Publicity in Wellington reached an all-time peak with regular newspaper articles and a televised carnival.

Surf boats have become a popular public spectacle at local carnivals, with five, possibly seven boats now available for the on-coming season. Board-riding is increasing, and it is hoped that the recently formed board-riding association will assist in maintaining safety for bathers.

In conclusion, our thanks to all New Zealand Council members for their efforts on our behalf, with particular reference to our resident delegate, Mr H. C. Stoddart.

WESTERN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Changes in the "Constitution" at our last Annual General Meeting has resulted in the past year being a short one. Clubs, however, appear to have had a most satisfactory season, and especially in the cases of Castlecliff and Palmerston North, a substantial increase in membership. You are aware that one of the main reasons for bringing forward the Annual Meeting of Clubs was to

give the newly elected committees at least two more months in which to prepare and implement their recruiting finance and training programmes. It is to be hoped then, that even our past season's excellent record will be exceeded in the next. The outstanding demand for pre-Christmas examinations revealed one problem—the acute shortage of qualified examiners, but it is confidently expected that this matter will be remedied at the Annual General Meeting.

Bert Gibb who has been actively associated with the Life Saving Movement for over 30 years, received at our last Annual General Meeting your Association's highest award, that of Life Member. Congratulations Bert, a well earned first.

A move was made to standardise patrol procedure and on investigation the majority of our clubs came through with flying colours. Patrol Supervisor, John Housiaux did, however, reveal one or two weaknesses, and clubs concerned were notified accordingly. It should be remembered that the supervision is intended, where necessary, to advise and suggest, and not to dictate in any way.

On the 14th March we held our championships at Foxton Beach in perfect weather with a good field of entries and before a large public gallery. The success of the day was due in no small measure to the organising ability of the host club, and the relentless slogging of a very small team of officials under the very able leadership of Colin Way. The question again arises regarding the necessity or otherwise of making the Championships into a two day effort.

In previous years only one carnival has been held—in Western Districts before Christmas—and then no other until mid-February. Unless clubs were prepared to travel to other centres for competition, serious training did not start until late in January. Unfortunately some clubs just weren't strong enough to maintain patrols and travel long distances as well.

By holding three carnivals before Christmas an all round improvement was noticed in the drill of all clubs last season. I am sure that all clubs received a big boost and the spirit of competition amongst clubs is stronger than it has been for years. If clubs wish to hold and maintain interest of their members, participation at carnivals is very necessary. I sincerely hope that more pre-Christmas carnivals will be held again this season.

In conclusion the Association's sincere thanks are extended to all persons who helped to make the season the success it was.

