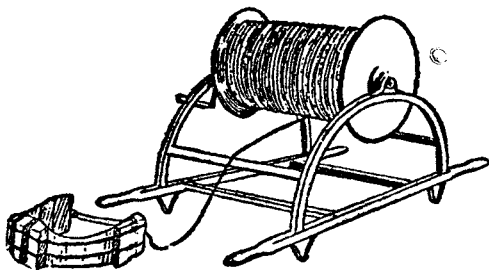


NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

ESTABLISHED 1932



Vigilance — Service — Endurance

FIFTH

Annual Report

and
Statement of Accounts

Season 1936-1937

Over 2015 Lives Saved

Headquarters : Wellington, N.Z.

HONORARY OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Patron:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,
VISCOUNT GALWAY.

Hon. Medical Advisers:

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

Hon. Solicitor:

Mr. W. J. BEVERIDGE.

Hon. Consulting Engineer and Architect:

Mr. G. S. LEEDER.

Hon. Auditor:

Mr. W. H. FULFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. (Resigned on Transfer).
Mr. O. J. MULLINS, A.R.A.N.Z.

Hon. Photographers:

The Hon. Photographers of each District Association.

NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL, 1937.

President:

Mr. P. F. COIRA.

Deputy-President:

Mr. W. H. GERRIE.

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Mr. N. A. INGRAM.

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Mr. P. D. EDWARDS.

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Mr. G. SEALEY.

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Mr. C. RIORDAN (Christchurch) (Resigned, on Transfer).
Mr. R. P. ROUND (Christchurch).

COUNCILLORS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|---|
| Auckland | .... | .... | Messrs. V. Allan and J. D. Hunter (Resigned on Transfer), M. G. Adams. |
| Taranaki | .... | .... | Messrs. A. H. Ross and R. Perkins. |
| Canterbury | .... | .... | Messrs. H. Dickson and J. C. Blakeley. |
| Otago | .... | .... | Mr. D. E. Buckley. |
| Wellington | .... | .... | Mr. W. J. Beveridge. |
| North Island Individual Clubs | .... | .... | Mr. F. Chapman. |
| Dominion Council R.L.S.S. | .... | .... | Mr. J. L. Dighton. |

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

(Established 1932.)

Fifth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

SEASON ENDING AUGUST 31st, 1937.

For presentation at the Annual General Meeting
of the Association to be held in the Wellington
Education Board's Room on the 30th OCTOBER,
1937, at 2 p.m.

Gentlemen,

Your Council has pleasure in placing the Fifth Annual Report before you for your consideration, and in doing so feels justified in claiming that the past year has been a most successful one and that a considerable advancement has been made in solidifying the activities of the Association. The various matters dealt with during the year will be shown under separate headings, and the Council takes this early opportunity of expressing its deep appreciation of the services rendered by the District Associations and Individual Clubs during the past year.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

Since the Annual General Meeting of the Association His Majesty King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth have been crowned, and in pledging our loyalty to the Crown may we express the hope that their reign will be long and a happy one. We recall with pleasure the visit of Their Majesties to the Dominion, and their keen interest in the activities of our organisation and kindred organisations, and advice has already been received of the desire of Their Majesties to continue the association of the Crown with The Royal Life-Saving Society.

RESCUES FROM DROWNING.

The functions of a Surf Life-Saving Club are many. Principally they exist for the purpose of regularly patrolling all beaches which are used by the bathing public and rendering assistance when necessary, and also the training of qualified Life-Savers, who are capable of rendering assistance at any time and at any place to persons in danger of drowning.

| Club. | With Belt and Line. | | Surf | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|----------------|------------|-----|
| | Without. | Boat. | Resuscitation. | First Aid. | |
| New Brighton (C) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Castlecliff (Ind.) | 19 | 32 | — | 3 | 3 |
| St. Clair (O) | 4 | 15 | — | 1 | 5 |
| Oreiti (O) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ohawe (T) | — | — | — | — | — |
| New Plymouth Old Boys (T) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Fitzroy (T) | 12 | 4 | — | 1 | — |
| Opunake (T) | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| Patea (T) | — | 2 | — | 1 | 1 |
| East End (T) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Paekakariki (W) | 4 | — | — | — | — |
| Lyall Bay (W) | — | 4 | — | — | 2 |
| Island Bay (W) | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| Maranui (W) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Worser Bay (W) | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Totals | 112 | 104 | — | 36 | 110 |

Several Clubs have not submitted annual returns, and cannot be recorded.

Note.—Letters (A), Auckland Association; (C), Canterbury Association; (T), Taranaki Association; (O), Otago Association; (W), Wellington Association; (Ind.), Individual Club.

The foregoing summary of rescues in the past vividly portrays the value of the Surf Life-Saving movement to this Dominion. It is with feelings of pride and justification that the Association records the foregoing set of figures in making its appeal for a definite recognition by the general public and Local Authorities in the activities of its Clubs, and in the hope that some tangible recognition will be given to ensure the continuance of such services under the most efficient conditions as regards to necessary equipment for all Clubs.

A WORTHY ACHIEVEMENT.

As far as the Association is aware, on no occasion when the services of members of Surf Life-Saving Clubs have been called upon has a life been lost.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF SERVICES.

The Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P.), in addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Association on October 24th, 1936, made special reference to the work being done by the Surf Life-Saving Clubs of the Dominion, and expressed the appreciation of the Government for such services. In handing to the President of the Association a cheque for £200 the Government, through the Hon. Minister, as a grant from the Art Unions, signified in a very definite manner its approval of the operations of the Surf Life-Saving movement as conducted by the Association. The Council places on record its sincere appreciation of the recognition of the services that the Association is endeavouring to render to the community, and trusts that this form of recognition will be continued and will be followed by a just recognition in this or some other form by Local Authorities and the general public.

reached by members of the A.S.L.S.A., and in the water events the standard reached was very high indeed. The team showed to perfection in the surf events, and had little difficulty in demonstrating its superiority in the surf races. Though giving of its best at all times, the team soon gave indications on the commencement of the tour that it was not out for the securing of prizes or honours, but mainly for the purpose of creating further interest in the activities of the organisation to which they belonged and its kindred organisation, the N.Z.S.L.S.A. The tour, educationally, was all that could be desired, and the sportsmanship and general deportment of the team and party throughout the tour has left an indelible memory in the minds of those whose good fortune it was to have met and been associated with our visiting members from across the Tasman. The Manager, Captain, and all members of the team and party were willing and anxious to be of the greatest assistance to the Dominion Association and the various Clubs, and we record with the highest appreciation our sincerest thanks for the action of the A.S.L.S.A. in sending the team over and for the great helpfulness of the team. The courtesy shown to our officials and members by the visiting party was one of the factors that has made this initial visit of an A.S.L.S.A. team to the Dominion of New Zealand an epic event in our short history. This paragraph of our report would be in no way complete if due recognition was not given and appreciation expressed to the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association and its Centres in the North Island, who assisted so much to make the tour financially possible. The spirit of co-operation between the two national bodies shown on this tour reached the highest possible mark, and our sincerest thanks are here extended. To the District Surf Associations, Surf Life-Saving Clubs, City and Borough Councils, and to the many private individuals who helped us during the tour to ensure its success, our sincerest thanks are extended, and to the Press of the Dominion we express our sincere thanks for the great amount of publicity afforded the Association.

N.Z. NATIONAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The National Surf Life-Saving Championships were conducted at Lyall Bay Beach, Wellington, on Saturday and Sunday, February 13th and 14th. The arrangements for the conduct of the Championships were in the hands of the Wellington District Surf Life-Saving Association, and the Association is to be congratulated on the great amount of detailed work and organisation it had done to ensure the success of the carnival. The accommodation arrangements were ideal, and the gear supplied for the use of Clubs and officials reached a very high standard indeed. Considerable public interest was aroused, and with the additional attraction of the presence of the visiting Surf Life-Saving team from Australia record attendances were forecast; but forces, other than club enthusiasts, took a hand, and the weather conditions were of the worst, and, indeed, could hardly be worse for such events as a National Surf Championships Meeting. Despite the inclement weather conditions the attendances on both days were very gratifying. The Championships were declared officially opened by The Hon. Minister of Education and Health (Hon. P. Fraser, M.P.), and the declaration of the Athletes' Oath by Mr. F. Mollier, Lyall Bay Club, Wellington. The visiting Australian team com-

N.Z. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Winner, S. Jarvis (St. Clair Club, Otago), 5min. 38secs., 1st.
H. Goldsmith (Taylor's Mistake, Canterbury), 5min. 45 3-5secs.,
2nd.

INTERNATIONAL SURF TEAM'S RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM, 1st.

W. Scott, 3min. 59 1-5secs.
J. Millar, 4min. 16secs.
A. Hart, 4min. 37secs.
J. King, 4min. 52secs.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM, 2nd.

P. C. Mathieson (Otago), 4min. 39 3-5secs.
A. T. Dalton (Canterbury), 4min. 41 2-5secs.
J. Williams (Wellington), 5min. 2 3-5secs.
R. Pelham (Wellington), 5min. 16secs.

The Australian team could not take the Championships, but the excellent results achieved by its members are recorded with heartiest congratulations from the N.Z.S.L.S.A. and the Clubs of the Dominion.

To the New Zealand Clubs and individual members who secured Championship honours congratulations are extended, and Mr. A. T. Dalton (North Beach Club, Canterbury), in securing the N.Z. Beltman's Championship two years in succession, is again congratulated on his success in this important event.

The International Surf Team's Race created considerable interest, and the trophy (a beautiful silver cup on stand presented by Messrs. Mayer and Kean, of Wellington, N.Z.) will, we feel sure, be highly treasured by the Australian Association and the members of the visiting team.

In making the presentation of the trophies at the conclusion of the Championships, the President (Mr. P. F. Coira) congratulated the teams and individual members on the excellent displays given, and the Australian team for its entrance into so many events and the successes that they had attained.

This paragraph of our report would be incomplete if references were not made to the organisation conducting the Championships, and the work of the many officials who laboured so long and efficiently to ensure the success achieved. To Messrs. V. Allan (Referee), M. Smale (Marshal), A. E. Upchurch (Assistant Marshal), and J. Foley (Chief Timekeeper), who fulfilled the major positions, heartiest congratulations are extended, and to the many willing officials who assisted the foregoing officials we tender our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES.

Closely associated with the conduct and control of the N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Championships is the National Board of Judges, and to its members who officiated so efficiently and with the general approbation of competitors we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation. The National Board has undoubtedly brought the general standard of judging throughout the Dominion to a high degree of standardised efficiency, and as time goes on the wisdom

**INCOMPLETE SUMMARY OF AWARDS GAINED DURING
1936-37 SEASON.**

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----|
| Auckland District Surf Association | 6 | — |
| Canterbury District Surf Association | 36 | — |
| Otago District Surf Association | ..... | — |
| Taranaki District Surf Association | ..... | — |
| Wellington District Surf Association | ..... | 31 |
| Individual Clubs | 7 | — |
| Total | 80 | — |

The foregoing figures, though not giving the actual number of awards gained, gives indication of the continued growth of the Association's activities during the past year.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING.

The last annual report of the Association made reference to the forthcoming conference between representatives of the N.Z.A.S.A., R.L.S.S., and the N.Z.S.L.S.A. to consider a proposal re the definite co-operation of the three bodies, whose ideals and objectives were so much akin, on matters that would be of mutual benefit to the three organisations. Your Council is pleased to report that the conference was successful, and the National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving has been brought into existence. The first objective of the Committee was the organising of a National "Learn to Swim Week" in December last, which, on account of health conditions then existing, was postponed until January and then cancelled for the year. It is the intention of the Committee to undertake the National "Learn to Swim Week" during the dates of December 6th-11th next. A report from this Committee will be submitted for your consideration at this meeting.

DISTRICT NATATORIAL BOUNDARIES.

Your Council, after deliberations of a report of a sub-committee, referred this matter to the National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving, and a report on this important matter will be placed before you at this meeting. It is evident that it is desirable that the district boundaries for the three organisations be identical to avoid any undue and unnecessary overlapping which at present exists.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPORT AND RECREATION.

Your Council was represented at the conference convened by the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P.) by Messrs. P. F. Coira and N. A. Ingram. The Hon. Minister outlined his views on this important matter, and after consideration it was decided that the conference adjourn to permit of the organisations represented an opportunity of reviewing the proposal and assist by the submitting of ideas to a later conference. Recognising the importance of the proposal and its far-reaching effect on the people of the Dominion, the matter was considered in detail by a special sub-committee of the Association, consisting of Messrs. P. F. Coira, P. D. Edwards, F. Chapman, D. E. Buckley, and N. A. Ingram. This committee submitted a lengthy and detailed report,

the matter, and also views expressed by the various District Associations. The Committee exhaustively considered all aspects of the matter, and its recommendations, which will be submitted for your consideration at this meeting, are important, and will no doubt receive the earnest consideration of all delegates.

AFFILIATIONS.

The following District Associations are affiliated to the Association:—Auckland, Canterbury, Otago, Taranaki and Wellington. Due to an alteration in the constitution the Manawatu and Wanganui District Associations, recorded in the last report, ceased to exist as District Associations. In addition, the Te Awa Club and Porangahau Club (Hawke's Bay), and the Castlecliff Club (Wanganui), are affiliated as individual Clubs.

FINANCES.

The Financial Statement is here appended for your information, and reflects the widening operations of the Association. The Association's activities throughout the Dominion could be enlarged if sufficient financial assistance was forthcoming, and a review of the financial statement will disclose that one of the main items of expenditure was the loss sustained on the visit of the Australian Surf Life-Saving team, and such sum can rightly be claimed to have been expended on educational propaganda. The sales of the handbooks have not been up to expectation, and Club members are urged to secure a copy of this essential book early. The thanks of the Association are here extended to the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. H. Jackson) for the work that he has done for the Association.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

During the year twelve meetings of the Council were held, and the following summary of attendances are recorded, apologies being counted as attendances:—Messrs. P. F. Coira (12), W. H. Gerrie (12), F. H. Jackson (12), G. Sealey (7), P. D. Edwards (12), J. D. Hunter (9) (transferred to Auckland), V. Allan (12), A. H. Ross (11), W. J. Beveridge (5), H. Dickson (12), J. C. Blakeley (4) (resident in Christchurch for first period of the year), D. P. Buckley (11), J. L. Dighton (10), F. Chapman (9), H. C. Sidford (3) (relieving Mr. J. D. Hunter), N. A. Ingram (12).

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS.

During the year five (5) meetings were held, and the attendances were as follows:—P. F. Coira, F. H. Jackson, W. H. Gerrie, P. D. Edwards and N. A. Ingram (5 each), A. H. Ross (4).

PURCHASING OF GEAR.

It is pleasing to report the sale of the following items of gear through the Association during the past year:—

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Standardised reels | 11 |
| Standardised lines | 20 |
| Standardised belts | 14 |
| Patrol costumes | 25 |
| Handbooks | 250 |

The Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. J. D. Hunter, who represented the Auckland Surf Association on the Council prior to his transfer to Auckland. The lengthy services of Mr. Hunter to the Island Bay Surf Life-Saving Club, Wellington Association, and the Council, is evidence of his keen interest on behalf of the organisation.

The Council desires to express its appreciation of the services rendered to the Auckland District Surf Association by Mr. M. G. Adams in his capacity as Hon. Secretary. On his transfer to Wellington the Council notes with pleasure the decision of the Auckland Association to appoint Mr. Adams as its representative on the Council. His knowledge and keen interest in the work of the Association will be a valuable asset in his new appointment on the administrative side of our activities.

WORK OF DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATIONS.

The Council desires to record its appreciation of the cordial relationship existing between the District Association and the Council during the past year, and to congratulate the executive committees of the various District Associations on the work that they have done. The Council takes this opportunity of making a special plea for the prompt return of all forms required by the Council from Clubs and District Associations, for any undue delay in such matters prolongs the finalising of the functions of the Association.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS' ACTIVITIES.

This report would be incomplete without reference being made to the excellent work of the individual Clubs, and the executive committees of these Clubs, with the Club members, are herewith extended the sincerest thanks and appreciation of the Association for the good work they are doing.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report recording the fifth year of operations of the New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association, the Council of the Association review with pleasure the steady growth of the organisation and the gradual building on a sound foundation the future activities of an Association whose main objective is to have an efficient force, physical and mechanical, in readiness at all times to render assistance to those who frequent the beaches, river or lakes of the Dominion, who find themselves in difficulties in the water. From a very small beginning the structure is growing upwards, and the organisation, administrative and practical, is moving onwards to a definite place in the national activities of the Dominion. The steady growth of public support is indicative of the public opinion of the value of the work undertaken by the Association. The year just concluded has been a successful one, and the Council looks forward to the future with optimism. Much has been done, and yet much remains to be accomplished, but with the support of the general public and their representatives, the Local Authorities, combined with a spirit of co-operation of all clubs with the parent body, the Association can feel assured of a successful future.

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION (Inc.)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1937.

| EXPENDITURE. | | | | INCOME. | | | |
|---|-----|----|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Surf Stock on hand, 1/9/36 | 19 | 2 | 2 | Surf Stock on hand, 31/8/37 | 11 | 5 | 10 |
| Purchases | 179 | 2 | 4 | Sales | 196 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Handbooks on hand, 1/9/36 | 47 | 11 | 0 | Handbooks on hand, 31/8/37 | 37 | 6 | 0 |
| Handbook Supplements | 9 | 2 | 11 | Sales | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | 198 4 6 | | | | 207 7 10 |
| Australian Tour Expenses | | | 56 13 11 | Australian Tour— | | | 52 0 0 |
| Honoraria | | | 362 19 7 | Guarantees | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| Grants to District Associations— | | | 21 0 0 | Other Receipts | 142 | 17 | 8 |
| From Government Grant | 75 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| From Association Funds | 2 | 0 | 0 | Grants— | | | |
| London Trophy | 16 | 0 | 0 | Government | | | 200 0 0 |
| King George V. Memorial Fund | 3 | 3 | 0 | London Trophy | | | 25 0 0 |
| National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving | | | 20 0 0 | Affiliation Fees | | | 11 0 0 |
| Championship Expenses— | | | | Championship Receipts— | | | |
| General | 2 | 15 | 0 | Entrance Fees | 35 | 6 | 6 |
| Officials | 6 | 16 | 0 | Percentage | 29 | 17 | 11 |
| Trophies | 28 | 8 | 10 | | | | |
| | | | | Refunds— | | | |
| | | | 37 19 10 | Blazer | | | 2 2 0 |
| Honorary Blazers | | | 6 6 0 | Rent | | | 0 7 6 |
| Printing, Stationery and Duplicating | 24 | 2 | 3 | Printing | | | 0 6 0 |
| Bank Charges | 1 | 10 | 0 | Trophies | | | 1 5 0 |
| Rent | 2 | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| Rent, P.O. Box | 1 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Postages | 7 | 18 | 5 | | | | |
| Insurance | 1 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Sundry Expenses | 1 | 8 | 2 | | | | |
| Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure | | | 43 2 3 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | £882 10 5 | | | | £882 10 5 |

NOTE.—Advice has been received from the Controller and Auditor-General that grants to this Association are authorised under Section 308, Municipal Corporations Act, 1933.

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

LOCAL BODIES' DONATION TO FUNDS.

To the Hon. General Secretary,
N.Z.S.L.S. Association,
Box 272,
Wellington, N.Z.

Dear Sir,

Recognising the valuable work undertaken by your organisation in the matter of patrolling the beaches of the Dominion and the saving of human life, as disclosed in your Annual Report, the (state name of Local Body) desires to associate itself in your activities, and please find enclosed the sum of.....
£ : : .

Signed

Address

Please advise as follows:—

(1) This donation to be at disposal of the Council, N.Z.
Please advise as follows:—
S.L.S.A.

(2) This donation to be forwarded to the
.....(state name) District Association.

(Detach at perforation)