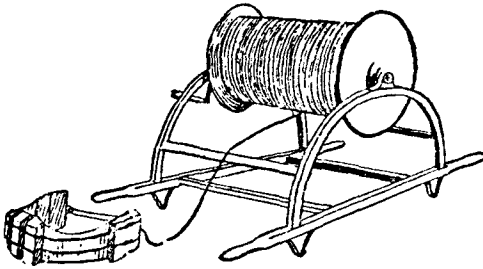


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**NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING
ASSOCIATION.**

ESTABLISHED 1932



Vigilance — Service — Endurance

**SEVENTH
Annual Report**

and

Statement of Accounts

Season 1938-1939

Over 2312 Lives Saved

Headquarters : Wellington, N.Z.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

To Members of Life-Saving Clubs.

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Association. Price 1/6.

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING
ASSOCIATION.

Seventh Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

To be presented at the

Annual General Meeting

on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1939,

in the

WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD'S ROOM,
MERCER STREET, WELLINGTON, N.Z.

At 7.30 p.m.

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SEASON ENDING AUGUST 31st, 1939.

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Education Board's Room on the 21st October,
1939, at 7.30 p.m.

Gentlemen,

Your Council, in submitting for your consideration the Seventh Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Association, feels justified in saying from the outset that the past year has been the most successful one of any of the seven years of operation of the Association since its inception. With the formation of a new district association on the West Coast of the South Island, and the possible formation of two more District Associations in the North Island, the formation of several new clubs in the Dominion and increases in club membership generally combined with a definite advancement in the patrolling of beaches warrants the Council in arriving at this decision. The past year has been a very active one and appreciation is expressed at the work done by the District Associations and Clubs. Unfortunately the climatic conditions in various parts of the Dominion prevented greater work being done on the beaches by many of the clubs but despite this handicap there is no doubt that the hours of patrol work during the past year increased considerably. The general public are fast realising the importance of having surf club patrols on the beaches, adding, as it does, confidence in the knowledge that should difficulties arise there is always a beach patrol ready to render assistance. The increasing attendance of the public at demonstrations and competitions held by surf life-saving clubs indicates their increasing popularity to the people of the Dominion. With the formation of new clubs during the past year new beaches have been added to those now officially patrolled by the clubs affiliated to the National Association and helping to bring into operation the ideal of the Association: **A SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUB ON ALL FREQUENTED BEACHES AND OFFICIAL PATROLS ON ALL OTHER BEACHES.** This objective may take years to bring to fruition but your Council feels confident that with a continuance of the definite advance made during the past year that the objective will be fulfilled. Such **COMMUNITY SERVICE, GIVEN WITHOUT ANY ANTICIPATION OF REWARD,** must and will receive the due recognition of those citizens who are alive to the future well-being of this Dominion. The loss of valuable human lives must be brought down to an irreducible minimum and in this nation

all campaign members of surf life-saving clubs are playing an important part, often at great personal risk. What is required is a definite awakening of public consciousness to the fact that the surf life-saving clubs, with kindred organisations; cannot carry out alone the fulfilment of this national campaign to reduce drowning but must, and should, receive the fullest support from the general public and the local bodies acting on their behalf. To fully and efficiently equip our clubs throughout the Dominion requires considerable finance and great credit is due to the members of the clubs in making such personal sacrifices for the general good of the community. It would be difficult to find another phase of activity where the rescuer actually pays money out of his own pocket to make him proficient to rescue some other person and yet this is the position of all members of surf life-saving clubs in the Dominion —THEY PAY TO SAVE. The local bodies of New Zealand are empowered to make annual grants or donations to such organisations as ours and in some districts avail themselves of the opportunity to express appreciation of the local clubs, and for such actions the Council places on record its sincere appreciation. But unfortunately these local bodies are the exception to the rule and in again appealing to members of such bodies to realise the importance of the work of the clubs in patrolling the beaches of their district we stress the point that finance is required for the securing of equipment and equipment only, whether same be a clubhouse, reels, surf boards, surf boats, belts, lines, etc. The members of the surf life-saving clubs are prepared to do the work of patrolling and instruction but it cannot be, and should not continue to be, a one-sided sacrifice for the national good. What is wanted is national co-operation in a national effort to reduce drownings. The various activities of the past year will be dealt with under separate headings and the Council takes pride in placing them before you for your review.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

It is with pleasure we record the continued interest of His Majesty King George VI. in the functioning of The Royal Life-Saving Society and Surf Life-Saving Association. Communications received from the Central Executive (London) indicate the personal interest that His Majesty takes in our operations.

It is gratifying to note the success attained by the Royal Princesses in the art of life-saving.

In again pledging our loyalty to the Crown we express the hope that the reign of His Majesty and Queen Elizabeth will long continue and that by their personal charm and humanitarian ideals that they will play no small part in creating a world-wide desire for universal peace.

REPORTED RESCUES FROM DROWNING.

In recording the number of official rescues reported by the various clubs under the jurisdiction of the Association it should be appreciated that each rescue indicates that without the assistance of members of the respective club concerned that the person rescued would have been in a most precarious position and in most cases, if not all, would have lost their lives had such assistance not been forthcoming. Unless "definite assistance" is rendered the Association does not record a "rescue." The figures following again emphasise the great work done by the members of the surf life-saving movement in the Dominion and the Council takes this

opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the good work done by the members of the clubs. Though the figures recorded of actual rescues are larger than those recorded for last year. The weather conditions on various beaches last summer had its effect on the attendances at these beaches, and further the National Campaign conducted by the National Council of Swimming and Life-Saving undoubtedly aroused the public mind as to the dangers of bathing in unfrequented and dangerous places. Even with these two very important aspects to consider it is apparent that far too many people get into difficulties in the water and had it not been for the timely appearance of the members of the clubs additions would have been made to the alarming number of deaths by drownings in the Dominion last year. The following list of "rescues" is from 43 clubs and 10 clubs did not furnish their annual return for inclusion in this report. Apart from "rescues" a return is made of cases where resuscitation and first-aid treatment was given.

It would be a national calamity if through lack of moral and financial support the various surf life-saving clubs were to cease to operate. Yet we have people, many of them in administrative positions, who look upon the surf life-saving movement as a form of SPORT. It is hard to realise such reasoning. It is DEFINITELY COMMUNITY SERVICE RENDERED TO MANKIND WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR. The fundamental principle underlying the work of a surf life-saver is self-sacrifice in the interest of the other person. He must patrol the beach and keep a watchful eye on the bathers and when necessity arises, without thought of consequences, go to the rescue of the person in distress. Yet by some it is called a sport.

FIGURES THAT TELL THE STORY.

Rescues During 1938-39 Season.

Rescues with belt and line	45
Rescues without belt and line	111
	Total 156
Received resuscitation treatment	20
Received first aid treatment	151
	Grand Total 327

The foregoing returns are from 43 Clubs.

A NATIONAL RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

The total of reported rescues for last year, 156, when added to the recorded total number in last year's report, 2156, brings THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED RESCUES TO 2312.

The value of the operations of the surf life-saving movement to the community is reflected in the foregoing figures and indicate the great national value of the work done by the clubs in the Dominion. To those who in any way assisted to rescue those in distress we express our heartfelt appreciation.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED RESCUES—TREATMENT.

District.	With Line.	Without Line.	Resuscitation.	First Aid.
Auckland—				
Gisborne	—	2	—	—
North Shore	3	5	1	1
Waitemata—Girls	—	—	—	6
Waitemata—Men	2	1	1	—
Kare Kare	1	3	—	—
Wainui	—	2	—	3
Whakatane	—	—	—	8
Waihi	7	14	2	4
Takapuna	—	3	—	4
Piha	6	3	3	63
Milford—Girls	—	—	—	—
Milford—Men	4	15	2	23
Eastern United	—	—	—	4
Mount Maunganui	4	—	—	1
Northern Wairoa	3	—	—	1
Opotiki	No Return.			
Canterbury—				
North Beach	—	9	—	1
Taylor's Mistake	1	1	1	—
New Brighton	—	—	—	—
South Brighton	1	—	1	5
Waimarie Beach	—	—	—	7
Sumner	No Return.			
Kaiapoi	No Return.			
Otago—				
Brighton	—	1	1	—
St. Clair	3	32	1	—
Balclutha	—	—	—	—
St. Kilda	No Return.			
Oreti	No Return.			
Tomahawk	No Return—New Club.			
Taranaki—				
Inaha	—	—	—	—
East End	—	2	—	—
Opunake	—	1	—	—
N.P. Boys' High School	—	—	—	—
N.P. Old Boys	—	—	1	1
Ohawe	—	1	—	—
Patea	—	2	—	—
Oakura	—	—	1	—
Fitzroy	No Return.			
Wellington—				
Maranui	—	—	—	—
Lyall Bay	2	3	1	5
Paekakariki	—	1	—	1
Island Bay	—	2	—	4
Paraparaumu	—	—	—	—
Worser Bay	—	—	—	—
Y.M.C.A.	—	—	—	—
Titahi Bay	—	2	—	1
West Coast (South Island)—				
Hokitika	—	—	—	—

Greymouth	No Return.			
Westport	—	—	—	—
Individual Clubs (North Island)—				
Castlecliff	3	4	3	7
Foxton	5	2	1	1
Tangimoana	No Return.			
Te Awa	No Return.			
Totals	45	111	20	151

Non-receipt of Annual Returns.

It is gratifying to record the receipt of Annual Return Forms from 43 Clubs with 10 Clubs failing to do so.

VIGILANCE—SERVICE—ENDURANCE.

A review of the foregoing figures recording rescues with and without reel and resuscitation and first aid treatment rendered gives ample indication of the great value of the work performed by the members of the Clubs on behalf of humanity. The Association takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to all those responsible for conducting the rescues reported in the foregoing tables. The vigilance of Club Members has undoubtedly helped to reduce the possible number of drowning cases in the Dominion last year. Much remains to be done and many beaches are still unpatrolled by the surf clubs. Slowly but very efficiently the operations of the movement are spreading outwards, and eventually the remote beaches will come into line and be patrolled by the Association's Patrols.

HOURS OF PATROL DUTIES.

An estimate of Hours of Duty performed by Members of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs of the Dominion, based on reliable record, makes interesting reading and a definite indication of the purely voluntary services rendered by the Clubs.

The 53 Clubs, having an average membership of 20 members, and each member doing 3 hours Patrol Duty a week (an exceedingly low estimate), and assuming that such Patrol work operates during the recognised five months of the year as swimming months, then no less than 68,600 hours are given to Patrol Duties by members of our Clubs in one year. Surely a record worthy of any organisation voluntarily working for humanity.

MOTOR TRANSPORTATION OF PATROLS.

With the ever increasing flow of motor traffic to remote beaches and rivers, the time is fast approaching when the Association will have to seriously consider the question of the securing of Motor Surf Patrol cars or waggons to convey men and equipment to these places. Such an innovation would cost money but where human lives are in the balance, then this obstacle should be overcome. Here lies an opportunity for local bodies to do their share in the protection of the lives of those who frequent the beaches under their control. It is not suggested that Patrols should be paid for their services, but it is claimed that they should be provided with up-to-date methods of transportation to enable the work of protection to proceed on efficient lines.

N.Z. GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF WORK.

Once again it is the pleasure of your Council in placing on record the Association's deep appreciation of the continued practical interest shown in the work of the organisation by the Government of this Dominion. During the past year financial assistance has been forthcoming and has helped the Association to carry on its operations. The Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P.) has at all times given indications of his personal interest in the well-being of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs, and to him and the officers of his Department sincerest thanks are extended. The question as to how far the authority of Surf Life-Saving Clubs should extend on the beaches of the Dominion is a point that the Hon. Minister is giving very careful consideration to, and is one also that the Association itself will have to watch very closely. It is evident that greater control of the beaches is necessary in the interests of the general public, but to what extent that control could and would be vested in Surf Life-Saving Clubs without impairing their purely voluntary operations is of vital importance to the organisation. We feel confident that before any legislation on such a matter is foreshadowed that the Government would secure an expression of opinion from the Association as to the merits of the proposal in the light of experience gained by its members.

SURF LIFE-SAVING MEDALLIONS.

The test of efficiency of members of surf life-saving clubs is the ability of the member to secure the surf medallion of the Association, and the following table of such awards, issued in the various districts gives further indication of the expansion of our work and the continued interest and efficiency of our new members. Whilst the Association has a steady annual distribution of these awards of all-round efficiency, then the future of the organisation is assured. The test is a severe one but necessary in the interest, not only of the member himself, but in the interest of the bathers at the beaches. To the hon. instructors of the various Clubs who have taught candidates for the Surf Medallion Examination during the past year we extend our thanks, and to the successful candidates our heartiest congratulations. To the unsuccessful candidates of last year we would say—try again—as the knowledge to be secured is worth all the sacrifice of time and energy.

Auckland District Association	43
Canterbury District Association	11
Otago District Association	7
Taranaki District Association	38
Wellington District Association	47
West Coast (South Is.)—new Association	0
Individual Clubs	10

Total 156

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY—LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION.

In placing on record its appreciation of the growing interest in this annual competition, the Council desires to again express its appreciation to the Central Executive (London) R.L.S.S., for its donation of such a handsome trophy, and the annual grant also. This competition definitely indicates the general workings of each

LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION.

<i>Allocation of Points.</i>	<i>WELLINGTON</i>		<i>TARANAKI</i>		<i>CANTERBURY</i>		<i>AUCKLAND</i>		<i>OTAGO</i>	
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Points</i>
Five for One new Club	2	= 10		Nil		Nil	1	= 5	2	= 10
Half for Five New Members	128	= 13	63	= 6½	90	= 9	109	= 11	55	= 5½
2 for 5 Bronze Medallions	48	= 20	51	= 22	17	= 7	59	= 24	15	= 6
6 for 10 Surf Medallions	47	= 30	38	= 24	11	= 12	43	= 30	7	= 6
1 for 1 Surf Instructor	1	= 1		Nil	1	= 1	4	= 4		Nil
5 for Interclub Displays	3	= 15	2	= 10		Nil	3	= 15		Nil
5 for Educational Displays	3	= 15	1	= 5	4	= 20	2	= 10	3	= 15
Representation at N.Z. Surf Championships										
5 each Visiting Club										
2 each Local Club	3	= 15	6	= 30	4	= 20	6	= 12	1	= 5
Total Points		119		97½		69		111		47½
Divided by No. of Clubs at entry	6	= 19.83	9	= 10.83	7	= 9.85	16	= 6.93	3	= 15.83
Place		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		

Otago entries received after Competition had closed.

Club in the District Associations area, and by the various allocation of points indicates the strength and weaknesses of the Clubs and Associations in the different sections of the general requirements of a Club or Association. IT IS AN INDICATOR OF EFFICIENCY, and the Association winning the trophy have every cause to be proud of their achievement. This is the third year of the competition, and it is pleasing to note that all the District Associations have forwarded their returns (though the Otago returns were received too late for inclusion in the actual result of the competition). The Wellington District Association secured the trophy for the second year in succession, and congratulations are extended to this Association and to the other Associations, all of whom did so well. The report indicates that no less than five new Clubs were formed during the year. With the formation of the new Association on the West Coast of the South Island and the possible formation of another Association in the North Island, next year's competition should be most interesting indeed. The details of points in this competition is so important an index to the actual and practical work of the Clubs and Associations that the report received from the Adjudicator (Mr. V. Allan) is printed in full as to points allocated in the competition.

NATIONAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 1939 N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Championships were conducted by the Auckland District Association on behalf of the N.Z.S.L.S.A., and held at Milford beach on February 18th and 19th. Congratulations are extended to the Auckland Association for the arrangements made for the successful operating of the Championships and to the various officials for the manner in which the various Championships were controlled. Fine weather conditions helped to make the two days on this beautiful beach very pleasant both for the competitors, officials and the general public who turned up in large numbers to view the teams in action. Special words of thanks and appreciation must be extended to Dr. T. H. Pettit (President), Mr. A. Gardner (Chairman), and Miss C. M. Sheriff (Hon. Secretary) of the Auckland Association for the work they did as senior officers of the Association. To the Chairmen and members of the various sub-committees we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation, recognising as we do the amount of detailed work required to be done by these various sub-committees in the manner of organising for such an important event. The Association was honoured by a special visit by the Hon. P. C. Webb, M.P., Hon. Minister of Labour, who addressed the teams and expressed the Government's appreciation of their work. He congratulated the teams on their physique and excellent appearance. To the Mayor of Auckland City (Sir Ernest Davis) we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation of his great interest in the workings of the Clubs at the Championships as was evidenced by the fact that on the Sunday he overstayed his intended stay by many hours. We were also honoured by the presence of Mr. Lerner of the Lerner Expedition of America who spoke in glowing terms of the work of the clubs and the excellent physique of the members. Moving pictures were taken of various events and in all probability a copy of same will be forwarded to New Zealand. The President of the Association (Mr. P. F. Coira), in addressing the various clubs on parade expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance from various parts of the Dominion and congratulated the winners of the various championship events which resulted as follows:—

N.Z. SENIOR R. AND R. CHAMPIONSHIP—(Nelson Shield).

Maranui, 1st; Lyall Bay, 2nd; Taylor's Mistake, 3rd; St. Clair, 4th.

Maranui Team: P. Malthus, J. Hatchwell, B. D. Evans, E. Raven, J. Downes, J. Clarke.

Lyall Bay Team: L. McKeeman, R. Pelham, G. Williams, J. Williams, F. Mollier, J. Bell.

N.Z. JUNIOR R. AND R. CHAMPIONSHIP—(William Henry Memorial).

Maranui Team, 1st; St. Clair, 2nd; New Brighton, 3rd; Lyall Bay, 4th.

Maranui Team: N. Keall, V. Youll, H. Wootton, V. Baird, R. Hall, A. Pritchard.

St. Clair Team: C. J. Lawrence, A. Deuchrass, R. Buchanan, A. Raines, J. Wilson, G. Anderson.

N.Z. FOUR MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP.

New Brighton Team, 1st; Maranui A Team, 2nd.

New Brighton Team: N. Butterick, H. Ainsley, C. Ainsley, T. Carson.

Maranui A Team: P. Matthews, J. Pythian, J. Hatchwell, E. Raven.

N.Z. BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Clarke (Maranui Club), 1st. Time, 2min. 8 3-5sec.

B. D. Evans (Maranui), 2nd. Time, 2min. 16 3-5sec.

R. Pelham (Lyall Bay), 3rd. Time, 2min. 17sec.

N. Buchanan (Waitemata), 4th. Time, 2min. 17 2-5sec.

N.Z. SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Clark (Maranui Club), 1st. Time, 4min. 58sec.

J. C. Blakeley (Lyall Bay), 2nd. Time, 5min. 5sec.

N. Stokes (Lyall Bay), 3rd. Time, 5min. 9 3-5sec.

J. A. Young (Taylor's Mistake), 4th. Time, 5min. 13 3-5sec.

N.Z. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

W. Hart (New Brighton Club), 1st. Time, 5min. 25sec.

A. Cameron (North Beach), 2nd. Time, 5min. 33sec.

J. McDonald (Lyall Bay), 3rd. Time, 5min. 34 2-5sec.

N. Chambers (New Brighton), 5min. 41sec.

N.Z. SURF LIFE-SAVING MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lyall Bay, 126 points, 1st.

Waitemata, 121½ points, 2nd.

Ohawe, 120 points, 3rd.

Opunake, 119 points, 4th.

Lyall Bay Team: W. Griffin, T. Mollier, J. Rawston, J. Williams, S. Downes, J. Hatchard, K. Porter, F. Diack, J. McDonald.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Maranui Club, 1st; Lyall Bay, 2nd; Taylor's Mistake, 3rd; Waitemata, 4th.

Maranui Team: P. Matthews, J. Hatchwell, D. Crone, J. Clark

Lyall Bay Team: J. Williams, R. Pelham, N. Stokes, J. C. Blakeley.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP.

New Brighton, 1st; Maranui, 2nd; Lyall Bay, 3rd; St. Clair, 4th.

New Brighton Team: N. Chambers, R. McKenzie, W. Hart, J. Campbell.

N.Z. RESUSCITATION COMPETITION—(Cambrian Shield).

- H. McIntosh (Takapuna Club), 18.6 points, 1st.
J. A. Young (Taylor's Mistake), 18.5 points, 2nd.
J. Phythian (Maranui), 18.08 points, 3rd.

It was pleasing to see the appearance of teams from the Waitemata and Milford Girls' Clubs and the excellent exhibitions they gave of surf life-saving.

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES.

The Council records its appreciation of the excellent work being done by the National Board of Judges and at each National Championship meetings the general all round improvement of the teams indicates that the high standard of efficiency required by the National Board is bearing fruit. A high standard of judging must give confidence to the competitors, and it is pleasing to note that spirit of goodwill and co-operation now existing between the competitors and hon. judges. The standard of drill has improved considerably and congratulations are extended to the teams and the hon. judges. Apart from the actual judging of events at the Championships, the National Board held many meetings and have appointed, later confirmed by the Council, the following additional hon. judges to the National Panel—J. D. Hunter (Auckland), A. Gardner (Auckland), H. S. Weston, J. Scobell, W. H. Haggitt (Taranaki).

The Board of Judges now comprise the following members:—Messrs. P. D. Edwards (Chairman), R. Howell, S. Higgins, F. H. Jackson, W. H. Gerrie, J. D. Hunter, A. Gardner, N. Berge, H. S. Weston, J. Scobell, W. H. Harris and J. F. Alexander.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING.

This committee, representing the N.Z.A.S.A., Dominion Council, R.L.S.S. and N.Z.S.L.S.A., conducted during the past year a National "Learn to Swim" campaign in a manner never before attempted in the Dominion, and possible only due to the granting of adequate finance by the Government of the Dominion through the Internal Affairs Department. The committee records that no less than 28,478 children and adults were actually taught to swim during the campaign. Your delegate (Mr. F. H. Jackson) will submit for your consideration a detailed report of the campaign at this annual general meeting. We congratulate all those who in any way were responsible in securing such excellent results, and express appreciation of the generous action of the Government which made such a nation-wide appeal possible.

N.Z. CENTENNIAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Centennial Surf Championships of the Dominion are to be held at Lyall Bay Beach, Wellington, and the Wellington District Association has been entrusted with the conducting of same. A Management Committee has already been appointed, and a commencement has been made in the matter of organisation. Indications point to a record number of entries.

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE-SAVING TEAM.

Your Council has extended an invitation to the A.S.L.S.A. to send a team of 18 members to compete at the Centennial Surf Championships in Wellington, and has submitted to the various District Associations proposals re a Dominion tour of the team prior to the Championships being held. This matter, no doubt will receive consideration at this meeting.

AUSTRALIAN METHOD OF DRILL.

The decision of the last annual general meeting to adopt the method of drill as operates under the A.S.L.S.A. (with slight modifications) has had a year's trial, and it will be interesting to note the considered opinion of the Clubs and Associations as to the result of their observation on the new method of drill.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

During the year eleven (11) meetings of the Council were held, the following being the summary of attendance:—

	Attendance.	Apologies.
P. F. Coira	11	—
W. H. Gerrie	11	—
F. H. Jackson	11	—
V. Allan	11	—
N. A. Ingram	11	—
C. R. Mentiplay	10	—
R. Perkins	10	1
G. Perry	9	1
P. D. Edwards	9	1
D. P. Buckley	8	1
(Resigned 31/7/39)		
W. S. Harris	8	—
J. L. Dighton	7	2
J. C. Blakely	7	1
C. R. Riordan	6	2
(Appointed 29/10/38)		
P. N. Rundle	5	—
(Appointed 22/7/39)		
A. H. Ross	5	3
F. Chapman	5	2
H. Bowman	3	1
(Appointed 5/7/39)		
H. Dickson	2	1
(Resigned 29/1/39)		

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES RENDERED.

The Council desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered to the Association by Messrs. H. Dickson (Canterbury delegate) and Mr. D. P. Buckley (Otago delegate). These gentlemen have, since the formation of the Association, rendered excellent services and have at all times shown a keen and deep interest in the operations and as practical men, with years of Club experience to guide them, have played no small part in placing the practical work of the organisation on the sound footing it has now reached. To them both we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

AFFILIATIONS.

The following District Association are affiliated:—Auckland, Canterbury, Otago, Taranaki, Wellington, West Coast (South Is.), making a total of six (6) as against five (5) last year. The following Individual Clubs are affiliated:—Castlecliff, Foxton, Tangimoana and Te Awa. In regards to the first three Individual Clubs; an application has been lodged for the Council to grant a dispensation for the formation of a new District Association to be known at the West-Mid Coast District Surf Life-Saving Association, and no doubt before the annual general meeting eventuates, this new Association will be operating. To the new District Association and the prospective Association we tender our heartiest congratulations on the progress made in their respective districts.

The Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the officials and executive members of the various District Associations and their spirit of loyalty and co-operation with the National body.

FORMATION OF NEW CLUBS.

It is with pleasure your Council records the formation of the following new Clubs:—Tomahawk (Otago), Balclutha (Otago), Titahi Bay (Wellington), and Paraparaumu (Wellington). In congratulating the two District Associations on the progress made, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the fact that the formation of these four new Clubs indicates the widening of the influences of our national organisation, and that four new beaches, at least, will be patrolled by members of the Association, ready at all times to render assistance to those in distress.

We welcome the officers and members of the new Clubs and trust that their operations will be crowned with success.

FINANCES.

A detailed statement of the finances of the Association will be placed before you at this meeting by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. H. Jackson), whose work for the Association in the matter of its finances calls for the highest commendation, and the National Association is fortunate in having such an efficient and capable officer conducting the financial side of its operations. The financial statement embodied in this report gives ample indication of the growing strength of the Association, and it is apparent that much more could and would be done if the necessary finances were available. Without the Government grant it would be difficult to carry on the work at all of administering the affairs of the National organisation. Local bodies could show their appreciation of the work of the Association by making annual grants, for which action they are empowered to do, for the purpose of permitting wider and more extensive educational work.

DOMINION COUNCIL R.L.S.S. AND N.Z.A.S.A.

It is gratifying to report the continuance of a spirit of the closest co-operation and harmony between our organisation and the Councils of the two organisations referred to at the heading of this paragraph, and it would be difficult to find in any walk of life a better feeling of comradeship than that existing between the three National organisations of the Dominion, so closely allied to the

natatorial activities of the people. We look forward to the future with every hope of a continuance of this feeling of clear understanding and co-operation. The President of the Dominion Council R.L.S.S. (Mr. G. Billson) is at present on a trip abroad, and we wish him the best of good times and health during his sojourn abroad. The work of the President of the N.Z.A.S.A. (Mr. F. G. Dunn), in his approach to the Government in the recent "Learn to Swim" campaign, is worthy of the highest recognition, and your Council places on record its appreciation of such services.

OPERATIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

During the past year the members of the various sub-committees have had considerable work to do, and the thanks of the Association are extended to these members. The Constitutional Sub-committee has met on many occasions and the respective reports to the Council have received due consideration. The production of the new amendments to the Handbook in book form was a part of this Committee's functions and the production has met with general approval. In the agenda paper to be placed before you at this meeting will be notices of intention to amend some of these amendments.

The Gear Committee has done well during the year, and experiments have been carried out in matters of improvements to the standard reel, belts and lines, and the following summary of gear supplied to the District Associations and Clubs makes interesting reading and an indication of the value of the goods supplied to the Clubs and the Clubs' approval of the standard equipment supplied to them.

Standard Reel	12
Standard Lines	18
Waxed Lines	6
Standard Belts	26
Safety Belts	2

To the Chairmen and members of the various sub-committees the Council expresses its appreciation of the services rendered to the Association during the past year.

MERITORIOUS AWARD—BRONZE MEDALLION.

To Mr. J. Vale, of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Surf and Life-Saving Club, goes the honour of being the first member of the Association to receive the Bronze Meritorious Medallion. The gallant rescue performed by this young member of the Club was of outstanding merit and well worthy of the presentation made by the Association. In congratulating Mr. J. Vale on the heroic action performed by him, your Council places on record its appreciation of such action which clearly indicates the national value of the movement, for records prove that for the timely rescue by this member of the New Plymouth Club that valuable life would have been lost.

DELEGATES TO THE A.S.L.S.A.

It is pleasing to record the deep interest still maintained in the welfare of our Association by its three delegates on the A.S.L.S.A. Council, and we extend to Messrs. G. Wray, L. Dawkins and D. C. Lucas sincerest thanks for their continued good service and recommend their re-appointment at this meeting.

DELEGATE TO DOMINION R.L.S.S.

Thanks and appreciation are expressed to Mr. G. L. Griffiths for his work on behalf of the Association on the Dominion Council R.L.S.S. and his re-appointment is recommended.

REPRESENTATION ON N.Z.A.S.A. COUNCIL.

By virtue of the Hon. Affiliation of the N.Z.S.L.S.A. with the N.Z.A.S.A., provision is made for the appointment of a representative), and your Council has appointed Mr. H. S. Feast (Christchurch) as its delegate and already has been advised of the keen interest shown by Mr. Feast.

CASTLECLIFF SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUB—MIDGET TEAM.

To Wanganui, New Zealand, must surely go the honour of having the youngest surf life-saving team in the world, for under the able guidance of Mr. H. R. Luff of that city and a prominent member of the Castlecliff Surf Life-Saving Club, this young team of MIDGETS practice and are well conversant with all the details of drill, etc., as performed by their much older members. The ages of the team vary from five years to eleven years of age. To see this team, with their midget reel, in action is well worth a visit to the famous Castlecliff Beach. We congratulate Mr. Luff for his keen interest in the work of the Association and the Midget Team we trust will continue to operate and eventually be drafted into the senior team of the club.

APPRECIATIONS.

Your Council desires to place on record its appreciation to the New Zealand Government for its continued practical interest in the operations of the Association.

To the Press of the Dominion for its helpfulness at all times in giving due publicity to the operations of the Associations through its District Associations and clubs.

To Mr. O. J. Mullins, A.R.A.N.Z. (Wellington) in conducting the audit of the Association's accounts.

To Sir James Elliott and Dr. T. H. Pettit for their services as Hon. Medical Advisers during the year and their continued personal interest in the well-being of the Association.

To Mr. W. J. Beveridge for his services as Hon. Solicitor during the past year.

To the President, officers and members of the Auckland District Surf Association for the excellent hospitality extended to the visiting officials and competitors at the National Surf Life-Saving Championships.

To the Maranui Club for use of Clubroom for meetings of the Council.

WORK OF DISTRICT SURF ASSOCIATIONS.

The Council places on record its deep appreciation of the continued loyalty and co-operation of the officers and members of the various District Associations. At all times co-operation has existed as between the Council and the District Associations' Executive Committees and whilst this spirit of co-operation and goodwill continues then the success of the national movement is assured.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS.

With the formation of the two District Associations previously mentioned in this report the number of individual clubs has fast diminished, but it is right to record the appreciation of the Council for the past work of the officials and members of these clubs, for had it not been for their continued interest in the movement then it would have been impossible to have been able to record the formation of the District Associations. As members of the District Associations may we express the hope that the members of the clubs concerned will give the same degree of service to the new organisation controlling their operations in their own districts.

INTERNATIONAL CONFLAGRATION.

It is with the deepest and sincerest regret that the Council concludes this annual report with the knowledge of the tragic events in the world to-day and expresses the fervent hope that ere long wiser counsels will prevail and that the people of the various countries concerned will realise that differences of opinion can, and should, be dealt with without recourse to the terrible conditions of war.

That the conflict now raging will have an effect on the operations of the various clubs during the coming season is apparent and already reports indicate that many of our members have responded to the call of national duty, and to them we offer our congratulations and express the hope that whatever task is allotted them in the effort to free the world from the operations of the aggressor nation and to restore to humanity its right to live its own life in peaceful occupations, that such tasks will be performed in that same spirit of devotion to duty that has characterised our members in their work for the Association.

To the New Zealand Government we pledge our fullest support realising as we do that the fight to-day is one of Right against Might and that everything possible must be done, personal sacrifices made, to ensure the final success of the forces that are, and will, be fighting against tyrannical oppression of the smaller nations of the world.

The Government has rightly expressed the desire that the operations of the various organisations should continue as in normal periods and that arrangements being made re Centennial celebrations should, where practicable, be continued. In compliance with the desire of the Government and local bodies your Council has decided that the National Surf Live-Saving Championships shall be held as previously arranged for February 16th, 17th, 18th, 1940, at Wellington.

COUNCIL.

In concluding the report of the seventh year of operations of the Association your Council feels that the past year's activities is a definite indication of the growing strength of the movement in the Dominion. Progress has been made in all sections of the work. New District Associations and clubs have been formed. Greater public interest has been manifested in the work of the clubs. There is still much work to be done and many clubs yet to be formed to ensure that all beaches frequented by visitors will have adequate beach protection in the presence of members of the Surf

Life-Saving Movement under the direction of the Association. The Association should give very serious consideration to the matter of motorised transportation for beach patrols. The Association again appeals to local bodies throughout the Dominion to render financial assistance to the District Associations and clubs in their own district for the better and more efficient equipment of their clubs to render to the general public that degree of service rightly known as COMMUNITY SERVICE. The members of the surf life-saving clubs are ready to do their share in this great humanitarian work—but should they DO IT ALONE? The Association desires to patrol as many beaches as possible and the degree of possibility must be gauged by the desire of the general public to assist in this national idea.

In conclusion we would impress on the members of the clubs the motto of the Association—VIGILANCE, SERVICE, ENDURANCE. Their past services have been excellent and may we hope that the years ahead will find them still anxious to do their share in the work of the Association, either in the practical or administrative side of its operations.

P. F. COIRA, President.

N. A. INGRAM,

Hon. General Secretary, N.Z.S.L.S.A.



AGENDA PAPER.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, REMITS, Etc.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1939.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Surf Stock on hand, 1/9/38	12	8	3	Surf Stock on hand, 31/8/39	41	12	7
Purchases	293	8	9	Sales	277	7	2
			305 17 0	Handbooks on hand, 31/8/39	17	14	9
Handbooks on hand, 1/9/38	15	0	0	Sales	20	6	9
Purchases	33	15	11				318 19 9
			48 15 11	London Trophy Grant			38 1 6
London Trophy Awards			17 3 0	Grant—Government			25 0 0
Grants to District Associations			175 0 0	Affiliation Fees			300 0 0
Affiliation Fee—R.L.S.S.			1 1 0	Championship Receipts—			12 12 0
Championship Expenses—				Entrance Fees	39	14	6
General	26	9	5	Percentage	9	4	6
Officials	31	17	2				48 19 0
Trophies	24	9	8				
			82 16 3				
Honoraria	26	15	0				
Australian Tour Expenses	8	0	6				
Printing and Duplicating	20	16	11				
Bank Charges	1	10	0				
Rent—Meeting Room	2	17	0				
Postages	8	2	9				
Insurance Premium	1	10	0				
Sundry Expenses	4	15	2				
Annual Meeting Expenses	17	7	0				
Meritorious Award	8	8	0				
Balance, being excess Income over Expenditure	12	16	9				
			£743 12 3				£743 12 3

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1939.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Otago Surf Association			16	2		6	Cash in Bank	115	3	11
Excess of Assets over Liabilities as at 1/9/38	165	2	0				Hokitika Surf Club	6	15	0
Add Excess of Income over Expendi- ture		12	16	9			Surf Stock on hand	41	12	7
				177	18	9	Handbooks	17	14	9
				£194	1	3	Typewriter	8	10	0
							Championship Medals	4	5	0
							<u>£194</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	

(Signed) F. H. JACKSON,

Hon. Treasurer.

I hereby certify to having examined the books and accounts of the New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association and consider that the above is a true statement of accounts.

19th September, 1939.

(Signed) O. J. MULLINS, A.R.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.