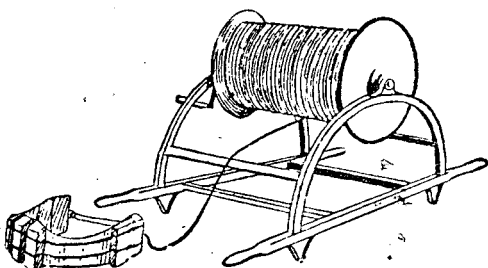


NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE - SAVING ASSOCIATION

Established 1932.



Vigilance — *Service* — *Endurance*

EIGHTH **Annual Report**

AND

Statement of Accounts

SEASON 1939-1940.

Over 2549 Lives Saved

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Education Board's Room, Abel Smith St., Wellington, at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1940.

HEADQUARTERS : WELLINGTON, N.Z.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,
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Individual Clubs Mr. F. Chapman.

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R.L.S.S. Mr. J. L. Dighton.

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Delegate to Dominion Council R.L.S.S.: Mr. G. C. Griffiths (Chch).

Delegate to Council N.Z.A.S.A.: Mr. H. S. Feast (Christchurch).

Delegates to National Committee of Swimming and Life Saving:

Messrs. F. H. Jackson and V. L. Allan.

Delegates to S.L.S.A. of A.: Messrs. G. Wray, L. Dawkins, D. Lucas
(Sydney, N.S.W.)

SUB-COMMITTEES

Constitution: Messrs. F. H. Jackson (Convener), F. Chapman and W. S. Harris.

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Tours: Messrs. F. H. Jackson (Convener), P. F. Coira, F. Chapman, J. C. Blakeley, R. Perkins.

Finance: Messrs. P. F. Coira (Convener), N. A. Ingram, F. H. Jackson, A. H. Ross, C. R. Mentiplay, P. D. Edwards.

Eighth Annual Report and Financial Statement

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 8
p.m., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1940.

Gentlemen,

In submitting for your review the Eighth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, your Council desires to extend its fullest co-operation in the expressed wish of the Government to conserve the use of paper to a minimum, and for that reason this Report is condensed as much as possible, at the same time ensuring that the essential activities and operations of the Association are faithfully recorded for your consideration.

The beginning of the year under review found the British Commonwealth of Nations at war, and the end of the year finds the same conditions existing, and the Dominion of New Zealand standing shoulder to shoulder with the other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations in the fight for justice and right. Your Council, on your behalf, has expressed to the Government its earnest desire to assist in any way possible and has pledged the continuance of its operations for patrolling of beaches, etc., to the fullest limits, despite the large decrease of active members due to enlistments in military services. The future policy of the Association will receive due consideration at this meeting.

From the outset your Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the very large number of our members who have responded to the call of national duty and have joined the military forces in various capacities. In many cases almost the whole of the eligible members of the clubs have volunteered and been accepted for service, and to-day members of Surf Life Saving Clubs of the Dominion are operating in far away lands, ready to do their share in the fight for freedom of thought and action.

The past year has been a most successful one, and despite inclement weather conditions at times, the work of the patrols continued, and the statistical review of reported rescues published later in this Report gives ample proof of the watchfulness of our members for the safety of those who frequent the beaches, rivers and lakes of the Dominion.

The Centennial Year of the Dominion, under normal conditions and the financial assistance promised, would have afforded us an opportunity of extending an invitation for a party representing the S.L.S.A. of A. to tour the Dominion, but due to the war situation, such a tour was considered impracticable. The Council regrets the necessity of the action taken for such a tour, had it materialised, would have created considerable public interest and would have been of great assistance to Clubs and District Associations.

The N. Z. Centennial Surf Life Saving Championships held at Lyall Bay, Wellington, created records in the number of clubs competing and the number of individual competitors.

During the year Officers of the Council, at the request of the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P.), gave serious consideration to the drafting of a series of proposals relative to the future policy of the organisation, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made to ensure the payment to the Association of a stipulated sum of money per annum. The review covered all present operations of the Association and also further extensions of activities which could be brought into operation if sufficient finances were forthcoming. The Hon. Minister expressed his appreciation of the concise nature of the proposals submitted to him and expressed his determination to give the fullest consideration to them. No doubt due to the present state of affairs, the final result of the deliberations of the Hon. Minister will be deferred until a later date.

The Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the excellent services rendered to the community by the Surf Life Saving Clubs and District Associations during the year, and the continuance of that spirit of community service which has placed the Surf Life Saving Association in the forefront of humanitarian services.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

We record the continued interest of His Majesty King George VI. in the operations of the R.L.S.S. and Surf Life Saving Association, as contained in the official communication received from the Central Executive R.L.S.S., London.

We reaffirm our loyalty to the Crown and express the hope that both His Majesty and Queen Elizabeth will long reign and that very soon their Empire will emerge victorious and be the guiding factor in the establishment of a world-wide lasting peace.

REPORTED RESCUES FROM DROWNING.

In placing on record the following reported totals of Rescues by members of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs of the Dominion the Council has no desire to, nor does, claim that each rescue means that the person saved would have lost her/his life if a member of a Surf Club was not present to render assistance. It is contended, though, that at least seventy per cent. of such rescues would have proved fatal had not the necessary efficient assistance been at hand. Before a rescue is recorded at all, definite assistance must be given by the rescuer. The following figures, which create a Dominion record of reported rescues, gives ample indication of the efficiency of our patrols and members to render assistance to those in distress, and the Council takes this opportunity of extending its sincerest appreciation to all those who in any way have assisted by their devotion to duty in maintaining the safety of our beaches, lakes and rivers. Despite the efforts made to create public interest in the art of swimming, and the concentrated efforts of the organisations comprising the National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving, it is apparent that even yet far too many people are prone to disregard the risks attached to bathing by going out further than safety warrants and by bathing in areas removed from the watchful eyes of those willing and able to render assistance. Once again the Association stresses the importance of control of bathing areas by Surf Life-Saving Clubs.

WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCED NUMBERS OF AVAILABLE PATROLS, DUE TO SO MANY OF THE SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OPERATING WITH THE MILITARY SERVICES NEXT SUMMER, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FULLEST PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO A NATIONAL APPEAL FOR ALL BATHERS AT BEACHES TO BATHE AT DEFINED AREAS, AND AT ALL TIMES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUBHOUSE.

The following list of "Rescues" is from 44 Clubs, and 9 Clubs failed to submit their annual return for inclusion in this Report. Apart from "Rescues," the return indicates the number of cases where resuscitation and first aid treatment was given.

THE STORY TOLD IN FIGURES.

Rescues during 1939-1940 Season.

Rescues with belt and line	103
Rescues without belt and line	134
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Total	237
Received resuscitation treatment	63
Received first aid treatment	126
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Grand Total	426

AN HONOURED RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

The total of recorded Rescues of last year, 237, when added to the total in last year's Report, 2,312, brings THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED RESCUES TO 2549.

The value of the operations of the Surf Life-Saving Association to the community is evidenced by the foregoing figures.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED RESCUES—TREATMENT.

District.	With Belt and Line.	Without Belt and Line.	Resuscitat' n Treatment.	First Aid Treatment.
Auckland—				
Milford (Men)	3	8	—	3
Milford (Girls)	—	—	—	12
Waitemata (Men)	—	—	—	—
Waitemata (Girls)	—	—	28	—
Eastern United	—	1	—	14
Whakatane	—	—	—	—
Takapuna	1	—	—	4
Northern Wairoa	—	—	—	—
North Shore	1	3	—	1
Blockhouse Bay	—	—	—	—
Wainui	1	3	1	4
Piha	7	—	4	44
Mt. Maunganui	—	No Return.		—
Kare Kare	—	No Return.		—
Waihi	1	—	1	1
Gisborne	—	No Return.		—
Opotiki	—	No Return.		—
Canterbury—				
Waimarie Beach	2	2	4	—
Summer	1	2	1	9
Taylor's Mistake	3	4	1	1
New Brighton	3	11	—	—
North Beach	2	1	—	2
South Brighton	—	—	—	—
The Pines	—	No Return.		—
Otago—				
St. Clair	5	22	1	2
St. Kilda	12	18	8	4
Brighton	4	—	1	1
Oreti	—	—	—	4
Tomahawk	—	—	—	—
Balclutha	—	—	—	—
Taranaki—				
Opunake	5	—	—	—
Waitara	2	—	—	—
Ohawe	1	—	—	—
Oakura	1	—	1	—
East End	3	10	2	1
N.P. Old Boys	—	—	—	—
Patea	—	—	—	—
Fitzroy	18	12	3	3
Waitu	1	—	1	1
N.P. High School	—	No Return.		—
Wellington—				
Titahi Bay	3	1	1	8
Lyllal Bay	—	—	—	—
Maranui	—	—	—	7
Worser Bay	—	—	—	—
Island Bay	—	3	—	3
Y.M.C.A.	—	—	—	—
Paraparaumu	—	—	—	—
Paekakariki	1	1	1	1

Individual Clubs—

Foxton	—	1	—	—
Castlecliff	22	31	4	6
Greymouth		No Return.		
Hokitika		No Return.		
Westport		No Return.		
Totals	103	134	63	136

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The number of Clubs that forwarded their annual return form in time for publication in this Report is 44 Clubs, and 9 Clubs have failed to furnish the requested information. In view of the present position of affairs it is pleasing to receive such a large number of annual return forms.

SUMMARY OF GEAR OWNED BY SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUBS.

The following summary of Gear used by the various Clubs who have submitted returns is of interest.

Number of Clubs	44
Number of Reels	108
Number of Lines	131
Number of Belts	131
Number of Surf Boats	9
Number of Surf Shis, etc.	6
Estimated value of foregoing Gear, £1830.	

HOURS OF PATROL DUTIES.

It is pleasing to report that, despite the absence of our senior active members on military service, Clubs have endeavoured to maintain the Patrol Work to the fullest extent possible by securing the services of past active members, junior members, and in some cases Ladies' Patrols, and have thus helped to maintain the principle of the Association, that WHERE THERE IS A SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUB THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A PATROL. The coming season, no doubt, will be even more difficult, and the Council takes this opportunity of appealing to ALL CLUBS to CARRY ON to the best of their ability and to foster the training of Ladies' Teams, Juniors, and even Midgets, so that all can help to carry on the work. There is much to be done, and the available number may be fewer as the season advances, and this will call on a still greater sacrifice of time for those who are left.

HOURS OF PATROL, 65,432.

HOURS OF PATROL—BASED AT MINIMUM FIGURE.

The foregoing total of hours of patrol work voluntarily undertaken by the members of the Clubs is worthy of due recognition, and the Council expresses in this section of its Report congratulations to all members.

SURF LIFE-SAVING MEDALLIONS.

As referred to in previous Reports, the Council gauges the continued progress of the operations of the Association to a large

extent on the number of Surf Life-Saving Medallions issued during the year, as by this means an indication is given of the increasing number of efficiently trained new members being added to those who have previously attained this high and necessary qualification. The test is severe, covering all phases of the work considered necessary to perform rescues in the surf, etc. Congatulations are extended to those who have this year qualified for full membership and to those who may not have yet reached the high standard of efficiency required to qualify the Council urges still further effort. Every possible new member is required to fill the position now vacated by our members who are operating in other fields at the moment.

SURF MEDALLIONS ISSUED DURING YEAR.

Auckland District Association	33
Canterbury District Association	8
Otago District Association	5
Taranaki District Association	28
Wellington District Association	43
West Coast District Association (South Island)	4
Individual Clubs	6

Total 127

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY—LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION.

The passage of years has fully demonstrated the value of the decision made to utilise the excellent trophy donated by the Central Executive (London) R.L.S.S. in a competition in which Clubs, through their own District Associations, could compete, and the conditions of which covered all phases of the operations of the Association. It is pleasing to again report continued interest in this competition, and the details of the competition (as drawn up by the adjudicator, Mr. V. L. Allan) gives ample proof of the interest of members. In congratulating the Wellington District Association on its success, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all competitors, with the expressed wish that, despite possible reduction in active membership during the war period, still further efforts will be made to maintain this competition to the fullest extent compatible with the conditions prevailing. During the year a letter was received from Captain A. E. Biscoe (Chief Secretary) R.L.S.S., London, congratulating the Association on the success achieved in the competitions held for the London Trophy, and expresses appreciation of the services rendered by the Adjudicator (Mr. V. L. Allan).

THE EMPIRE'S CALL.

When the Government of the Dominion, as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, called for volunteers for service in all phases of military activities, members of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs responded readily to render all the assistance that they could give to help our Empire in its hour of trial. To-day members of our Clubs are operating in many distant lands, as well as on Home Services, and we tender to them, one and all, our heartiest congratulations, with the sincere hope that ere long they will all return to take their places on more less hazardous patrols. In several instances no less than 100 per cent. of the eligible members of

LONDON TROPHY COMPETITION—1939-40 SEASON.

Allocation of Points.	WELLINGTON		OTAGO		TARANAKI		CANTERBURY		AUCKLAND	
	No.	Points	No.	Points	No.	Points	No.	Points	No.	Points
Five for each new Club	Nil		Nil	1 =	5		Nil	1 =	5
Half for five new members	78 = 8		53 = 5½	64 =	6½		69 = 7	67 =	7
2 for 5 Bronze Medallions	38 = 16		30 = 12	29 =	12		8 = 4	42 =	18
6 for 10 Surf Medallions	43 = 30		5 = 6	28 =	18		8 = 6	33 =	24
1 for 1 Surf Instructors	4 = 4		Nil	Nil			Nil	4 =	4
5 for Interclub Displays	2 = 10		3 = 15	4 =	20		3 = 15	1 =	5
5 for Education Displays	1 = 5		3 = 15	1 =	5		1 = 5	5 =	25
Representation at N.Z. Surf Championships—										
5 each Visiting Club			1 = 5	4 =	20		4 = 20	5 =	25
2 each Local Club	6 = 12								
Total Points	85		58½		86½		57		113
Divided by No. of Clubs at entry	8 = 10.50		6 = 9.75	9 =	9.61		6 = 9.50	15 =	7.53
Place	1st		2nd	3rd		4th		5th	

Clubs have responded—surely a record that the Clubs concerned and the Association may well feel proud of. An effort has been made to compile a list of the total members from each Club now serving with the Forces, and though the list is far from complete, the following table is interesting, indicating that WHEN DUTY CALLS MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUBS ARE EVER READY TO DO THEIR SHARE.

Number of returns received	25
Number now serving	405

To the foregoing figures must be added those who have volunteered but have not been accepted for military services for various reasons.

N.Z. CENTENNIAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Council regrets that, due to its decision to preserve space in this Report, only passing reference can be made to the Championships, and takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to the Wellington District Association on its conduct of the Championships and to the various officials. The number of competitors was 323, and the number of Clubs represented was 23, both sets of figures being a national record. Reference must be made to the presence of the Waitemata and Milford Girls' teams from Auckland and the Castlecliff (Wanganui) and Titahi Bay (Wellington) Midget teams. Congratulations are extended to these teams on the excellence of their performances.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

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

- Lyll Bay A (Wellington), 1st; Maranui (Wellington), 2nd;
Taylor's Mistake (Canterbury), 3rd.
Lyll Bay Team: W. Bell, F. Mollier, J. Williams, G. Williams,
N. Stokes, R. Pelham.
Maranui Team: E. A. Raven, P. R. Malthus, D. K. Evans, J.
T. Clark, F. Pennington, J. Hatchwell

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

- Maranui A (Wellington), 1st; Lyll Bay A (Wellington), 2nd;
Maranui B (Wellington), 3rd.
Maranui A Team: R. Gardiner, F. Youll, E. Teward, K. Albert,
L. Jarvis, V. Youll.
Lyll Bay A Team: G. Polkinghorne, K. Porter, A. Arthur, I.
Conlon, R. Cole, R. McBrearty.

N.Z. SENIOR FOUR MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP.

- Maranui B (Wellington), 1st; Lyll Bay B (Wellington), 2nd;
Maranui A (Wellington), 3rd.
Maranui B Team: J. H. Pythian, P. R. Malthus, W. Deavoll,
E. A. Raven.
Lyll Bay B Team: W. Bell, L. McKeeman, G. Williams, W.
Cole.

N.Z. JUNIOR FOUR MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP.

- Lyll Bay A (Wellington), 1st; Lyll Bay B (Wellington), 2nd;
Maranui B (Wellington), 3rd.
Lyll Bay A Team: P. Smith, K. R. Poaka, J. Polkinghorne, H.
Arthur.
Lyll Bay B Team: R. Rawston, F. Conlon, P. McBrearty, W.
Cole.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

- J. T. Clarke, Maranui (Wellington), 1st. Time, 3min. 12 1-5 sec.
Dr. D. K. Symes, Taylor's Mistake (Canterbury), 2nd. Time, 3min. 19 4-5sec.
F. Pennington, Maranui (Wellington), 3rd. Time, 3min. 21sec.
A. Pascoe, Waitemata (Auckland), 4th. Time, 3min. 39sec.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

- N. Chambers, New Brighton (Canterbury), 1st. Time, 2min. 40sec.
B. Clench, North Shore (Auckland), 2nd. Time, 2min. 46 4-5 sec.
W. Hart, New Brighton (Canterbury), 3rd. Time, 2min. 50 2-5sec.
K. Lovett, Castlecliff (Wanganui), 4th. Time, 3min. 9sec.

N.Z. MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP.

- Lyall Bay (Wellington), 1st.
Piha (Auckland), 2nd.
St. Clair (Otago), 3rd.
Milford Girls (Auckland), 4th.

N.Z. SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- J. T. Clarke, Maranui (Wellington), 1st. Time, 5min. 5 1-5sec.
P. Mathieson, Auckland (Waitemata), 2nd. Time, 5min. 8 2-5sec.
L. Newell, North Beach (Canterbury), 3rd. Time, 5min. 12 3-5 sec.
J. Hatchwell, Maranui (Wellington), 4th. Time, 5min. 14sec.
J. C. Blakeley, Lyall Bay (Wellington), 4th. Time, 5min. 14sec.

N.Z. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- W. Hart, New Brighton (Canterbury), 1st. Time, 3min. 13 3-5sec.
C. Nettleton, North Shore (Auckland), 2nd. Time, 3min. 15 2-5sec.
K. Albert, Maranui (Wellington), 3rd. Time, 3min. 16 2-5sec.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

- Maranui (Wellington), 1st. Time, 19min. 57sec.
Lyall Bay (Wellington), 2nd. Time, 20min. 21 2-5sec.
Taylor's Mistake (Canterbury), 3rd. Time, 20min. 27sec.
Ohawe (Taranaki), 4th. Time, 23min. 31sec.
Maranui Team: J. T. Clarke, F. Pennington, P. Malthus, D. K. Evans.
Lyall Bay Team: J. C. Blakeley, R. Pelham, J. Williams, N. Stokes.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

- New Brighton (Canterbury), 1st. Time, 24min. 35 2-5sec.
Lyall Bay (Wellington), 2nd. Time, 24min. 39 4-5sec.
North Shore (Auckland), 3rd. Time, 24min. 47 1-5sec.
Maranui (Wellington), 4th. Time, 25min. 41sec.
New Brighton Team: W. Hart, F. Hands, N. Chambers, A. Miller.
Lyall Bay Team: R. McBrearty, J. Polkinghorne, R. Cole, F. Conlon.

N.Z. SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP—(New Title).

1st Series: Piha (Auckland), 1st. Time, 4min. 39sec. Lyall Bay (Wellington), 2nd. St. Clair (Otago), 3rd. Maranui (Wellington), 4th.

2nd Series: Piha, 1st. Time, 4min. 19 1-5sec. Lyall Bay, 2nd; St. Clair, 3rd; Maranui, 4th.

3d Series: Piha, 1st. Time, 5min. 9sec. St. Clair, 2nd; Lyall Bay, 3rd; Maranui, 4th.

Winner of Championship: Piha (Auckland).

Runner-up: Lyall Bay (Wellington).

N.Z. RESUSCITATION COMPETITION.

E. A. Raven, Maranui (Wellington), 1st.

K. F. Hoy, Maranui (Wellington), 2nd.

F. Mollier, Lyall Bay (Wellington), 3rd.

1941 N.Z. SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Consideration will be given at this Annual General Meeting, no doubt, as to whether, in view of the present situation and so many of our senior members being absent from their Clubs, the 1941 Surf Championships should not be held as previously decided. This matter is of great importance, and it is hoped that before a final decision is arrived at that due consideration will be given to all aspects. The matter of our junior members must be given every consideration. Your Council has solicited the considered opinions of the District Associations on the matter of Championships, etc., and these opinions will be placed before you at the meeting. Consideration should be given to the desire of the Government that where at all possible the usual routine of sporting and kindred organisations should be maintained to the fullest extent.

N.Z. GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION AND ASSISTANCE.

Once again your Council places on record its deep appreciation of the continued practical interest of the Government of the Dominion in the operations of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs. The financial assistance received has permitted the Association to continue its work of educational activities and rendering financial assistance to Clubs. The present system of distributing to the District Associations grants from the Government per medium of their work, as set out in the London Trophy Competition, has met with general approval and appears to be a sound method of disbursement. The Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P.) has at all times indicated his personal desire to be of the utmost help to the organisation and clearly appreciates the ideals and objectives of the Association. To the Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P., we again extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation. During the year a discussion was held with the Hon. Minister as to the future policy of the Association in the event of additional financial income being received, and this matter will be placed before you at the Annual General Meeting by a statement first setting out the proposals submitted to the Hon. Minister, and, secondly, his expressed views on the matter. Unfortunately, the whole matter has had to be deferred until a later opportunity, but indications are evident that when that time does arrive that due and very favourable consideration will be given to the matter of possible expansion of the operations of the Association.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING.

Due to the decision arrived at at the Annual General Meeting of the Committee held last year, when it was decided that national operations of the three national bodies comprising the Committee shall be undertaken by the particular organisation concerned, your delegates to the National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving (Messrs. F. H. Jackson and V. L. Allan) have not been called upon so often as in previous years. The report on Drownings prepared by Mr. F. H. Jackson, on behalf of the National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving, will be placed before you at this meeting.

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES.

Opportunity is again taken to express appreciation of the work of the National Board of Judges during the past year. With the record number of entries received at the Centennial Surf Championships, the Hon. Judges were called upon to give long hours during the days of the Championships. Each evening discussions were held on the work of that day, and it is evident that the members of the National Board are anxious to do their share in maintaining the present high standard of efficiency shown by the Clubs. The report of the National Board of Judges will be submitted to you by the Chairman (Mr. P. D. Edwards).

On the recommendation of the Board, the Council appointed the following new members:—Messrs. N. Galbraith (Auckland), K. W. Stephens (Wellington), H. D. Dickson (Wellington), K. J. Herriott (Canterbury), Sutherland (Canterbury), R. Perkins (Wellington), J. A. Whisker (Wellington), G. D. Griffiths (Canterbury).

The National Board of Judges now comprise:—Messrs. P. D. Edwards (Chairman), R. Howell, S. Higgins, F. H. Jackson, W. H. Gerrie, J. D. Hunter, A. Gardener, N. Berge, H. S. Weston, J. Scobell, W. H. Harris, N. Galbraith, K. W. Stephens, H. D. Dickson, G. D. Griffiths, K. J. Herriott, Sutherland, R. Perkins, J. A. Whisker.

During the year the resignation of Mr. J. F. Alexander was received with regret.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE RIGHT HON. M. J. SAVAGE, P.C. (PRIME MINISTER).

The Council, on behalf of the Association, places on record its sincerest sympathy in the death of the late Right Hon. M. J. Savage, and places on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered to the Dominion by him. His humanitarian ideals and personal charm endeared him to all, and the Dominion as a whole mourns his passing.

THE LATE MR. J. A. MILBURN.

The Association during the past year lost one of its prominent members by the death of the late Mr. J. A. Milburn, who represented the Otago District Association on the Council for a number of years. He was a most enthusiastic member, and at all times showed a keen interest in the operations of the Association. Our late member was also closely associated with Association football. We mourn his passing and extend sincerest sympathy to his family.

AFFILIATIONS.

The following District Associations are affiliated with the Association:—Auckland, Canterbury, Otago, Taranaki, Wellington, West Coast (South Island). Total, 6. It is with regret that the Council records the discontinuance of the West Coast (South Island) District Association at the end of this financial year. Due to various causes, it has been found impossible to continue the operations as a District Association, but the Clubs concerned—Greymouth, Hokitika, Westport—will no doubt affiliate as individual Clubs. The following Individual Clubs are affiliated:—Castlecliff and Foxton. The Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the continued loyalty and work of the officials and members of District Associations and Individual Clubs.

FORMATION OF NEW CLUBS.

It is with pleasure that we record the formation of a Ladies' Club at Wellington and Castlecliff, and extend a welcome to the officers and members of the new Clubs. This now makes five ladies' teams or clubs operating—Milford Girls and Waitemata Girls (Auckland), Patea Girls (Taranaki), Castlecliff (Wanganui), and Wellington's new club. With the ever-reducing number of our senior members leaving the Clubs for military services either at home or abroad, it is evident that every opportunity will have to be taken to ensure the formation of Ladies' Patrols, and herein lies an opportunity for the young ladies of the Dominion to do work the value of which ranks second to none.

JUNIOR TEAMS.

Your Council is seized with the importance of maintaining the operations of patrols to the fullest limits possible, and takes this opportunity of making a special appeal to all Clubs to concentrate on the formation of Junior teams in their district. The secondary schools and colleges of the Dominion afford ample scope for educational activity in this direction. Beach Patrols **MUST BE MAINTAINED. THE APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS ON THE LINES OF THE N.Z.A.S.A. IS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION AT THIS JUNCTURE.** With the formation of Ladies' teams and the furtherance of the work among junior members, then it will be possible to maintain our operations to safeguard our beaches, lakes and rivers.

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

The spirit of co-operation and goodwill that has characterised the relationships between our organisation and the two organisations mentioned above continues to the fullest. That such a relationship should always be in the hope of your Council.

SERVICES OF HON. GENERAL SECRETARY N.Z.A.S.A.

During the year Mr. Baxter O'Neill (Christchurch) completed twenty-one years as General Secretary for the N.Z.A.S.A., and we offer our heartiest congratulations on such an excellent period of services so ably rendered.

Opportunity was taken by the members of the Council to meet Mr. O'Neill socially, and the President (Mr. P. F. Coira) made a small presentation as a token of esteem of the Councillors.

FINANCES.

In this Report the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. H. Jackson) submits the financial statement of the Association for the current year, which again reflects the excellent work done by the Hon. Treasurer. The Statement clearly indicates the financial operations of the Association. Much has been done, but much more requires to be done; but until such times as the finances of the Association are considerably augmented, then there is little chance of widening the scope of our operations in the manner of affording greater financial assistance to District Associations or Individual Clubs. Little indication is forthcoming that local bodies are willing to make grants for the Association to carry on its work, and the number of local bodies that really do assist are very small indeed, considering the financial income derived by the local bodies in having Surf Clubs operating on their beaches. The thanks of the Association are extended to the Hon. Treasurer for the work that he has done during the past year.

WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Appreciation of the work of the various Sub-Committees is herewith extended to the members concerned.

GEAR SUPPLIED DURING THE YEAR.

During the year the following Gear was supplied:—

Standard Reels	8
Standard Lines	23
Waxed Lines	9
Standard Belts	9
Safety Belts	2

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

During the year 10 meetings have been held, and the attendances have been up to the usual high percentage of members.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. P. N. Rundle (Delegate, N.Z.A.S.A.) on account of continued serious illness. The Council is pleased to report that Mr. Rundle is now recovering his normal good health.

During the year Mr. H. M. Stitt (Wellington) resigned his position on the Council for business reasons, and was replaced by Mr. R. Pearce.

Mr. E. B. Hughes was appointed during the year to represent the Otago Association on the Council in place of Mr. D. J. Buckley, who resigned after transfer from Wellington.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF DELEGATES.

The Council takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to the following Delegates for the services they have rendered during the year:—

S.L.S.A. of A.: Messrs. G. Wray, L. Dawkins, D. C. Lucas,

N.Z.A.S.A.: Mr. H. S. Feast.

Dominion Council R.L.S.S.: Mr. G. D. Griffiths.

CIVIC APPOINTMENT—CANTERBURY PRESIDENT.

The Association congratulates the President of the Canterbury District Surf Association (Mr. H. S. Feast) on his appointment as Town Clerk of the City of Christchurch, and wishes him many years of successful administration of such an important civic position.

WORK OF DISTRICT SURF ASSOCIATIONS.

The Council cannot permit this Report to conclude without placing on record its deep appreciation of the excellent services rendered during the year by the various District Associations, and extends to the officers and members sincerest thanks.

During the year the Auckland District Association has given considerable thought and attention to the matter of resuscitation, and no doubt at the Annual General Meeting this important matter will receive further consideration.

The spirit of loyalty and goodwill that exists between the Council and District Associations is appreciated, and tends for the successful operations of the organisation.

During the year the General Secretary had the opportunity of meeting the Executive of the Otago District Association at Dunedin and discussed matters of interest.

OPERATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL CLUBS.

It is pleasing to record the continued good work performed by the Individual Clubs, Castlecliff and Foxton. The latter Club reports that no less than 100 per cent. of their eligible members have volunteered for military services. A record to be proud of.

AIR MISHAP—CANTERBURY—WORK OF RESCUE AND SALVAGE.

The air mishap at Waimarie Beach, Canterbury, found the members of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs anxious to render all the assistance possible. From noon till evening the work of rescue and salvage continued, and five Clubs were represented. Whilst not desiring to individualise, we take this opportunity of thanking all those who in any way assisted and congratulate them on the excellent work achieved.

THE NEW PRIME MINISTER.

The Association tenders to the Right Hon. P. Fraser, P.C., its congratulations on his elevation to the Prime Ministership of the Dominion and wishes him a successful term of office. The new Prime Minister, we feel sure, has the same sympathetic feeling towards the activities of our organisation as was evidenced by his late predecessor in office.

APPRECIATIONS.

Your Council desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the following services rendered to the Association during the past year:—

To the New Zealand Government for its continued practical interest and financial assistance to the Association.

To the Press of the Dominion for help given in the matter of publicity of the operations of District Associations and Clubs.

To Sir James Elliott (Wellington) and Dr. T. H. Pettit (Auckland) for services rendered as Hon. Medical Advisers of the Association.

To Mr. O. J. Mullins, A.R.A.N.Z. (Wellington), for his services as Hon. Auditor.

To Mr. W. E. Lavelle, A.N.Z.I. (Wellington), for services rendered as Consulting Engineer and Architect, with special reference to his excellent services rendered for the Centennial Surf Life-Saving Championships held at Wellington during February.

To Mr. W. J. Beveridge (Wellington) for his services as Hon. Solicitor.

To the Wellington District Surf Association for the hospitality extended to the visiting officials and competitors at the Surf Championships.

To the Maranui Club for the use of the clubroom for meetings during the year.

CONCLUSION.

The eighth year of operations of the N.Z.S.L.S.A., as outlined in this condensed Report, can be reviewed with a great deal of pleasure in the fact that, though the year commenced with the Dominion at war and the early response of so many of our members to the call for military services, the operations of the Association have continued to the full. The end of the year still finds our Empire engaged in a conflict from which we feel confident that it will eventually emerge triumphant. Your Council views the future with optimism, feeling that the District Associations will endeavour to form junior teams and ladies' teams wherever possible, and thus continue the work of surf life-saving on the beaches, lakes and rivers of the Dominion. Apart from the promises made to the Government to carry on at all cost, we owe a debt of gratitude to those of our members who have responded to the call of duty and are helping to ensure our future security. We conclude this Report with the following message to our members on active service at home or abroad.

"THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION CONVEYS TO YOU ONE AND ALL ITS APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT WHEN THE EMPIRE CALLED YOU READILY RESPONDED.

"THAT WHATEVER YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO DO AND WHEREVER YOU MAY GO, MAY THE BEST OF LUCK BE WITH YOU AND THAT ERE LONG YOU WILL RETURN SAFELY TO YOUR RESPECTIVE HOMES AND TO YOUR CLUBS. MAY GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD LUCK BE EVER WITH YOU."

P. F. COIRA, President.

N. A. INGRAM, Hon. General Secretary.

AGENDA PAPER.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1939.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

NOTICES OF MOTION, REMITS, ETC.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1940.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Excess of Assets over Liabilities as at 1/9/39 ..		177	18	9	Cash in Bank	351	14	5	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure		328	17	8	Hokitika Surf Club	6	15	0	
					Surf Stock on hand	120	12	0	
					Handbooks	19	5	0	
					Typewriter	8	10	0	
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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. Attention is drawn to the receipt of two Government grants for the one year.

O. J. MULLINS, A.R.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUB.
ROLL OF HONOUR.

Canterbury—

Waimarie Club:

Pilot Officer E. A. Sedgley, R.A.F. Killed in England.
Flying Officer D. G. Cobden, R.A.F. Killed during
air attack over Channel.

North Beach Club:

Flying Officer P. Trolove, R.A.F. Killed on active
service.

Individual—

Foxton Club:

Pilot Officer G. J. D. Yorke, R.A.F. Reported miss-
ing, believed to have been killed in R.A.F. attack
on Sylt.

Taranaki District—

New Plymouth Old Boys' Club:

Pilot Officer Cedris Whittington, R.N.Z.A.F. Killed
in action.
Pilot Officer Kenneth Rea, R.N.Z.A.F. Killed in
action.

Fitzroy Surf Club:

Pilot Officer Leonard W. Bennett, R.N.Z.A.F. Killed
in action.

Patea Surf Club:

Pilot Officer L. Edwards, R.N.Z.A.F. Prisoner of war
in Germany.

Wellington—

Maranui Club:

Sergeant H. C. Downs, R.N.Z.A.F. Injured in air
accident on active service.
R. Hall, R.N.Z.A.F. Missing, on active service.
R. Hawken, R.N.Z.A.F. Wounded in air accident,
on active service.

Lyll Bay Club:

Sergeant L. D. Anderson, R.N.Z.A.F. Reported miss-
ing during air operations.