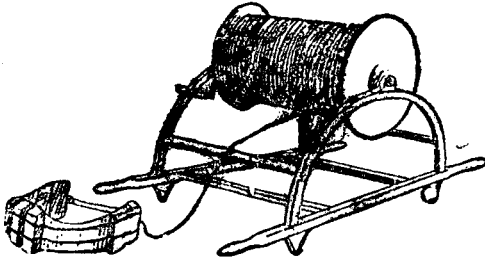


NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSN.

(ESTABLISHED 1932)



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THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

Twenty-second Annual Report and Financial Statement

SEASON ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1954.

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in the Wellington Education Board's Room, Abel Smith Street, Wellington, on Saturday, 23rd October, 1954, at 7.30 p.m.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Your Council has very much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Twenty-second Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and in so doing expresses the opinion that the success which has been apparent in the activities undertaken during the season clearly indicates that the Surf Life-saving Movement is rapidly gaining strength, and it is considered that the ultimate goal of having well established and equipped Clubs at all beaches where the public congregate to bathe has been brought a step closer to realisation.

In this connection it is pleasing to record the formation of two new Clubs, whilst having regard to the excellent and enthusiastic work which is at present being accomplished at various points, at least four further Clubs will be affiliated to our organization in the early part of the coming season.

Further than that the number of awards gained both for the Surf Medallion and Instructors certificate constituted an all time record since the inception of the Association, which is indisputable evidence of the progress which is being achieved.

At this early stage in the report the Council wishes to record its deep gratitude to officials of District Associations and all those many others who have given their time in the furtherance of our voluntary and humanitarian work, without which the progress recorded would not have been possible.

The ideals of the Association were acknowledged once again in a very practical and substantial manner by the New Zealand Government in the extension of a further grant and as a result it has been possible for your Council to continue the Scheme whereby subsidies were made available to affiliated Clubs for the purpose of the purchase of lifesaving equipment and the provision of adequate club-house facilities.

In view of the very favourable summer season and the resultant large attendance of the public at our beaches greater vigilance was necessary on the part of surf patrols, and as a result of the many sterling rescues which were efficiently and successfully carried out, the prestige of the Association in the eyes of the public whom we endeavour to serve has been considerably enhanced.

The year has been an exceptionally heavy one, the many and varied activities centering on a visit by a New Zealand Surf Life-saving Team to Australia on the invitation of the National Council of the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia.

This team which was taken on tour of the states of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, registered many fine performances against State teams, but was defeated in the test events which were conducted at the Royal Carnival at Bondi, at which Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were present.

The visit of the N.Z. Team to the various Australian States gave the opportunity of members of the movement in this country of meeting those of our sister organisation, and as a result of this most valuable personal contact a greater understanding and appreciation was developed, which, as time proceeds, must consolidate the goodwill and mutual appreciation which exists between the movement in the respective countries.

The congratulations of the Association are extended to the Australian National Council on the meritorious victory which was recorded in the Test event.

The keen interest displayed by affiliated Clubs in the competitive side of our activities was more than maintained, teams revealing a high degree of ability in rescue work, and this efficiency which is only achieved after endless hours of concentrated training was made available directly to the public in the provision of surf patrols for the purpose of safeguarding the many thousands who enjoy the natural health resources of our surf beaches.

The fact that this work was faithfully carried out in the true tradition of our motto—Vigilance, Service, Endurance—is very clearly indicated in that not a single life was lost in the patrolled areas during the season under review.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

It is with considerable pleasure that we record the continued interest of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. in the activities of the Life-saving organizations which interest has been indicated in a communication addressed to the Central Executive R.L.S.S., in which Her Majesty expresses her appreciation and approval of the work which is being achieved in the teaching of the art of rescue and the application of artificial respiration.

The annual message from Her Majesty, as Patron of the Royal Life-saving Society, is received with sincere thanks and offers encouragement in the furthering of our work.

In the season under review the majority of our members received the opportunity of welcoming and acclaiming Her Majesty who most graciously honoured us by her personal visit to this Dominion accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and it is to be regretted that in view of Her Majesty's keen interest in our activities that the tour arrangements were such that time did not permit the conduct of a Surf Carnival honoured by her Royal presence.

However, as recorded elsewhere in this report Her Majesty and His Royal Highness extended their Royal patronage to a Surf Carnival held at Bondi during the Royal visit to Australia, at which Carnival the touring New Zealand Surf Team contested the 'Surf Ashes' with Australia, and as a result Her Majesty would have personal knowledge of the work which is being carried out on the beaches in the safeguarding of human life.

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

It is pleasing to be able to record that the Government of the Dominion again extended to the Association a substantial financial grant and this generous action is acknowledged with very sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the surf life-saving movement.

In making available these funds to your Council for the purpose of assisting and furthering the life-saving movement, the Government through the Hon. the Minister of Internal Affairs, has made it abundantly clear that it favours the extension of assistance through the controlling body and the wisdom of such action is being brought more into view by the general consolidation and greater liason which has been revealed within the movement as a result of the subsidy scheme under which financial assistance is passed on to affiliated clubs.

In the making available of this finance the Government has indicated its full accord and approval of the humanitarian work which is being carried out by the movement and the funds received are playing a considerably important part in the improved efficiency of our organization in view of the resultant burden experienced by Clubs in the provision of adequate gear and facilities.

The acceptance of public money is not without its accompanying responsibilities, and in the administration of the funds made available your Council is of the opinion that the method of allocation has been wise and prudent and is in a position to be able to fully support and substantiate any payment which has been made in the assistance of the movement.

Your Council wishes to record its greatest appreciation and thanks to the Hon. Sir William Bodkin who was directly responsible for the present recognition which is received from the State, and in his proposed retirement from Parliamentary affairs the movement will lose a good friend who has been willing at all times to receive with courtesy and understanding members of the Association to discuss any matter appertaining to the welfare of our organization.

This opportunity is taken of wishing Sir William, on behalf of the Surf Life-saving movement, good health and long life in his well earned retirement.

SUBSIDY SCHEME.

The general scheme which was adopted by your Council for the purpose of making available to affiliated Clubs certain finance in the form of subsidies was continued and many Clubs benefited during the season as a result of grants made, not only on purchases of approved life-saving equipment, but from assistance extended for the purpose of rebuilding or repairs to existing club pavilions.

Although the amounts granted towards the cost of club-house repairs have been governed by the extent and necessity of the work the Council placed a limit on the sum to be made available from the Government Grant to new or existing Clubs undertaking programmes of club-house construction, the maximum payment being £500 and in many instances this sum has represented only a small percentage of the total financial layout, having regard to the heavy cost of the elaborate and outstanding buildings which have been erected recently by a number of Clubs,

It will be readily seen, therefore, that the bulk of the cost of rebuilding in such instances has fallen back to the Club members concerned and whilst it is agreed that with the competition of other sports which offer far greater individual attraction to the youth of the country than surf life-saving with its great responsibilities, it is very necessary that really adequate club-house facilities be available to attract new membership, the fact remains that the type of building to be erected is solely a matter for the decision of the Club, and reasonable premises could be built for an amount which would not entail a Club in any great campaign for funds.

Whilst the Council applauds the action of those clubs which have followed the present trend in the construction of larger modern buildings, it is considered that the main object of the Government grant is to make the finance available to generally assist Clubs in the provision of facilities in which regard the maximum grant plus a like amount raised by a Club would be sufficient to cover the cost of a building from which normal activities would be conducted.

In connection with the subsidies paid on equipment, grants have been applied to reels, lines, belts, beach markers, patrol indicators and in the case of affiliated Clubs such items of gear have been made available on application through District Associations at half the original purchase cost, whilst with new clubs this equipment has been forwarded by the Council free of charge.

Subsidies were again extended on surf skis and canoes where such equipment was purchased by affiliated Clubs for use of its members subject to the Club concerned not already possessing a ski or canoe, the amount granted being half cost or a maximum payment of £12/10/- and £20 respectively. The sums laid down as maximum subsidies were decided on by the Council based on such craft where the majority of the work is carried out by Club members.

In order that all affiliated Clubs should possess adequate first-aid equipment, considerable thought has been given to the adoption of a standard kit, and following on finalisation of this matter it was decided that arrangements be made for the supply of a complete standard first-aid cabinet to each active affiliated club to be delivered prior to the commencement of the new season.

This decision will result in an expenditure of approximately £500 which will be met from the Government grant, but will ensure that all clubs possess adequate first-aid gear having in mind the great number of occasions when the service of affiliated Clubs are called upon to render first aid to minor injuries sustained on the beaches.

It is intended further to arrange for the servicing of the cabinets yearly in order to ensure that same are complete in detail at the commencement of each season, although the cost of any replacement will be at the expense of the Club concerned.

In view of the decentralisation of the supply of gear, the present system of application of subsidy payments will require alteration and it is hoped that an acceptable scheme will be finalised prior to the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

The following amounts were made available to affiliated Clubs in the form of subsidies on gear and equipment during the current year:

Surf Club.	Amount.		
	£	s	d
N.O. Old Boys	26	0	0
East End	42	5	0
Opunake	22	5	0
Fitzroy	6	12	6
Orewa	22	5	0
Piha	21	0	0
St. Clair	57	15	3
Ocean Grove	48	6	0
Maranui	6	0	0
Worser Bay	2	2	6
Titahi Bay	11	5	0
Paekakariki	33	3	6
Castlecliff	12	0	0
Foxton	23	10	0
Waimairi	8	5	0
Taylor's Mistake	3	0	0
New Brighton	4	10	6
Sumner	8	10	0
Runanga-Rapahoe	5	17	9
Otaki	3	10	0
Wairoa	48	16	0
Midway	66	16	3
St. Kilda	24	16	3
Wellington Ladies	17	10	0
Pukerua	1	6	3
Waikanae	26	2	6
Gisborne Combined Clubs	12	10	0
Levin-Waitarere	17	10	0
Eastern United	23	12	6
Muriwai	12	10	0
R.N.Z. Navy	11	10	0

The following grants were made covering gear and equipment supplied for use by other than affiliated clubs:

R.L.S.S., Napier	36	7	6
Red Cross, Wellington	22	0	0
Waitahanui Anglers Club	11	0	0
Riverton Rocks Assn.	25	0	0
R.L.S.S., Morrinsville	12	10	0
Pourere Beach Improvement	11	0	0
Masterton County Council	11	0	0

The following grants were made as subsidies on buildings:

N.P. Old Boys	45	0	0
Levin-Waitarere	100	0	0
Maranui	500	0	0
Waimairi	50	0	0
North Beach	100	0	0
Foxton	55	0	0
East End	85	0	0
Opunake	150	0	0

PREVENT DROWNING CAMPAIGN

The Government again made available to the National Prevent Drowning Campaign Committee certain funds for the furtherance of the Prevent Drowning Campaign which moneys were expended principally in the production of literature for distribution and in other recognized mediums of advertising which would prove of the greatest educational value in bringing the objects of the campaign before the general public.

This campaign was directed mostly to schools where the distribution of printed matter would bring the twofold purpose of also coming before parents, but the scheme generally has lost a considerable amount of the driving force which it had previously due to the liquidation of the Physical Welfare Department, and the subsequent reduction in the number of Physical Welfare officers operating throughout the Dominion.

Although the natatorial organizations can assist the campaign within their own spheres, and in fact from reports received affiliated surf clubs achieved considerable work in the interests of preventing drownings in the teaching and instruction in life-saving methods, and the control of the bathers at the more dangerous surf beaches it is considered that the campaign can be pursued with greater benefits through the activities of Physical Welfare officers.

Recently a conference was held in Wellington at the instigation of the Preventing Drowning Committee when the natatorial organization had the opportunity of considering the proposals of that Committee for the coming season, and following on a decision in respect to the activities of the field officers of the Physical Welfare Department, a deputation met the Minister of Internal Affairs when a request was made for the reinstatement of these Physical Welfare officers in the interests of the scheme.

The Surf Life-saving movement operating as it does in providing a voluntary humanitarian service is more than conscious of the value of the Prevent Drowning Campaign, and as pointed out in previous reports makes full use of approved standard flags and patrol caps in red and yellow sectors, of which the bathing public are becoming more accustomed and conscious.

Your Council takes this opportunity of assuring the Government and the Prevent Drowning Campaign Committee of its fervent desire to co-operate to the full in the reduction of the appalling loss of life by drowning, both on the beaches or elsewhere.

SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

It is pleasing to record that the cordial relationship which has existed for many years past between this Association and the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia has been more than maintained and as a result of the general interchange of information which has passed between your Council and the Australian National Council, the movement in both countries has been kept well informed of the activities of each other.

Although the Constitution of the Australian National Council does not provide for representation by the Association a courtesy has been extended in the invitation offered to Mr. F. Chapman, a life member of the Association resident in Sydney, to attend all meetings as the representative of the movement in New Zealand, and this friendly gesture has been accepted with pleasure.

Your Council also acknowledges with sincerest thanks and appreciation the helpful action of the Australian National Council in forwarding to the Council a further supply of the Australian Drill Handbook which has partially relieved the extreme difficulties which have been experienced by Clubs in the training of teams under the competition drill as adopted the previous season.

The visit of the N.Z. Team to Australia has assisted considerably to consolidate the goodwill which exists between the movement in both countries, and it is confidently felt that as time proceeds the closer interchange of thoughts and information will result to our mutual advantage.

It is interesting to record that following the visit of the N.Z. team the Australian Association sent a representative team to South Africa for the purpose of assisting and establishing the surf life-saving movement in that country, and from preliminary advice received the venture was a costly but highly successful one.

STANDARDIZATION OF METHODS

It will be recalled that although the Association adopted the Australian Drill, with the exception of Holger-Neilsen Resuscitation, the Australian Instructional Conference made certain amendments which mainly were effected to adjust anomalies which had revealed themselves in the operation of their drill methods, and in order to retain uniformity the last Annual Conference also adopted these alterations to conform with the 18th. Edition of the Australian Handbook. In addition the Conference approved minor additions to provide for New Zealand conditions, and in respect of the application of Holger-Neilsen departed further from the Australian application in the adoption of the one knee up stance as advocated by the Royal Life-saving Society.

This alteration was made due to the experience during the year in the control of pressure, and as a result certain amendments were required to the Australian Drill which were issued to District Associations and Individually Affiliated Clubs, together with the very small supply of Australian Handbooks which were so generously available to your Council.

In view of the visit of the New Zealand Team to Australia in the current year, the Conference also provided for the immediate adoption of the alterations in drill methods, and as a result the New Zealand Drill with the exception of Resuscitation was brought right into line with Australia.

It is recorded here that the Australian Association have since approved in principle of a recommendation that the present drill remain standard for a period of two years which will greatly assist Clubs in that country to improve their competition work.

Although drill methods were brought into line, the members of the New Zealand Team on taking part in events in Australia found that the different interpretations placed on the handbook were very considerable, and during the course of the tour of the various states were called upon to amend their drill methods to conform to the differential in application which fact added considerably to the difficulties of the New Zealand Team when competing at the various State Centres.

It is pleasing to record that the report which was furnished by Mr. Alan Gardner as Manager of the N.Z. Team, at the request of Australia, in respect of the different interpretations which applied was very favourably received, and as a result a Conference was

arranged by the Australian National Council, at which the Association was represented by A. Gardner and F. Chapman.

In order that the question of resuscitation could also be discussed the Australian National Council invited representatives from both the Sydney Branch and the Central executive (Melbourne) of the Royal Life-Saving Society, and in this regard Messrs. S. Thorpe of Sydney and A. McDonald of Melbourne attended, the Australian representatives being Messrs. Vic Besomo, Ken Watson and R. Bryden.

At this Conference all representatives agreed that it was desirable that the three organizations use a standard method, both in life-saving drill and artificial resuscitation, and in respect of drill considered that benefit would be derived if no alterations were made for a period of three years, but during that time any amendments considered desirable be referred to the other in order that following the completion of this term any alterations approved of be uniform to surf drill in both countries.

In view of the fact that this matter is included in a Notice of Motion which will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting, delegates present will be given the opportunity of considering the matter very fully.

HOLGER-NEILSEN METHOD OF ARTIFICIAL RESUSCITATION

As recorded earlier in this report the Association amended the application of Holger-Neilsen to conform more to the Danish practice which brought our application into line with that of other interested organizations in the Dominion.

It is recorded here that the Royal Life-saving Society, London, issued a further pamphlet on the application of this method in which modifications were made in regard to timing and pressure, from which it is apparent that as time proceeds the method may be altered in order to give greater efficiency.

In regard to the position in Australia the Royal Life-saving Society adopted the method of application based on that as practised by the Australian Association which incorporates a different hand placing, in addition to a variation in the operator's movement and arm lift. It will be seen therefore that the New Zealand Team when in Australia was obliged to revise the method of application which added slightly to the difficulties which had been encountered.

Recently a Conference on Artificial Respiration methods was called in Wellington by the Prevent Drowning Campaign Committee, which was attended by representatives of most of the interested organizations, and this meeting, it is pleasing to record recommended the adoption, almost in its entirety, of the application as at present used by this Association, from which it will be understood that standardization in application has at last been reached throughout this country.

The Conference recommended the appointment of a Standing Committee on which the Association was invited to appoint a representative, and it would be the function of this Committee to review suggested alterations as received from overseas, and therefore in the event of any amendment being approved then same would be applied all organizations concerned.

The Association was represented at the above Conference by Messrs. A. Gardner and F. Jackson, and this opportunity is taken of congratulating Dr. Garland on the move which was taken in

calling this conference, which has doubtlessly paved the way for standardization and removed the uncertainty which was apparent with other organizations in the correct method to adopt.

In regard to the application of Hölger-Neilsen, by Club members in competition, there appears to be still room for improvement in technique, and it is recommended that a closer study of the basic principles involved be made, particularly in regard to the correct posture of the operator, and its effect on the inspiration movement.

In order to assist in the above Club Instructors are urged to give more serious attention to this matter in the coming season.

VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND SURF TEAM TO AUSTRALIA:

The visit of the New Zealand Surf Team to Australia at the invitation of the National Council of the Surf Life-saving Association of Australia was an important occasion in the history of the N.Z.S.L.S.A., although it was not the first time that such a visit was made:

In 1938 a team of ten members accompanied by a Manager crossed the Tasman and competed at the Australian National Championships, and at two other surf carnivals which were held on Sydney beaches, but the visit during the season under review was noteworthy for the fact that it was the first time that members of the movement in New Zealand toured the various Australian States, thus presenting the opportunity of making personal contact both competitively and socially, with members and officials of State Centres.

Although the team which left this country again comprised ten members and a Manager, two juniors were included in the number, and on this occasion a Surf Test was conducted with an Australian representative team, which event was held at Bondi on Saturday, 6th February, 1954, under Royal patronage.

The Test event was held under the same points system as applied during the visit of the Australian Team to this country in 1950, the following events being conducted: Junior Beltmans, Junior Individual Surf Race, Senior Beltmans, Senior Individual and Teams Surf Race, Six-Man R. and R., four-a-side relay and Surf Ski Race.

Following on the decision of the 1952 Conference to accept the kind invitation of the Australian National Council to send a team to that country nominations were called from District Associations and Individually Affiliated Clubs for the positions of National Selectors, and Team Manager, and likewise for team nominees.

From the nominations received your Council appointed Messrs. J. Whisker (Convenor), H. Dickson (Wellington) and S. Mason (Canterbury) as National Selectors whilst Alan Gardner, of Auckland, was appointed Team Manager.

In the above the Council reappointed those officials who had been selected to carry out similar duties in 1952 when the visit to Australia was temporarily cancelled due to the postponement of the Royal Tour at that time.

A total of approximately ninety nominations were received for positions in the New Zealand Team and the appointed selectors carried out a series of trial Carnivals at all centres and as a result the performances of all nominees were viewed and assessed before the final announcement of the team.

Those members who emerged from the District trials were brought together at Wellington where a final trial was held under calm conditions, following which the following team was selected to represent the Association for the visit:

Seniors: J. Ryan (Captain), M. C. Fearon, P. S. McNally, W. S. Pasley (Canterbury), A. D. Laing, S. Priest (Taranaki), B. F. McLean and J. R. Jarvis, both of the Waikanae Club.

Emergencies: M. J. Haxton (Wellington), T. H. Logan (Auckland).

Juniors: P. R. Garratt (Canterbury) and C. W. Billing (Wellington).

Emergency: R. W. Harker (Auckland).

On Tuesday, 26th January, the team was wished good luck and success in the coming events by members of the Council and departed by air for Sydney for the tour which would embrace the states of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, and occupy a period of one month.

On arrival the team was greeted by the President of the Australian Association, Judge Adrian Curlewis, Ken Watson, Vic Besemo, and other representatives of the movement.

Following a short stay in Sydney the Team travelled by air to Melbourne and competed against a Victorian State Team at Torquay where team members performed with great success, registering wins in all events competed, including the R. and R.

As recorded earlier in this report the test events were conducted at the Royal Carnival held at Bondi on Saturday, 6th February, and whilst the New Zealand Team performed with great credit to themselves and the movement in this country, unfortunately, with losses in the R. and R., Junior Belt and Surf Race, relay and Surf Ski our team was defeated, thus losing to the Australian Team the Inter-Dominion Trophy by six points to three.

Our Team members recorded many meritorious performances in the very heavy surf conditions, winning the Senior Beltmans and the Individual and Team Surf Race events which are considered in Australia as the major events.

The performance of John Jarvis in winning the International Beltmans Race against worthy opponents in Steve Wilkes and Don Morrison; Australia's best performed beltmen and title holders, was magnificent; likewise was the success of Warren Pasley in winning the International Surf Race which was conducted in the presence of the Royal visitors.

The following is a summary of the main performances of N.Z. Team members in the Test Event: Junior Beltmans: P. Garratt (2nd). Junior Surf Race: P. Garratt (2nd). Senior Beltmans: J. Jarvis (1st). Senior Individual Teams Surf Race: W. Pasley (1st), P. McNally (3rd), J. Jarvis (5th), S. Priest (8th).

In the R. and R. event our team was defeated by the loss of 11.40 points against Australia's 10.22, but was noteworthy for the splendid belt swim of Maurice Fearon who reached the buoy first after having to make up an advantage gained by Australia in the patient swim.

The following was the personnel of the New Zealand Team in the R. and R. in accordance with the draw: J. Ryan, M. Fearon, D. Laing, B. McLean, P. McNally and S. Priest.

A tribute is paid and congratulations extended to the Australian National Council in the splendid arrangements made for the conduct of the Royal Carnival which must have been the largest ever staged with seating accommodation built up in the form of a huge three-sided stand estimated to provide seating accommodation for a crowd of forty-five thousand.

The beach arrangements could not be faulted whilst the use of four sets of buoys allowed the conduct of four water events at the one time, with boat and board events at the end buoys, and swimming and team events on the middle buoys.

Beach events were staged in a specially laid out area of the arena.

During the visit to Queensland Surf Carnivals were conducted, but due to the difficult conditions experienced on the various beaches, the same sweeping success recorded in Victoria was not repeated. However, following a loss to the North Coast Branch at a Carnival held at Burleigh Heads the team defeated the Queensland State team at Mooloolaba, the successes including a very narrow win in the six-man event.

The New Zealand Team finally departed from Sydney on Thursday, 25th February, and was welcomed on arrival home by Council officers and members.

The hospitality extended to our team was overwhelming, and at all times every assistance and courtesy was rendered by officials and members of the movement in Australia.

The unfavourable weather experienced with cyclonic conditions in Queensland resulted in the alteration of the schedule of the tour, and the abandonment of certain surf and swimming carnivals.

Your Council acknowledges the valuable assistance which was given to the team by the appointed liaison officers, W. Foerster and W. Daley.

The many kindnesses which were extended to our team are also acknowledged with sincere thanks and appreciation, and this opportunity is also taken of expressing appreciation of the friendly and helpful attitude of officers and members of the movement in Australia who all spared no time or effort to ensure, not only the success of the tour, but the welfare and entertainment of our team.

The visit was very successful in many ways, and by their excellent conduct and their outstanding individual performances, team members greatly enhanced the reputation of the movement in this country.

The council acknowledges the services of the appointed National Selectors, the team Manager, Alan Gardner, who most worthily represented the movement in this responsible office, and last but by no means least the Captain, Jack Ryan, and individual team members.

Theirs was a great responsibility which was acquitted with credit and distinction.

Team members were well equipped with clothing, the official uniform being—White Panama Hats with special Hat Band, White Shirt with N.Z. Tie, White Flannels, White Socks, White Shoes and New Zealand Blazer.

The appearance of the team was subject to most favourable comment. In respect of the outfitting of the team the Council acknowledges with special thanks the valuable help of Messrs. Lane, Walker & Rudkin Ltd., Litchfield Shirts, Hutcheson Wilson Ltd., and Vance Vivian Ltd.

PROPOSED VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND OF AN AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The 1952 Annual General Meeting unanimously approved of a personal invitation extended to Ken Watson, Hon. Secretary to the Australian National Council for his Association to send a team to this country in the early part of 1955, and following correspondence which has passed between both organizations in respect to the visit, your Council decided to circulate District Associations and Individually Affiliated Clubs concerned requesting their approval or otherwise of the Tour, having regard to the financial aspect prior to confirming the invitation as extended.

In this connection a tentative itinerary was prepared covering a visit to take place in February next year, and on the basis of same it is pleasing to record, with the exception of the Otago Association, all agreed to the terms of the Council, and as a result it is indeed a pleasure to be able to confirm the invitation.

In their acknowledgement of this invitation the Australian authority have indicated their keenness to send a team to this Country, and in tentatively accepting same have advised that in view of the considerable out-lay in fares the visit could only be undertaken subject to the obtaining of the necessary finance.

This matter is receiving attention and whilst the proposition has been submitted to state centres a final decision will not be made until the 13th. November next, when the Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Council is held at Adelaide.

From the above it is apparent that the District Associations and Individually Affiliated Clubs which have signified their willingness to accept the Tour will not be aware of the decision of Australia until late in November which will leave little time to organize their section of the visit, but nevertheless this fact should not create undue difficulties, and if a team does visit these shores then the members can rest assured that they will receive a very, sincere and cordial welcome.

THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIVE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Championships were conducted by the Otago Surf Association on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 6th., 7th., and 8th. February, 1954 at St. Clair Beach, and in view of the very unfavourable conditions which were experienced on the last day of the Meeting it was necessary to abandon the finals of certain of the events.

In the above St. Clair lived up to its reputation for providing unfavourable conditions during the period of the Meeting, and whereas on the first days the weather was reasonably fine, the heavy southerly conditions on the Sunday created turbulent seas, and in the events which were held that day provided a gruelling test for competitors.

Up until the time the decision was made to cancel the remaining events the programme was conducted according to schedule due to the good work carried out by Beach Officials, who were called upon to attend to their tasks under most unpleasant and trying conditions.

This was the second consecutive year that it was necessary to abandon certain events due to inclement weather.

The Arena area of the beach was unsuitable for the conduct of the meeting in view of the very uneven nature of the foreshore, and in addition the arena was situated between two sets of wooden stumps which apparently in the past had supported a pier, some being sawn off and those to the south submerged at high tide, and in view of the strong drift created a considerable hazard for competitors. The danger was clearly illustrated on the Sunday when swimmers were carried over to the stumps, whilst at least one surf canoe was damaged during the course of the meeting.

The events which were abandoned were the final of the Junior Four Man R.R., the final of the Individual Surf Ski Rescue and also the Ross Trophy North v. South Junior Surf Race.

Press reports indicated also that the final of the Senior Six-Man R. and R. was also abandoned but the Nelson Shield event was concluded, as in view of the fact that all teams competing this final exceeded the time limit in the swim all contestants were automatically disqualified.

The general inclement weather greatly effected the public attendance which was most unfortunate for members of the Otago Association, and as a result the meeting was concluded at a financial loss.

Entries received from Clubs were not as great as in previous years and as a result of lack of entries the Ladies March Past and Surf Boat Championships were conducted.

The following Clubs were represented with entries:—

Seniors: Piha, Sumner, St. Clair, Foxton, Lyall Bay, Oreti, Taylor's Mistake, New Brighton, Muriwai, East End, Waikanae, N.P. Old Boys, Waimairi, North Piha, Island Bay, Fitzroy, North Beach, South Brighton, Maranui, Waitemata, Waimarama, Worsler Bay, Palmerston North, Takapuna St. Kilda, Eastern United, Titahi Bay, Paekakariki.

Juniors: Piha, Sumner, St. Clair, Taylor's Mistake, New Brighton, Muriwai, East End, Waikanae, N.P. Old Boys, Waimairi, North Piha, Island Bay, Fitzroy, North Beach, South Brighton, Maranui, Waitemata, Waimarama, Worsler Bay, Takapuna Eastern United, Titahi Bay, Paekakariki, St. Kilda.

Ladies: Milford Girls, Wellington Ladies, Taylor's Mistake.

Although due to the fact that the attendance of Judges at the meeting prevented the conduct of R. and R. Events over more than the usual six buoys other water events were held over eight buoys which in effect reduced the overall time for the meeting. The following are the official results of the 1954 Championships:—

NATIONAL BOARD OF JUDGES

On behalf of Competing Clubs your Council expresses appreciation to members of the National Board of Judges who officiated at the meeting for the valuable work which was rendered in the judging of the competitions, which work was performed under very trying conditions.

It is well appreciated that the work of members of the National Board is of paramount importance in the conduct of the National Championships, and the keenness which is exhibited by Board members in this task should give confidence to competing Clubs.

During the Championship Meeting the National Board again provided three Judges to each team in both heats and finals, and in the acceptance of the middle marking teams were assured of a very equitable and fair method of judging.

During the year further candidates were examined for admission to the National Board, and the following appointments were confirmed:—

- I. J. Davidson (Canterbury)
- F. W. Hulme (Canterbury)
- F. J. Fogarty (Otago)
- T. P. Fogarty (Otago)
- K. C. Morse (Midway Surf Club, Gisborne).

1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1955 series of New Zealand Surf Life-saving Championships were allocated to the Auckland District Association for conduct, and unfortunately due to the prospective visit of an Australian Team it has not been possible to make an early decision relating to the venue of the meeting, and in this connection your Council expresses appreciation in the accommodating action of that Association in agreeing to holding the meeting on dates to fit in with the proposed visit of the Australian Team.

However, in this respect it has now been decided that the Championships to be held at the Waihi Beach on Saturday and Sunday, the 29th-30th. January, 1955, and in the event of the Australian visit eventuating it is intended that the New Zealand Team, to take part in the Test event be selected on the performances at this meeting.

Over many years past the Championship Meeting has been conducted over three days, but in order to reduce the time taken for the meeting it is intended that two sets of Buoys be used and that certain events be run off at the same time on the different sets of buoys.

The above will represent a new innovation which is carried out in Australia, but will restrict the number of events in which individual competitors can compete, and in this connection a copy of the programme of events will be circulated to all Clubs prior to the calling of entries.

NEW DRILL HANDBOOK

Your Council has been well aware of the difficulties which have confronted affiliated Clubs as a result of the yearly alterations which have been effected in drill by decision of consecutive Annual General Meetings, and due to the lack of printed literature fully detailing the alterations, considerable confusion has resulted in competition work.

However, it is pointed out that these difficulties were common to all Clubs as the Handbooks which were received from Australia were distributed on a pro rata basis which placed all Clubs on equal ground, although the importance of the printing of a handbook for quantity distribution, which matter is long overdue is well appreciated.

In the above connection a special Committee was appointed to prepare a draft copy of a handbook incorporating the New Zealand interpretation of Holger-Neilsen and it is pleasing to record that this work is well advanced and the printed Handbook should be available to Clubs prior to the commencement of the new season.

In the above the assistance of the Australian Association has been requested in the making available of the blocks which were used in the production of their own Handbook, but should same not be available immediately consideration will have to be given to the printing of the Handbook without such plates, as an expedient, to be followed at a later date with an illustrated Handbook.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND HON. SERVICE AWARD BLAZER

The appointed Life Membership and Blazer Committee met at Wellington prior to the last Annual General Meeting to consider nominations as forwarded in accordance with the rules of the Association, and its recommendations were circulated prior to coming forward for confirmation at the Annual General Meeting.

That meeting unanimously approved the recommendation of the Committee that Mr. A. Gardner of Auckland be appointed to the office of Life Member of the Association, and the Council has pleasure in extending to Mr. Gardner the sincerest congratulations in the honour which has been gained.

Mr. Gardner has a record of service to the movement which is probably without equal in the Dominion whilst the knowledge he has amassed in the considerable research which he has undertaken relative to Artificial Respiration has been of utmost value to the Association.

This knowledge has been freely placed at the disposal of the movement and has been responsible to a large degree in the adoption by the Association of the most effective method of application in this most important phase of the work of surf life-saving.

The honour which has been granted has been a just and well earned one.

The Annual General Meeting also approved of the award of the Hon. Service Blazer to Messrs. G. Perry and B. Pearce of Auckland Association, Mr. A. J. Ryan of the Taranaki Association.

All the above members have rendered very valuable service to the movement over the years and the awards which have been made are well deserved.

ACTIVITIES OF DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATIONS

Early in the year the work in the Wanganui and Manawatu Districts, covering the activities of the Castlecliffe, Palmerston North, Foxton and Levin-Waitarere Surf Clubs was carried to finality when at a meeting held at Himitangi on 1st. November last, at which representatives of the Council were present the Western Districts Association was formed.

This action will result in a closer liason between the Clubs concerned, and bring about a consolidation of the movement in those districts.

The Council in expressing thanks to those responsible for this progressive move offers full assistance with a view to ensuring that the new Association becomes a self sufficient organization at the earliest date.

This opportunity is taken of expressing application of the work which has been carried out by all District Associations during the season in the control of activities in their respective districts. From information received many Associations arranged educational visits to other areas, the most noteworthy being that of the Canter-

bury Association in arranging demonstrations of surf life-saving, and the application of Holger-Nielsen on the West Coast. This area with its unsuitable beaches and colder water temperatures is a difficult one from the angle of surf club activities, and this visit was of great importance in bringing the work of the movement before the general public.

The attendances at the demonstrations given was very gratifying and therefore it is apparent that stimulus has been given to our activities which must reflect to the benefit of the West Coast Clubs.

To the many officers and members of District Associations who have given their time in the interests of the movement sincere thanks are expressed and it is hoped that the efforts of all will be directed to the expansion of our work in the coming season.

INDIVIDUALLY AFFILIATED CLUBS

The individually affiliated Clubs operating as they do as isolated units are performing a very valuable public service in the face of extreme difficulties. It is very pleasing to note the activities of the Clubs in the Gisborne District where a Combined Clubs Committee was formed, and the work which has been achieved as a result has been exceedingly valuable. This Committee, which was formed the previous season for the purpose of the conduct of the National Championships was responsible for the formation of the Wairoa Surf Club and in fact arranged a demonstration at Oputama Beach which was highly successful.

From the report on this Carnival it was most pleasing to your Council to note that in addition to the Gisborne Clubs, the Pacific Club (Napier) and the Waimarama Club (Hastings) were also represented by teams, and it is hoped that Clubs in this area, can arrange a further interchange of visits in the coming season.

The Council expresses thanks to all officers and members of the Clubs concerned for the work done and looks forward to a closer association with them next season to the advantage of the movement.

FACTUAL HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

It is pleasing to record that the publication "Factual History of Surf Life-saving in New Zealand," as prepared by Mr. N. A. Ingram, was available early in the season, and in accordance with a decision of the Annual Conference supplies were forwarded to District Associations and Individually Affiliated Clubs, at a very nominal cost.

In view of the extensive and detailed information which is contained therein, it is considered that the book is a very excellent one, and it is hoped that all members of Clubs will take the advantage of purchasing a copy, and Clubs desirous of receiving same are requested to contact their District Associations without delay, as it is not intended that the book be reprinted in the meantime in view of the heavy cost involved.

Having due regard to the great volume of research and work which was necessary to prepare this documentation, it is hoped that District Associations will facilitate the circulation of same, as it would appear that with certain exceptions the value of the book has been lost through the lack of sale promotion on the part of those in whose hands distribution has been entrusted.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

During the season the Council undertook certain educational work in arranging for the visits of instructional teams to Otaki in order to assist the work being undertaken at this point in the establishment of a Club.

The Council was also represented at an Instructional Conference which was held at Wanganui by the Western Districts Association for the purpose of assisting members of that Association in the question of Carnival control and judging.

The results of the various visits in all cases proved of great value.

OBITUARY

It is with deepest regret that we record the passing of Mr. Peter Coira a lifemember and one of the founders of the Association. "Pete" as he was known and endeared to all gave a lifetime of service to the natatorial organizations, and held the unique position of being a lifemember also of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association.

He was the first President of the Association, and his influence and eloquence were very important in the progress which was made in the early years of our history.

In his passing the movement has lost a true and sympathetic friend, and a worker whose determination and forethought gave birth to our organization and sowed the seed of general contentment and co-operation which is the basis of our associations with both the N.Z.A.S.A., and the Royal Life-saving Society today.

We record also the unfortunate passing of Mr. Bert Simonson of Otago who also had a long and active association with the Surf Life-saving Movement. He performed yeoman service in furthering our work in the Otago District, and his passing is a severe blow to the Association.

Mr. Simonson held the office of Hon. Secretary of the Otago Association for many years.

We extend to their relatives our sincere sympathy.

AFFILIATIONS

The following District Associations are affiliated to the Association: Auckland, Taranaki, Wellington, Canterbury, Otago and Western District, and the following individual Clubs: Wainui, Wai-kanae, Gisborne Ladies Midway (Gisborne) Opotiki, Pacific, Te Awa, Waimarama, Greymouth, Runanga-Rapahoe, P.Y.C. (Westport), Karoro (Greymouth) and Wairoa.

WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEE

The sincerest thanks of the Association are expressed to the members of the various committees which rendered valuable service to the movement over the past year. Special reference is made to the work of the Gear Committee, the Gear Subsidy Committee, the Special Committee regarding the proposed visit to Australia, the Constitution Sub-Committee and the Handbook Revision Committee.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE OF DELEGATES

The Council takes this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the following delegates who have acted on behalf of the Association:—

New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, New Zealand Council: Mr. S. Mason,

Royal Life-saving Society, New Zealand Council: Mr. L. J. Sutherland.

National Committee of Swimming and Life-saving: Messrs. R. B. Oliver and C. Redmond.

NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR-SWIMMING ASSOCIATION AND ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL

Your Council again records its pleasure in the continued goodwill and co-operation extended by those two national organizations.

The most cordial relationship which has existed for many years has been to our mutual benefit, and the Council desires the continuation of this friendly co-operation in our allied activities.

SURF AWARDS

In order to achieve full membership of the Association, it is necessary to gain the surf bronze medallion, as only holders of this award are permitted to take part in surf competition and active patrol work on the beaches.

It will be appreciated therefore that persons joining clubs have to voluntarily undertake instruction in surf life-saving drill and also gain certain knowledge of general physiology and first-aid in order to reach the necessary standard which is required to fulfil the conditions of the examination for the Association's award.

It is a prior requirement that all candidates hold the R.L.S.S., Bronze Medallion for flat water rescue work, and possess a definite standard of swimming ability.

By the number of awards gained each year the progress of the movement can be gauged, and in the season under review 200 candidates were successful, which number is very gratifying and represents an all time record in the history of the Association.

This achievement is a splendid one, which speaks volumes for the excellent work of the surf club instructors who were responsible for the training of club members and our special thanks are extended to them for their individual efforts in this splendid result.

It is pleasing to record also that the figure of 20 instructors who gained their instructors' award is also a record one.

The question of the instruction of club members is a most important one as without competent instruction the efforts of Clubs are greatly retarded which in fact is one of the main difficulties experienced by clubs outside the areas of District Association control.

Therefore, the increase in the number of instructors awards gained is a very healthy sign for the future as it will be appreciated that from the ranks of the holders of this award come our judges and examiners.

A summary of the total awards gained during the year is as follows:

	Instructors.	Surf Award.
Auckland District Assn.	4	61
Taranaki District Assn.	—	11
Wellington District Assn.	5	38
Canterbury District Assn.	1	19
Otago District Assn.	2	20
Western Districts Assn.	2	15
Individually Affiliated Clubs:	6	36
	<u>20</u>	<u>200</u>

RESCUES

Whilst the rescue and resuscitation of the apparently drowned is definitely the sole object of the surf life-saving movement and the general activity undertaken is considered a necessary adjunct to the work of imparting and improving the knowledge and ability of performing a rescue, strangely enough information issued by the Association in respect of the rescues which are effected each year is in the form of numbers only, whereas the meritorious nature of many such rescues often carried out at great personal risk are well worthy of factual record.

However, the work of the Association is not undertaken with the thought of reward by the publicity of individual effort, but for the one and only purpose of safeguarding human life at the beaches and if we are successful in this objective, then the knowledge that lives have been saved is surely the greatest reward which could ever be achieved.

From reports received many clubs carried out rescues under difficult conditions, and no doubt persons who witnessed the rescue work being carried out will appreciate the efficiency of surf club patrols as likewise will those who were fortunate enough to have been rescued from drowning.

The patrol work which is undertaken is a valuable security to the bathing public, and from the record of rescues effected it is apparent that the work of the movement is playing a very important part in the protection of life at the beaches.

The total reported rescues as set out below, whilst being incomplete, represent an achievement which fully justifies the voluntary work which is undertaken by members of the Association.

We have full confidence that the figures quoted are correct as it is realised by all that little can be gained by inflating figures.

The council has on file many letters of appreciation from persons who were rescued during the current season.

Rescues with line and reel	53
Rescues without line and reel	65
Rescues with surf ski	51
Rescues with surf boat	2
Total	<u>171</u>

Of the above total 12 persons required resuscitation, which indicates that when rescued from the surf all were in an apparently drowned condition and without doubt would have lost their lives if it had not been for the efficiency of the patrols.

In addition to the above 80 persons were rendered first-aid for cuts, etc., which indicates the extent of the community service which is extended by surf clubs.

The congratulations of the Association are extended to the various Clubs and their members for the work done in saving life during the season.

TOTAL REPORTED RESCUES

The above figures of 171 rescues for the season added to the number of rescues effected (4053) since the formation of the Association brings the total number of reported rescues to 4224.

This figure is truly a clear indication of the necessity of the continuation and extension of our work, and a tribute to the efficiency of Surf Clubs.

GEAR ISSUED, 1953-54 SEASON

Reels	20
Reels, portable life line	8
Lines, std. $\frac{3}{8}$ in.	39
Lines, $\frac{5}{8}$ in.	11
Belts, No. 4 Safety	34
Belts, No. 5 Safety	9
Patrol Flags	4
Beach Marker Flags	24
Patrol Caps	36
Skis (subsidy)	3
Canoe (subsidy)	1
Reel Arch Bends	6
Reel Sets Fittings	2
Drawings Reel	2
Drawings Canoe	2

STOCK AT END OF SEASON, 31st AUGUST, 1954.

Reels	1
Reels, portable life line, R.L.S.S.	2
Reels, only, portable life line	4
Reels, canvas cover	1
Lines, std. $\frac{3}{8}$in.	37
Lines, standard $\frac{5}{8}$ in.	9
Belts, No. 4 "Ross" Safety	24
Belts, No. 5, "Ross" Safety	3
Patrol Flags	18
Beach Marker Flags	21
Patrol Caps	77
Ballot Marbles, sets with bags	26
Ballot Marble, bags only	5
Badges, Blazer Pocket, Service Award	20
Spanners, Reel axle nut	5
Spanners, Reel dome nuts	5
Rubber Inflations, champ, buoys	6
First Aid Cabinets	60

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT ON ORDER

Reels, std.	12
Belts, No. 4 "Ross" Safety	24
Championship Buoys, Anchors and Lines	

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

During the season the New Zealand Council was called together on ten occasions and the following is a summary of the attendance of resident Councillors:

J. Whisker, A. Main, B. McIvor, C. Coleman,	
R. Perkins and C. Jones	10
A. Ross, H. Dickson, P. Anderson, K. Farey	9
W. Griffin, C. Redmond, K. Mitchell	8
J. Roberts, N. Ingram, D. Hunter	8
C. Mentiplay, R. Fyfe	6
B. Sinclair, F. Ryan	5
J. Holden (Proxy B. Sinclair)	3
J. Watt (appointed 26/5/54)	1
R. Oliver, (resigned 20/3/54)	1

REPORT ON LONDON MEMORIAL TROPHY 1953/54. SEASON

A lack of returns has made the competition a little more easy to adjudicate this year which is a pity but centres only penalise themselves by failing to see that the Club returns are sent in.

Your secretary will doubtless feature in his report the high number of awards gained this year, in fact the number of Instructor's Awards (20) was a record; while Surf Awards totalled 200 and had all returns been in a detailed table of the New Zealand Club results would have looked well in print.

After a long stay in Auckland the shield at last moves south to Wellington and the latter's win is all the more meritorious in that the Navy totals of 18 Surf Awards, 2 Instructors and 65 R.L. Bronze Medals are rightly included in Auckland's total. The table attached will indicate how the result was arrived at and while I congratulate Wellington District I cannot close without congratulating the Midway Club of Gisborne who have almost a district return of 20 R.L. Bronze, 17 Surf Awards and 3 Instructors Awards. It is also good to see Otago with an increased number of awards.

District.	R.L. Bronze.	Surf. Awards.	Surf Instrs.	Active Members.	Total Points.	Avge.
Wellington.	60	39	5	204	390	191 1
Auckland	120	61	4	323	605	187 2
Otago	14	19	2	136	153	112 3
Taranaki	17	14	—	102	104	102 4
Canterbury	No returns					
Mid-West N.I.	No returns					

Points—2 for R.L. Bronze.

5 for Surf Award.

15 for Instructors.

Sum total of points is divided by active membership and the resultant multiplied by 100.

J. D. HUNTER,
Adjudicator.

RESCUES AND FIRST-AID.

Club.	With Line.	Without Line.	With Surf	Surf Ski.	Patients Boat.	Resus.	First Aid
Midway	1	3	2	—	—	—	2
Waikanae	—	4	15	—	—	—	0
Whakatane	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Eastern United	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Kare Kare	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Milford Girls	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Milford Mens	2	1	—	—	2	—	—
Muriwai	2	—	16	—	—	—	—
R.N.Z. Navy	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Piha	2	10	—	—	—	2	—
Orewa	1	—	4	—	—	—	—
Piha	—	—	8	—	—	—	—
Takapuna	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Waihi	4	—	2	—	—	1	1
Waipu Cove	1	3	—	—	—	2	2
St. Kilda	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
St. Clair	—	13	2	—	—	—	—
Brighton	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Oreti	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Worser Bay	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Maranui	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
Titahi Bay	2	5	1	—	—	3	3
Island Bay	1	1	—	—	—	1	1
N.P. Old Boys	22	—	1	—	—	1	1
Fitzroy	7	9	—	—	—	1	—
Opunake	—	6	0	—	—	—	—
Taylor's Mistake	6	6	—	—	—	—	—
	53	65	51	2	12	—	80

Returns from 37 Clubs out of 65

Total Rescues	171.
Resus.	12.
First Aid	80

N.Z. Ladies' 6-Man R. & R. Championship.

(First, Arawa Shield and Silver Medallions)

Taylor's Mistake (B. Brenward, M. Hunter, A. Gilmore, P. Trevella, H. Lecren, E. Arrow), total deductions 12.80, 1; Wellington Ladies (S. M. Lowe, J. Lowe, S. Cleverly, P. Harvey, L. McQuade, S. Lowe), 15.55, 2.

N.Z. Ladies' 4-Man R. & R. Championship

(Trophies: First, Silver Medallions).

Wellington Ladies' B (S. Lowe, J. Leek, L. McQuade, H. Hermanson), total deductions 5.90, 1; Taylor's Mistake (H. Le Cren, B. Breward, B. Arrow, M. Vaughan), 8.45, 2; Wellington Ladies A (S. Lowe, J. Lowe, S. Cleverley, D. Magner), 33.10, 3;

N.Z. Junior Individual Surf and Teams Championship)
(Trophies: 1st, Silver Medallions; 2nd, Bronze Medallions)

Individual Placings: R. Woodall (Waitemata) 1, R. Harker (Waitemata) 2, B. Robertson (New Brighton) 3.
Teams Result: New Plymouth Old Boys (R. Titcombe 6, M. Healy 7, N. Saxton 8, P. Saxton 20) 41, 1; Waitemata (R. Woodall 1, R. Harker 2, R. Chester 18, K. Wilton 44), 65, 2; Taylor's Mistake (B. Turpin 9, A. Turnbull 12, G. McFadden 19, P. Stead 29), 69, 3.

N.Z. Junior 4-Man Championship.

(Trophy: First, "21" Cup).

First Heat: Waikanae (R. McLean, R. Turnbull, D. Green, B. Duncan), total deductions 5.30, 1; St. Clair (E. Pope, I. Jackson, A. Fleming, D. Burce), 7.80, 2; Waimarama (D. Crawford, G. Grooby, J. Stephen, O. Patterson), 12.20, 3.
Second Heat: Worser Bay (D. Richards, B. Devenport, D. Lee, I. Greenwood) 5.50, 1; Taylor's Mistake (R. Smith, D. Stead, H. Turnbull, B. Turpin), 7.80, 2; New Brighton (T. Jacobs, T. Graham, B. Readman, J. White) 9.95, 3.
Third Heat: Maranui (I. Frew, B. Williams, P. Westropp, R. Maltby), 6.00, 1; North Beach (J. Burtenshaw, I. McDonald, B. Bird, N. Wakefield), 8.50, 2; North Piha (E. Brown, D. Hawke, D. Ramsay, G. Albrecht), 9.15, 3.
Fourth Heat: Eastern United (T. Rooke, K. Candy, R. Chambers, R. Hodder), 9.90, 1; Waitemata (K. Wilton, R. Woodall, A. Thomas, R. Harker), 10.70, 2; Titahi Bay (B. Tregoweth, G. Ockley, R. Morland, J. Myers), 11.15, 3.
Final: Abandoned.

N.Z. Junior Beltmans Championship

(Trophy: First, Bronze Statuette; Second, Bronze Medallion).
First Heat: D. Lee (Worser Bay) 1, P. Steffenson (East End) 2, E. Wilson (St. Clair) 3.
Second Heat: B. Adams (Waikanae) 1, R. Maltby (Maranui) 2, J. Pasley (Sumner) 3.
Third Heat: H. Robertson ((New Plymouth) 1, R. Titcombe (N.P. Old Boys) 2, H. Loose (South Brighton) 3.
Fourth Heat: R. Woodall (Waitemata) 1, I. Jackson (St. Clair) 2, I. McDonald (North Beach) 3.
Fifth Heat: G. Silvester (South Brighton) 1, R. Harker (Waitemata) 2, E. Brown (North Piha) 3.
Sixth Heat: J. Sneyd (Takapuna) 1, K. Candy (Eastern United) 2, R. Chaney (Titahi Bay) 3.
Final: B. Adams (Waikanae) 1, R. Robertson (New Brighton) 2, D. Lee (Worser Bay) 3.

N.Z. Junior 6-Man R. & R. Championship.

(Trophies: First, William Henry Memorial and Silver Medallion).

First Heat: Waikanae (I. Harrison, D. Green, R. Turnbull, R. McLean, B. Duncan, B. Adams), total deductions 9.40, 1; Worser Bay (B. Devenport, S. White, D. Lee, M. White, D. Richards, E. Greenwood), 10.45, 2; Taylor's Mistake (H. Turnbull, O. Pitcaithley, I. Hunter, P. Stead, R. Smith, B. Turpin), 12.20, 3.

Second Heat: Maranui (M. Bramley, F. Ferris, R. Maltby, B. Williams, P. Westdrop, I. Frew), 7.80, 1; N.P. Old Boys (W. Snowden, I. Henderson, M. Healy, N. Saxton, R. Titcombe, P. Saxton), 11.60, 2; East End (A. Johnston, M. Sullivan, J. Blanchard, P. Steffenson, J. Honnor, P. Wills), 13.05, 3.

Final: Maranui (L. Ferris, I. Frew, P. Maltby, P. Westdrop, M. Bramley, B. Williams), 7.90, 1; Worsler Bay (M. White, S. White, B. Devenport, I. Greenwood, D. Lee, D. Richard), 8.35, 2; Waikanae (B. Duncan, B. Adams, R. Turnbull, I. Harrison, D. Green, R. McLean), 9.35, 3.

N.Z. March Past Championship

(Trophy: Pacific Cup and N.Z.S.L.S.A. Memorial Pennant)

South Brighton, 27.60, 1; Worsler Bay, 27.35, 2; Waitemata, 27.30, 3; Maranui, 27.25, 4.

N.Z. Junior March Past

St. Clair, 27.10, 1; Maranui, 27.05, 2; Taylor's Mistake, 26.75, 3; New Brighton, 26.55, 4.

N.Z. Senior 6-Man R. & R. Championship

(Trophies: First, Nelson Shield and Silver Medallions)

First Heat: Fitzroy (R. Weir, G. Boldsworth, D. Simpson, B. Murtagh, D. Weir, B. Rudd), total deductions 9.90, 1; Maranui B (H. Fowler, R. Darling, I. Ball, B. McPherson, Kansell, F. Woodford), 10.60, 2; Lyall Bay (R. Mathews, F. Stout, R. Magner, J. Watt, A. Main, I. Winstanley), 10.90, 3.

Second Heat: St. Clair A (B. Stewart, G. Reid, D. Ruhen, B. Kean, I. Wilson, J. Jones), 9.40, 1; Waikanae (R. Brown, T. McDonald, R. O'Brien, E. Hogge, I. Butler, P. Gregory), 11.15, 2; New Brighton B (L. Campbell, R. Fobister, R. Claxton, B. Trevella, N. O'Bergh, C. Claxton), 12.85, 3.

Third Heat: Maranui A (B. Sinclair, N. Roake, M. Haxton, R. Edwards, W. Lidstone, G. Odams), 4.50, 1; Palmerston North O. Nickel, B. Eagle, J. Sutherland, M. Beamish, V. Bray, D. Titshall), 12.85, 2; Waitemata (J. Walsh, J. Scholes, G. Moore, J. Mazzoleni, W. Martin, J. Dennerley), 12.95, 3.

Fourth Heat: South Brighton (L. Schou, N. Schou, A. Lee, N. McDonald, B. Rose, F. McKenzie), 8.15, 1; Eastern United (B. Kearney, M. Fitness, E. Candy, R. Taylor, L. Kay, R. Carter), 11.30, 2; New Brighton A (P. Breach, R. Henry, D. O'Neill, I. Brown, D. Young, G. Harris), 15.80, 3.

Final: All finalists totally disqualified—patient and beltman exceeded swimming time.

N.Z. Senior Beltmans Championship

(Trophy: First, Bronze Statuette).

First Heat: I. Stewart (St. Clair) 1, G. Pratley (Taylor's Mistake) 2.

Second Heat: B. Trotter ((North Piha) 1, L. Harlen (Worsler Bay) 2.

Third Heat: F. McKenzie (South Brighton) 1, D. Young (New Brighton) 2.

Fourth Heat: I. Wilson (St. Clair) 1, E. Hogge (Waikanae) 2.

Fifth Heat: R. Brown (North Piha) 1, N. Roake (Maranui) 2.

Final: B. Trotter (North Piha) 1, E. Hogge (Waikanae) 2, R. Brown (North Piha) 3.

N.Z. Senior 4-Man Championship).

(Trophy: Royal Humane Shield)

- First Heat: Fitzroy (B. Murtagh, B. Weir, B. Rudd, D. Weir), total deductions 7.70, 1; South Brighton (T. Manhire, A. Lee, N. McDonald, J. Thompson), 9.10, 2; Palmerston North (P. Goldingham, D. Titshall, V. Bray, M. Beamish), 11.30, 3.
- Second Heat: New Brighton (D. Young, P. Breach, R. Henry, I. Brown), 4.60, 1; Lyall Bay (R. Sparks, F. Stout, R. Magner, R. Matthews), 5.40, 2; St. Clair (B. Stewart, I. Wilson, G. Reid, J. Jones), 7.50, 3.
- Third Heat: Maranui (W. Lidtsone, M. Haxton, B. Sinclair, R. Edwards), 4.35, 1; Waitemata (J. Scholes, J. Walsh, G. Moore, J. Dennerly) 7.15, 2; Waikanae (P. Gregory, E. Hogge, R. Brown, W. Scott), 8.40, 3.
- Fourth Heat: Taylor's Mistake (M. Duckmanton, G. Pratley, H. Hobson, H. Goldsmith), 5.30, 1; N.P. Old Boys (G. Lightfoot, C. Wood, D. Henderson, M. Gray), 8.15, 2; Waimarama (D. Grooby, R. Frater, D. Burgess, D. Hembrow), 8.30, 3.
- Fifth Heat: North Piha (B. Trotter, R. Brown, R. Williams, G. Nielson), 6.00, 1; Eastern United (M. Fitness, E. Candy, J. Ferguson, B. Kearney), 6.10, 2; Worser Bay (M. Bramley, L. Harlen, J. Cornish, R. Jones), 7.90, 3.
- Final: Maranui, 3.10, 1; Taylor's Mistake, 4.85, 2; New Brighton, 5.00, 3.

N.Z. Senior Individual and Teams Surf Race Championship

Individual Result: M. Haxton (Maranui) 1, R. Henry (New Brighton) 2, P. Breach (New Brighton) 3.

Teams Result: New Brighton (R. Henry 2, P. Breach 3, D. Young 7, G. Harris 10), 22, 1; Maranui (M. Haxton 1, R. Edwards 14, G. Odams 11, W. Lidston 18), 44, 2; South Brighton (N. Schou 4, F. McKenzie 6, L. Schou 13, A. Lee 23), 46, 3.

N.Z. 100 Yards Beach Sprint Championship

(Trophy: Bronze Medallion).

- First Heat: A. Bonnici (Muriwai) 1, D. Roberts (East United) 2.
- Second Heat: R. Bruce (St. Clair) 1, R. Magner (Lyall Bay) 2.
- Third Heat: D. Renwick (Muriwai) 1, P. Gregory (Waikanae) 2.
- Fourth Heat: R. Jones (Worser Bay) 1, D. Hembrow (Waimarama) 2.
- Fifth Heat: R. Brown (Waikanae) 1, I. Brown (New Brighton) 2.
- Final: R. Bruce (St. Clair) 1, D. Renwick (Muriwai) 2, A. Bonnici (Muriwai) 3.

N.Z. Individual Surf Ski Rescue Championship

(Trophies: First, Silver Medallions; Second, Bronze Medallions)

- First Heat: N. Schou (South Brighton) 1, T. McDonald (Waikanae) 2.
- Second Heat: G. Odams (Maranui) 1, W. Earsman (North Beach) 2.
- Third Heat: J. Walsh (Waitemata) 1, J. Hobson (Taylor's Mistake) 2.
- Fourth Heat: R. McNickel (Paekakariki) 1, R. Barton (St. Clair) 2.
- Fifth Heat: R. Brown (Waikanae) 1, E. Pope (St. Clair) 2.
- Final: Abandoned.

N.Z. Beach Relay Championship

(Trophy: Bronze Medallions).

First Heat: Maranui (B. Sinclair, R. Darling, W. Lidstone, B. McPherson) 1, New Brighton (I. Brown, R. Claxton, C. Claxton, B. Trevella) 2.

Second Heat: Muriwai (A. Renwick, A. Bonnici, D. Dean, R. Copeland) 1, St. Clair (J. Hines, R. Bruce, R. Barton, B. Stewart) 2.

Third Heat: Waikanae (R. Brown, P. Gregory, R. O'Brien, W. Scott) 1, Paekakariki (R. Brinck, R. McNickel, E. Gosney, J. Field) 2.

Final: Muriwai 1., Waikanae 2, St. Clair 3.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT

The supply of Live-saving gear has been maintained during the year, reference to the table of Gear Issued shows an increase over previous years.

In some quarters there has been some confusion regarding the motion covering Decentralisation of the Issue of Gear carried at the Annual General Meeting. The reason behind this motion was the fact that the work in arranging and carrying out the supply of gear and equipment had grown to such an extent that it was becoming a major undertaking and also the fact that our Chief Gear Inspector who had the responsibility of the supply, became ill and under doctor's orders had to ease on his activities.

Some District Associations have maintained stocks of Lines and Belts and have also had made to standard specification Reels, however it is appreciated that some difficulty would be met in the smaller Associations. It was pointed out at the Annual Meeting, that while there were definite advantages in decentralisation, this meeting was not the time and place to decide the method, which would have to be carefully considered in the light of its operation over a period. This in fact has been done and your Gear Committee have gone carefully into the whole question of Distribution of Gear and Equipment which will be most satisfactory to supply same promptly and at the best price provided same complies with our high standards specification.

The Association in the past has estimated the requirements for N.Z. each year and bulk ordered Reels, Lines, Belts, etc., this meant that while a satisfactory price was obtained the Association were compelled to warehouse these goods and take care of both the Receiving and Dispatch including packing of same, this meant a suitable storage place with facilities, which the Association does not possess and were therefore dependent on storage etc. by favour, unfortunately this will not be available in the future on a "no cost" basis.

The question of obtaining supplies from the Association's contractors direct or from the firms local branch in other towns as suggested at the Annual Meeting were gone into and the position was that the price charged the Association for bulk supply was special and this could not be maintained if they were required to handle small quantities at odd times or carry in stock at branches, this attitude is reasonable. Another factor is that the Association must themselves be responsible for the supply of Goods and Equipment to Individual Clubs and will require to carry their requirements in stock.

With all the above facts before us it would seem desirable to have a central purchasing and financing system plus a decentralised supply and despatch system, but it is important that Control of Gear and Equipment is not lost by decentralisation, and also the question of all gear being to the standard and specification of the Association.

After consultation with the Association's Contractors and with their co-operation, it is suggested for your approval the following Decentralised System of Control, Finance, Purchase and Distribution of Gear and Equipment required by the Association and its members:—

Requirements: At the close of each season's active work or at a time to be decided, each District Association will advise the Council its estimated requirements covering Gear and Equipment for the next season, by completing of a Form which will have scheduled the various items of equipment required. The Council then will Bulk Order the various items from the Contractors who on completion or arrival of the goods in his warehouse will forward direct to the District Association their requirements. Payment being made by Council direct to Contractor on terms arranged between the parties.

Lines: This arrangement has been working very satisfactory this year with the Contractors supplying Life Lines which arrived from Scotland in bales of six lines each. These Lines are despatched as required by the Contractors on advice by Council.

Life Belts: A similar arrangement has been made regarding "Ross" Safety Life Belts which require special Jigs and Tools in their manufacture. The Contractors are prepared to supply against Council's order making delivery to the District Association. It is uneconomical to produce Life Belts in odd lots.

Patrol Flags: The same applies to Patrol Flags, Beach Markers and Patrol Caps, the manufacturers are not prepared to carry stocks in their various Branches, but are very willing to execute reasonable bulk order and despatch direct to District Associations. Broadly the position is that the Association now enjoys special prices, but if the various Contractors are required to carry stocks on demand at their establishment or branches, then the prices to the purchaser must be effected. Never at any time has the Association looked for or obtained profit from the supply of Gear and Equipment. It has always been the policy to obtain the best of materials at the most reasonable price and sell to the District Associations and Clubs at cost plus packing and transport charges.

Reels: The manufacture of Reels has been undertaken by District Associations and by a number of Clubs with quite excellent results. Drawings of Standard Reel are obtainable from the Council. This item of equipment is of course difficult to manufacture in some districts but Arch Frame Bends and Reel Fittings can be obtained from the Council.

The Council will of course be required to supply the requirements of Individual Clubs and will have to arrange for the supply of their needs.

Finance Covering Gear: It would appear that the present system which requires payment for gear to be made in full with order would have to be adjusted to fit in with the suggested method

of supply as having estimated their requirements ahead District Associations would have to carry the season's supply of gear and equipment in stock awaiting orders from Clubs.

It would appear therefore that District Associations with their limited finance would need assistance and it is suggested that the stock supplied be charged by the Council on a "consignment basis" with a stocktaking and balance twice yearly and remittances made to the Council for gear sold.

Such a system would require the introduction of an adequate stock control register with a complete record of inward goods and sales.

All subsidies on sales would still be authorised only by the Council on application by the Clubs supported by District Associations and where subsidies were approved, if afflicible, adjustments would be made to the "consignment" accounts.

Portable Life Lines: The new Portable Life Lines consisting of a collapsible or folding Reel complete with special cotton life line and a No. 5 "Ross" safety life belt which is equipped with flotation pads to give buoyancy. These Portable Life Lines have been issued for use in a wide range of locations, Beaches, Health Camps, River resorts and on the shores of a Lake. Of the original trial order of these Portable Reels we have still four outfits left, possibly some other District Association or Club have a suitable position where a drowning hazard might be lessened by the use of a Portable Life Line. Possibly it is a little soon to get reports on those already in use. Your Council is desirous of knowing their usefulness so that further supplies can be made available. We do not want those drowning danger spots to be neglected. Look about for your possible use of this equipment—what about these school picnic, if at a beach or water way have you the means of effecting a rescue from drowning.

Life-saving Belts: The No. 4 "Ross" safety life belts have been in use now for some time. These belts are being worn too high. The position is below the chest and more on the abdomen. This will be more comfortable, allow of freer movement and better breathing. The neck strap is made longer for the lower position of the Belt. An instruction tag is supplied with each belt on issue and the information contained should be followed. If you have not a supply of these "Ross" Safety Life Belt instruction, they are obtainable for the asking.

First Aid Cabinets: The Association has produced a supply of First Aid Cabinets which will contain the necessary materials to carry out First Aid and as recommended by our medical advisers. These First Aid equipments should fill the weakness which was apparent in our equipment at a considerable number of Clubs.

These First Aid Cabinets are being delivered shortly to each Club in operation on our Beaches and will be supplied Free. It is now over to each and every Club and District Association to see that proper use is made of the equipment and that its supplies are checked regularly and the contents always maintained for use in an emergency.

FINANCE.

In accordance with the direction of the last Annual General Meeting the statement of accounts has been presented in a manner which will convey more clearly the finances of the Association.

During the year a specially appointed finance committee met and considered the accounts of the Association, and as a result an alteration was made in regard to the payment of building grants to Clubs. In most cases such grants are approved in advance of the actual construction work, and in the past the amount granted was paid over to District Associations to remain under control until the building work was commenced by the clubs concerned.

Such amounts are now placed in reserve in a special Buildings Trust Account, and it will be noted that the sum of £2183/19/5, is held awaiting payment to clubs against applications as approved and under consideration.

In regard to the Championship accounts, it will be noted that a substantial loss is recorded which is due foremost to the fact that at the last two National Championship meetings the complete anchor gear has been lost.

The balance of £66 in the London Trophy Account will be disbursed to the District Associations concerned following the Annual General Meeting.

CONCLUSION

The general results of a further year's activity indicates that the movement is making progress and with the added interest which is being shown in our work in various districts, it is not over ambitious to anticipate that in the future the ultimate objective of having well equipped surf clubs at all popular bathing beaches will be achieved.

To assist such activities it is necessary to provide certain funds for the provision of gear and club-house accommodation so essential to the function of the normal work of a surf club, and the assistance which can be extended by the Association as a result of the valued grant from the State is a very important factor in the extension of the movement.

The fact that the general public is becoming more conscious of the value of having trained personnel at the beaches for the protection of the bathers has had the effect of stimulating interest, and as time proceeds it is apparent that community opinion must assist the formation of new clubs.

The total membership of the movement of qualified personnel has increased considerably and as a result greater protection will be available on the beaches in the coming season.

Your Council is most appreciative of the efforts of all Club members in the work which has been carried out at the respective beaches throughout the season in the furnishing of surf patrols for the protection of the bathing public, and to one and all our sincere thanks are extended.

It is confidently felt that all members will again give full attention to the work of the movement in the ensuing season in imparting knowledge of rescue work and resuscitation, and that their patrol duties be carried out in the true tradition of the motto of the Association, Vigilance—Service—Endurance.

For the Council,

B. J. McIVOR, Chairman.

C. T. JONES, Hon. General Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET—AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1954.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Grants to Clubs not yet paid	2,183	19	5	Cash at National Bank	1,844	19	9
Tours Account	1,197	9	3	P.O.S.B. Buildings Trust Account	2,183	19	5
London Trophy Account	66	0	0	P.O.S.B. Educational Tours Account	1,197	9	3
Owing to Clubs		15	0	Sundry Debtors	883	0	10
Accumulated Funds	3,746	1	3	Stock of Lines, Reels, etc. on Hand	827	9	6
Add excess of income over expenditure	132	11	10	Stock of Factual History Books	137	16	0
			3,878	Gear, Buoys & Watches, less depreciation	246	6	0
			<u>1</u>	Trophy	20	1	0
			<u>£7,341</u>				<u>£7,341</u>
			<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>
			<u>9</u>				<u>9</u>

R. H. PERKINS, Hon. Treasurer.

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

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

Hon. Auditor.

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