



NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

N.Z. Council Established 1932

Affiliated to the International Council of Surf Life Saving.

*Annual Report
and Financial Statement
Season 1967-68*

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Commerce House, Wakefield Street, Wellington C.I., on Saturday, 31st August, 1968.

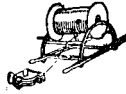
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New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association



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Alexander Hugh Ross

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER HUGH ROSS

On 19th April 1968 after many years of ill health which he had borne with fortitude and courage, a quality which had been predominant in his life, Alexander Hugh Ross, M.I.Mech.E., passed away at his home in Wellington. Although ill health forced him to relinquish his interest in the Ross Engineering Company Ltd. he maintained full activity in the affairs of the Association in the capacity of Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear, but finally in 1959 found that this responsibility could not be met when he resigned but still retained the office of Hon. Consulting Engineer to the Association. This interest was relinquished in 1965 when he also resigned from the Presidency of his beloved Club Maranui.

The news of his passing was received with deep regret by members of the movement both in New Zealand and Australia as his service to lifesaving generally would be unequalled and he has left behind him monuments of his interest which will always remind us of his dedication to our cause.

His long service was rewarded in the granting of the Service Award Blazer in 1937 and he was appointed a Life Member of the Association in 1951 and served as National President from 1950 to 1952. The Royal Life Saving Society bestowed upon him in 1951 the Service Cross in acknowledgement of his outstanding personal contribution to the cause of lifesaving.

Alex Ross joined the Maranui Lifesaving Club in March 1913 and in the following year gained the Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallion but due to the intervention of the First World War, during which he served overseas from 1916 until December 1919 when he renewed his activity with the Royal Life Saving Society, gained his Surf Lifesaving Award in 1923.

With the exception of war service and six months residence in Australia he rendered continuous service to the Maranui Club both as a competitor and in active club organisation and was appointed Life Member in September 1932 and elected President in 1945, which office was held until his retirement due to ill health. He was very active in the affairs of the Royal Life Saving Society in administration and the operation of surf lifesaving clubs and was responsible for the production of the first lifesaving reels and various types of life belts and belt clips in 1931. As a member of the Executive Committee he was associated with the preparation of the Constitution of the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Association for submission to the Royal Life Saving Society in 1932 prior to the formation of the New Zealand Association. Alex Ross was a foundation member of the Association and served on the Council continuously from its inception in 1932, as delegate representing the Taranaki Association until 1949 and subsequently as Hon. Chief Inspector of Gear. In appreciation of his service to the Taranaki Association he was elected Vice-President from 1935 to 1950.

In 1935 he was a member of the Committee which compiled the first Association Handbook which was published in February 1936 and also Chairman of the Boundaries Committee in that year which defined the District Association areas for the purpose of the operation of the Association.

His greatest contribution to surf lifesaving was his work as a member of the Association's Gear Committee, which work he commenced in 1932 and as Chairman of the Committee from 1933 until his retirement. In this office he was responsible for the design of the Association's Lifesaving Reels, lines, life belts and other gear and equipment, and the drawing up of plans and specifications, while in 1936 following the loss of valuable lives, particularly in Australia, through the inability of beltmen to dispose of the belt harness, designed the first pull-pin safety belt, the improved type being finally approved as standard equipment in New Zealand in October 1938. From that date improved types of safety belts were developed by Alex Ross and in March 1948 same was adopted as standard equipment by the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia.

In 1956 following the international surf lifesaving carnival at Melbourne all countries practising surf lifesaving as we know it in New Zealand, likewise adopted the Ross Safety Belt.

Mr. Ross developed the original championship gear which was adopted as standard in 1937. In 1949 with the support and co-operation of the then Minister of Internal Affairs, he carried out the first inspection and survey of surf lifesaving club buildings, gear and equipment, and produced a complete report covering the national survey.

Other developments which can be attributed to the keen interest held in the work of the Association was the design of patrol gear and the portable life line which incorporated the safety life belt with built-in buoyancy.

We mourn the loss of a great worker whose name was synonymous with lifesaving throughout the world and we express to Mrs. Ross, her son and daughters our deepest sympathy in the loss which is shared by all surf life-savers throughout the Dominion.

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

Thirty-sixth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts SEASON ENDING 31st MAY, 1968

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Commerce House, Wakefield Street, Wellington C.1. on Saturday, 31st August, 1968, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The most favourable summer season was responsible for greater patronage of our surf beaches by the public and the heavy and confused seas which have prevailed on West Coast beaches placed greater responsibility on surf lifesaving patrols and called for increased vigilance in the safeguarding of the bathing public. In view of the above it is indeed pleasing to record that whilst rescues carried out by our patrols showed a substantial increase over the previous year no lives were lost in patrolled areas.

The surf lifesaving movement was founded in 1932 on the self sacrifice of individuals who could foresee the necessity of a community service in the protection of bathers and from that date the movement has increased tenfold but still calls for considerable sacrifice by those members who undertake the hazardous and onerous job of providing this service to the public.

Our affiliated clubs and the movement generally competes today for its membership with sports which offer individual pleasure without commitment and figures provided by the Association have revealed considerable turnover of membership which indicates that many qualified surf lifesavers are lost each year, doubtlessly due to the call made on their time and in providing surf patrols. To maintain a flow of recruits to our Association clubs are compelled to provide amenities of a very high standard which will attract the would-be member, and whilst we are most grateful to the Golden Kiwi Board of Control for the most generous assistance which has been granted to our clubs in the provision of adequate club buildings, it is reasonable to point out that with such buildings comes heavy expenditure in maintenance, insurance and other costs which have to be raised by the club members, who in addition have to carry out patrol and other club duties.

It can be said without fear of contradiction that surf lifesavers not only sacrifice their own time, but pay from their own pocket for the apparent privilege of risking their lives to save others. The council accordingly considered that our activities come fully within the scope of water safety and it is therefore with pleasure that we accept the generous assistance which has been made available to us from which we are able to lessen the load on surf lifesaving clubs through our policy of subsidising the purchase of necessary equipment and meeting other expenditure incurred by District Associations in the education of the public.

OBITUARY

H. C. STODDART

We regret to record the passing of Mr. H. C. Stoddart who was a member of the Council representing the Wellington District Association and we extend to his relatives our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

"Stoddie" as he was affectionately known to his many friends was a keen and willing worker, particularly as a member of the Lyall Bay Surf L.S. Club which he joined in 1936, his service being acknowledged in his appointment as a life member of his club.

He served the Wellington Association over a long period of years and was appointed their representative on the council in 1960 and served continually until his passing. He was a member of the "21" club having completed over 30 years active service for the movement.

W. LIDSTONE

We also regret to have to record the loss of Mr. W. Lidstone who passed away during the season at Gisborne following his retirement.

Bill Lidstone was a member of the New Zealand Council representing the Royal Life Saving Society from 1962 until the current season and his passing was indeed a shock to his many friends in the movement.

He was a member of the Royal Life Saving Society of very long standing and joined the Maranui Surf Life Saving Club in 1946 qualifying for the Association Surf Award and subsequently taking an active part in the affairs of the Association.

Bill Lidstone retired due to ill health and we regret that he did not live longer to enjoy his well earned retirement.

OUR PATRON

Early in the season we extended farewell greetings to our retiring Patron, Sir Bernard Fergusson, and in so doing acknowledged the keen interest which he had displayed in the surf lifesaving movement.

It is pleasing to report that Sir Arthur Porritt has honoured us in the acceptance of the office of Patron of our Association and we trust that during his term as Governor General, and knowing of his keen interest in sport, that he will be able to be present at a carnival conducted by the Association.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP AND GEAR

It is pleasing to report that the active membership of the Association has been maintained showing a slight increase on the previous year and in view of the difficulties associated with recruiting new membership the figures are considered to be most satisfactory. It is interesting to note that according to returns of clubs over 500 new members were recruited over the past season which has been off-set by the loss of a similar number of trained personnel.

The following is a summary of the membership as compared with the two preceding seasons:

	1965/66	1966/67	1967/68
Active membership:	2201	2353	2374
Other classifications:	2952	2547	2024
	5153	4900	4398

The value of surf lifesaving gear and equipment owned by surf clubs totals \$56,053 which figure does not include the cost of club buildings which in many cases are owned by affiliated clubs.

We regret to report that the Castlecliff Ladies, Tolaga Bay and Wairoa Clubs went into recess during the season and it is hoped that activities will be revived in the coming season.

The total number of active clubs at the end of the current season is 70.

NATIONAL LIFESAVING WEEK

National Lifesaving Week was conducted over the period 20th to 25th November, 1967 and according to reports received valuable work was carried out during that week in the education of the public in the application of expired air method of resuscitation and lifesaving.

We do appreciate the co-operation received through the National Water Safety Committee where assistance of the local committees has played a large part in the continued success of our National Lifesaving Week.

RESCUES

Due to the splendid summer which resulted in greater public use of our natural surf bathing facilities increased vigilance was necessary on the part of surf patrols and a total number of 413 rescues were effected during the season. This figure is 124 rescues over the total of last season and once again we are most happy to record that NO LIVES WERE LOST WHILE PATROLS WERE ON DUTY.

The following is a summary of the returns received:—

Rescues with line and belt	110
Rescues without line	232
Rescues with other gear (surf boards, skis, boats, etc.)	71
Total rescues for the current season	413

Grand total of rescues recorded to date — 7770.

Records disclose that of the persons rescued from the surf five required artificial respiration and in addition first-aid was applied to 648 patients following injuries sustained on patrolled beaches.

AWARDS

As in previous years at this date we are unable to correctly record a final figure covering awards gained during the season due to the fact that the returns made by clubs do not agree with the examination report forms, but from interim figures a minimum number of 382 surf medallions were gained during the season. It is anticipated that when the correct figure is available that the total will be over 400 awards, which is considered satisfactory.

A total of 38 surf instructors awards were gained which figure is well above the yearly average.

It is interesting to note also that through the activity of club instructors a total of 285 R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallions were gained by surf club members, the majority of which were gained under the combined examination arrangement.

TROPHIES

The Council was pleased to accept a Trophy donated by the Canterbury District Surf Lifesaving Association to commemorate the Fiftieth Jubilee of that Association to be known as the Canterbury Jubilee Trophy.

A special sub-committee was appointed to recommend the allocation of this Trophy and it was finally decided that same be made to the winner each year in the New Zealand Senior Beltmans event.

HON. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The annual general meeting unanimously approved a recommendation made by the Life Membership and Blazer Committee in the appointment of J. D. Hunter as an Hon. Life Member of the Association.

Mr. Hunter joined the Island Bay Surf Lifesaving Club in 1922 and has been a tireless worker for the Association since his appointment to the Council in 1935 as delegate representing the Auckland Association.

Currently Mr. Hunter holds the position of Hon. Registrar which office he has held since 1945 and for the last four years has been Chairman of the Council.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The council, through the specially appointed sub-committee, has been extremely active in persuing the question of obtaining a suitable site for the construction of permanent headquarters and at the moment is negotiating for the purchase of a piece of land in the outer city circle which is considered to be admirably suited for our purpose. This land is owned by the State and is under the control of the Ministry of Works and although the Association has been offered the use of the land on a leasehold basis it is hoped that subsequently we will be able to purchase the freehold.

We do express our thanks to the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Minister of Works for the co-operation which has been received in the negotiations up to date.

Based on the reports of the committee the council authorised the purchase subject to a favourable recommendation from our Hon. Consulting Architect as to the suitability of the land for our purpose.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Each year Government has made an allocation of funds to the National Water Safety Council for the purpose of conducting the water safety campaign from which sum distribution is made to the natatorial bodies and the National Water Safety Committee based on a budget of proposed expenditure for the forthcoming season.

The respective reports were considered by a meeting of the National Council following which representations were made to the Minister but regret to have to advise that the grant received of \$40,000 was much lower than the amount approved by the National Council.

It must be realised that the funds made available for water safety come directly from Golden Kiwi profits and the reduced income from the Lottery dictates the extent of the funds which will be expended in the current year on water safety.

Your Council submitted a budget of proposed expenditure totalling \$12,980 and the amount finally approved was \$8880. To maintain our normal activities we are reliant upon Government aid as we consider that our activities are designed for the one purpose of instructing the art of lifesaving and in the provision of surf patrols to safeguard the bathing public. The value of this work cannot be denied but the reduced amount of the grant has forced us to reduce the assistance which could be extended to our District Associations.

Our appreciation is expressed to Government through the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs for the monies made available to us.

For comparative purposes we set out the grants made for water safety purposes for the last four years.

	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1967/68
N.Z.S.L.S.A.	4,750	5,500	6,000	8880
N.Z.A.S.A.	3,750	4,000	4,450	6600
R.L.S.S.	2,750	2,750	2,800	4160
National Water Safety Committee	11,750	12,750	13,750	20360
	£23,000	£25,000	£27,000	\$40,000

We are fully aware of the interest held in our organisation by the Hon. D. C. Seath and his keenness to extend full support to the water safety campaign but are of the opinion that we should be in a position to assist affiliated clubs in the purchase of surf boats, patrol towers and other portable rescue equipment which at the moment are not covered under the subsidy scheme due to the fact that the amount of our grant is absorbed under other headings.

The shark tragedies, which fortunately did not recur in the season under review, has made such equipment, particularly surf patrol boats, a vital necessity, but the high cost of purchase and maintenance brings such equipment into the luxury class, as far as our movement is concerned.

Our thanks are expressed to the Minister for the help received during the year and his interest in our welfare.

SUBSIDIES

In view of the fact that the grant received from Government remained at the same figure as in the previous year it was not possible to increase the subsidies applying to lifesaving gear and equipment and it will be realised that as a result of devaluation we have been faced with substantial increases in the price of cotton lines and also on other gear which contain an import content.

In accordance with previous practice a revised list of prices for gear and equipment was approved by your Council and we set out below the costs which are operative for the period 1st May 1968 to the 30th April 1969:

	Cost to Association	Price to Affiliated Clubs
	\$	\$
Standard Reel	94.00	64.00
Portable Reel	33.00	22.00
Portable Boxline	12.00	8.00
¾in. Standard Line	42.00	22.00
¾in. Cotton Line	18.00	11.00
No. 4 Belts	7.00	5.00
No. 5 Belts	7.00	5.00
Clubhouse Flag	4.00	2.00
Beach Marker Flag	2.50	1.25
Patrol Caps	0.75	0.50
Boat Belts	7.50	6.00
First Aid Cabinets	25.00	16.00
Ballot Marbles (1 set & bag)	2.00	1.50
Signal Flags	3.00	1.50
Shark Flags	3.00	1.50

No alteration has been made to the previous arrangement under which subsidies are available on the purchase of rescue skis which comply to the minimum specifications and conditions laid down by the Council and during the season subsidies were paid on the installation of warning systems where same were considered to be essential, having regard to the nature of the beach area patrolled.

New clubs are covered where a complete set of gear is made available free of charge on affiliation.

The Council fully appreciates the work which was carried out by District Associations for the purpose of water safety and in the education of the public and regrets that funds available would not allow a more generous grant to cover this most essential work.

Based on applications received the following grants were made by the Council in the current season:

Auckland Association	\$200
Bay of Plenty Association....	\$200
Gisborne Association	\$200
Hawke's Bay Association	\$200
Taranaki Association	\$200
Western Districts Association	\$200
Wellington Association	\$200
Canterbury Association	\$200
Otago Association ..	\$200
Rarangi S.L.S. Club	\$ 50
Tahunanui S.L.S. Club	\$ 50
	\$1900

GRANTS FOR CLUB BUILDINGS

We appreciate the action of Government in the sympathetic consideration which is given in the extension of grants from Golden Kiwi Lottery Profits to affiliated clubs in the construction of club pavilions.

The Minister of Internal Affairs has made it quite clear that funds available from the Golden Kiwi Lottery Profits have been substantially reduced whilst increased applications have been received calling for assistance which can only mean that sums made available will decline.

Clubhouse accommodation of a high standard is essential to the well-being of our organisation and accordingly we trust that the extent of assistance received by the movement will be maintained.

All applications for grants for buildings have been referred to the council by the Golden Kiwi Board of Control for investigation and without exception enquiries made by the council have revealed full merit of the applications which have received support.

The following grants were approved during the season.

Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club	\$500
Maranui Surf Lifesaving Club	\$750
Pegasus Surf Lifesaving Club	\$100
Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Club	\$1000
Gisborne Ladies Surf Lifesaving Club	\$100
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GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION N.Z. LTD.

We again express unreservedly our appreciation to General Foods N.Z. Limited for the most valued assistance which has been extended to the movement during the season, foremost being the grant of \$1000 made to us to improve facilities for competitors and the public alike at our national championship fixture.

They have also been associated with donations to district Associations covering the supply of most necessary lifesaving gear.

The continued support is indicative of their expressed interest in the welfare of our Association and in acknowledging their gifts we say thank you on behalf of all members of our movement and assure them that their assistance has relieved us of certain of our financial burden in the conduct of our humanitarian activities.

ROTHMANS INSURANCE

Once again we are greatly indebted to Rothmans (N.Z.) Limited who have made available as a grant to the Association the funds necessary to provide an insurance cover on all eligible members of our Association and the importance of this assistance being indicated by the claims which have been made under the cover due to injuries sustained by members whilst carrying out active patrol and other duties on behalf of the public.

We would assure Rothmans of our deep appreciation of their action which should likewise be acknowledged by the bathing community, as this cover has given certain security to surf patrols when extending voluntary service to the public in the safeguarding of life.

AMATEUR STATUS

It is indeed pleasing to be able to report that the vexed question of amateur status has been settled to the satisfaction of the Association.

In accordance with a joint ruling by the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association and the Australian Swimming Union, professionals are permitted to take part in all surf lifesaving events with the exception of the surf race.

It will be realised however, that under the terms of the 'amateur definition' professionals classified as such as a result of the receipt of remuneration for services as baths attendants and beach patrols, are permitted to take part in all events including the surf race and are also covered by the 90 day amateur reinstatement provision.

It is pleasing to record also that the dispensation granted by the N.Z.A.S.A. also applies to the Iron Man and Taplin Relay where professionals can take part without endangering the status of amateurs with whom they may compete.

SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

We acknowledge with pleasure the close co-operation which exists between our organisation and the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia and express our keenness to maintain and improve existing arrangements in regard to the inter-change of visits of national life-saving teams and the arrangement under which drill methods are standardised between our two countries.

It is pleasing to report that an invitation has been received to send a New Zealand Representative team to Australia in the 1969/70 season which has been accepted with pleasure, and it is anticipated that the team will depart from New Zealand on the 28th February, 1970 for Brisbane and following carnivals in Queensland, N.S.W. Western Australia and South Australia, the team will compete finally at the Australian Championships in Victoria to be held during Easter in that year, and will return to New Zealand about the 2nd April.

Increasing interest is apparent in inter-Dominion visits, particularly on a club-to-club basis, and in the current season a team from the Longreef Club of N.S.W. was in New Zealand at the invitation of the Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club.

Your council and the Australian National Council have already granted approval of a return visit by the Orewa S.L.S. Club to Australia at the invitation of the Longreef Club and also a visit to New Zealand by a country team from the N.S.W. State Centre. However, final negotiations have not yet been concluded and such matters will be finalised at the September meeting of the New Zealand Council.

An approach has been received from the South Brighton S.L.S. Club for permission to receive the boat crew from the North Cronulla S.L.S. Club, Sydney, which matter is presently under negotiation.

By agreement with the Australian National Council it is not intended to approve visits on an inter-club, state or district level in any season when contests between national representative teams will take place. The future control of visits by club teams is a matter which will receive subsequent consideration.

We take this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable assistance which has been received from officers of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia headed by Ken Watson, M.B.E. the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer and J. B. Dearlove, the Hon. Chief Superintendent.

SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

In the previous season advice was received from the Surf Lifesaving Association of South Africa to the effect that it was proposed to hold an international carnival late in 1967, but no doubt the idea was abandoned as your council did not receive further correspondence in regard to the proposed event. The South African Association extended an invitation to the Australian National Council to send a 12 man team to South Africa in the forthcoming season which was accepted and the Australian Representative team will arrive in Johannesburg on the 27th December, 1968 and following visits to Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban will return to Australia about the 24th January, 1969. Three international tests will be conducted, the programme of events to include a double ski race, surf boat race, iron man race and musical flags, in addition to the usual test carnival events with the exception reel alarm which is a purely South African event.

According to information received from international press reports a similar invitation had been extended to New Zealand to be represented with a national team at that time, but as previously stated the council has not received correspondence of any nature from the South African Association or their president Mr. Denis Osborne.

INTER-DISTRICT SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1968 Inter-district Surf Lifesaving Championships were conducted by the Western Districts' S.L.S. Association, the event being held at Castlecliff Beach, Wanganui on Saturday and Sunday the 3-4th February. Although the contest was set down for Saturday, 3rd February the very heavy seas accompanied by a tidal drift which our top surfers could not negotiate resulted in a decision to postpone the afternoon events in the interests of the safety of competitors.

The heavy surf conditions still prevailed on the Sunday, but all events were successfully concluded.

Teams from Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Western Districts, Wellington and Canterbury were present and the Norrie Trophy was won handsomely by the Canterbury Association with Auckland 2nd and Hawke's Bay 3rd. The points allocation being: 29, 27 and 22½.

We express our thanks to the Officials of the Western Districts Association in whose hands the organisation of the carnival was placed, and understand their disappointment in the difficult surf conditions experienced which placed added responsibility on that willing band of workers who had given time and energy into the organisation of the carnival.

The following are the official results of the various events:

RESULTS INTER-DISTRICTS SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six-man R & R: 1st, Canterbury: (Ward, Carpenter, Goldsmith, Lecken, Greig, Ross).

Swim	Drill	Belt	Line	Pick-up	Care	Resus.	Drill	Total
.04	.6	.8	1.6	.8	.2	-	1.0	5.04
2nd, Gisborne: (Adams, Barrett, Pickett, Thompson, Colborn, Green).								
.86	.4	1.0	1.8	2.0	.2	-	.6	6.86
3rd, Hawke's Bay: (Williams, Clark, Turnbull, Penwarden, Wilson, McKenzie).								
-	1.4	1.6	2.0	3.2	.2	-	1.6	10.00
4th, Wellington: (Dinnison, Gough, Cameron, Harvey, Dawson Thorton).								
1.96	1.4	1.0	1.6	3.0	.4	-	1.2	10.56
5th, Taranaki: (Wildermoth, Corkan, Boulter, McClane, Velven, Dempsey).								
2.54	1.4	1.0	1.2	3.2	.2	.4	.8	10.74
6th, Western Districts: (Grey, Bristol, Symod, Foss, Currie, Dellar).								
1.74	1.8	1.2	2.0	3.6	.4	-	1.6	12.34
7th, Auckland: (Allnut, Griffiths, Hurdley, Laery, Harker, Isbey).								
6.64	1.8	.6	2.2	3.0	-	.2	1.4	15.84
8th, Bay of Plenty: (Julian, Clarke, More, Heath, McGahan, Marris).								
5.16	2.0	1.0	2.2	4.0	-	-	2.0	16.36

BEACH SPRINT

- 1st — Bay of Plenty (E. Heath).
- 2nd — Hawke's Bay (A. Koller).
- 3rd — Taranaki (D. Lean).
- 4th — Auckland (R. Leary).

SENIOR BELTMANS

- 1st — Hawke's Bay, 5mins. 7.2sec. (N. Penwarden).
- 2nd — Taranaki, 6mins. 28.2sec. (G. Dempsey).
- 3rd — Canterbury, 6mins. 33.8sec. (D. Gerrard).
- 4th — Gisborne, 6mins. 57.0sec. (B. Adams).
- 5th — Auckland, 7mins. 10.3sec. (R. Harker).
- 6th — Western Districts, 7mins, 35.1sec. (B. Vertogen).
- 7th — Wellington, 7mins., 42.7 (D. Henderson).

INTER-CLUB — IRON MAN:

- 1st — D. Jackman (Muriwai Club, Auckland).
- 2nd — A. Christie (Westshore Club, Hawke's Bay).
- 3rd — K. Pearson (Sumner Club, Canterbury).
- 4th — B. Horne (Otaki Club, Western Districts).
- 5th — D. Julian (Waikataane Club, Bay of Plenty).
- 6th — G. Fraser (Fitzroy Club, Taranaki).
- 7th — J. Scott (Waikanae Club, Gisborne).

MARCH PAST

1st — Canterbury	4.0
2nd — Hawke's Bay	5.25
3rd — Auckland	5.5
4th — Western Districts	6.25
5th — Taranaki	6.75
6th — Bay of Plenty	7.125
7th — Wellington	7.375
8th — Gisborne	7.625

SENIOR SURF RACE

Teams: Auckland (15) 1; Taranaki (36) 2; Canterbury (36) 3; Wellington (55) 4; Gisborne (67) 5; Western Districts (85) 6.

Individual: C. Hurdley (Auckland) 1; G. Allnutt (Auckland) 2; J. Velvin (Taranaki) 3; D. Henderson (Wellington) 4; R. Harker (Auckland) 5; D. Gerrard (Canterbury) 6.

SURF SKI RESCUE

Auckland (W. G. Butt) 1; Wellington (B. J. Grace) 2; Bay of Plenty (D. Harris) 3; Canterbury (R. Dalton) 4.

JUNIOR SURF RACE

Teams: Auckland (8) 1; Taranaki (9) 2; Hawke's Bay (10) 3; Canterbury (10) 4; Gisborne (22) 5; Western Districts (23) 6; Wellington (25) 7; Bay of Plenty (29) 8.

Individual: B. Ward (Canterbury) 1; Isbey (Auckland) 2; B. Wilson (Hawke's Bay) 3; W. Clow (Taranaki) 4; R. Fraser (Taranaki) 5; Rountree (Auckland) 6.

BEACH RELAY (Teams of 4)

Auckland 1, Canterbury 2, Gisborne 3.

POINTS SCORE — INTER-DISTRICT CARNIVAL

Canterbury (29 points) 1.
Auckland (27 points) 2.
Hawke's Bay (22½ points) 3.
Taranaki (16½ points) 4.



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INTER-DISTRICTS SENIOR FOUR-MAN R. & R.

	Swim	Get-away	Pick-up	Resus.	Care	Drill	Total
1st, Gisborne (Pickett, Adams, Thompson, Green).	.36	.8	.8	-	.2	.6	2.76
2nd, Hawke's Bay: (Clarke, Penwarden, McKerras, Turnbull).	-	.6	1.0	-	.4	1.2	3.20
3rd, Canterbury: (Le Cren, Goldsmith, Carpenter, Ross).	.68	.6	1.2	-	.4	.8	3.68
4th, Auckland: (Leary, Griffiths, Allnut, Isbey).	1.10	.8	1.0	-	.2	.6	3.70
5th, Western Districts: (Dellar, Symonds, Gray, Bristol).	.14	.8	1.8	-	.2	1.0	3.94
6th Taranaki: (Velvin, Corkin, Wildermoth, McLean).	.72	.8	1.4	-	.2	1.0	4.12
7th, Wellington: (Gough, Harvey, Dawson, Cameron).	1.06	1.0	1.4	-	-	1.8	5.26
8th, Bay of Plenty: (Moore, Hawkes, Clark, McGahan).	1.98	.8	1.6	-	.2	1.8	6.38

TAPLIN RELAY

1st—Canterbury (Taylor's Mistake Club), D. Gerrard, C. Reid, P. Goldsmith, D. Neate, W. Newton, A. Lewton.

2nd—Auckland (Piha Club), M. Bray, N. Kinghorn, B. Webber, T. Clark, G. Major, C. Brooking.

3rd—Gisborne (Waikanāe Club), J. Scott, J. Green, A. Byrne, Kerr and Bloomfield.

JUNIOR BELTMANS

1st—Canterbury, 2mins. 19.3sec. (B. Ward).

2nd—Bay of Plenty, 2mins, 38.4 (P. Ryan).

3rd—Taranaki, 2mins. 39.4sec. (W. Clow and Hawke's Bay, 2mins, 39.4 sec. (B. Wilson) 3rd. equal.



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1968

The National Surf Lifesaving Championships were conducted by the Wellington District Surf Lifesaving Association, the venue being the Titahi Bay Beach, Wellington the event being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 8th, 9th, 10th March.

The flat water conditions experienced on the first day were followed by high winds and heavy seas which carried away the swimming buoys with a resultant hold-up in the conduct of events. A second set of buoys was laid in the sheltered north end of the bay which enabled the events to proceed on a restricted basis. A heavy programme of events was left for conclusion on the final day when fortunately weather conditions had abated and it is pleasing to be able to report as a result of the good work of officials and with the co-operation of competitors the meeting concluded satisfactorily.

Our congratulations are extended to the winning teams and individual competitors who were successful in gaining national honours at the championships.

Entries received for senior events showed a noticeable decline, whereas those for juniors and ladies reached an all-time record. It is interesting to record the sharp increase in entries for surf boat events which is indicative of the interest held by affiliated clubs in this craft.

Thanks to the generosity of General Foods Corporation (N.Z.) Ltd. which company again made a substantial grant to the Association, free lunches were made available to competitors, the balance of the sum being expended on items of gear and equipment necessary in the conduct of national championships.

Our thanks are also extended to all officials and members of the Wellington Association for the work which was carried out in the conclusion of yet another national championship.

The following are the official results.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Waikanae B: (R. McLean, B. Cairns, D. Colborn, M. Hardy, W. Jones, C. Blumfield). Total: 6.20.

2nd, East End A: (G. Payne, T. Corkin, S. Wildermoth, G. Dempsey, B. Walsh, M. Bolton). Total 6.64.

3rd, Castlecliff: (K. Bristol, M. Scott, C. Currie, D. O'Neil, A. Larsen, J. Buller). Total 9.54.

Heat 2:

1st, Waikanae A: (K. Barrett, B. Adams, B. Green, G. Thompson, M. Pickett, B. McLean). Total 4.0.

2nd, Taylors Mistake A: (C. Cread, W. McQuire, D. Neate, G. Lioren, P. Goldsmith, P. Carpenter). Total 6.16.

3rd, Taylors Mistake B: (G. McNaught, I. Johnson, B. Erickson, J. Stead, D. Bradley, D. Clyne). Total 8.16.

Heat 3:

1st, Muriwai A: (J. Ruzio-Saban, Thomas, Chrystall, Ford, Laery, Seward). Total 5.22.

2nd, Maranui A: (D. Cleverley, K. Mark, M. Harvey, R. Taylor, G. Gallagher, K. O'Malley). Total 7.06.

3rd, Island Bay: (P. Burrow, P. Broad, P. Cameron, D. Dawson, C. Metcalfe, M. Aston). Total 8.04.

Heat 4:

1st, Waimairi: (I. Greig, B. Leask, S. Carruthers, M. Holmes, R. Etterick, P. Davies). Total 7.20.

2nd, Fitzroy: (N. Early, B. Velvin, J. Velvin, R. Johns, D. Parker, A. Drent). Total 8.58.

3rd, Piha: (Webber, Major, Hurdley, De Vries, Wenthigh, Griffiths). Total 9.08.

Final:

1st, Waikanae A: (B. McLean, B. Adams, K. Barrett, G. Thompson, M. Pickett, B. Green) . Total 4.06.

2nd, Taylors Mistake A: (G. Le Cren, Maguire, Reid, Carpenter, Neate, Goldsmith). Total 6.88.

3rd, Muriwai A: (W. Ford, J. Thomas, G. Ruzio-Saban, R. Laery, B. McCrystall, R. Seward). Total 7.30.



R. Harker (Red Beach) holding the Canterbury Beltmans Jubilee Trophy after winning the 1968 National Beltmans title. Also in photograph (right), D. Henderson (Worser Bay), second in Beltmans event and winner of National Individual Surf Race title and (centre), John A. Young, a former N.Z. Surf Representative.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Fitzroy (J. Velvin).
2nd East End (J. Corkin).
3rd, Palm. North. (G. Symonds).

Heat 2:

1st, Piha B (C. Hurdley).
2nd, Lyall Bay B (R. Walker).
3rd, Waimairi A (I. Greig).

Heat 3:

1st, Red Beach B (R. Harker).
2nd, Piha A (P. Jack).
3rd, Island Bay (P. Cameron).

Heat 4:

1st, Maranui B (M. Harvey).
2nd, Island Bay (D. Dawson).
3rd, New Brighton A (G. Dann).

Heat 5:

1st, Oreti (B. Smith).
2nd, N. Brighton B (N. Williams).
3rd, Whakatane A (P. Langley).

Heat 6:

1st Maranui A (R. Taylor).
2nd, Waikanae A (B. Adams).
3rd, Taylors Mist. A (D. Gerrard)

Heat 7:

1st, East End B (G. Dempsey).
2nd, St. Clair A (D. Kilpatrick)
3rd, Westshore A (A. Martin).

Heat 8:

1st., Wor. Bay A (D. Henderson).
2nd, Waimairi B (E. Leask).
3rd, Brighton A (M. McDonald)

Final:

1st, Red Beach (R. Harker).
2nd, Worser Bay (D. Henderson).
3rd, Piha (C. Hurdley).

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Waikanae: (M. Pickett, B. Adams, G. Thompson, B. Green).
Total 1.70.
2nd, Taylors Mistake: (J. Stead, P. Goldsmith, D. Bradley, B. Erickson). Total 2.78.
3rd, Lyall Bay: (C. Blakeley, R. Walker, G. Mace, R. Gough).
Total 2.80.

Heat 2:

1st., East End: (R. Wildermoth, C. Corkin, B. Schicker, D. Emmett). Total 2.84.
2nd, Island Bay: (C. Metcalfe, D. Dawson, M. Aston, P. Cameron).
Total 3.20.
3rd, Worser Bay: (P. Kent, J. Dennison, R. Ransom, C. Billing).
Total 3.34.

Heat 3:

1st, Maranui: (J. Gallagher, M. Harvey, R. Gallagher, K. Mark).
Total 3.20.
2nd, Fitzroy: (D. Parker, J. Velvin, B. Velvin, R. Johns). Total 3.78.
3rd, Palmerston North: (B. Thompson, C. Symonds, R. Gray, L. Foss). Total 4.08.

Heat 4:

1st, Red Beach: (T. Marsh, R. Harker, P. Curley, C. Curley).
Total 3.20.
2nd, New Brighton: (G. Williamson, G. Dann, P. Knight, K. Chamberlain). Total 3.28.
3rd, Titahi Bay: (G. Browne, A. Burrett, D. Nolan, R. Quaid).
Total 3.40.

Heat 5:

1st, Waimairi: (S. Carruthers, B. Leask, R. Tremewan, I. Greig).
Total 3.44.

2nd, Waimarama: (C. Hodgson, B. Clarke, B. Coleman, B. Kuhou).
Total 3.80.

3rd., North Beach: (R. Dalton, G. McKenzie, B. Robinson, B. Dobson). Total 4.04.

Final:

1st, Waikanae: (M. Pickett, B. Adams, G. Thompson, B. Green).
Total 1.80.

2nd, Maranui: (J. Gallagher, M. Harvey, G. Gallagher, K. Mark).
Total 2.12.

3rd., East End: (Wildermoth, T. Corkin, B. Schicki, D. Emmett).
Total 2.52.

N.Z. SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF RACE CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st, Taylors Mist. (P. Goldsmith).
2nd, Oreti (B. Smith).
3rd, Worsler Bay (D. Henderson).
4th, Maranui (M. Harvey).
5th, Waimairi (J. Hughes).

Heat 2:

1st, Taylors Mist. (D. Gerrard).
2nd, Fitzroy (A. Drent).
3rd, Waimarama (N. Penwarden).
4th, Lyall Bay (R. Walker).
5th, East End (G. Dempsey).

Heat 3:

1st, Red Beach (R. Harker).
2nd, Piha (T. Griffiths).
3rd, East End (T. Corkin).
4th, Taylors Mist. (C. Read).
5th, St. Clair (D. Kilpatrick).

Heat 4:

1st, North Beach (I. Gunthorpe).
2nd, Maranui (R. Taylor).
3rd, New Plym. OB. (J. McLean).
4th, Lyall Bay (W. Martlew).
5th, Fitzroy (P. Johns).

Final Teams Race:

1st, Taylors Mist. (P. Goldsmith,
D. Gerrard, C. Read, P. Car-
penter). 15 pts.).
2nd, Piha (A. Seager, C. Hurdley,
P. Griffiths, P. Jack). 20 pts.).
3rd, Fitzroy: (J. Velvin, A. Drent,
B. Velvin, R. Johns). 20 pts.).

Final Individual Race:

1st, Worsler Bay (D. Henderson).
2nd, Red Beach (R. Harker).
3rd, Taylors Mist. (D. Gerrard).

N.Z. JUNIOR SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st, New Plymouth Old Boys: (V. Shaw, T. Dyer, W. Cameron, T. Taylor, F. Maasc, V. Wood). Total 9.74.

2nd, Fitzroy B: (G. Florence, R. Philp, D. Telfer, M. Farley, P. Rutherford, W. Robertson). Total 11.18.

3rd, Taylors Mistake: (A. Rodger, N. Duckmanton, E. Hunter, S. Holland, A. Erickson, MacKenzie). Total 12.00.

Heat 2:

1st, Muriwai A: (J. Rea, G. Vesey, G. Bunting, M. Butt, S. Allen, G. Sweetman). Total 6.20.

2nd, Waihi: (M. Munroe, J. McLean, M. Middleton, C. Pickin, N. McGowan, P. Warren). Total 13.44.

3rd, Kiwi B: (B. Larsen, R. Carnegie, B. Ludrigsen, D. Scott, C. Frost, A. Horton). Total 14.22

Heat 3:

1st, Fitzroy A: (C. Rofe, G. Fraser, D. Knapman, W. Clow, B. Turner, G. Manning). Total 7.80.

2nd, South Brighton: (B. Dougherty, R. Wilson, C. Kinder, P. O'Keefe, L. Furness, B. Ward). Total 10.40.

3rd, Kiwi A: (B. Wilson, G. Larsen, K. Bennett, R. Pike, P. Burns, S. Denom). Total 11.34.

Heat 4:

1st, Westshore: (I. Rowsley, R. Smith, B. Quirk, M. Dineen, P. Kingston, J. Streeter). Total 13.22.

2nd, Worser Bay: (G. Cooper, E. Billing, G. Wilkie, J. Wilkie, A. Barrable, B. Billings). Total 22.44.

3rd, North Beach: (P. Wells, P. Goosey, M. Kemp, G. Ramsom, P. Wayman, J. Baigent). Total 23.60.

Final:

1st, Muriwai A: (T. Bunting, G. Allen, G. Vesey, M. Butt, J. Rea, B. Sweetman). Total 6.80.

2nd, Fitzroy A: (C. Rofe, W. Clow, R. Fraser, G. Manning, B. Turner, D. Knapman). Total 8.00.

3rd, Taylors Mistake: (R. Erikson, A. Bodaer, N. Duckmanton, E. Hunter, R. McKenzie, G. Holland). Total 9.40.

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

1st Waimairi: (B. Clotheir, M. Johnston, J. Sloan, P. McArthur). Total 6.20.

2nd, Oreti: (P. Springford, C. Ronald, I. McCrostie, S. Malthus). Total 7.02.

3rd, Worser Bay: (G. Wilkie, J. Wilkie, E. Billing, V. Billing). Total 7.24.

Heat 2:

1st, Lyall Bay: (J. Farey, P. Sutton, R. Osten, J. Hollings). Total 6.20.

2nd, Kare Kare: (B. Melval, L. Cranfield, P. Collis, I. McDonald). Total 6.58.

3rd, Titahi Bay: (S. Andrews, D. Dunlop, D. Munro, G. Robertson). Total 7.00.

Heat 3:

1st, North Piha: (S. Twigden, R. Roeband, B. McInnarney, B. Isbey). Total 3.40.

2nd, North Beach: (M. Kemp, P. Wells, P. Goosey, P. Samson). Total 5.84.

3rd, Wainui: (C. Crighton, R. Davidson, J. Mazengarb, G. Broadbent). Total 5.94.

Heat 4:

1st, New Plymouth Old Boys: (K. Wood, J. Paul, E. Taylor, N. Cameron). Total 3.76

2nd, Fitzroy: (D. Knapman, W. Clow, G. Manning, C. Rofe). Total 4.20.

3rd, East End: (P. Allen, K. Roebuck, B. Ball, C. Leuthart). Total 5.66.

Heat 5:

1st, Muriwai: (S. Allen, G. Sweetman, A. Parsons, M. Butt).
Total 3.42.

2nd Westshore: (P. Kingston, A. Christie, J. Streeter, I. Rawnsley).
Total 5.40.

3rd, Island Bay: (K. McDougall, S. Hughson, B. Dickens, R. McDougall). Total 6.30.

Final:

1st, Fitzroy: (D. Knapman, W. Clow, G. Manning, C. Rofe).
Total 2.80.

2nd, Muriwai (S. Allan, G. Sweetman, A. Parsons, M. Butt).
Total 3.00.

3rd, Lyall Bay: (J. Farey, P. Sutton, R. Osten, J. Hollings).
Total 3.80.

NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st, Sth Brighton B (R. Wilson).
2nd, Wainui B (C. J. Crighton).
3rd, Lyall Bay A (S. Allan).

Heat 2:

1st, North Piha B (B. Isbey).
2nd, Maranui (G. Mentiplay).
3rd, Waimairi A (M. Johnston).

Heat 3:

1st, St. Clair A (K. Stoneman).
2nd, Nth Bri'ton A (B. Mustchin).
3rd Mairangi Bay A (R. Brooks).

Heat 4:

1st, Fitzroy B (R. Fraser).
2nd, St. Kilda A (D. Allen).
3rd, North Beach B (P. Wells).

Heat 5:

1st, Sth. Brighton A (B. Ward).
2nd, Fitzroy A (W. Clow).
3rd, North Beach A (C. McEwin).

Heat 6:

1st, Kiwi A (B. Wilson).
2nd, Waihi A (D. Rhodes).
3rd, Brighton B (R. McLean).

Heat 7:

1st, Muriwai B (R. Bromfield).
2nd, East End (K. Roebuck).
3rd, Midway A (B. Hays).

Heat 8:

1st Waikanae B (A. Kerr).
2nd, Westshore A (M. Beckett).
3rd, Levin/Wait. (A. Tomlinson).

Final:

1st, South Brighton (B. Ward).
2nd, Kiwi (B. Wilson).
3rd, Fitzroy (R. Fraser).

N.Z. JUNIOR TEAMS (OF FOUR) AND INDIVIDUAL SURF TEAMS RACE CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1:**

1st Fitzroy (W. Clow).
2nd, Waimairi (M. Johnston).
3rd, Waikanae (A. Kerr).

Heat 2:

1st. South Brighton (B. Ward).
2nd, Kiwi (B. Wilson).
3rd, Fitzroy (D. Knapman).

Heat 3:

1st. Westshore (A. Christie).
2nd, Kiwi (R. Browne).
3rd, Sth Brighton (P. Shennan).

Heat 4:

1st, Fitzroy (R. Fraser).
2nd, Kiwi (P. Burns).
3rd, Nth Brighton (D. Mustchin).

Final N.Z. Junior Surf Race Teams:

1st, Kiwi (D. Jones, B. Wilson, R. Browne, P. Burns) 16 pts.
2nd, South Brighton: (B. Layton, B. Ward, P. Shennan, R. Wilson) 19 points.
3rd, Fitzroy (W. Clow, D. Knapman, C. Rofe, R. Fraser) 19 pts.

Final Junior Individual Surf Race Championship:

1st, Kiwi (B. Wilson).
2nd, Westshore (A. Christie).
3rd, South Brighton (B. Ward).

NEW ZEALAND LADIES' SIX-MAN R. & R. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Heat 1:

1st, East End: (L. Dryden, K. Hannan, S. Pearson, D. Corkin, M. Haywood, K. Winstanley). Total 8.26.

2nd, Waimairi (Pope, Johnston, G. Middleton, C. Middleton, R. Leask, J. Mouat). Total 9.00.

3rd, Moana Rua: (C. Ryan, A. Wildey, R. Johnston, J. Howie, M. Church, S. Kallil). Total 10.58 .

Heat 2:

1st, South Brighton: (B. Jones, L. Ward, M. Ramsay, J. Ansell, J. McLean, A. R. Harlow). Total 8.28.

2nd, Fitzroy: (L. Matman, D. Christmas, B. Grace, M. Clow, H. Fraser, M. Lile). Total 9.68.

3rd, Central Brighton A: (C. Ryan, J. Strange, H. Dynes, K. Harris, L. Mundy, R. Gibson). Total 11.00

Heat 3:

1st, Taylors Mistake: (E. Holland, A. Mitchell, S. Corrick, A. Palmer, J. Bodger, C. Dickey). Total 8.84.

2nd, Paekakariki: (J. Hodge, S. Cheesman, E. Stewart, P. Brock, A. Cardswell, Elvy). Total 11.20.

3rd, Central Brighton B: (C. Johnston, R. Quickenden, H. Barker, M. Warner, P. Miles, P. Wayman). Total 13.06.

Final:

1st, East End: (S. Pearson, K. Hannan, L. Dryden, K. Winstanley, D. Corkin, M. Hayward). Total 8.20.

2nd, South Brighton: (A. Harliwigh, B. Jones, M. Ramsay, J. Ansell, L. Ward, J. McClland). Total 8.74.

3rd, North Beach: (K. Donaldson, S. Hardwell, B. Duncan, D. Dasler, P. Thorp, M. Dalton). Total 10.72.

N.Z. LADIES' FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1:

1st, Wellington Ladies A: (S. Morgan, C. Brown, E. Stanford, J. Parkin). Total 3.94.

2nd, Fitzroy: (L. Knapman, M. Lile, C. Grace, M. Clow). Total 4.80.

3rd, South Brighton A: (J. McClland, L. Ward, B. Jones, J. Ancall). Total 5.04.

Heat 2:

1st., Island Bay: (R. Simms, M. McCrae, H. Turner, C. York). Total 4.40.

2nd, New Plymouth O.B. Ladies: (K. Nooder, J. Parsons, B. Dryden, R. Dryden). Total 4.64.

3rd, Waitemata A: (F. Olsen, F. Payne, S. Ellwin, C. Butler). Total 4.70.

Heat 3:

1st, Waimairi A: (J. Mouat, R. Leask, J. Leask, E. Pope). Total 2.44.

2nd, North Beach A: (K. Donaldson, M. Dalton, P. Thorpe, S. Cardwell). Total 4.20.

3rd, Titahi Bay: (A. Beasley, E. Timbs, C. McNaught, J. Timbs) Total 4.26.

Heat 4:

1st, Paekakariki A: (C. Cranshaw, P. Brock, J. Hodge, E. Stewart).
Total 3.80.

2nd, South Brighton B: (K. Allan, L. McKenzie, M. Ramsay, L. Harlwick). Total 4.76.

3rd, Taylors Mistake: (J. Bodger, A. Palmer, E. Holland, C. Dickie). Total 4.94.

Final:

1st., Island Bay: (R. Simms, M. McCrae, H. Turner, C. York).
Total 3.20.

2nd, Paekakariki: (A. Cranshaw, P. Brock, J. Hodge, E. Stewart).
Total 3.56.

3rd, North Beach A: (K. Donaldson, M. Dalton, P. Thorpe, S. Cardwell). Total 3.64.

NEW ZEALAND LADIES' BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**Heat 1**

1st. M. McCrae, Island Bay.
2nd. B. Boberg, Moana Rua.
3rd. S. Hatchwell, Taylors Mis.

Heat 2

1st. M. Lile, Fitzroy.
2nd. A. Myjer, Wgton. Ladies A.
3rd. P. Matics, Sumner B.

Heat 3

1st. R. Haycock, Sth. Brighton A.
2nd. M. Dalton, North Beach B.
3rd. J. Pascoe, N.P. O.B. Ladies.

Heat 4

1st. J. Clark, North Beach A.
2nd. K. Burns, Wgtn Ladies B.
3rd. M. Slade, Waimairi B.

Final

1st. M. McCrae, Island Bay.
2nd. M. Lile, Fitzroy.
3rd. R. Haycock, Sth. Brighton.

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

1st. J. Clark, North Beach.
2nd. M. Lile, Fitzroy.
3rd. P. Boberg, Moana Rua.

Heat 2

1st. M. Slade, Waimairi.
2nd. S. Cheesman, Paekakariki.
3rd. E. Spear, Titahi Bay.

FINAL TEAMS RACE

1st. New Plymouth Old Boys (K. Nodder, J. Parsons, M. Green, R. Dryden): 32 points.
2nd. South Brighton (J. Ancall, R. Haycock, L. McKenzie, L. Ward): 46 points.
3rd. Moana Rua (R. Johnson, P. Boberg, R. Ellison, E. Ryan): 49 points.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RACE

1st. J. Clark, North Beach.
2nd. M. Lile, Fitzroy.
3rd. B. Boberg, Moana Rua.

N.Z. JUNIOR MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st. North Beach, 3.875 points. 2nd. Fitzroy, 4.25. 3rd. Kiwi, 4.375.

N.Z. SENIOR MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st. Worser Bay, 2.875. 2nd. Waikanae, 3.25. 3rd. Muriwai, 3.375.

N.Z. LADIES' MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP

1st. Paekakariki, 3.00. 2nd. Waitemata, 3.375. 3rd equal, North Beach 3.75 and South Brighton 3.75.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1

- 1st. Whakatane.
- 2nd. New Brighton.
- 3rd. Waikanae.

Heat 3

- 1st. Titahi Bay B.
- 2nd. Titahi Bay A.
- 3rd. Westshore.

First Semi-Final

- 1st. Titahi Bay A.
- 2nd. Worser Bay A.
- 3rd. Piha.

Third Semi-Final

- 1st. Muriwai A.
- 2nd. Muriwai B.
- 3rd. Waikanae.

Heat 2

- 1st. North Beach.
- 2nd. Worser Bay B.
- 3rd. Worser Bay A.

Heat 4

- 1st. Muriwai A.
- 2nd. Maranui A.
- 3rd. Muriwai B.

Second Semi-Final

- 1st. Waikanae.
- 2nd. Island Bay.
- 3rd. Maranui A.

Final

- 1st. Titahi Bay A.
- 2nd. Muriwai B.
- 3rd. Muriwai A.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

First Race

- 1st. Titahi Bay.
- 2nd. North Beach.
- 3rd. Muriwai.

Third Race (Heat 1)

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

Second Race

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

Third Race (Heat 2)

- 1st. Muriwai.
- 2nd. Sumner.
- 3rd. Kiwi.

Final

Points won over series of three races

- 1st. Titahi Bay, 12 points.
- 2nd. Muriwai, 7 points.
- 3rd. Lyall Bay, 5 points.

N.Z. SENIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP (Teams of 4).

Heat 1

- 1st. Waimairi A.
- 2nd. Taylors Mistake A.
- 3rd. Castlecliff.

Heat 3

- 1st. Muriwai.
- 2nd. Otaki.
- 3rd. New Brighton.

Repechage: Heat 1

- 1st. Taylors Mistake.

First Semi-Final

- 1st. Brighton A.
- 2nd. Castlecliff.
- 3rd. New Brighton.

Third Semi-Final

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

Heat 2

- 1st. Taylors Mistake B.
- 2nd. Paekakariki.
- 3rd. Brighton B.

Heat 4

- 1st. Waimairi B.
- 2nd. Brighton A.
- 3rd. Palmerston North.

Repechage: Heat 2

- 1st. Muriwai.
- 2nd. New Brighton.
- 3rd. Sumner.

Second Semi-Final

- 1st. Sumner B.
- 2nd. Waimairi B.
- 3rd. Taylors Mistake.

Final

- 1st. Waimairi A.
- 2nd. Waimairi B.
- 3rd. Sumner A.
- 4th. Sumner B.
- 5th. Castlecliff.
- 6th. Brighton.

N.Z. JUNIOR SURF CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP (Teams of four).

Heat 1: Race 1

1st. Taylors Mistake.

Heat 2: Race 1

1st. Muriwai.
2nd. New Brighton.
3rd. Sumner.

Final Race

1st. Waimairie.
2nd. Taylors Mistake.
3rd. Sumner.

Heat 1: 2nd Race

1st. Waimairi.
2nd. Muriwai.
3rd. Kiwi.

Heat 2: 2nd Race

1st. Taylors Mistake.
2nd. New Brighton.

(Points allocation).

1st. Taylors Mistake, 14 points.
2nd. Waimairi, 12 points.
3rd. Muriwai, 11 points.

N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP (MALIBOU) OPEN

Heat 1

1st. D. Dalton, North Beach.
2nd. P. Jack, Piha D.
3rd. B. Grace, Titahi Bay.

Heat 3

1st. J. McDermott, Taylors M. B.
2nd. equal. P. Way, Red Beach
A and I. Sturrock, N. Beach A.

Heat 5

1st. equal. T. Butt, Muriwai and
B. Wilson, Kiwi.
3rd. B. Dobson, North Beach B.

Heat 7

1st. A. Byrne, Waikanae A.
2nd. G. Butt, Muriwai E.
3rd. B. Smail, St. Clair.

Heat 9

1st. P. Saunders, N.P.O.B. A.
2nd. G. Serhijensko, Beth. B. D.
3rd. S. Tustin, Worsler Bay B.

Heat 2

1st. M. Bray, Piha A.
2nd. D. Jackman, Muriwai A.
3rd. M. McGahan, Waihi.

Heat 4

1st. A. Nicholls, Red Beach B.
2nd. I. Johnson, Taylors Mis. C.
3rd. D. Neate, Taylors Mis. A.

Heat 6

1st. P. Fitzsimmons, Maranui A.
2nd. P. Kitchener, Bethells B. A.
3rd. W. Martlew, Lyall Bay A.

Heat 8

1st. equal, K. Pearson, Sumner
A and L. Ethell, Bethells B. E.
3rd. C. Allan, Sth. Brighton A.

Final

1st. D. Dalton, North Beach.
2nd. M. Bray, Piha.
3rd. J. McDermott, Taylors Mis.

N.Z. PADDLE BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP (Hollow Board)

Heat 1

1st. Dalton, North Beach.
2nd. D. Jackman, Muriwai.
3rd. M. Bray, Piha.

Heat 3

1st. A. Haslett, Sumner.
2nd. C. Allan, South Brighton.
3rd. Cox, New Brighton.

Heat 2

1st. I. Johnston, Taylors Mistake
2nd, S. Carruthers, Waimairi.
3rd. D. Neate, Taylors Mistake.

Final

1st. D. Jackman, Muriwai.
2nd. M. Bray, Piha.
3rd. D. Dalton, North Beach.
4th. A. Haslett, Sumner.
5th. I. Johnson, Taylors Mistake.
6th. D. Neate, Taylors Mistake.
7th. C. Allan, South Brighton.
8th. B. Cox, New Brighton.

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1

1st. J. Dumble, Titahi Bay A.
2nd. T. Dell, Dalton, N. Beach
A and M. Bray, Piha B.

Heat 3

1st. D. Harris, Waihi B.
2nd. T. Dell, Mt. Maunganui.
3rd. Fraser, Westshore A.

Heat 5

1st. B. Horn, Otaki B.
2nd. K. Pearson, Sumner B.
3rd. R. Hopkins, Taylors Mis. A.

Heat 2

1st. R. Goodman, Muriwai B.
2nd. G. Serhijensko, Beth. B. A
3rd. K. Deller, Otaki A.

Heat 4

1st. R. Dalton, North Beach B.
2nd. G. Butt, Muriwai A.
3rd. P. Davies, Waimairi B.

Heat 6

1st. A. Lewton, Taylors Mis. B.
2nd. T. Allen, Paekakariki.

Final

1st. R. Goodman, Muriwai B.
2nd. J. Dumble, Titahi Bay.
3rd. R. Dalton, North Beach.

N.Z. INDIVIDUAL SURF SKI RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1

1st. A. Luton, Taylors Mistake.
2nd. P. Davies, Waimairi.
3rd. D. Harris, Waihi.

Heat 3

1st. T. Dell, Mt. Maunganui.
2nd. F. Sloane, Sumner.
3rd. P. Hayman, North Beach.

Heat 5

1st. R. Dalton, North Beach.

Heat 7

1st. G. Mauger, Piha.
2nd. J. Hughes, Waimairi.
3rd. G. Hope, Beth. Beach.

Heat 9

1st. P. Leask, Waimairi.
2nd. B. Dennehy, Westshore.
3rd. D. McDonald, Taylors Mis.

Heat 2

1st. J. Dumble, Titahi Bay.
2nd. D. Moore, Waihi.
3rd. D. Dalton, North Beach.

Heat 4

1st. G. Butt, Muriwai.

Heat 6

1st. G. Serhijensko, Beth. Beach
2nd. P. Saunders, N. Plymouth.
3rd. M. Bray, Piha.

Heat 8

1st. M. McGahon, Waihi.

Final

1st. R. Dalton, North Beach.
2nd. G. Butt, Muriwai.
3rd. G. Serhijensko, Bethells B.
4th. J. Dumble, Titahi Bay.

N.Z. 100 YARDS BEACH SPRINT

Heat 1

1st. C. Billing, Worser Bay.
2nd. Morton, Worser Bay.
3rd. Brown, Titahi Bay.

Heat 3

1st. K. Riley, Muriwai.
2nd. J. Hardie, Lyall Bay.
3rd. R. Oddy, Mairangi Bay.

Heat 5

1st. D. Heath, Waihi.
2nd. I. Gurr, South Brighton.
3rd. P. Curley, Red Beach.

Heat 2

1st. B. Prendergast, St. Kilda.
2nd. Wood, New Plymouth O.B.
3rd. A. Koller, Whakatane.

Heat 4

1st. Brady, Kare Kare.
2nd. Bray, Piha.
3rd. S. Stead, Taylors Mistake.

Heat 6

1st. C. Curley, Red Beach.
2nd. Hutton, Muriwai.
3rd. M. Twigden, North Piha.

Final

1st. C. Curley, Red Beach.
2nd. C. Billing, Worser Bay.
3rd. D. Heath, Waihi.

N.Z. BEACH RELAY

Heat 1

1st. Worser Bay.
2nd. Waihi.
3rd. Mairangi Bay.

Heat 3

1st. Red Beach.
2nd. Lyall Bay.
3rd. Whakatane.

Heat 2

1st. Waimarama.
2nd. Kare Kare.
3rd. Waikanae.

Heat 4

1st. Muriwai.
2nd. Taylors Mistake.
3rd. Maranui.

Final

1st. Red Beach.
2nd. Muriwai.
3rd. Worser Bay.

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1st. Muriwai, 27 points.
2nd. Taylors Mistake, 14 points.
3rd. Fitzroy, 13 points.
4th. Waikanae, 12 points.

RESTRICTION OF ENTRIES AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

It will be remembered that in the 1960/61 season the national championships held at Warrington Beach, Dunedin, were conducted under a system of restricted entries to senior and junior R. and R. events where Associations with five or less affiliated clubs were permitted three team entries and Associations with six clubs and over were permitted five team entries.

Dissatisfaction with this arrangement was illustrated in the decision of the following annual general meeting to reinstate the present system under which all affiliated clubs have the right to enter, but since that date, with few exceptions, notices of motion have been placed on the order paper of annual meetings designed to bring into force some form of restriction which would make it necessary for teams and individual competitors to attain a reasonable standard of efficiency to earn the right to compete at our national fixture.

The last annual general meeting decided that a committee be appointed to enquire fully into a workable scheme under which restriction of entries would be acceptable and the report of that committee was received by the council and referred to the recent instructional conference for examination and recommendation.

As a result of the consideration given to the report a recommendation will be placed before the forthcoming annual general meeting under which the conducting of national and inter-district championships together with the incorporation of style-board riding and the addition of iron man and taplin relay as national events.

To provide for a three day combined carnival restrictions would be made on national championship entries under a system of qualification through pre-championship carnivals held within the three regional districts, namely Northern, Central and Southern (yet to be formed). It is envisaged that entries to regional qualifying carnivals would be on a similar basis as presently operating which would give clubs the opportunity of competing away from home, which appears to be necessary to maintain and stimulate interest within club circles.

Team and individual entrants to the National/Inter-club Championships would be made by the regional committees from the successful teams and competitors at the regional carnivals on a restricted basis.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969.

The National Championships for 1969 will be held at Midway Beach, Gisborne, on Friday, 28th February, Saturday, 1st and Sunday, 2nd March. The alternative beach has been named as Waikaiae.

HON SERVICE AWARD BLAZERS

The annual conference approved recommendations made by the Life Membership and Blazer Committee when authority was granted to the following members of the Association to wear the Hon. Service Award Blazer:

- J. A. Griffin, Gisborne.
- R. S. Read, Gisborne.
- A. Bonnici, Auckland.
- H. McCartney, Auckland.
- J. Green, Western Districts.
- W. A. Jordan, Western Districts.
- M. J. Haxton, Wellington.
- F. L. Mitchell, Canterbury.
- S. D. Tarrant, Canterbury.

The Conference also approved a recommendation that K. C. Morse be granted the Distinguished Service Award.

All have served the Association over a long period of years and the granting of this authority is a well earned reward for their valued service. The council expresses thanks and appreciation to the members concerned for their keen interest and work carried out in the furtherance of our humanitarian cause.

SERVICE AWARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Life Membership and Blazer Committee has drawn attention to the need to augment the awards of Life Membership and Service Blazer with other awards where the service rendered to the Association does not meet the standard required for the above, and the annual general meeting gave consideration to Notices of Motion brought forward through that Committee and as a result further awards were approved, namely the Distinguished Service Award and Certificate of Thanks.

The annual general meeting agreed that the Life Membership and Blazer Committee bring forward a report in regard to its recommendations for the granting of the Distinguished Service Award, one of the conditions of which is that nominees be holders of the Service Award Blazer. Other conditions governing the above new awards were adopted by the annual conference.

RESCUE MAGAZINE

The Association ventured on a new undertaking in the publication of "Rescue" Magazine in which full details of the competition programme of our District Associations was recorded, and whilst the publication fell short of our ultimate it is hoped that with the co-operation of the movement that the next issue will incorporate general information which will give the magazine added interest.

We express our appreciation of the assistance received from District Association Public Relations Officers for the information which was submitted for publication.



The first fully sponsored surf boat in New Zealand presented to the Worsler Bay Surf Life-saving Club Inc., by Europa Oil (N.Z.) Limited, lands survivors rescued from the sea following the foundering of the Wahine on the 10th April, 1968.

	Rescues		Other Gear	Resus- citation	First Aid	Bronze	Surf	Instructors	Active Members	Other	Gear Value \$
	With Line	Without Line									
AUCKLAND—											
Baylys Beach	1	3	—	—	5	—	—	—	16	20	699.00
Bethells Beach	3	—	1	—	2	6	6	1	21	8	480.00
Eastern United	—	—	2	2	2	13	9	1	42	21	567.50
Kare Kare	4	8	—	—	3	6	6	—	37	10	494.00
Mairangi Bay	—	—	—	—	43	7	7	1	37	19	60.00
Managawhai Heads ...	6	—	1	—	18	8	8	1	21	23	600.00
Muriwai	24	8	14	—	—	16	16	3	107	39	6760.00
North Piha	4	—	—	—	6	7	9	2	36	33	1418.00
Orewa	—	—	—	—	63	6	6	1	19	14	260.00
Piha	—	26	10	—	21	9	8	1	31	181	820.00
Port Waikato	2	5	9	—	12	5	6	1	34	5	1900.00
Red Beach	—	2	—	—	50	4	4	—	32	—	510.00
Ruakaka	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	11	5	760.00
Waitemata	1	—	—	—	10	—	8	—	20	1	200.00
Waipu Cove	6	13	4	—	6	1	4	—	43	26	710.00
BAY OF PLENTY—											
Maketu	—	—	(No return)		—	—	6	1	—	—	—
Mt. Maunganui	—	—	—	—	12	2	7	1	37	17	30.00
Omanu Pacific	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waihi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whangamata	4	2	2	—	42	13	12	1	42	18	850.00
Whakatane	—	—	2	—	—	9	8	—	29	12	1300.00
GISBORNE—											
Gisborne Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	21	10	280.00
Midway	1	1	1	—	32	3	4	—	32	26	1000.00
Tolaga Bay	—	—	(In Recess)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waikanae	—	—	—	—	48	16	16	3	38	12	2700.00
Wainui	—	1	—	—	7	6	6	—	18	14	300.00
Wairoa	—	—	(In Recess)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—

HAWKE'S BAY—

Kiwi	—	—	—	—	6	16	19	1	35	30	2000.00
Ocean Beach	—	2	—	—	8	1	1	—	11	19	60.00
Pacific	7	7	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	6	—
Waimarama	12	13	—	—	20	2	6	—	33	2	—
Westshore	—	2	—	—	12	1	7	1	66	24	1552.00

TARANAKI—

East End	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	46	9	120.00
Fitzroy	3	3	—	—	—	12	10	—	64	124	1100.00
N.P.O.B.	10	1	2	—	28	4	5	—	39	59	1405.00
Ohawe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	214.00
Opunake	—	5	1	1	2	—	—	—	8	106	700.00
Patea	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	7	5	200.00
Waitara	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	11	4	250.00

WESTERN DISTRICTS—

Castlecliff	5	67	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	79	1600.00
Castlecliff Ladies	—	—	(In Recess)				—	—	—	—	—
Foxton	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	17	—	845.00
Levin-Waitarere	—	—	—	—	—	8	8	1	12	7	40.00
Otaki	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	33	121	—
Palmerston North	2	—	1	—	—	5	5	1	28	102	2100.00

WELLINGTON—

Island Bay	1	2	—	—	—	5	7	—	38	—	500.00
Lyllal Bay	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	1	51	63	1340.00
Maranui	1	—	—	—	11	12	10	1	88	155	1500.00
Paekakariki	1	—	—	—	8	8	14	1	41	96	1300.00
Riversdale	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	11	7	150.00
Scorching Bay Ladies	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	—	10	3	200.00
Titahi Bay	1	14	—	2	84	20	1	1	48	56	1600.00
Titahi Bay Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	7	4	80.00
Wellington Ladies	—	—	—	—	14	2	4	1	22	28	—
Worsler Bay	—	4	4	—	2	—	9	—	101	71	1200.00

CANTERBURY—

Cent. Brighton Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	1	17	1	—
Kotoku	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	20	3	300.00
New Brighton	—	—	—	—	2	6	8	—	153	76	1800.00
North Beach	—	3	—	—	4	4	7	—	58	35	1660.00
Pegasus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	7	—
South Brighton	6	20	—	—	2	2	11	—	68	3	2410.00
Sumner	—	—	6	—	4	4	13	1	87	19	1180.00
Taylors Mistake	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	43	—	1650.00
Waimairi	—	—	—	—	10	2	8	1	52	35	2000.00

OTAGO—

Balclutha	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Brighton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	60	1000.00
Oreti	—	—	—	—	4	2	4	1	21	10	130.00
Moanarua Ladies	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	1	33	12	—
St. Clair	—	17	2	—	—	10	10	2	56	35	489.00
St. Kilda	—	—	—	—	—	6	12	2	31	30	800.00
Taramea Bay	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	11	—	850.00

Individual Clubs —

Rarangi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	3	160.00
Tahunanui	—	—	4	—	15	—	—	—	25	13	170.00

110	232	71	5	648	285	382	38	2374	2024	\$56053.50
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SURF BOARD RIDING

According to reports received surf board riding has made inroads to the membership of affiliated clubs and it is vital that efforts be made to stem the flow of qualified surf lifesavers to this individual sport. Attention is drawn again to the fact that it was decided some years ago that the Association conduct style board-riding competitions for its members and it was left to District Associations to introduce such competitions as a prelude to national events. Full information relating to the conduct of such events was circulated.

The door is still open for action and in the near future we hope to see the introduction of such contests.

It is of interest to note that as a result of increased activity in surf board riding and the formation of board riding clubs, that local bodies have become vitally interested in the safe-guarding of the bathing public and have set aside areas for board riding and in many cases policing of the regulations have been placed in the hands of affiliated clubs.

Whilst it would appear that the validity of local body regulations may not be legally binding it is a fact that the N.Z. Surf Riders' Association is most anxious to co-operate to the full with our Association in the setting aside of areas both for board riding and the bathing public and we sincerely hope that this co-operation will be accepted in view of the mutual desire that tragedies do not occur as a result of the activities of board riders.

We can only ask that our affiliated clubs accept this spirit of co-operation and that board riders breaching local body by-laws be referred for local body action where one prosecution has already been successfully laid in the Auckland District.

KINDRED ORGANISATIONS

We acknowledge the co-operation received from the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association, the Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand, and the National Water Safety Committee during the year. It is of interest to note that the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association appointed a professional Secretary in Mr. A. W. Barrett and the value of his services has already become apparent in the handling of the affairs of that Association. Mr. Barrett took over the duties of Secretary from Miss Doreen Brown who has served in an honorary capacity for a long period of years.

Our thanks are also extended to Stuart Nicol, Hon. Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand, for his assistance during the season.

The Royal Life Saving Society approved the award of a Bar to the Service Cross to our National President, Mr. A. Veart, and also approved of the award of the Recognition Badge to Messrs. A. B. Pearce of Auckland and L. J. Sutherland of Canterbury. Our congratulations are extended to the recipients of the above honours.

INSTRUCTIONAL CONFERENCE

Under our present agreement with the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia alterations to existing drill methods are jointly considered at intervals of four years and arrangements for the conference which will be held in the forthcoming season are already in hand, although the date has not yet been finalised. As notices of motion to the international conference have to be submitted to Australia prior to the 31st October a New Zealand instructional conference was held in Wellington on the weekend 13-14th July when consideration was given to recommendations of drill alterations and as a result certain matters will be referred to the international meeting for consideration.

It has already been agreed that the Association be represented by two delegates and as the conference will be open to representatives of all countries affiliated to the international council of surf lifesaving, namely Great Britain, America, South Africa, Ceylon, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand, that matters for consideration may include radical changes in lifesaving drill, having in mind the methods adopted by the surf lifesaving Association of South Africa, in addition to domestic matters relating to future activities of the international Council.

With a view to extending preliminary investigation of drill proposals the international council endeavoured to convene a conference of affiliated countries during the past season, but regretfully our Association was the only member organisation which signified its willingness to be represented by a direct delegate and it was finally decided that the conference be postponed.

It is sincerely hoped that as alterations to drill as adopted by the conference will remain in force for a further four years that full representation of member countries will be present at the forthcoming conference.

APPRECIATION

Over many years past the generosity extended to us by the business community has played a most important part in the welfare of the Association and we acknowledge the assistance which has been extended to the Association and also the support which our District Associations have received locally. In particular we would like to refer especially to the following assistance received:

Rothmans Sports Foundation:

For the provision of insurance on surf club members as referred to under separate heading in this report.

Union Steam Ship Co. N.Z. Ltd.

Our appreciation for the concessions granted to us in the carriage of gear and equipment in club attendance at our national championships.

Wellington Harbour Board:

For the concessions granted in the payment of wharfage on lifesaving gear carried by club teams to and from our national championships.

Lyttelton Harbour Board:

We acknowledge the assistance which has been received in the remission of wharfage charges on lifesaving gear carried to and from the venue of our national championships.

Port Line Limited:

The assistance which we have received from the Port Line Limited in the free carriage of gear between Australia and New Zealand has been most appreciated and we do express to them our thanks for their help and cooperation during the past year.

General Foods Corporation N.Z. Ltd.

Special reference has been made in this report to the help received from General Foods Corporation for which we are most indebted.

Messrs. Underhill and Mathews:

We sincerely appreciate the facilities extended to us in the provision of accommodation for meetings of the Management Committee of the Association.

During the last 12 months we have received help from many of our affiliated clubs in providing accommodation for meetings of the Association, the Press in the publicity received and the N.Z. Broadcasting Corporation for radio and television coverage of our activities, and many other companies and individuals and we would like to make it known that we sincerely appreciate this assistance which has played an important part in the conclusion of a further successful season.

COMBINED REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR AND ADJUDICATOR OF THE "LONDON" AND "GUDSELL" TROPHIES

It is with some pleasure that I am able to record a much better response in the sending in of Surf Exam Reports and Annual Returns by the District Associations.

From these we find the N.Z. Surf Clubs gained over five hundred new members last season. This, in part, may have been due to the fine summer but I like to think a growing number of youth are becoming desirous of serving the community. Over four hundred obtained their Surf Awards. This, too, is good but it places an onus on our movement to make our programme attractive and hold these members for they need this as a return for the time they spend protecting our beaches.

The Gudsell Trophy appears to have been won by the very young Kiwi Club of Hawke's Bay for 19 Surf Awards were obtained. This is a grand effort for a new club. Titahi Bay follows with 17 awards and then comes Muriwai and Waikanae with 16 each.

As far as the London Trophy is concerned (with which goes a handsome cash prize, thanks to the Royal Saving Society) it appears at this stage that the Auckland District Association may win the trophy closely followed by Wellington, Hawke's Bay and Otago in that order, but this will need to be confirmed at the General Meeting. There are, as always, loose ends to be tied up.

As Chairman of your Council I want to pay a special tribute to the members of the Management Committee who have met fortnightly right through the year and for each member it has also meant much additional homework. I have enjoyed the respect they have shown me, which in the main is because of my increasing age, and because of this I do feel that you should have some thought to my replacement by a younger man. I would be happy to carry on as your Registrar and wish to serve the movement as is felt best.

J. D. HUNTER,
Registrar.

2/8/68

HON. AUDITOR

Your council is most conscious and indebted to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. C. Blakeley, A.R.A.N.Z., a Life Member of the Association, for the advice and work carried out in the interests of our organisation.

The auditing of our statement of accounts is a time consuming job which we are inclined to overlook in our acknowledgement for assistance received during the year, and we take this opportunity of assuring Jack who has acted in this capacity for a period of years that we do sincerely appreciate his continued service.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report we sincerely hope that Government will be able to increase the amount made available for water safety in the forthcoming season and whilst matters have been referred to only briefly may we say that the Association is most conscious of the responsibility which has been accepted voluntarily in the safeguarding of the public and say that we do sincerely appreciate the assistance which we have received from Government and the business community over past years which doubtlessly has been responsible for the upsurge of interest which has been apparent within our movement in past years.

It is apparent that a lot has been achieved since the date of our formation but we have a long road ahead of us to reach the optimum of effort in the safeguarding of life. However, it must be accepted that there is a limit to voluntary endeavour and if we are to maintain progress and introduce air and sea patrols we will have to look to far greater support from local bodies and Government.

We acknowledge the valuable work carried out by our District Associations during the year and take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to members of our organisation for the splendid work accomplished in the patrolling of our beaches which has been carried out in the true tradition of our motto, Vigilance, Service, Endurance.

For the New Zealand Council,

COLIN JONES,
Hon. General Secretary.

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

GEAR STOCK FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1968

To Stock on hand 30/4/67 4748.62 „ Purchases 3282.47 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$8031.09	By Sales 2880.75 „ Subsidies 1409.34 „ Stock on hand 30/4/68 3741.00 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$8031.09
To Stock on hand 30/4/68 3741.00	

OVERSEAS TOURS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1968

39	To Balance 3455.50 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$3455.50	By Balance 30/4/67 2009.05 „ Levies 1398.25 „ Interest 48.20 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$3455.50 By Balance 30/4/68 3455.50
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“EDEN HOUSE” BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1968

To Balance 14515.37 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$14515.37	By Balance 30/4/67 11224.90 „ By Interest 440.47 „ Transfer 2850.00 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$14515.37 By Balance 30/4/68 14515.37
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New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1968.

1966/67		1967/68
\$	We received the following income:	\$ \$
12000	Grant from National Water Safety Council	8880.00
50	Grant from Royal Lifesaving Society	50.00
1950	Donations	50.00
-	- National Championships	531.08
233	Interest	188.74
157	Affiliation Fees	157.50
-	- Profit from Devaluation	112.09
14390		9969.41
	Our Expenses were as follows:	
1361	Educational Expenses	2241.30
547	Educational and Other Conferences	844.83
50	London Trophy Awards	50.00
270	General Expenses	513.29
1950	Insurance on Members	-
656	Secretarial Expenses	958.85
309	Printing and Stationery	667.96
231	Awards Certificates, Medals, etc.	395.70
3480	Subsidies on Lifesaving & First Aid Equip't	1629.34
	Cost of Gear Supply, including Storage:	
661	Cartage, Freight and General Costs	420.87
506	Travelling Expenses	142.00
624	Proportion Cost of Australian Team Visit	258.60
458	Proportion Cost of American Team Visit	-
134	Depreciation	130.00
419	Cost of National & Inter District Champs.	-
11582	Our Total Expenses were	8252.74
	Transfer to "Eden House" Building Fund a/c	2850.00
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	1133.33

New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1968

ASSETS		1968
1967		\$
\$		\$
Fixed Assets		
40	Furniture less depreciation	30.00
80	Gestetner less depreciation	60.00
280	Typewriter less depreciation	230.00
10	Starting Gun less depreciation	10.00
30	Stopwatches less depreciation	25.00
200	Trophies less depreciation	175.00
320	Medallion Die Sets	300.00
		830.00
Trust Accounts		
Building Fund		
5225	At P.O.S.B.	8515.37
6000	In Auck. Harbour Board Stock 5% 21/1/70 Overseas Tours Fund	6000.00
2009	At P.O.S.B.	3375.75
		17891.12
Current Assets		
2743	Sundry Debtors	3094.67
4748	Stock of Gear	3741.00
100	Blazer Pockets	104.25
584	Medallions	170.90
350	Handbooks	655.93
2400	Provision for Gear Ordered	2400.00
448	Current Account National Bank of Australia	264.18
25	Savings Account National Bank of N.Z.	25.75
-	Current Account National Bank of N.Z.	16.25
		10472.93
25592		29194.05
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
2	Current National Bank of N.Z. Limited	-
Special Funds		
2009	Overseas Tours Fund	3455.50
11225	Building Fund "Eden House"	14515.37
		17970.87
Accumulated Funds		
11548	Balance as at 30/4/67	12356.51
808	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income....	1133.33
		11223.18
25592		29194.05

I have examined the books, vouchers, etc. of the N.Z. Surf Life-savin Association and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair position of the Association affairs.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The home front this past season has been quiet at the international level and has allowed District Associations to concentrate on local competitions and give serious thought to future lifesaving techniques and equipment.

I have again received a steady flow of Association minutes throughout the season and I trust this service will be continued. These minutes allow the National President to keep abreast of current affairs and I only trust that all District Officers read and study their contents. Too often minutes of other Associations are received and tabled with scarcely a glance. Many ideas are discussed, adopted or discarded over the years and I am sure much useful time could be saved and the efficiency of our movement further improved by making use of the mistakes and successes from other parts of the country.

The introduction of lifesaving towers on many beaches and the greater use of fully equipped mobile units by clubs with long length of popular ocean beaches to patrol has been a means of saving additional lives during this past season.

The opening of the new Clubhouse at Whites Bay was a successful conclusion to much hard work by the Rarangi Club of Blenheim, and Mrs. Veart and myself were pleased to be associated on an occasion of such importance.

During a recent visit to California, I was a guest of the United States Surf Life Saving Association. Several enjoyable days were spent studying the most efficient organisation of the various Life Guard groups along the Los Angeles coastline. The various members who visited us last season send their kind regards and best wishes to our Association.

As your outgoing President, I would thank you all for making my two years term a pleasure and the highlight of my lifesaving career. My final message is to ask you all to get behind your officers and really help them. Remember they are honorary officers doing voluntary work, much of it during business hours. Assist them in our main aim—the saving of life.

ALBERT VEART,
President N.Z.S.L.S.A.

REPORT OF CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

The manning of efficient patrols is the main function of the Surf Movement. Reports received on visits to some northern clubs indicate the efficiency of our patrols. During the season many excellent rescues were performed by patrols. The Auckland Association and its clubs are fortunate to be favoured with first class publicity, per medium of the Press, Radio and Television in regard to their patrols and rescues effected.

This publicity brings before the public the excellent work of the patrols and the work of our movement. All District Associations would benefit from similar publicity in their respective areas.

National and Inter-District Championships

The 1967-68 Inter-District Championship was conducted at Castlecliff Beach, Wanganui, and the National Championships were conducted at Titahi Bay, Wellington. Unfortunately inclement weather and heavy seas caused disruption to the programme at both carnivals. Outstanding co-operation by Officials and Competitors ensured the successful conclusion of the Championships.

Iron Man and Taplin Relay events were conducted at the Inter-District Carnival. Entries were on a restricted club basis. These events proved very popular with competitors and public alike. It seems certain that the events will be included in future Championships.

Entries for the National Championships showed a marked increase in all craft events, while R and R events showed a corresponding decrease in entries. The general standard of R and R displayed by teams did not appear to be as high as in previous championships.

Judges Advisory Committee

The appointments of Judges for both championship carnivals were made by the Committee on the basis of three (3) Judges per team each coming from a different district.

The general standard of judging proved reasonably satisfactory. Out of step judging was considered by the Committee and corrective action was taken where considered necessary.

Instructional Conference

The Conference was held in Wellington during the weekend of 12-14th, July, 1968. A full report of the recommendations will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Association for consideration.

Appreciation

Expressions of sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all Officers and Council Members, Hon. General Secretary, and members of Judges Advisory Committee for their continued assistance and co-operation during the past season.

To Mr. Ken Watson, M.B.E., General Secretary, Mr. Jack Dearlove, Hon. Chief Superintendent of the S.L.S.A. of Australia we again extend our sincere appreciation of their continued assistance and co-operation.

H. J. K. FAREY,
Hon. Chief Instructor.

REPORT OF HON. CHIEF INSPECTOR OF GEAR

All gear supplied by the N.Z.S.L.S.A. was delivered on time. The only exceptions were the patrol flags and hats caused by the unavailability of the correctly coloured bunting required. As soon as this cloth was again in supply the back orders were delivered as the hats and flags became available, giving a total for the season of 237 hats, 45 club house flags and 72 beach marker flags.

There have been no changes in the design of the Nos. 4 and 5 Ross belts since the introduction of the angled pin a few seasons ago. We have received a letter from a manufacturing firm in Australia re an inflatable belt with two safety release pins but we are still awaiting further information which will be given at the A.G.M. Forty-three No. 4 and 13 No. 5 Ross belts were dispatched this season.

Because of the wharf strike in England the $\frac{3}{4}$ in. line was late arriving, however, all orders were dispatched on the arrival of the line in January. There was no delay with the other lines. A total of 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. lines and 13 $\frac{5}{8}$ in. lines were delivered to District Associations this season.

During the season we received a sample of a locally manufactured line. This has been sent to the D.S.I.R. for tests of strength and quality compared with the overseas ropes. Until now the results of these tests have not been received.

The supply of reels this season has been good and we have further reels in stock for the coming season. We are similarly placed with box line units.

First Aid kits have not been in supply for some time but another supply agent has been found. A number of kits which had been ordered will be despatched to fill the outstanding orders when they come to hand.

The demand this season for the Boat Belts far exceeded the estimated 50 first ordered. A further 50 belts were ordered and all clubs had Boat Belts for the National Championships. A total of 70 belts went through the N.Z.S.L.S.A. As well as this some clubs ordered directly from the supplier bringing the total to approximately 85. It should be noted that clubs ordering direct to the suppliers lose the subsidy that they would get by ordering through the Association.

The Surf Championships at Titahi Bay saw the greatest number of surf boats to compete at a National championship in New Zealand. It has been noted that more boats are manufactured in New Zealand than the number imported from Australia.

A greater number of boats are using pumps. The one most used in Australia and New Zealand is a hand operated Vortex bilge pump from John Burns Ltd., with branches in most major towns in New Zealand. The price is approximately \$50-\$60.

It was gratifying to see that the standard of all gear at the National Championships was the highest seen for many years. The gear stewards from the clubs are to be congratulated on the care taken with the reels entered in the competitions. At least 98% of the surf lines used were waxed.

M. J. HAXTON.

STOCK OF GEAR 30th APRIL, 1968

	\$
18 Standard Reels	1692.00
25 Boxline Reels	300.00
8 3/4 in. Lines	304.00
6 3/4 in. Lines	96.00
95 No. 4 Belts	665.00
29 Boat Life Belts	217.50
8 Patrol Flags (Clubhouse)	32.00
61 Patrol Flags (Beach Marker)	152.50
28 Danger Flags	84.00
26 Signal Flags	78.00
New Zealand Council Ski and Paddle	60.00
New Zealand Council Board	60.00
	\$3741.00

District Association Reports

AUCKLAND

The 1967/68 season has proved to be one of success for both the Auckland Association and the clubs of this area, and once again at the conclusion of this our 35th year we have to report that no drownings have occurred in the patrolled areas of Auckland's beaches.

At the national level of the competition side of our activities the Auckland champion patrol Muriwai proved conclusively that they are the strongest club in New Zealand when they made no race of it to win the coveted Allan Gardner Memorial aggregate points trophy. Further Red Beach under the leadership of Reg Harker were successful in gaining three New Zealand titles, the finest of which was a fourth consecutive New Zealand Belt title to Reg Harker.

To all these and all those from other centres who were successful at the National Championships we offer our heartiest congratulations.

On the local scene it was felt that the past season would be an anti climax after the visit of two International sides the previous year. Such was not to be and with the visit of the Long Reef patrol of Sydney, the Auckland patrols gained valuable experience which showed at the New Zealand Championships. That this visit ever eventuated is a tribute to all those responsible for the tour and to this end the Orewa Club and particularly their President Roy Houghton are to be congratulated. Also those in Australia, Jim Hutchings, Team Manager Jack Smiles and the Captain Alan Freedman who also contributed to the success of the visit.

At the Auckland Championships which were held over the two days of the weekend of the 17th and 18th February the value of the competition against Long Reef's boat crew by new crews from our clubs in country areas was seen to its best advantage when Waipu Cove in their boat "Miss Waipu Cove" and Port Waikato rowing "Taiki" both reached the final and the Waipu crew took third place behind the experienced crews from Muriwai in "Red Cap" and Piha in their new boat "Piha."

The experiment to hold the Auckland Titles over the two days of one weekend proved an outstanding success and will probably become a regular feature.

Away from the competitive side of our activities many demonstrations and patrols were carried out. Principle amongst these was the first Surf Clinic for young surfers which was held in conjunction with the Physical Education Department and members of the Board-riding Clubs. This was a pilot scheme and at the time of writing the full evaluation of the clinic is not available but if it should prove successful the Physical Education authorities feel it may be a valuable aid in the teaching of Water Safety both in the schools and to the youth of New Zealand.

This season most Auckland patrols received a 10ft portable Patrol Tower which proved a most valuable adjunct to patrol activities and for these Towers we have many business houses and private donors to thank. Also our patrols have had valuable assistance in sponsorship for Surf Boats and Surf Canoes and principle among these have been Innes Tartan Limited, Findlays Bakeries and the Weathermaster organisation whilst champion patrol Muriwai received another surf boat from Waikato Breweries Limited.

Altogether a most successful season and to all those who gave time and effort to help maintain our patrols and to our sponsors we offer our sincere thanks.

BAY OF PLENTY

Membership: From reports from clubs coming to hand, the 1967/68 season ended with the following membership:—

Mt. Maunganui: 28 seniors, 9 juniors; Waihi 18 seniors, 10 juniors; Whakatane 20 seniors, 7 juniors; Whangamata 16 seniors, 18 juniors. A total of 82 seniors and 44 juniors.

Awards gained: Mt. Maunganui 2 R.L.S. Bronze, 7 Surf Medallion, 1 Instructor's; Waihi 6 R.L.S. Bronze, 5 Surf Medallion; Whakatane 9 R.L.S. Bronze, 8 Surf Medallion; Whangamata 13 R.L.S. Bronze, 12 Surf Medallion, 1 Instructor's. A total of 30 R.L.S. Bronze, 32 Surf Medallion and 2 Instructor's.

Rescues: Last season was the quietest for some time as far as rescues were concerned. Possibly the public are gradually becoming aware of the safe areas for swimming as marked out by Patrols. Waihi: 2 with line, 6 without line, 1 with surf ski. Whakatane: 2 with surf ski. Whangamata: 4 with line, 2 without line, 2 with surf ski. A total of 6 with line, 8 without line and 5 with surf ski.

Carnivals: Six of these were held, one at each of the beaches patrolled by clubs in the Bay of Plenty. This Association was host to clubs from Auckland and Gisborne districts at the Northern Regional Carnival at Waihi Beach which proved to be the best carnival of the season providing spectacular surf both for contestants and boat crews. A feature of the Carnival season was a visit to Waihi Beach of the Long Reef team from Australia which provided stimulating competition. This Association was also represented at the Inter District Carnival at Castlecliff.

Buildings. On the 10th December 1967, Maketu Surf Life Saving Club was host to a large and distinguished gathering on the occasion of the opening of their new club house. This provides up-to-date facilities for members and should result in Maketu being able to recruit many members for the coming season.

Patrols: All six member clubs mounted patrols during weekends over the holiday period.

Meetings: These were held at regular intervals once a month during the season and every two months during the winter thus helping to maintain interest and cater for the needs of individual clubs.

In conclusion it is felt that the past season was an all-round progressive one for this district with plans well in hand for a busy season commencing in two months time.

HAWKE'S BAY

Clubs within the Association have cause to be proud of the number of rescues that have been effected, and pleased with the manner in which these rescues were carried out. They have maintained their record of no drownings in a patrolled area; they have effected a total of thirty-seven rescues not only in the patrolled areas, but many outside these bounds, often under difficult and dangerous conditions. We will not deny that there have been difficulties with regard to maintaining patrols, but these difficulties can truly be said to be part and parcel of any voluntary organisation, and have to be accepted and faced up to by other surf clubs throughout the country. The Association and Clubs fully extended themselves to overcome these difficulties.

It would appear that as the sport of Board Riding grows in popularity, then the work of the Surf Clubs is going to increase proportionately, since it is obvious that far too many young people are taking up this sport without first taking the precaution of becoming proficient swimmers.

It is pleasing to be able to report that three of the five affiliated clubs have maintained or shown increases in membership, and that as a result it is being proposed that patrol hours could be extended, and the patrols strengthened.

In the course of the year we gained 34 Surf Awards, 20 R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallions, and two Instructors Certificates. We offer our sincere congratulations to the candidates who have qualified, and our sincere thanks to the Instructors who have given so freely of their time to achieve such a satisfactory result.

Difficulty has been experienced in obtaining sufficient examiners and clubs need to approach their older and more experienced members suggesting that they offer their services. Hawke's Bay no doubt had their most successful season at the Inter-District Championships. Their successes and placings surpassed any other previous performances.

The local carnivals results show that Waimarama Club dominated senior events although in the early carnivals, Westshore had shown bright performances. Kiwi surpassed other teams in junior events. The Westshore Club have the first Surf Boat in the district and I trust that it is the forerunner to other clubs obtaining these craft which undoubtedly keep the older members more interested in active surfing competition.

We express our thanks and appreciation to all Officers and Members of New Zealand Council. We do greatly appreciate the time and effort that they put in on our behalf, and the most capable manner in which they have administered the affairs of the association over the past year.

GISBORNE

It is with pleasure that we can again report that we have had no drownings on our patrolled beaches. Only three rescues were reported and these were outside patrol hours—which reflects well for the vigilance of our lifesavers. Patrols were carried out efficiently and regularly, and the co-operation of bathers was good.

This district's championships were held in fine weather, and saw good representation from affiliated clubs. Once again Waikanae Club emerged the winners in aggregate points. Three clubs—Wainui, Waikanae and Midway attended the Northern Regional Championships and all acquitted themselves well. Fine weather and big surf provided the makings of a memorable carnival especially for board, ski and surf boat events. Again the three aforementioned clubs and the Gisborne Ladies attended the National Championships and performed creditably. Our thanks to Wellington Association and Titahi Bay for well organised carnival, somewhat dampened by the weather.

The Association team performed well at the Inter District Carnival being placed fifth, this result being obtained only on an average count-back. However, with proposals to be put before this year's instructional conference a more accurate picture could be obtained if this system is accepted.

It was very pleasing to again receive an Educational Grant, especially one so large. This does help to offset the annual outlay on this section of our activities, and we thank the New Zealand Council for their consideration of our budget.

Although it is not customary to record here names of those who have passed away, we feel mention should be made to the loss to the movement of two stalwarts—Alex Ross and Harry Stoddart. Also to the untimely death of Bill Lidstone who passed away several months after joining this Association.

Distress is also felt at the loss of the Wahine and the consequent loss of lives, particularly in view of the fact that of all the available surf boats in Wellington only one or two were used. The evidence forthcoming at the enquiry has revealed that this type of boat is extremely suitable for rescue work under the conditions prevailing at the time of the Wahine disaster, and it is a sobering thought that if the services of all these boats and their crews had been utilized the numbers lost may have been substantially reduced.

Membership has been maintained at the same rate as last year despite the decline of the Tolaga Bay Club which now joins Wairoa in recess. Extensive efforts have been made to revive these two clubs without success. The lack of population close to these clubs plus the attraction of less demanding activities seem to have produced this result.

In conclusion our thanks to New Zealand Council and our resident delegate, Gary Mace, for efforts on our behalf. To Rothmans Foundation, General Foods and other sponsors for assistance so readily extended. To other associations and clubs our very best wishes for the coming season.

TARANAKI

Although Surf Medallion Awards were the lowest for six years, clubs within the Association continued to flourish. Membership problems have been encountered in one or two clubs based outside New Plymouth, but Association Officers are confident that the coming season will see these overcome. The Cadet system is paying quick rewards for the clubs placing emphasis on this aspect of recruiting members—N.P. Old Boys and Fitzroy are the clubs taking the initiative here.

The Association has, at last, its own permanent storage facilities. Gear and old records will now be housed in a rented section of the new East End Building extension. The Secretary and Gear Inspector in particular, will undoubtedly find the new building of considerable benefit.

All carnivals run under the jurisdiction of the Association proved to be most successful, with the Provincial Championships at Fitzroy being particularly pleasing for the organisers. The Fitzroy Club, with their Junior strength, dominated local carnivals, although East End and N.P. Old Boys were never very far behind. It was gratifying to see each club mentioned again a coveted New Zealand title at Titahi Bay. In addition, nine second and third placings were also won by these clubs. The representative team performed creditably at both the Inter-District and Inter-Regional carnivals, again winning the latter.

The majority of patrols showed further development in efficiency and some commendable rescues were carried out. The unfortunate drowning of a small boy at Opunake marred an otherwise fatality-free season. This drowning occurred outside the patrolled area, and club members won praise from the Police for their efforts to locate the boy in poor light and very rough seas.

During the winter the Association farewelled Mr. Jack Hatchwell, M.B.E., who left the province after 17 years of sterling work for the movement in Taranaki. This function rounded off a most successful season.

WESTERN DISTRICTS

1967-68 season for the Western Districts Association has been a very busy and successful one. For the first time the Association held a New Zealand Championship namely the 1968 Inter-District Championships at Castlecliff Beach, Wanganui. This undoubtedly was the highlight of our season. The arrangements went according as planned, but, unfortunately the weather and sea conditions left a lot to be desired. Our apologies to visiting Association teams for the weather conditions but trust their visit to us was enjoyed.

The Association were also hosts to the Central Districts Regional Committee Carnival on the same weekend. The Western Districts representative team performed with credit at both these carnivals but were unsuccessful in obtaining major honours. Our congratulations to the respective winners of the two carnivals.

Club patrols were maintained at all times during the season and all rescues were carried out efficiently. Rescues themselves, were substantially increased over the season. Some clubs have been finding it hard to maintain their membership, but, it is hoped recruitment this coming season will overcome this trend which is becoming unfortunately evident.

The Association is in good heart and we can look forward to another successful season, although it will be a quiet one in comparison with the last. The emphasis for clubs will be to increase their members.

In concluding, we again thank the New Zealand Council and Management Committee for their continued assistance and support. The Association also takes the opportunity to specially thank Mr. Don Bull for yet another year of work for the Association as our Resident Delegate.

Finally, best wishes to all Associations and Clubs for a successful 1968/69 season.

WELLINGTON

The past season was probably the busiest competitive season we have had. On the other hand, patrols had a very quiet season, although several rescues were effected, the swimming public appeared to be more conscious of water safety this season.

Local competition saw a shift in the balance of strength, with Titahi Bay replacing Lyall Bay as the province's top club (a position the latter held for nine years), closely followed by Worsler Bay. Craft carnivals proved to be both popular and successful and will be continued in future seasons. This type of carnival should provide for those members who are not really R and R enthusiasts, but who are far too valuable to be lost to our movement. The variety of craft available provides more interest to these members than could board riding by itself.

Much effort and expense went into the National Championships at Titahi Bay and most visiting clubs appreciated this. At this stage we would urge all clubs to co-operate fully with the Gisborne Association in supplying all the information they require, when requested. This proved to be the most difficult part of our organisation for the last Nationals, as many clubs didn't bother to supply details as and when requested.

The Island Bay Club intends to organise a Cook Strait boat race this Christmas, and all boat crews will be welcome, and wanted, to make this event a success.

In conclusion, our thanks are again extended to the New Zealand Council and Management Committee for their efforts over the past year. Although mentioned elsewhere, we must make special mention of the lifelong service given our Association by the late H. C. "Stoddy" Stoddart, whose premature passing his left us poorer both as regards service and friendship. Stoddy's place on the N.Z. Council will be taken by Peter Jantke, and we trust he will enjoy his new position.

CANTERBURY

Canterbury clubs have again had a very busy season in patrolling their beaches with exceptional weather being experienced for much of the summer. Clubs performed thirty-seven rescues and we are pleased to report "no lives lost while patrols on duty."

Unfortunately we had a sharp decrease in Surf Awards gained this year, only 61 being awarded during the season. Eighteen R.L.S.S. Awards were also gained by Canterbury members this year.

Taylor's Mistake won the Senior/Junior Championship for the second time in three years. They have a very strong club in all sections of life saving. South Brighton were second and New Brighton third. South Brighton won the Ladies Section, having had a long run of success in this event.

We were very pleased this year to win the Inter-District Championship at Wanganui after a close contest with other district teams. We look forward to defending our title next season. The North Canterbury beaches are becoming more popular every year and we are watching this development closely. There is one club in the area, namely Pegasus at Pines Beach but the need for other clubs will doubtless arise. At present the local population is not large enough to support more clubs but we did place a paid patrolman at one of the beaches, Spencer Park, who found he had a very busy beach during the school holidays. This was done with the financial co-operation of the Waimairi County Council who control the Spencer Park Beach.

Our carnival programme has been reviewed during the winter months and it has been decided to hold four extra Saturday afternoon carnivals comprised entirely of non R and R events. This is to cater for the craft section of the movement who are becoming very strong in Canterbury. These carnivals will be in addition to our usual four Championship Carnivals.

A Patrol Efficiency competition has been instituted this year and it is hoped that this will bring even greater efficiency to our patrols in the future. Clubs compete for a trophy purchased from donations to our Association in memory of the late Tom Champion who was a great supporter for many years.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Dan Richardson, a Life Member of our Association who had been a member of the Sumner Club since 1916. He will be sadly missed by all his friends throughout New Zealand.

In conclusion we wish to thank the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association for their work during the season and to wish all Associations a very successful 1968/69 season.

OTAGO

We still have the problem in Otago of recruiting members. With the loss of so many of our senior members it is increasingly difficult to bring the clubs up to their normal strength.

Rescues were well down this season as people are still very reluctant to venture far into the surf. We are happy to report that all beaches were fully patrolled and no loss of life was reported on a patrolled beach.

It is very heartening to see the enthusiasm displayed by the Brighton Club in all aspects of competition.

With the initial money raised by club members in Otago plus the support received from the public in our recent appeals, we have three fully equipped boats to patrol swimming areas at Brighton, St. Clair and St. Kilda. Moana Rua have a light canoe which will be easily handled by the ladies.

Oreti Club are very fortunate to have Mr. Bill Davidson to coach teams and provide transport (in the form of that familiar red van) to enable them to support all carnivals held in the Otago district. They are also having a difficult time with the loss of many of their senior members.

May we take this opportunity of thanking the New Zealand Association for their work during the past year and also best wishes to all District Associations and Clubs for the coming season.

Our congratulations go to the Waikanae Club for winning the Nelson Shield for the second time in succession.

We are also very grateful for the interest taken by our Resident Delegate, Mr. Pat Anderson, in controlling our interests in Wellington.