

LEIGHTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB (INC.)

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PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE CLUB ROOMS

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1948

LEIGHTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB (INC.)

Life Members

in presenting Butler G.J. (Founder Deceased) the highest award it gives the great Baker J. (Deceased) for his most successful season's work. Club premises are now at any club and are used for by all Club Members.

Gregg A.  
Mellor A.  
Dawson W.  
Rule C.P. Williams (Deceased)

Office Bearers

Patron : R.A. Williams (Deceased) Mayor North Fremantle.

Vice Patrons : Messrs F. Boan, T. Ahern, W. Hicks, G. Fraser, C.P. Rule, H.A. Watson, C. Bahen and R. Page.

President : G.F. Dedman.

Vice Presidents : A. Wynn (Snr.), A. Clarke (Jnr.)

Honorary Secretary : Geo. Manning.

Hon. Assistant Secretary : I. McKenzie.

Honorary Treasurer : R. Wood.

Honorary Auditors : W. Klenk, R. Hicks.

Captain : J. Gow.

Vice Captain : D. Pass.

Boat Captain : A. Shenfield

Boat Vice Captain : I. McKenzie

Chief Instructor : R. Ritchie

Medical Officers : Drs. Hallion and White

Chief Ambulance Officer : N.W. Morris.

Gear Steward : A.J. Mellor

Publicity Officer : R. Hicks.

Association Delegates : G. Manning D. Pass.

Patrol Officer : D.H. Carter.

Management Committee : All Office Holders plus two Associate Members. B. Tapper, A. Crowther also two active Senior Members W. Summers and A. Shenfield.

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### Annual Report.

gentlemen, in presenting this, the 13th Annual Report for the season 1947-48, it gives me great pleasure to say that we have had a most successful season actively and financially. Club premises are now worthy of any club and should be cared for by all Club Members.

### Obituaries

His Worship the Mayor R.A. Williams (Deceased)

D. Gow, J. Baker.

### Membership

At the close of last season Membership closed at 113 which to my knowledge is an all time record this season. The Membership stood at 105 active Senior 59, Juniors 7, Sub Juniors 15, Associate 24. All Members with the exception of two are registered with the Association.

### Patrols

We commenced the season with five patrols of 7 men per patrol and as new Members gained their Bronze Medallions or Proficiency Certificates the Patrols were strengthened, until, at the close of the season all Patrols had 9 men, excepting one which had 10, thus giving a total of 66 men carrying out patrol duty.

Members of patrols were at first rather lax in their work but a marked improvement was shown half way thru' the season, and at the end of the season the Patrols were well versed and proficient in all types of work connected with surf Life Saving movement.

On all public holidays and each week end, the beach was supervised, and am pleased to say that no life was placed in jeopardy.

### Rescues

During the 1947-48 season rescues reached to my knowledge an all time record of 28 persons. None of these cases required resuscitation.

### Ambulance Room.

The number of casualties amounted to 154, an upward trend of 84 compared with season 1946-47. Of the 154 treated ten were sent to hospital and seven ordered to see their own Doctor. The Ambulance room and its equipment has been well looked after, and is a credit to the Chief Ambulance Officers and attendants.

### Interclub Competition.

All Interclub Carnivals were entered for although no titles were gained the Members entered in the real club spirit. Members are to be congratulated on the improvement as to R & R Competitions.

For the first time in a number of years the club was able to participate in Surf Boat Competition.

## Efficiency Trophy

For the first time since the formation of Leighton Surf Life Saving Club we were able to win outright thru' the co-operation of all Members the most coveted trophy of the year, the President's Efficiency Trophy. During the season 1935-36, we shared this honour with Scarborough, each holding the trophy for Six Months.

### Awards

Awards this year have shown a slight increase to that of last year's figures. Last year's were as follows:- 2 Instructor's 6 Bronze Medallions. This year's figures 3 instructors 15 Bronze holders 14 Proficiency Certificates. Again this year we have a further two Members admitted to the examining Board, Mr D. Pass and Mr A. Shenfield. That name now is our possession. The women's Auxiliary have done remarkably in raising £475/-/-.

### Surf Boat

After a lapse of many years we have been able to purchase a Surf Boat. This boat was locally built by Mr Johansen of Cottesloe. This gives the Members incentive to carry out their duties on the beach. It is hoped the Members will look on this boat as an asset to the Club.

### Surf Life Saving Committee.

Once again this Committee has carried out an excellent job on and off the beach. This Committee has relieved the management committee of considerable work. May they continue to carry out this good work during the forth-coming season.

### Club Points Races

The following is a summary of Club Cups and Trophy Winners:-

|                                |                         |               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| H.M.A.S. Sydney Trophy.        | Champion Beltman        | L.J. Cottman  |
| A.B. Williams Cup              | Annual Mile Swim        | L.J. Cottman  |
| Bryan Cup                      | Fastest Time            | L.J. Cottman  |
| Bryan Cup                      | Senior Points Race      | L.J. Cottman  |
| Stan Thomas Memorial Trophy    | Mile Handicap Swim      | L.J. Cottman  |
| M. Cocks Cup                   | Marathon Race           | L.J. Cottman  |
| Levinson's Cup                 | Belt Race Championship  | L.J. Cottman  |
| Ellis Cup                      | Resuscitation           | W. Freeman    |
| G. Fraser Trophy               | Champion Beach Sprint   | I. Allwinton  |
| P. Carter Trophy               | Best Club Man           | J. Mudie      |
| J.C. Finch Cup                 | Champion Life Saver     | R.S. Thompson |
| Life Saving Committee's Trophy | Sub Junior Points Race  | J. McDonald   |
| Health Shield                  | Champion Sub Junior     | J. Hall       |
| President's Efficiency Shield  | Life Saver              | R. White      |
|                                | Inter Patrol            |               |
|                                | Efficiency              | White Patrol. |
| Club Trophy                    | Sub Junior Beach Sprint |               |
|                                | Points Race             | R. Mudie      |

Six further trophies were purchased by the Club for perpetual competition in remembrance to members who lost their lives during War Service. A further trophy was donated by Page for perpetual competition in remembrance to another well known Member of this Club. These trophies were listed for the following events and won by as follows :-

|   |                                    |               |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|
| M. Carter Memorial Trophy                 | 880 Yds. Open Handicap Swim        | L.J. Cottman. |
| Stewart                                   | Novice Open Surf Dash              | D. Murrie     |
| L. Butler                                 | Junior Belt Race                   | D. Murrie     |
| Love                                      | 440 Yds. Open Handicap Swim        | D. Murrie     |
| Bird                                      | Junior Beach Sprint Aggregate      | R. White.     |
| Bibby                                     | 220 Yds. Open Handicap Swim        | R. Thompson.  |
| Cox Memorial Trophy<br>donated by J. Page | Senior Beach Sprint Points<br>Race | L. Allwinton  |

### Women's Auxiliary

This section of the report cannot be excluded, as without these ladies who have done such valuable work, the club would not now have the spacious Club Rooms now in our possession. The women's Auxiliary have once again done remarkably in raising £475/-/-. I might also mention here that our esteemed Member Mr D. Carter played a big part in the raising of this money, so on behalf of the Club generally, I thank the Women's Auxiliary and Mr Carter for their splendid effort during the last season.

### Surf Girl Competition.

During the season of 1947-48 the S.L.S.A. conducted an Australian wide Surf Girl Competition in an effort to raise monies for the one purpose carrying on its good work.

This Club entered three contestants Miss P. Corkhill, Miss D. Dufall and Miss K. Green. At the final Judging Miss Corkhill was chosen to represent W.A. in the search for Miss Pacific.

Although failing to gain a place in the Final Judging, we are sure Miss Corkhill did justice in representing W. Australia

### Premises

As all Members know, our Club Rooms are now all that could be desired for, and are still being improved with the monies raised during the season. I cannot give any detailed improvements other than those already known, but can only hope that the new Committee will continue to improve the premises for the benefit of all Members of the Club. Approaches have also been made to the North Fremantle Council for the providing of an adequate footpath.

### Appreciation

The thanks of the Executive and myself are due to all who have helped the Club. The generous donations made by Patrons, Vice Patrons and local residents, the kindly gestures made by various firms, and the publicity given by the press and wireless stations to the Surf Movement as a whole are greatly acknowledged.

From the Executive, myself and Members to our retiring President Mr G.F. Dedman for the unceasing and valuable work given to this Club during the past 14 years of Presidency.

*Geo Manning*  
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 Hon. Secretary.