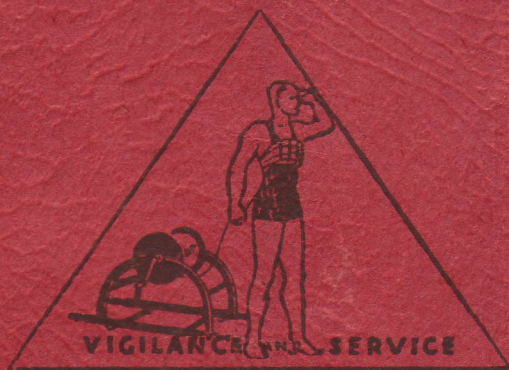


# Avalon Surf Life Saving Club

## Fourteenth Annual Report and Financial Statement

(Season 1945-46).



To be presented to the Members at the Annual  
General Meeting, to be held at

16 HUNTER STREET, SYDNEY.

26th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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J. C. Wells, Hon. Secretary.



# Avalon Surf Life Saving Club

## OFFICIALS.

Patron: G. A. Robin, Esq.

President: W. G. Simmonds, Esq.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. C. Abbott, R. C. Cathels, C. Clayton, W. Cullen, G. Dunbar, L. V. Edye, J. Fell, A. L. Finn, H. H. Finney, W. Furness, R. W. Harris, D. Hum, G. E. Mignon, T. Muir, A. A. Mackenzie, W. Rose, H. Ruskin-Rowe, F. A. Sargeant, H. Shaw, E. Singer, P. C. Spender, M.H.R., J. T. Stapleton, S. A. Storey, M.L.A., G. Towns, J. T. Wheeler, S. Wickham, A. A. Wilson.

Hon. Secretary: J. C. Wells, Esq.

Hon. Assist. Secretary: R. O'Neill (res. 9/2/'46), F. Metz (elec. 10/2/'46).

Hon. Treasurer: F. Andries, Esq.

Hon. Chief Instructor: E. Dash, Esq.

Captain: E. Dash, Esq. (res. 21/4/'46), F. Woodley, Esq. (elec. 21/4/'46).

Vice-Captain: R. Woods, Esq.

Boat Captain: J. Kearns, Esq.

Boat Vice-Captain: J. Andries, Esq.

Committee: Messrs. E. Hock, Snr., L. Carr, L. Kelaher, N. Vance, and E. Hudson.

Gear Stewards: J. Tolley (res. 13/1/'46), R. Strachan, T. West, (elec. 13/1/'46), G. McConnell (elec. 13/1/'46).

Delegates to the S.L.S.A.: J. C. Wells, Esq., J. Tolley (res. 13/1/'46), F. Metz (elec. 13/1/'46).

First Aid Officers: W. Hock, Esq., E. Hudson, Esq.

Hon. Medical Officers: Dr. H. M. Rennie, Dr. E. Pockley, Dr. Selwyn Nelson.

Hon. Auditor: Morton B. Cohen, Esq.



# Avalon Surf Life Saving Club

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1945-1946.

We, the Committee, have pleasure in presenting this, the 14th Annual Report and Balance Sheet of our Club, recording the activities of the Club, together with its finances.

It has been our good fortune to have held office during the past year, which has seen much improvement from an organising, life-saving and membership point of view, and to have been responsible for the guiding of the Club from out of a dark period of war years.

It will be seen from the following that the Club is going to prosper and forge ahead if the present unity of purpose of members is maintained.

### Membership.

The membership of the Club now stands at:

Active .....	36
Active Reserve .....	5
Probationers .....	21
Life Members .....	1
Hon. Members .....	33
Associate .....	5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>101</b>

This compares very favourably with those figures of previous years, which for information and comparison are set out below:

Season	Active	Others
1944-5 .....	18	25
1943-4 .....	12	23
1942-3 .....	16	29
1941-2 .....	8	—
1940-1 .....	14	15
1939-40 .....	25	33
1938-9 .....	24	44
1937-8 .....	22	33

It is hoped that these numbers will continue to increase, and we hopefully anticipate that they will, when our members return from the services.

### Patrols.

No lives lost while patrols were on duty" can be again quoted and proves that the beach was well patrolled by members.

The patrols were maintained from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays during the past season.

Sunday, December 30, 1945, provided members with plenty of activity when a large number of people were rescued.

### Rescues.

With belt .....	18
Without belt .....	17
With boat .....	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>37</b>

Previous years show the following record:

1944-45 .....	20	people rescued
1939-40 .....	28	" "
1938-39 .....	16	" "
1937-38 .....	16	" "



Giving a recorded total of 117 persons who probably owe their lives to the activities of the Club.  
**First Aid.**

First aid was rendered by members of the Club to a large number of persons during the past season. The majority of injuries were received from the rocks at the south end and centre of the beach; in addition to which, it was necessary for five persons rescued from the surf to receive "carbogen" gas treatment. One small lad was treated for a fractured leg until the ambulance arrived.

In all a total of 85 persons received treatment.

In this regard our appreciation is extended to the Manly-Warringah Ambulance Service for the aid they gave us during the past season; the waggon stationed at this beach each week-end and holiday was a very progressive step.

#### **Awards.**

This season saw nineteen members pass S.L.S.A. examinations for the Bronze Medallion and Instructor's Certificate. The examinations were held at this beach on Sundays, 15th November, 1945, and 21st April, 1946.

Seventeen members were successful in gaining their Bronze Medallions, namely: L. Kelaher, J. Wells, K. Wells, R. Hutt, J. Thompson, T. West, G. McConnell, R. Single, K. Condon, W. Henry, M. Watt, D. Crane, J. Neill, R. Metcalfe, E. Hock, A. Burge, and R. Lamont.

Instructor's Certificates were awarded to Royce O'Neill and Ernest E. Hudson, who, together with E. Dash, were responsible for the success of the Bronze Medallion squads in their respective examinations. In addition to the last mentioned, the congratulations of the Committee are extended to Fred. Felton for the manner in which he captained the Junior R. and R. team.

#### **Competitions.**

This season saw an improvement in the standard of our representatives in inter-club carnivals, who are, however, far from championship class.

As mentioned in the last section, a Junior R. and R. team was formed and accredited itself favourable at small inter-club carnivals.

The results of various carnivals, in which places were gained, are as follows:

Collaroy, 7/4/'46:

Junior R. & R. 4th.

Surf Board Race. 3rd, E. Hock.

Sen. Belt. Race. 1st, J. Kearns.

Jun. Belt Race. 2nd, F. Felton.

Sen. Surf. Race. 1st, J. Kearns.

Jun. Surf Race. 2nd, C. Brown.

R. & R. (open). 1st, Jun. Team.

Beach Relay. 2nd.

Jun. Surf Race. 1st, C. Brown.

Jun. Surf. Boat. 3rd.

Sen. Surf Race. 2nd, J. Kearns.

Club 3rd in point score.

Queenscliff, 22/12/'46:

Nov. Surf Race. 1st, J. Kearns.

Clovelly Surf Club paid a visit during the season and a small challenge carnival was held at our beach resulting in a win for Clovelly by 52½ points to 42½.

Club Championships held on the 24th February, proved to be a "red letter" day for the juniors, who won many of the senior events and eventually carried off the point score championship. We can only hope that the same will be done at the inter-club carnivals of the future.



### Senior Events.

Mignon "War Memorial Shield" Belt Race, Senior Division: 1st, J. Kearns; 2nd, F. Woodley.

Senior Beach Sprint: 1st, C. Brown; 2nd, J. Andries; 3rd, J. Campbell.

"Acme Cup" Surf Race: 1st, J. Kearns; 2nd, F. Felton; 3rd, J. Campbell; 4th, W. Hock.

### Junior Events.

Mignon "War Memorial Shield" Belt Race, Junior Division: 1st, D. Crane; 2nd, F. Felton; 3rd, K. Kearns.

Beach Sprint: 1st, C. Brown; 2nd, J. Campbell; 3rd, A. Runnstrom.

Surf Race: 1st, E. Hock; 2nd, C. Brown; 3rd, D. Crane.

Note. D. Cathels, a junior, was second in this race, but owing to the fact that he was not in possession of the Bronze Medallion, it was impossible to accord him recognition.

### Mixed Events.

Musical Flags: 1st, J. Andries; 2nd, J. Campbell; 3rd, G. McConnell; 4th, D. Cathels.

Pillow Fight: 1st, J. Campbell; 2nd, J. C. Wells; 3rd, R. Woods.

Surf Relay: Juniors v. Seniors. Juniors: D. Crane, R. Hutt, F. Felton, C. Brown (19 pts.) defeated Seniors: J. Kearns, F. Andries, J. Andries, F. Woodley (17 pts.).

The thanks of the Committee is extended to all members who assisted in making our Gala Day a successful one.

### Gear.

Many additions were made to our stock of gear during the past season including a surf boat kindly donated by our Patron, Mr. Robin.

The S. L. S. A. Inspection Committee passed our gear at the beginning of the season with good comment.

### Meetings.

Nine committee, three general and one special committee, with one extraordinary, meetings were held during the past season at which attendance was very good.

Thanks of the Committee is expressed to Mr. Robin for the loan of his office for the meeting of the Special Building Committee.

Your Club was represented at the S. L. S. A. monthly meetings by Messrs. Tolley, Metz and Wells.

### Finance.

The finances of the Club are solid and the Boat Fund is happily endowed with 165 War Savings Certificates which mature in the near future.

Beach collections have added to our finances to the extent of £12/3/6, the collection of which was carried out by Messrs. McConnell, West, Cathels and Watt.

In addition the Young Christadelphians' Society made a collection and sent a cheque for the sum of £4/5/- for which we thank them.

### Surf Boat.

At the beginning of the season the boat, Miss S. T. C. II., was purchased from the Queenscliff Club for the sum of £20.

The boat proved an asset to the Club, affording us an opportunity to learn something about the handling of such craft, and aided us to maintain a proper patrol of the beach. Also some publicity was gained through this medium.

It is sad to relate that the boat was badly holed towards the end of the season, and, owing to its age, it is not considered worth repairing. However, a new boat has been ordered from N. and E. Towns of Newcastle, for delivery in October, 1947, and, meanwhile, we are endeavouring to purchase another second-hand boat.



# Membership Roll. Life Member: Small, A. J.

## Active Members (36).

Andries, F. L.	Hock, E. T.	Single, R.
Andries, J. D.	Hudson, E. E.	Smith, I. D.
Brown, C. E. A.	Hutt, R.	Strachan, R.
Burge, A. T.	Kearns, J.	Tolley, J. N.
Campbell, J. A.	Kearns, K.	Thompson, J.
Carr, B. L.	Kelaher, L. R.	Vance, N. J.
Condon, K.	Lamont, R.	Watt, M. J.
Crane, D.	Meade, R.	Wells, J. C.
Dash, E. R.	Metcalfe, R. J.	Wells, K.
Felton, F. C.	McConnell, G.	West, T. H.
Harris, B.	Neill, J. R.	Wood, R. C.
Henry, W.	O'Neill, R.	Woodley, F.

## Active Reserve (5).

Borton, K.	Hanson, A. G.	Stark, L. G. V.
Forsyth, J. A. K.	Hunter, J.	

## Associate Members (5).

Hock, E. C.	McDonald, W. J.	Smith, S.
Holm, G.	Paterson, K. L.	

## Ex-officio (33).

Abbott, W. C.	Hum, D.	Shaw, H.
Cathels, R. C.	Mignon, G. E.	Singer, E.
Clayton, C.	Muir, T.	Spender, P. C.
Cohen, M. B.	Mackenzie, A. A.	(M.H.R.).
Cullen, W.	Nelson, Selwyn (Dr.).	Stapleton, J. T.
Dunbar, G.	Pockley, E. (Dr.).	Storey, S. (M.L.A.)
Edye, L. B.	Rennie, H. M. (Dr.)	Towns, G.
Fell, J.	Robin, G. A.	Wheeler, J. T.
Finn, A. L.	Rose, W.	Wickham, S.
Finney, H. H.	Rowe, H. Ruskin.	Wilson, A. A.
Furness, W.	Sargeant, F. A.	
Harris, R. W.	Simmonds, W. G.	

## Probationers (21).

Baker, R.	Davidson, K.	Runnstrom, A.
Butler, S. A.	Flynn, C.	Smith, R. W.
Carruthers, J. W.	Martin, K.	Thompson, J. D.
Cathels, D. C.	May, R.	Vilich, F.
Corbett, N. ((res.).	Metz, F. A.	Wells, D. G. (res.).
Corbett, S. (res.).	Mulligan, P.	Williams, A. G. (sus.)
Curran, M.	Rendall, K.	Young, C. de G.

## Club House and Accommodation.

The accommodation afforded by the Club-house is very limited and in an endeavour to provide more space the Council has again been approached in this matter, and it would appear that an extension might be built in the near future.

Even if this extension is built it will still be far from what is required and it has been learnt that the Avalon District Rate-payers' Association, together with the Avalon Progress Association, are agitating for new buildings on the beach, and it is likely that a club-house will be built in conjunction with same, should such eventuate.

At the latter end of the last season an A. T. C. hut was purchased from the Air Force for the sum of £16, for the use of members at week-ends and holidays.



On looking back over past reports it was noted that in the report by the Hon. Secretary of the Club, G. Russell, of the 19th September, 1939, the Committee then expected the addition to the Clubhouse, and it is still expected.

#### **Transport.**

Endeavours were made to purchase a lorry to carry members from Avalon to Sydney and carnivals, without success. These efforts are still in progress and it is hoped to have a suitable conveyance by next season.

#### **Telephone.**

Many instances came under notice where the services of telephonic communication would have been of great assistance in the work of the Club.

After a large amount of correspondence was entered into, a communication was received from the Director of Posts and Telegraphs to the effect that a telephone would be attached to the Clubhouse in the near future.

The Hon. P. C. Spender, M.H.R., Vice-President of the Club, was responsible in no small measure for this result, he made many representations on our behalf and was eventually successful.

#### **Presentation Night.**

A "Smoko" was held at the "Blue Tea Rooms," 39 Rowe Street, Sydney, on the 1st August, when a very good time was had by all. Mr. Roy Walden represented the S.L.S.A., and presented the various Association awards gained by members.

Mr. Simmonds presented the various trophies won by members.

A good feature of the night was the number of old boys in attendance. It is hoped that more will be seen of them during the coming seasons.

#### **Social Functions.**

Three dances were held during the past season in addition to a "Cabaret Dance" run by Mr. Simmonds, our President, which raised the sum of £26/15/6.

Mr. Geo. Dunbar was responsible for the Aust. General Electric Co. donating an electric iron, a "Hotpoint," for the purpose of raffling to raise money for the purchase of the lorry mentioned elsewhere in this report. The iron was won by Mrs. Wark, of 10 Killara Avenue, Killara.

#### **Memorials.**

Many donations have been received towards the Club Members' Memorial Fund, which has £17/10/- to its credit.

It is proposed that the memorial should take the form of a "Drinking Fountain."

Inquiries are being made relative to the erection of a Memorial First Aid Room at the beach. This is a very practical idea for which we have to thank Mr. Robin, our Patron.

Mr. Mignon, a Vice-President of the Club, made a most practical gesture when he presented a "War Memorial Shield" to the Club, together with £10/10/- for trophies, for annual competition amongst members for the Belt Swimming Championship.

#### **Congratulations.**

The Committee of the Club extends its congratulations to Mr. G. A. Robin, on his election as Mayor of the Kuring-gai Municipal Council:

To Mr. George Dunbar on his election to the Warringah Shire Council, as a representative of A Riding.

To Johnny Kearns on his selection for the S.L.S.A. instructional tour to Tathra in January last.



To Ken Martin, Eddie Dash, "Clem" Woods, "Mike" Baker, Jimmy Carruthers and others who were successful in winning their divisions in the Boxing and Wrestling State Championships during the recent tournaments.

To Keith Rendall on his competing with the C Grade City of Sydney Basketball Premiers."

To Keith Wells on his membership of the B Grade Metropolitan (1945) and A Grade Western Suburbs (1946) Association Basketball teams; the 1945 and 1946 Junior and Senior State Championship teams; and his selection for the New South Wales Interstate second team for 1946.

To "Robbie" Hutt on his captaincy of the premier team in the Police Boys' Club Federation Cricket Competition.

And to all members who were successful in inter-club and our own carnivals.

### Donors and Supporters.

The Committee wishes to extend its appreciation to the following persons for their support during the current season:

Mrs. Ward for the loan of her piano for the holding of local dances and the raffle run on our behalf.

Mrs. Hock for the fine effort in selling tickets for the raffle of the electric iron and her aid in other social functions.

Mr. Robin for the donation of funds for the purchase of the surf boat and oars, mentioned elsewhere in this report.

Mr. Dunbar for the support he gave us in the Warringah Shire Council together with the donation of the electric iron from his firm.

Mr. Mignon for the donation of the "War Memorial Shield" together with the donation for trophies in connection therewith.

Mr. Carr for the donation of a blanket for first aid purposes.

Mr. Aroney for the use of his restaurant for local dances.

Mr. Spender, M.H.R., for his support in connection with the installation of a telephone in the clubhouse, as mentioned elsewhere in this report.

Mr. Storey, M.L.A., for his support and representations in regard to the purchase of a lorry.

Mr. Muir for the donation of a wireless set.

To Mr. Barnes for the donation of a rubber hose.

And to the following for monetary donations made towards Club funds as set out hereunder:

Name	£	s.	d.
Abbott, W. C. ....		10	0
Cathels, R. C. ....	2	2	0
Clayton, C. ....	2	0	0
Cullen, W. ....		10	0
Edge, L. V. ....	1	1	0
Fell, J. ....	1	1	0
Finn, A. L. ....	1	1	0
Furness, W. G. ....	2	2	0
Harris, W. L. ....	1	1	0
Hum, D. G. ....	1	1	0
Judd, Mrs. ....		10	0
Leslie, A. ....	1	1	0
Mackenzie, A. A. ....	2	2	0
Mignon, G. E. ....	11	11	0
Muir, T. ....	2	2	0



Munro, W. ....	5	0
Pockley, Dr. E. ....	2	2 0
Rennie, Dr. H. M. ....	3	3 0
Rose, W. ....	1	1 0
Rowe, H. Ruskin ....	2	2 0
Sargeant, F. A. ....	3	3 0
Shaw, H. ....	10	6
Singer, E. ....	25	0 0
Stapleton, J. T. ....	1	1 0
Storey, S. ....	10	6
Towns, G. ....	2	2 0
Vaughan, L. W. ....	4	4 0
Wheeler, J. ....	1	1 0
Wickham, S. ....	2	2 0
Wilson, A. A. ....	1	1 0
Young Christadelphians' League	4	5 0

Total £83 8 0

To the following for donations made to the Boat Fund:

Name	£	s.	d.
Robin, G. ....	30	0	0
Nock and Kirby ....	5	0	0

Total £35 0 0

To the following for donations made to the Club's Members' Memorial Fund:

Name	£	s.	d.
Dyer, F. E. ....	2	0	0
Henderson, Mrs. ....	5	0	0
Hum, D. G. ....	5	5	0
Rowe, H. Ruskin ....	5	5	0

Total £17 10 0

And to all persons who gave assistance to the running of the Club during the previous season.

It is hopefully anticipated that this report in future years will record even better results.

For, and on behalf of the Committee .

J. C. WELLS, Hon. Secretary.

#### ADDENDUM.

It is desired to place on record the valued services rendered the Club during the past season by Eddie Dash and Fred Woodley (Captains), Reg Woods (Vice-Captain), John Wells (Hon. Secretary), Fred Andries (Hon. Treasurer) and the Management Committee.

Their work has been chiefly responsible for the fine progress made.

W. G. SIMMONDS, President.



# AVALON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Carnival Expenses	6 4 6	By Donations	118 3 0
" Telephone	5 12 6	" Socials	64 7 5
" Printing	4 1 0	" Beach Collections	12 3 6
" Repairs	5 9 3	" Subscriptions	10 2 6
" First Aid Equipment	3 8 9	" Bank Interest	3 13 7
" Cartage	2 10 0	" Carnival Entrance Fees	2 19 0
" Electric Light	1 15 0	" Profit on sale of Badges, etc.	2
" Association Fees	1 1 0	" Bronze Medallions	15 0 0
" Donation, Doyle Fund	1 1 0	" Sale of Ski	10 0 0
" Bronze Medallions	15 0 0	" Sale of Board	10 0 0
" Medical Aid	3 0 0		
" Advertisement	2 6 4		
" Fares, postage and misc. (Sec.'s Exes.)	19 15 4		
" Depreciation—			
Flags and Hat Bands at	2 0		
5 per cent.	34 5 9		
Surf Boat	34 7 9		
	129 6 7		
" Surplus to Accumulated Fund	£215 13 2		
			£215 13 2



**AVALON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT JULY, 31, 1946.**

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds		Cash at Bank	208 2 1
Balance, 1/8/45	268 0 7	War Savings Certificates (165)	132 0 0
Add surplus for year	129 6 7	Sundry Debtors (R.A.A.F.)	4 0 0
		Costume Badges	7 10 0
		Lapel Badges	3 7 6
		Carnival Cups	3 0 0
Soldiers' Memorial Fund	397 7 2	Hand Books	9 2
	17 10 0		
		Stop Watches	14 6 8
		Equipment—	5 16 3
		Reel and Cover	16 18 0
		Surf Line	4 16 6
		Flags and Hat Bands	1 19 8
		Less Depreciation	2 0
			1 17 8
			23 12 2
		Surf Boat	45 5 9
		Less Depreciation	34 5 9
			11 0 0
		Hut	16 0 0
			£414 17 2

I have audited the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Avalon Surf Life Saving Club for the year ended July 31, 1946, and report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account disclose the true financial position of the Club at that date, according to the information and explanation given to me and as shown by the Books of the Club. Stock on hand of Badges, Caps and Books was certified by the Honorary Secretary and I have accepted his figures as correct.

SYDNEY, September 20, 1946.

(Signed) Morton B. Cohen, Pub. Acct., Hon. Auditor.



