

Season 1963-64

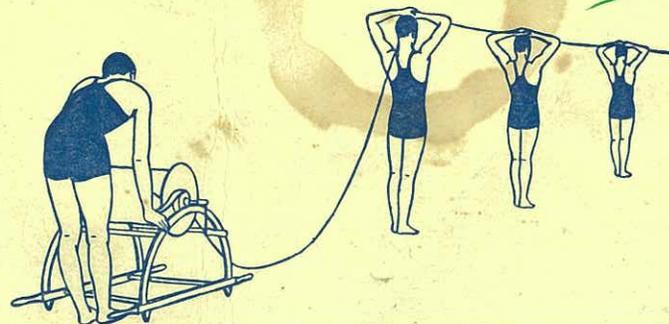
NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# Torquay Surf Life Saving Club

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## Jim Wall

It is with deep regret we record this year the passing of a friend to us all.

Jim, a Foundation Member of our club, was elected to President in 1949 and held this position until his death.

He was unanimously elected to Life Membership of the club in 1957 and became one of a very select group of three to have received this honour.

Proof of his leadership will forever be engraved on our memory from the example he set in organising the 1956 Olympic Surf Carnival held on our beach. A carnival at which a record crowd of 60,000 witnessed a spectacle never before equalled on Australian surf beaches.

## TORQUAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

(Founded 1945)

### OFFICIALS — SEASON 1964-65

#### Patrons:

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**Honorary Auditor:** A. E. DAY

**Honorary Architect:** F. W. MURPHY

**Honorary Chief Instructor:** C. BLUNT

**Honorary Assistant Instructor:** R. SHAW

**Boat Captain:** J. PETTIGROVE

**Boat Vice-Captain:** S. NICOL

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Messrs. N. INGLIS, K. POLLARD, A. COULSON, P. MANN

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**Assistant Gear Steward:** W. BOOTH

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**Board and Ski Vice-Captain:** E. BEACHAM

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Messrs. K. POLLARD, G. INGLIS, D. SHAW, N. GOUDY, R. MURRAY,  
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**1st Aid Officer:** D. MOORE

#### Trustees:

Messrs. J. R. ALLAN, P. I. BENNETT, E. J. CULLITY

# TORQUAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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## Details of Rescues and First Aid

### Rescues

With Line 61 — Without Line 21 — With Boat 3 — With Other Gear 13  
Total 98

### First Aid

72 people were treated for a variety of injuries and our thanks go to our Hon. Doctors and club members who treated these people.

My thanks go to those members who helped make my duties easier over the season and particularly these last two months when I'm afraid I had not time to devote to our club.

ALVIN CAIRNEY, Hon. Secretary

This season has seen quite a few changes around the club house, and thanks to the wonderful effort of many members, the necessary finance was raised to meet all commitments. The First Aid room has proved a useful acquisition and the partly completed general office, committee room and kitchen have already proved their worth and when completed will undoubtedly be of great assistance in the general running of the club. Gymnasium equipment designed by Tony Knight and upholstered by Perc Mann, at his own expense, thereby saving the club over £100, has now been installed and provides us with facilities second to none. Our thanks are due to Mr. E. Beacham for his generous donation of the swimming pulleys.

Plans and specifications for the completion of the club building and roofing of the boat shed were drawn up by our Honorary Architect Mr. Frank Murphy, in consultation with the building sub-committee. These were approved and passed at the committee meeting held in May and subject to the necessary finance being available, it is hoped to commence work at an early date.

Our thanks are due to the Dance sub-committee who devoted many hours organising and supervising what once again proved to be, our major income provider. Many unselfish members assisted at the dance and the co-operation of every club member is essential if this function is to prove successful in the future. We were again fortunate to secure the services of Owen Yateman's band and this club is extremely grateful to Owen and the members of his band for their excellent co-operation with us in conducting a function of which we can feel proud. We thank the trustees of the Church of England Hall for their assistance.

We were grateful to Manly R. & R. team for competing at our T.V. Carnival. There is no doubt that given a fine day an enormous crowd would have been drawn to Torquay. Your committee worked extremely hard in organising this carnival and the atrocious weather and treacherous seas proved a great disappointment. The fact that this carnival attracted enough people to return a profit was a great tribute to the success of your committee's efforts. The personnel of A.B.V. Channel 2 spared no effort to make the televising of this carnival a spectacular success. The club was complimented by state centre or its organisation of the 3.U.Z carnival. We thank radio station 3.U.Z. for choosing Torquay beach as the venue for the conduct of the Surf Carnival at which they donated so much valuable surf equipment for competition. Our club secured a fully equipped surf reel.

The club is indebted to Torquay Foreshore Committee for their financial assistance in equipping our first aid room and their co-operation in many other ways. Once again we joined with the Torquay Progress Association in conducting dances to raise funds for the construction of a Rock Pool on Torquay surf beach. This Association generously loaned us sufficient equipment to cater successfully for luncheons at surf carnivals and our pie night. Once again we express our gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. D. E. (Dubby) Davis for their assistance in the supply of drinks for the dance.

The club thanks the many girls responsible for selling raffle tickets and raising valuable funds, the women who so graciously prepared food and assisted with its distribution at functions held in the club house, the donors of trophies, the contributors to club funds and those too numerous to mention who have assisted us in a multitude of ways.

To Life Member Frank Innes and Honorary W. Reg. Foster our thanks are due for the many hours they spent working on the building alterations.

The many members who competed at carnivals can feel proud of the results achieved. We certainly had our ups and downs but the important thing is we were always present and when present at full strength won convincingly. All members will be assisted in their training by the new gymnasium facilities and we can look forward to next season with the greatest of confidence. The important thing to remember is to compete, in any surf event, any result can eventuate.

I can assure you that this season has been the busiest and most hectic the committee of this club has faced since the International Olympic carnival and Australian Championships were conducted at Torquay in 1956. To a man the committee has given unsparingly of its time and effort and I thank them for their co-operation, guidance and assistance. The men who bore the brunt of the work and as, in the past got it done, were Neal Inglis and Bill Luscombe. They earned their rewards and they certainly encountered disappointments. Every member of this club owes them a special vote of thanks for a job more than well done.

For the future our immediate aim must be the completion of our club building, a great deal remains to be done but just as important is the preservation and care of the building and fittings we now possess. Every year acts of destruction cost the club dearly. These range from damage to a table tennis bat to wanton destruction of fittings in the shower room. Make sure you take care of club property and prevent others from damaging it.

The main factor exemplified by our seasons activities was that no member can afford to arrive late for patrol duty or absent himself from patrol duty. The risk is too great and is a risk the club through the committee is not prepared to run.

(E. (Tich) CULLITY, President.

## CAPTAINS REPORT

Once again we can justifiably say a successful season has been completed. Results throughout the club were generally gratifying and the time and effort that the Committee, supported by a number of hard working members put in, was well worthwhile.

As predicted, Torquay beach saw its busiest year on record with swarms of people invading it every weekend, throwing a tremendous strain on the patrols. The response by club members was excellent and patrol attendance was the highest on record.

Ray Carey, who came off the Active Reserve list to captain number 15 patrol, lead the field with the highest attendance of patrol members, and by running refresher courses for his team on quiet days, maintained a very high standard of efficiency.

All other patrol captains could do well to follow Ray's methods next season, for although there was a definite improvement there are still members who are surprisingly lax and ignorant of the requirements of a surf life-saver.

Next year we must improve further because the crowds will be even larger.

"Rocky" McCoppin and John Faye, captains of nos. 8 & 9 patrols respectively, and their patrol members, also deserve praise for their efforts in completing the greatest number of rescues in one day on ours, or any other surf beach in Victoria.

Rocky and his team started early in the morning and John took over at lunch time. The beach was finally closed at 3.30 p.m. and by then over 50 people had been rescued. John Faye had 11 belt swims and returned with a "customer" every time.

Efforts such as these and many others were responsible for our keeping the "No Lives Lost" slogan intact.

The usual slow start in competition resulted again this year, but as the season moved on, and with a certain amount of prodding, we finally came to the top. The first sign of a break-through was at Apollo Bay when we won the 3KZ surf reel. This was followed by another run-away win for the "B.P." boat, and then the 3UZ reel at our own carnival.

Unfortunately State Titles were elusive but Laurie Cutts, Cadet Championship; John & Michael Hayden, Double Ski Championship; Maurie Raynor, Novice Board & Terry Wall, Okinui Board managed to keep Torquay's name in the record books. It was unfortunate that John Ryan, Peter Doak and Tony Strachan were unable to represent us at the Vic's but they were busy in Sydney competing in the trials for the Olympic Games. John & Peter made the team and we are proud that they are members of Torquay and wish them every success in Tokyo.

John Ryan was our sole representative in the State Surf team and brought further fame to Torquay by winning in heavy surf, the Interstate Belt Championship for the second year running (last year as W.A.'s rep.). John also won the Ampol Surf Belt trophy and is a colossal asset to Torquay, not only for his competitive ability but because of his pleasant attitude and sportsmanship.

Once again Torquay members displayed their ability at the Australian Championships but apart from John Ryan's swimming, it was the ski paddlers who gained the results. Bill Luscombe and Ed Hogan's 3rd in the Australian Doubles Title; Bill's 2nd and Mick Hayden's 3rd in the Interstate Single Championship and all other paddlers making the Doubles final was a grand effort. For many years now this group has formed the section of competition on which we depend on gaining points, and they have never let us down — congratulations once again.

One memorable diversion during the year was a visit by our northern friends, the Manly R & R Team. They competed at our T.V. Carnival but difficult weather conditions robbed us of the chance to really see them in action. Next year we hope to return the visit and send a team to compete at the Manly carnival.

Club events were keenly contested but as usual many members preferred to sit on the beach instead of participating. Our "James Wall Memorial Surf-a-Thon" event is gaining popularity and now it is a permanent date on the competition calendar. Competitors from every club in this years event all agreed there could not have been a more deserving and appropriate winner than Terry Wall. Terry out-classed a strong field and displayed tremendous determination to last the distance and cross the line first.

Maurice Raynor showed his all-round ability and keenness by winning the points score trophy for the second year running, the first time this has happened.

Prospects for next year are good but there is a need for juniors interested in competition. Although our first objective is to safeguard the beach, competition is vital to the club so that standards can be assessed and maintained. If there are members who know of good youngsters, please introduce them to the Surf-Lifesaving Life.

In conclusion, my thanks go to all members for their support during the year and for the manner in which you represented Torquay either in competition or when on patrol. Also to the committee for the backing they gave me, particularly vice-captain Bill Luscombe whose help was invaluable. John Pettigrove, John Hayden, Alan Coulson, Colin Blunt & many others were always "In There" and working hard.

Good luck for next season.

NEAL INGLIS, Club Captain

### CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

The 1963-64 season proved to be one in which some of the senior members seemed to be genuinely interested in putting something back into the club. Four of our members went for their Instructors Certificates and to the three who got them, Stewart Skene, Wally Truscott and Paul Knight, go my congratulations and sincere thanks. I believe that this is the highest number of members who have gone for their Instructors in the one season.

It would also seem that the insistence of a 440 swim by all candidates has paid dividends as on some days when other club squads were failing in their swims our chaps were getting there.

In the approaching season will come a change in Bronze Drill and also R & R and it is hoped that members who have their Instructors Certificates will make themselves available to learn the new techniques and methods which will have to be passed on to all members. It is also hoped that a lot of good new blood will be bought into the club during the coming season and that there will be many of the present members willing to give a hand in their training.

My congratulations go to all members who obtained an award last season and a profound hope that they will not rest on these but keep striving for something better.

C. BLUNT, Hon. Chief Instructor.

# TORQUAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1964

EXPENDITURE		1964	1963	1962
Insurances .....		166	16	1
Maintenance Club Equipment .....		177	3	4
Printing & Stationery .....		123	4	0
Trophies .....		12	19	0
Postages .....		16	0	0
Telephone .....	92 19 3			
Less Charges .....	3 6 9			
		89	12	6
First Aid .....		7	8	8
Light & Power .....		37	7	4
Travelling Expenses .....		70	0	0
Carnival Entries & Capitas .....		28	13	0
Sundry Expenses .....		78	19	4
Excess Income over Expenditure .....		1565	7	9
		<u>£2373</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>

INCOME		1964	1963	1962
Subscriptions:—				
Active .....		139	0	0
Associate .....		44	0	0
Junior & Cadet .....		10	10	0
		<u>193</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Dances .....		1643	6	6
Less Expenses .....		464	3	3
		<u>1179</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Carnivals .....		1114	4	4
Less Expenses .....		586	6	0
		<u>527</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>
Raffles .....		505	9	10
Less Expenses .....		130	13	6
		<u>374</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
Donations .....		171	4	9
Bank Interest .....		26	7	0
Ball, Presentation Night & Dinner .....		335	6	4
		<u>2472</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>
Less Expenses .....		434	15	0
		<u>99</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Loss .....		<u>£2373</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1964

LIABILITIES		1964	1963	1962
Debenture Holders .....		305	0	0
Loan from State Centre S.L.S.A. ....	650 0 0			
Less Repayment Instalment .....	250 0 0			
		400	0	0
Surplus Assets over Liabilities .....		7574	11	7
		<u>£8279</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

ASSETS		1964	1963	1962
State Savings Bank — Balwyn .....		532	7	2
Buildings:—				
Balance B/fwd. ....	5504 3 8			
Plus Purchases .....	938 14 5			
		<u>6442</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>
Club Equipment:—				
Balance B/fwd. ....	1047 18 0			
Plus Purchases .....	708 11 1			
	<u>1756 9 1</u>			
Less Depreciation .....	585 9 8			
		<u>1170</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>
Blazer Pockets, Car Stickers etc. ....	83 0 11			
Plus Purchases .....	108 6 0			
	<u>191 6 11</u>			
Less Sales .....	58 0 0			
		<u>133</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>
		<u>£8279</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

## BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The year has passed quickly and many members are already looking forward to the coming 1964-65 Surf Season, especially as the Australian Championships are to be held in Perth next year. This should make competition very keen, and I hope will influence younger members to take up either board or ski paddling.

Last season was a reasonably successful one for the board and ski paddlers of the Torquay Club, with the highlight of the year being the Australian Championships at Collaroy. At these championships, Bill Luscombe finished second and Michael Hayden third in the single ski event held on the first day of the championships. In the Australian double ski championship event, Torquay was the only club in Australia to have three doubles represented in the final. This is, I believe, a record for a Victorian Club, and has probably only been bettered by one or two of the larger Sydney clubs. In the final of this event Bill Luscombe and Eddie Hogan went on to take third place. I was sorry to see that only one board paddler represented Torquay at the Championships. However, congratulations must go to the place-getters in the ski events, and also to all members who won events at carnivals throughout the year, and to the winners of the Victorian Championships at Point Leo.

Unfortunately this year, we again missed out on the Victorian titles in the single ski and surf board events, but I hope next year with enthusiastic young members pushing the older paddlers, we can look forward to our most successful season yet.

Handicap events were held continuously throughout last season, and all these events were well contested.

I would like to thank the members of the boat crew for their help in laying buoys during the year, and also to the Club Captain and Vice-Captain, and to Eddie Beacham the Board and Ski Vice-Captain, for their co-operation.

## BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a year after six months solid gym training the boys were all set for the year having been the fittest and keenest I have ever had two crews. Then came something we had never counted on. Bad luck set in after winning our heat easily in the first carnival at Portsea, Bones broke an oar in the final. The B crew were winning by 100 yds. when a wave came from the side and tipped them over, and so the season went on.

Dennis who had won Mr. Fitness at Sedgmans Gymn. got a paralysed face after we had won the race at Angelsea, the only race in which the full crew raced for the year. Bones became ill for four weeks, and the A crew and B crew were swapping and changing for most of the year.

But they always say after the storm comes the sun, and our sun was the ever reliable Mal Atkinson who came out of retirement to help us out six weeks before the Australian Titles. Mal went 5 days a week to the gym and rowed 4 in an attempt to get fit and help us out. After three weeks the A crew won our own Torquay carnival. The B crew also glad to get their crew back won on the same day. It was also the Juniors first race, and they put up a fine performance to finish third in the final.

The next race, the Victorian Championships, saw all the Torquay crews performing very well. The A crew finished third in the final after being second nearly all the way, and after winning their heat and semi final very well. The B crew finished second with also a very good third after only a short training period. The C crew rowed very well to finish second after a very poor start.

In the Australian Championships our luck stayed with us for in the heat with big 10' to 15' waves our sweep oar broke on turning the buoy, we had to come in very easy to try not to catch a wave, as they were too big to hold without a sweep oar, and we finished second. In the repacharge we got the break on all the other crews only to go over a double wave about 4' high and the sweep rowlock broke due to it crystallising, and so we were out of that.

I would like to say thanks to every member of the Club for the way they all rallied together to win the "B.P." Boat. It makes the hours of laying and lifting buoys, standing duty behind the bouys for Bronze Squads, and swimming races worthwhile when you know you can rely on the club members to help you.

Special thanks to Mal Atkinson for the terrific effort he put in for such a short time to help us out of such a tight spot. To John Corrigan for rowing in the five mile marathon at 4 hours notice, and without training for it. To Stan Nicholls from Sedgmans Gym for the hours of his own time spent to help us. To Des Couch who gave time and money grease and spare tyre for the trailer just for his love of the boats and the club. Neal Ingles and Bill Luscombe for their help over the year and especially for organising the club for the B.P. Boat win. To our President Tich Cullity for his help and fairness at the Committee table. To everyone who helped in buoy and carnival duty, and to all the crews who performed so creditably for the Club over the year. Thanks also to Bernie Yelland, a neighbour of mine, for supplying and erecting his tent for the boat crew boys at the Victorian Championships.

The names of the crews were as follows:—

A. R. Murray, G. Stevens, M. Atkinson, J. Russell, D. Ryan.  
B. P. Kendall, J. Lynch, J. Corrigan, G. McKenzie.  
C. T. Fraser, W. Truscott, S. Skene, G. McKenzie (sweep).  
Jun. I. Hamilton, P. Marks, L. Bathols, I. Casey.

J. PETTIGROVE, Boat Captain.

## DANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

It is very pleasing to us to be asked to submit a report on the dances. Other than subs and donations this is virtually the clubs only source of income and it is gratifying to know that such an important part of the clubs activity has been given to us to look after.

Last season brought the largest return, money wise, eved and this could not have been done without the help we received. The committee, as we are sure do, realise that without the support of the members of the C. of E. vestry we would virtually be lost and to them we must say a very sincere thank you for your support.

It would also have been impossible to make such a good job of

last seasons dances without the help of club members. It is unfortunate that out of all the members we have that only a few could spare the time to help at this very important function. Special thanks must go to boaties such as Bones, Gary Stephens, John Russell and Stewart Skene and others who spend night after night all night acting as official bouncers etc. Thanks must also go to the other club members who helped and also the girls who helped serve the drinks.



K. Pollard  
J. F. Price  
M. Raynor  
J. Russell  
D. Ryan  
J. S. Ryan  
G. Seeley  
A. Seward  
C. Seward  
G. Sharpe  
D. Shaw  
R. Shaw  
P. L. Sheals  
C. Shiells  
B. T. Smith  
S. E. Skene  
G. Stevens  
A. W. Speers  
G. W. Stewart  
V. Tantau  
W. Thompson  
B. Tolsher  
B. Townsend  
P. H. Troy  
W. A. Truscott  
F. Umbers  
B. Vivian  
K. Walker  
T. Wall  
D. Wallace  
P. Wallace

J. Watt  
K. Weigard  
M. J. Zaccaro

**Junior**

J. Ainsworth  
D. Allen  
L. Allen  
L. Bathols  
R. Beer  
C. D. Cornall  
R. Cornall  
R. J. Cue  
L. Cutts  
D. J. Cuttris  
W. F. Davey  
M. J. Dixon  
I. Hamilton  
M. Innes  
R. Johnson  
I. Lee  
P. Marks  
D. Morgan  
R. Murphy  
M. J. Ryan  
L. Worland

**Cadet**

W. Christopherson  
L. A. Cresswell  
N. Davis

M. Greig  
J. Harvey  
B. Hayden  
P. Lloyd  
J. J. Prosser  
J. Selkirk

**Associates**

Mr. J. Bors  
N. R. Cummins  
D. E. Davis  
H. E. Day  
C. Dennis  
G. C. Evans  
B. Falconer-Green  
R. Fisher  
J. Forsyth  
J. Hay  
F. Hosking  
I. Johnson  
B. Lloyd  
P. Mann  
R. Mole  
M. W. Morris  
R. W. Nicoll  
Mr. Philp  
F. Power  
J. Prosser  
V. F. Trainor  
C. Troy  
Q. Whitehead

**NOMINATION FORM**

POSITION NOMINATED FOR.....

NOMINEE .....

NOMINATED BY.....

SECONDED BY.....

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE.....

All officers of the Club are elected annually, except Hon. Life Members.

You as a Club Member may nominate any member you wish to fill any of the Committee positions.

It is necessary to have the Nomination Form signed by the nominee and also to have a Club Member second the nomination.

Nomination Forms are to be in the possession of the Hon. Sec. no later than 10.30 a.m. on 16th September, i.e., the time of starting of the Annual Meeting.