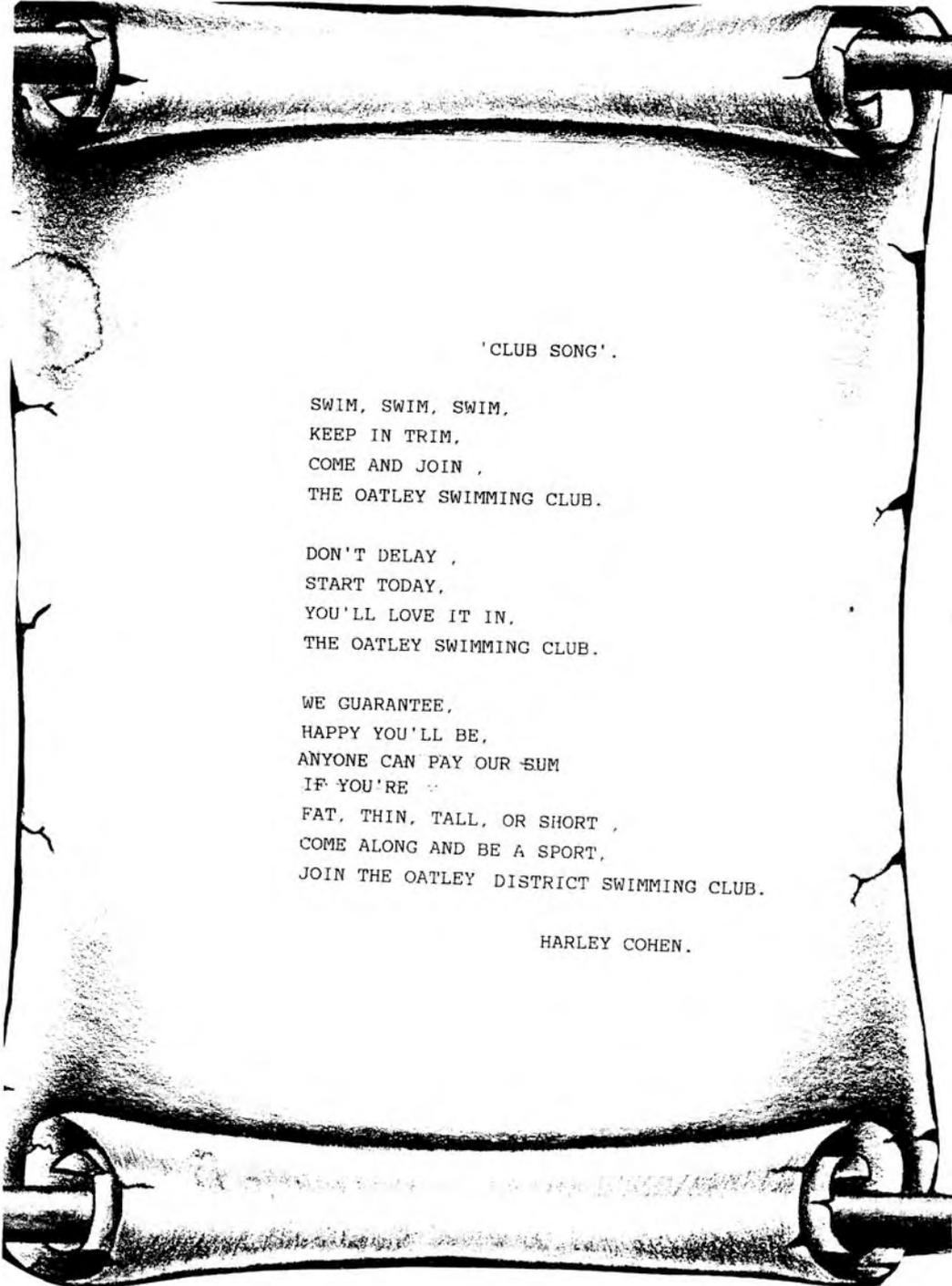


**History of Oatley District Amateur Swimming
Club**

**A summary of official records and documents
from 1927 to 2012**

Assembled by Rodger Robertson 2012

A black and white illustration of a scroll. The scroll is unrolled, showing text in the center. It has four circular fasteners or rings at the corners where the scroll is rolled up. The scroll itself has a textured, slightly irregular border.

'CLUB SONG'.

SWIM, SWIM, SWIM,
KEEP IN TRIM,
COME AND JOIN ,
THE OATLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

DON'T DELAY ,
START TODAY,
YOU'LL LOVE IT IN,
THE OATLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

WE GUARANTEE,
HAPPY YOU'LL BE,
ANYONE CAN PAY OUR SUM
IF YOU'RE ..
FAT, THIN, TALL, OR SHORT ,
COME ALONG AND BE A SPORT,
JOIN THE OATLEY DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB.

HARLEY COHEN.

'THE GOOD OLD DAYS,'

BACK IN THE TWENTIES, THAT WAS THE START,
SETTLERS WERE SWIMMING AT OATLEY PARK.
A MEETING WAS HELD AND ALL WOULD AGREE,
ONE POUND FOR A FAMILY, WAS THE FEE.

NOT ALL COULD SWIM THEN YOU MUST AGREE,
SOME LEARNED WITH A FULL PACK IN THE 'DEAD SEA'
DOG PADDLE WAS THE START FOR ALL,
PROGRESSING TO THE AUSTRALIAN CRAWL.

LAND WAS BOUGHT AND THEY BUILT THE HALL,
WHERE PICTURES OF 'WATERLOO' HUNG ON THE WALL.
CARNIVALS, EUCHRE AND BOTTLE DRIVES,
HELPED TO KEEP THE CLUB ALIVE.

DURING THE DEPRESSION THE PARK JUST GREW,
ROADS WERE NAMED AFTER MEN WE KNEW.
OUR BATHS, THE LONGEST IN THE LAND,
DANCES AND PICNICS ALWAYS WELL PLANNED.

OUR CAMP UP THE WONNIE WAS LOTS OF FUN,
THE PICNICS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.
RETURNING FROM STANWELL PARK BY TRAIN,
BETTER NOT TELL THAT STORY AGAIN.

REMOVING 'BLUBBERS' HAD IT'S TRICKS,
ALL DID LIFESAVING AND DIVING FOR BRICKS.
LOW TIDE MUDFIGHTS, GOT US IN A MESS,
BUT FLIX FOR NIX WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

SANDY BEACH DOWN AT OATLEY PARK,
HAS A SPECIAL SPOT IN MY HEART.
AS WE GET OLDER, OUR MEMORIES FADE,
BUT WE NEVER FORGET, OLD MEMORIES MADE.

JOY 'AULD' McMILLAN 2002.

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OASC**

Introduction

This document is meant to summarise the official records of the Oatley Amateur Swimming Club and to provide a consolidated source of material on the Clubs History. This document covers some 400 pages and hence is not an easy document to make hard copy. Digital versions of the document are most convenient in terms of reproduction and storage and survival. The digital record will be placed on file in the Local History sections of the Council Libraries at Hurstville and Kogarah.

This document is not a "story" of the Club but rather a time sequence of records, photos and other material obtained from current members. Hence it is not a readable document but more like an Atlas or reference book. It is arranged in date order and each year has the material associated with that time period. Maybe it could be converted to a readable book but then much of the graphic material would be eliminated. But here I have chosen to use the documents and records of the day to describe the events without interpretation. The vast number of stories has not been captured here- a bigger task than this one. Members provided much personally held material and they also provided personal accounts of their memories. Thanks to all those who assisted. This is not the end of the research or search for old material but at least a start!

The official source material was supplied by Mark Connell, and the unofficial by many members.

Books on swimming competition results, members and accounts are held but are not covered in this report except a few account records

The establishment of a website for the club is planned for the future and this record will be on this site.

Rodger Robertson 2012

Office bearers

	President	Secretary
1927-1929	Hedley Mallard	Harley Cohen
1930	Hedley Mallard	Bernie Howard
1931-1932	Hedley Mallard	W Packenham
1933	Bernie Howard	W Packenham
1934-1935	F Walker	W Packenham
1936	F Walker	A Jones
1937-1938	J Maples	B Howard
1939	F Walker	Ray Stevens
1940	F Walker	R Falconer
1941-1942	W Packenham	L Packenham
1943	R Acorn	L Mallard
1944-1946	H Coates	F Meyer
1947	R Patterson	Ray Stevens
1948	W Stevens	Ray Stevens
1949-50	W Stevens	Dave McDougall
1951	Ray Stevens	A Uebel
1952	Ray Stevens	Noel Moss
1953	Ray Stevens	J Hughes
1954-1956	Ray Stevens	Peter Moss
1957	W Mitchell	A Uebel
1958-1959	W Mitchell(descd) Snr	VP R Hammill Sec D Adams
1960	J Pomfret	Ron Stevens
1961	J Pomfret	J Godfrey
1962	J Pomfret	J F Barker
1963	Ray Stevens	N Pomfret
1964-1980	Ray Stevens	Esma Holt
1981-1986	Ray Stevens	Alan Smith
1987	Ray Stevens	Colleen Bennett
1988-2002	Ray Stevens	Moyia Skowronski
2003-2012	Ken McAneny	Mark Connell

Life members

H.Mallard, W Stevens, F. Walker, Ray Stevens, D.Shaw, R.Paterson,
Ron Stevens, John Stevens, Val Lynch, Col Lynch, Moiya Skowranski
Alan Smith

Summary of AGMs

The Club minute books cover AGMs and other committee and special meetings. The books cover

Missing 1927-1930

Book 1 from 19th August 1930 to 15th March 1938.

Book 2 from 5 April 1938 to 21 March 1950

Book 3 1950-1970s missing

Book 4 from 1980 to 2012.

Annual General Meetings 1927-29

The Minute Book for this period was known to exist in early 2000 but it is thought that it was in Ray Steven's possession when he died and the Club was not able to recover this and likely other material from his possessions.

However from other records it is known the Club started in 1927 with the following Officials.

	President	Secretary
1927-1929	Hedley Mallard	Harley Cohen

See more history in the appendices on the history of the club written by Ray Stevens – the information he had was either written and now lost, or verbal history given to him by his elders at the club.



Sandy Beach in early 1920's.



This photo is from very early days- it is of the club as it then was but it is taken at the Oatley Pleasure Gardens. This was the original site of the clubs activities but it proved unsatisfactory as a venue and the Sandy Bay site was superior. Glenn Stevens has

identified her husband (John) as a boy in the photo.



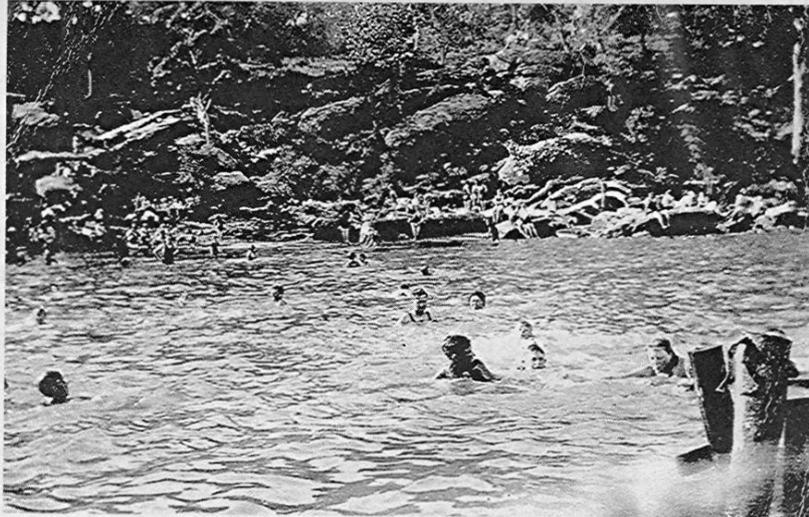
The original photo is in the club house. It is the opening of the baths??



This photo says it is 1918. No identification of men in the photo has yet been obtained.



Its 1928-
no turning board!



This was also photographed around 1930. This was the main beach and it shows the large rock structures.



An early photo of the "beach"- rather rocky!

Annual General Meeting 7th October 1930

President Ald. Walker was elected at General meeting
4th November 1930

Patron in-Chief Mr P Erfle

Patrons Mrs Smedley, Mrs Mallard senior and a host (22) of others
VP Mr Packenham, H. Mallard, Mr J Maples (elected in 4th Nov
meeting)

Secretary B. Howard

Ass Sec and Social Secretary Mr. J Maples

Treasurer Mr W. Stevens

Life saving classes were to be taught by Miss Everingham and Mr
Guhl.

"Mr Stevens suggested that the Sec and Treasurer receive a
nominal fee per year for services to safeguard the Club from
embezzlement by Sec and Treasurer as many bodies have been
robbed by Hon Secs and they have no legal sull on them" _ the
concept was referred to Ald. Patrick.

Johnny Nathan Cup presented to Mr J Montague for 12 months.

General meetings in 1930/31

Advertising the clubs activities in local newspapers and shop
windows discussed.

Prizes were reduced due the "Depression".

The suggestion that the Secretary and Treasurer be paid was
agreed at next General meeting. The annual payment was 2/6.

The Club had a tennis court that the people who rented it said it
was too short. To solve this the Club looked at buying more land.

Depth boards at the swimming were discussed.

The tennis court users asked that the wire be pegged down.

In this year Club meetings were held every two weeks but a
proposal to hold them monthly was agreed in May 1931.

Miss Green and Mr McNaulty were thanked for their donation of
their share in the Land Syndicate. There was some form of land
share scheme where members paid into a money scheme.

It was proposed that a chain be obtained and run along the bottom
of the Baths to "shift the mud".

Annual General Meeting 1st September 1931

President H Mallard

Patron in-Chief Mr P Erfle

Patrons Mrs Smedley, Mrs Mallard senior and a host of others

VP Mr L Mallard, L. Mallard, A Jones

Secretary L. Pakenham

Ass Sec and Social Secretary Mr. J Maples

Treasurer Mr W. Stevens

Mr J Maples and Mr F Walker made a life members.

It was moved and carried that members speaking out of their turn be fined.

The tennis court was extended. Mrs Wane was thanked for her use of the land to do so

Euchre and Housie parties were begun.

Dances were also organised and made small profits. Tickets were Men 1/6 women 1/-.

The club purchased some seats for the club rooms.

Income was earned through donations, dances, tennis tournaments and other functions.

A stopwatch was purchased for £2/2/0.

Annual General Meeting 13th October 1932

President H Mallard

Patron in-Chief Mr P Erfle

Patrons Mrs Smedley, Mrs Mallard senior and a host of others

VP Mr L Mallard, L. Mallard, A Jones

Secretary Mr.L. Packenham

Ass Sec Mr. J Maples

Treasurer Mr W. Stevens

Social Secretary Mrs F Dahl

The meeting proposed to get 200 Programs printed for 32/33 and 200 entry forms.

The Council was asked to dredge the baths so that they could operate in any tide. Also they were asked to built a stone wall along the pool to make some sort of enclosure so that water would be retained at lower tides.

Annual General Meeting 11th October 1933

President B.Howard
Patron in-Chief Mr P Erfle
Patrons not mentioned by name
Secretary Mr.L. Pakenham
Ass Sec A Jones
Treasurer Mr W. Stevens
Social Secretary Mrs F Dahl

As usual a number of other positions were elected- Capt, Vice Capt, Auditors etc but this year the handicapper and starter positions were separated.

The Financial year was changed to 1/9 to 31/8.
The AGM was to be held in September each year.
This meeting adjourned till 17 October 1933 whence it continued.
The usual occurrence was that club delegates were sent to meeting of the NSWASA and to St George ASA.
Ald Mallard and Mr D Shaw were elected as a Life members.
Unemployed members(remember the Depression) were given extra time to pay their fees.
Euchre and Housie nights were Mondays.
The Points score system was cut out during school holidays.

The meeting then adjourned again for a week when the accounts were approved and a few other items.

Committee meetings during the year.

The condition of the baths was declared b=very poor and complaints and petitions to Hurstville council were made.
The Munro Trophy for the best Junior was declared.
The Club had a water polo team.
Ray Stevens (RFJ) joins the Club 7/11/33.
Mr Starkey(VP) resigns.
The Mick Simmons and Saltwell trophies be swum for in March.
Miss Gwen Patterson was invited to swim in the 50 yards race.
Mr W Stevens son was disqualified from a race held the previous week.
There was a 300 yard relay race. The prize was £1/1/-.
A trophy donated by Mrs Rose for U14 Junior girl was donated.
Mr Lawler donated trophies for Ladies Junior and Gents Junior.
Picnic held at Wonoona- train was the 830 and return by 710 train.

Trophies

Ladies 50 Yards Handicap Lawler Trophy 10/6
Gents 400 yards Lawler trophy P1
Junior 200 yards handicap Fisher Gold Medal
Ladies 100 yards Handicap Erfle Trophy 7/6
Junior 50 yards Handicap Patterson Trophy 7/6

A roller was proposed to be purchased for the tennis court.

Cabaret Ball held at Hurstville Regent Hall- entry 3/3 but later increased to 3/6 and later again to 3/-. 300 tickets printed. And the Club asked for permission to sell liquor and they wrote to the State Gov to try to avoid Amusement tax. The Propellor and St George Call were used as papers for advertisements of the Ball. The final profit was £10/14/4.

A Presentation Ball was planned for Oatley Masonic Hall. Entry Gents 1/6 ladies 1/-. 200 tickets printed. The night made a profit of £5/12/1

A special fund was collected for R Clark to help his Empire games expenses.

There is discussion of cementing the platform at the end of the pool and putting the turning board at 55 yards.

The Annual Report printing costs of £1/15/0 to The Express was paid.

The committee agreed to withhold some of the profits from the Euchre and Housie towards a point score for players of this activity.

A Launch Picnic to East Hills was to be held on 8 Hour day. The launch cost £10 for the day and would go to Hollywood. Two 5 gallons kegs of Ginger beer were purchased. The picnic made a loss of 10/4.

This was photographed just after the opening of the present baths



around 1934/35. The old dressing shed is still there and the first turning board has been installed.



This was photographed about 1930, The baths use to attract large crowds
The two white panels were the original dressing sheds. They would not accommodate any more than 12 people at a time and they had no showers.



This was photographed about 1930 - races were held from the beach to the wire netting. Notice that lanes were used
In the background is the boat shed which was used by the Jewfish Point Boat Club.
Notice there is only one house on the point and the old Como rail bridge.

Annual General Meeting 13th September 1934

President F Walker

Patron in-Chief Mr P Erfle

Patrons not mentioned by name

Secretary Mr.W.L. Pakenham

Ass Sec A Jones

Treasurer Mr W. Stevens

Social Secretary J Lawler

The auditors found that 5/- had gone missing but it was agreed to wipe it off!

Committee events

W Kerr was a company that produced the club trophies and it donated a trophy for the best point score.

The Club repaired the turning board with timbered purchased.

The weekend races ended in controversy about the handicaps and results were stood over until an investigation was made at next committee. But nothing happened.

A letter was written to Hurstville Council "for an expression from Council in the wearing of shorts at Sandy Beach."

AGMs and Committee meetings were held in the "Club Room">

Every year there was a Ham raffle and this raised money for the club. This year it made £4/7/3.

A new Years party had been organised for the club members over last few years. It lost £1/2/3 this year.

More requests to the Council for work at Sandy Beach – and to reduce rates on the property. The latter request seem to have some impact as a month later we thanked the Council.

The minutes refer to "dodgers" and these seem to be some form of brochure or printed material.

A junior swimmer C Fuirumu got third in the district 100 yards and won the 50 yards under 14 championship in 29 seconds.

Several members got Life Saving awards.

A Mad Hatters dance was set up with prizes for various categories. Admittance was 1/-each and a raffle off 10/- be organised with a penny a ticket. 500 tickets printed. Considerable effort in advertising and organising these events were made by several people. Other dances and presentation nights were regular features

of the clubs activities. The organization of a decent orchestra was a well discussed requirement.

1933/34 accounts

Extracted from Accounts Book 1929-1959 shillings and pence rounded.

Balance sheet £

Land Syndicate	10	Land and buildings	321
Council rates outstanding	6	Club room fittings	40
Typewriter owing	2	Piano	30
Excess assets over liabilities	431	Typewriter	7
		Life saving respirator	2
		Outstanding fees	4
		Tennis court	40
		Cash	5
	439		439

Annual General Meeting 17th September 1935

President F Walker

Patron in-Chief Ald H Mallard

Vice presidents B Howard, A Jones, J Postill

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary Mr. L. Packenham

Ass Sec A Jones

Treasurer Mr W. Stevens (but was replaced mid year by Mr J Lawler)

Social Secretary J Lawler

Under the land scheme the following families became members- Forrest, Fisher, Corbett, Ball, Fitzsimons, Rowe, Ward.

Entry fees for year are 6/- gents, 3/- ladies, 2/6 juniors.

The treasurer was asked to purchase the land share scheme shares from late L Mallard.

The main swimming events in this year were 50 yards and 100 yards. One event was 150 yards and only one length of the baths in the season.

On January 1936 the committee meeting was short as the King had died. Indeed there was discussion as to whether the meeting should be held at all!

Dances were organised for the first Saturday of each month from May, June July August and September. Whilst there was no swimming the members had monthly dances. The selection of orchestra was no doubt an issue- the Felix Orchestra of three was hired for the June dance for 37/6.

The Picnic was planned for Stanwell park and the Railways were asked to stop a train at Oatley. The picnic included sporting events such as running and jumping and events such as egg and spoon and three legged race, and thread and needle race(mixed). The men and juniors ran 100yds whilst the women were required to run 75 yds. Kegs of ginger beer ordered but the leftovers was used at the next dance!

The £6/9/0 rates again caused an issue and Hurstville Council was asked for a rebate.

As well as other events there was a regular "Ladies afternoon"- what it consisted of is unknown but it did raise revenue for the club. Euchre could have been played.

The Clubs urn at the clubhouse made the news- it was first broken and needed £1 to fix it – it was then stolen.

Annual General Meeting 17th September 1936

President F Walker (he resigned in January 1937 and replaced by Mr Howard)

Patron in-Chief Ald H Mallard

Vice presidents B Howard, A Jones, J Postill- (due to resignation of the president in Jan 1937 and the promotion of Mr Howard, a new VP was elected Mr J Maples)

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary A Jones

Ass Sec W Pakenham

Treasurer Mr J Lawler

Social Secretary F O'Sullivan (resigned March 1937 and replaced by J Maples)

Trustees for Life W Stevens, J Maples, A Auld

The club hall was hired out and was maintained by club members. It was used for election days.

The land deeds are referred to in a committee meeting but what about is unknown. Much of the property business seems to be a separate organization.

In this year a major rewrite of the club rules was made.

Some interesting facts of these rules were-

- . the club colours are blue, black and white
- . new members must fill out form, be proposed and seconded and face a general meeting and get a 2/3 majority of the vote.
- . general meetings are twice per month.
- . the duties of each officer bearer are defined and remember there were around 20 office bearers.
- . fees were the annual fee (6/- for gents and reduced rates for others) but there was an entrance fee for races of seniors 6 pence and 3 pence for juniors.
- . in races the scratch man was entitled to select the lane.
- . protests in races are permitted to the Secretary immediately the event finishes but a deposit of 2/6 is required and it is forfeited if the committee think the protest is frivolous.
- . the clubs property interests are in the hands of the trustees.
- . changes in the club rules are only at a general meeting with $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.

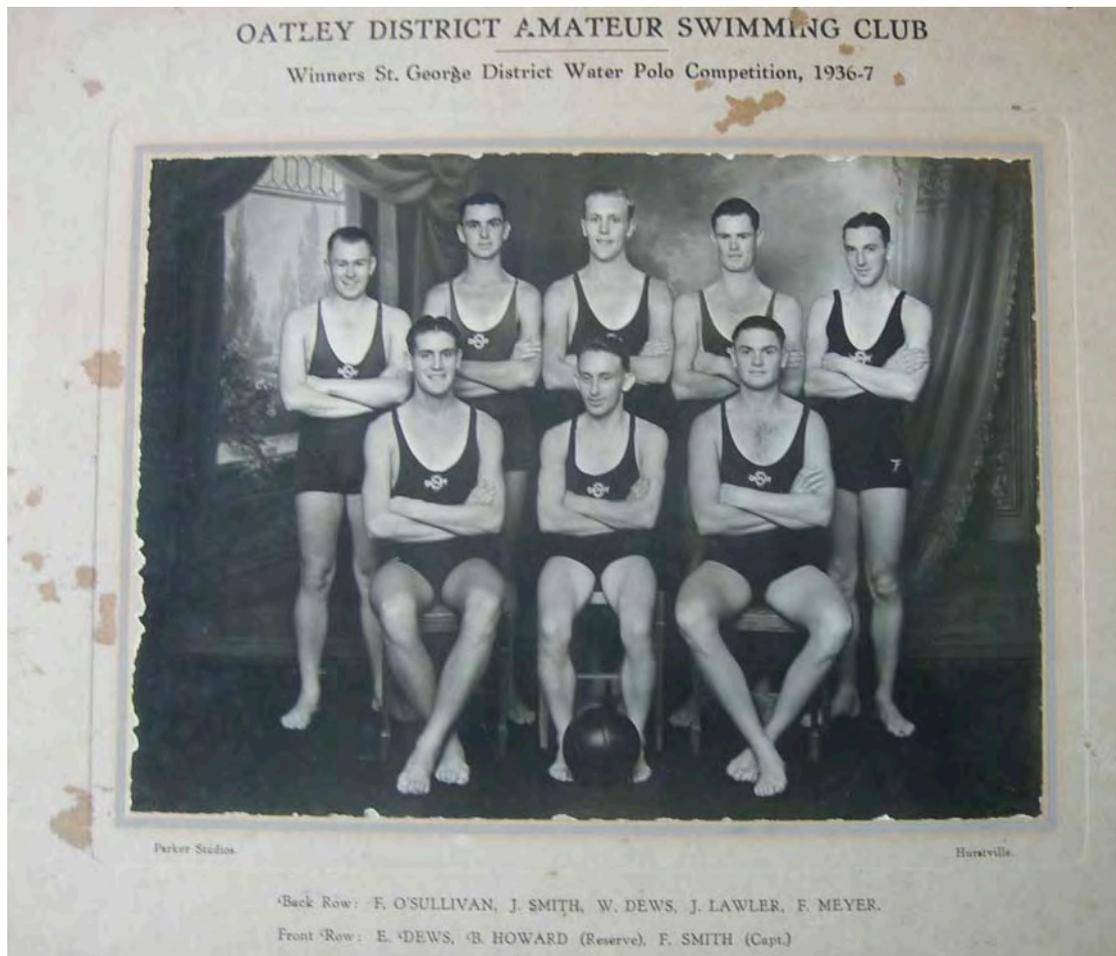
This years launch picnic was held at Prince Edward Park with boats leaving from Sandy Beach.

The annual Carnival had several events- entry fees were seniors 1/- Juniors 6d. Winners and runners-up got the following prizes- for example 50 yds schoolboy champion 10/- and 5/-, whilst seniors 100 yds got £1/1/- and 10/6.

The carnival included competitors from other clubs and was distinct from the Club championships that were for members only.

Hurstville Council had a Jubilee celebration and spend £125 getting local school children to the park and refreshments. The club got £15 for its part in the celebrations.

The 1936/37 Water Polo team won some competition- the won £2/2/- and had their photo taken and presented to the club- the photo is shown in the Clubs 1997 Celebration document. At the end of 1937, the water polo ball became deflated and a new ball had to be purchased!



The 1936/37 Report was very comprehensive- worth reading for history and state of club.

OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.
 Club Room: Cur. Myall Street and Woomona Parade, Oatley.

OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1935-36:

Patron: ALD. H. MALLARD.
 President: P. MURRAY.
 Vice-Presidents: B. Hayward, A. Jones, J. Powell.
 Secretary: W. L. Parkinson.
 Hon. Secretary: A. Jones.
 Treasurer: W. Stevens.
 Social Secretary: J. Lawley.
 Captain: I. Lawley.
 Junior Captain: C. Pridmore.
 Selection: R. Patrick, L.L.R.
 Medical Officer: Dr. Young.
 Auditor: J. Dutton, A. Jones.
 Trustees: J. Myles, W. Stevens, A. Ash.
 Caretaker: A. Jones.
 Life Saving Instructor: D. Shaw.
 Life Saving Assistant: R. Acker, F. Smith, J. Burke.
 Patrol Officer: P. Meyer.
 Judges: Messrs. Hayward, Donald Khan.
 Referee: E. Walker.
 Handicapper: W. Stevens.
 Juhl Handicapper: B. Donagh.
 Starter: W. Larkham.
 Check Starter: J. Stevens.
 One Milemen: J. Smith, D. Meyer, R. Burke.
 Milemen to N.S.W. A.S.A.: J. Parkinson, J. Powell.
 Milemen to N.S.W. A.S.A.: W. L. Parkinson, J. Powell.
 Milemen to St. George District A.S.A.: W. Parkinson.
 Milemen to G.W. District A.S.A.: W. Parkinson, R. Hayward, W. Green.
 Milemen to St. George District A.S.A.: W. Parkinson, R. Hayward, W. Green.
 Ladies' Auxiliary Committee: President Mrs. Lawley, Messrs. Burke, Smith, Ash, Jones, Donald, Hammond. Vice-Patrons: A. Duggin, A. Jones, W. Kerr, E. Lawley, S. Lynch, McDonald, C. D. J. Shaw, Pottery, Messrs. Lawley, Duggin, Lynch, Bostley.

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-- Tenth --
ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1935 - 36.

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OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB HISTORY

The Hurstville Council having erected a sharkproof enclosure at Sandy Beach, Oatley Park, there became a popular feeling amongst the young people of Oatley West to form a Swimming Club for the healthy pastime of swimming, and to create sporting rivalry amongst the members. With this aim in view, Messrs. Hodgson, P. Murray and C. Murray approached Ald. H. Mallard, the local member of the Hurstville Council, to convene a meeting for the purpose.

Their overtures were not unheeded, and the first meeting took place at Ald. Mallard's home, graciously lent for the purpose, on the 13th January, 1927. Those who accepted the invitation to be present were instrumental in forming the Club and were as follows: Messrs. P. Murray, J. Salmon, A. Stead, S. Christie, N. Kayser, H. Cohen, B. Salmon, A. Auld, W. Jones, A. Wilson, P. Montague, J. Wilcox, T. Prior, P. Smedley, C. Montague, G. Lyndon, L. Mallard, R. Phipps, W. Stevens, B. Shaw, D. Shaw, A. Hodgson, Misses V. Green, M. Smedley, V. Brown, A. Smedley, M. Murray, M. Crofts, and Christie.

It was proposed by Mr. Kayser and seconded by Mr. B. Salmon that a Swimming Club be formed and called The Oatley District Amateur Swimming Club. Dr. J. Eli Webb, B.A., was elected Patron in Chief; Ald. H. Mallard, president; Mr. Harley Cohen, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Stevens, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. Hodgson, captain; P. Murray, vice-captain; and a committee of 17 was appointed, consisting of ladies and gentlemen.

In regard to the ladies present, it was decided that they be permitted to join the Club, and races be held for ladies also.

The subscription fees were as follows: Gents, 5/-; ladies, 3/-; children under 16 years, 2/6 per annum. It was also decided to affiliate with the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association.

Messrs. Auld, Jones and Smedley were then elected hon. handicappers.
 Club Colors: Royal Blue, Black Band, and White Edging.

Our first Annual Carnival was held on Anniversary Day, 26th January, 1927, and what a day to remember. The Club had written to the Mayor of Hurstville, Dr. Webb, to officially open the new Baths and Carnival, which was duly carried out in the afternoon amidst a large concourse of people. Much publicity had been given to our first Carnival, resulting in every newspaper, both city and suburban, being present. We were honored with the presence of the late Miss Ettie Robinson, then Australasian Lady Champion Swimmer, who started the first race and also gave a delightful display of diving and swimming.

MEETING PLACES: Owing to the large influx of members, particularly at the second general meeting, it was found necessary to avail ourselves of the kind offer of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox to use their spacious back verandah in their home in Douglas Haig Street Oatley, the first meeting being held there on February 7th, 1927. We will ever be under a debt of gratitude to these good people for the use of their homes for meetings and socials. Pleasant memories will always re-

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around the Whoo family and their home of many nights enjoyably spent. Again we were through the popularity of the Club and its ever-increasing membership, to seek more spacious quarters, and through the kindness of Messrs. Auld, Stevens and the late Mr. Jones, were able to acquire the use of a large galvanised iron shed belonging to Mrs. Spalding in Judge Road, Giffney, at a rental. Our Club was fortunate in having skilled tradesmen in the persons of W. Stevens, A. Auld, A. Hodgson, P. Manning, and the late W. Jones and late L. Mullard, who, with the assistance of the members, soon converted a shed for the storage of produce into a well-fitted restaurant. What happy nights were spent in the "Old Barn," as we called it. Particularly we remember the much-tried, roasting, and the debates that took place. The first meeting held in our new quarters took place on 22nd August, 1927. The President (Ald. H. Mallard) declaring the new home officially opened, and was presided with an address in reply by the members as a success.

The Club continued on at "The Barn" for some time, when instructions were given to a committee of four to consider sites most suitable for the erection of our own Club Room. Eventually land was purchased in Woonona Parade and Myall Street, Giffney, having a frontage of 42ft by a depth of 142ft, at a cost of £129.

An offer of £5 was made in the Horshill Council for the much abused drainage shed in Giffney Park, which offer was accepted. This was taken down and erected with pulled material into our new clubhouse of today. Again our skilled members were in the fore in giving their voluntary services under the guidance of Mr. W. Parkinson. Also in connection with the erection of the club room the members laid out a tennis court.

The club home was fitted out with upholstered seats, ping pong table, card tables, sink and electric air, together with a piano, of which we are deeply indebted to one of our patrons, Mr. Paul Fife, who not only has assisted the Club with donations and trophies but gave a substantial donation towards the piano. Many other donations were made by members and patrons towards the furnishing of our club room, but space will not permit of their mention, although the Club feels deeply grateful of their support.

To pay off the debt on the property the following co-operative effort was put into effect—Land Scheme: Parents were invited to contribute the amount of £5 in monthly instalments of 1s., whilst the Club promised to admit all members of the Society under 16 years of age as members of the Club, and undertake to teach them swimming and to introduce to all Junior races.

LIFE SAVING CLASSES: The Club having been well established, it was decided to commence a life-saving class. Firstly to make the members efficient, and secondly to assist the Horshill Council in patrolling the foreshore. Mr. Carl (Ed) an honorary instructor, assisted by Mr. H. Charlton, skilfully supervised their services, and classes were begun in 1929, resulting in 13 members being successful in gaining awards. Mr. Dudley Shaw, one of the solid members of the Club then came forward and took over from Mr. Carl, and has successfully carried on classes ever since, which has resulted in 125 awards being granted to both ladies and gentleman members of the Club, five of our members being made Honorary Instructors.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY: Amongst the numerous ladies who assisted the Club since its inception, certain ones stand out very prominent, and special tribute must be paid to them: Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. H. Mallard, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lavelle, Mrs. Burke, Miss Weston, Mrs. Dobb, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. L. Mallard, Mrs. Chopping, Mrs. A. Hodgson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Everingham, Mrs. R. Palmer, Mrs. H. Lox, Mrs. W. Stevens, Mrs. Uebel, Mrs. Auld, Mrs. V. Green, Mrs. J. Postill, Mrs. F. Montague, Mrs. Delehay, Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Ertle, Mrs. Ginn, and others to whom we apologise for the omission.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Apart from the usual monthly socials there were many enjoyable parties tendered to members on attending their majority, fifteen years, and presentation to members on the eve of their marriages. There has been a constant side to our Club, which has taken credit in being the meeting place in bringing together boys and girls who have become much happy married couples. Our members will never forget the lunch parties to East Hills, motor trips to Stanwell Park and Aotearoa, also the presentation of prize flowers patronised by distinguished visitors of our district, who merited at the great array of trophies we always awarded.

The most successful function held, both socially and financially, was the Cabaret Ball held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday, 20th October, 1932, which was a huge success. This happened to be the first "Cabaret Ball" ever held in Mortdale, and, in course, the money was enough to see. We were also fortunate in having with us that night very distinguished guests in the persons of the Mayor, Aldermen, Town Clerk, Engineer, and Health Inspector of the Horshill Council, together with their wives; also Mrs. Chalmers, Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' A.S.A., and the following: Miss Myrtle Clouston, Mrs. Miss Clara Deeds, Miss Bonnie Manning, and Miss Ethel Weston, and many other patrons of our Club. The ladies responsible for this function deserve great praise.

FINANCE: It is most interesting to record the following figures of money expended on trophies during the past few years, which proves conclusively that the Club has made great progress over the period, and stands as a achievement of the members and friends who, by their great support of our needs, have made it possible to award such large amounts of trophy money, particularly during the depression—1929-30, £17; 1930-31, £21; 1931-32, £25; 1932-33, £27; 1933-34, £27; 1934-35, £27; 1935-36, £24. Total, £279.

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OFFICIALS OF THE CLUB, 1927-36.

President:		Ald. F. Walker 1931	
Ald. H. Mallard 1927-30		Mr. H. Howard 1934	
Mr. F. Walker 1935-36			
Hon. Secretaries:		J. Hodgson 1927-28	
H. Cohen 1927		W. Parkinson 1931-36	
H. Howard 1928-30		W. Stevens 1927-30	
A. Jones 1932-36			
Assistant Secretary:		Mrs. F. Dahl 1932-34	
J. Myles 1925-31		J. Lawler 1935-36	
N. Phipps 1931			
Social Secretaries:			
A. Hodgson 1927		W. Gray 1930-32	
J. Phipps 1928		J. Lawler 1933-36	
F. Walker 1929-30			
Captains:			
P. Murray 1927		H. Mallard 1930	
F. Montague 1928		J. Lawler 1931-32	
H. Phipps 1929		W. Gray 1933-34	
Junior Captain:		C. Paimont 1934-36	
Hon. Solicitor:		R. A. Patrick, L.L.B. 1937-36	
Hon. Medical Officers:		Dr. Pratt.	
		Treasurers:	
A. Auld 1927-30		D. Shaw (retired) 1928	
W. Jones (deceased) 1927		J. Myles 1928-30	
W. Stevens 1927-30			
Judges:			
P. Ertle, W. Stevens, F. Smallwood, S. N. Hammond, D. Shaw, F. Dahl, F. Walker, A. Chopping, H. Lox, R. Nutt, F. Gibbons, H. Mallard, H. Stevens, J. Postill.			
Referees:			
H. Uebel, J. Montague, S. N. Hammond, P. Walker, P. Dahl, W. Stevens.			
Honorary and Starter:			
A. Hodgson, H. Mallard, F. Walker, J. Myles, P. Smalley, S. N. Hammond, W. Stevens.			
Race Secretary:			
F. Walker, W. Parkinson.			
First Aid Attendants:			
Mrs. F. Montague, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Fryers, Mrs. Gossett.			
Publicity Officers:			
S. Christie, D. Shaw, H. Howard, H. Mallard, A. Jones, F. Mayer.			

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OUTLET DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for adoption the Tenth Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and in so doing desire to thank all members and supporters for their assistance in bringing to a successful conclusion the financial year, 1935-36.

MEMBERSHIP: Ladies, 20; Seniors, 24; Juniors, 34.

MEETINGS: During the year 22 Meetings were conducted. The attendance was a bright feature to your officials, the average being 15 members.

RACING: 48 Club events were held during the season, which, together with our Annual Carnival, were enjoyed very much by the spectators as well as the swimmers. Both the Senior and Junior Club Championships were won by a junior, Master C. Paimont, a feat that has not been accomplished before in the Club. Other outstanding swimmers were the point score winners, Miss P. Wilson, Mr. P. Smith, and Mickey H. Stevens. The Annual Carnival was held on February 9th in splendid weather before a large attendance. We wish to thank members with our St. George, North Rosedale and Connaught Clubs, who, together with our own swimmers, kindly covered the inter-club contests. The team race for the Outlet Cup was again popular, St. George being the winners.

LIFE SAVING: This is still a great success, several families having joined up by this method. The children must be congratulated on their improvement and attendance. The school is: Parents pay 1/6 per month, and the sum of £1 is paid which entitles all members of the family to membership and free entry to races until they attain 16 years of age. We feel the parents of children who are not already members to consider this easy method of joining all their children and thus give them an opportunity to become proficient in swimming, life-saving and water polo.

DONORS: We wish to thank the following people for their financial support: Mesdames Lawler, Teague, Leach and Wilson; Messrs. Lawler, Leach, Doughty, Koller, Kerr, Cus, McWherry and Moore.

LIFE SAVING: The Life Saving Class was very successful again in the past season, 21 awards being gained. The girls' class was taken by Miss Brad, teacher of the Society Division, who deserves much credit for the way she conducted them both in and out of the water. The following are the awards gained—Certificate, Amateurs: Miss Jeanne Cross, J. Donnelly, P. Lawler; Bronze Medallion, P. Lawler and D. Bell; Silver to Bronse Medallion, D. Donnelly; Intermediate Certificate, J. Ryland, J. Walker, D. Bally; Elementary Certificate, J. Ryland, J. Walker, Mrs and Roger Bruce; Medallion, R. Burgess, R. Bushnell, P. Meyer, J. Williams; Bar to Bronze Medallion, J. Lawler, E. Burke and G. Williams; Intermediate Certificate, P. Meyer, P. Williams, J. Stevens and P. Fielder.

FINANCE: Our Club is now in a good financial position. We have put a large cash balance, but by comparing the balance sheet submitted with those of the past it will be seen that we have increased our assets and that they are all paid for. This happy state of affairs is largely due to solid support by members and friends.

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particularly our officials and the Ladies' Committee, Madeline Lawler, Burke, Smith, Auld, Hammond and Postill. The position in which the Club now stands will enable us to pay back by degrees those good people who purchased land on our behalf so that some day there will be some to expand our premises. We are also indebted to the Honorable Council for their generous support during the past year, and hope to repay in some measure by assisting young swimmers and teaching life-saving methods.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Despite the severity of winter weather, we have this year experienced a very successful season financially and socially. This result is a credit to the willing members of our Club and the support of their friends, to whom we offer our thanks. The Ladies' Committee and the Advertising Committee are worthy of particular praise, the latter having rendered invaluable services. Thanks are due to Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Auld, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Shaw, who kindly gave the use of their homes for card evenings, which were admirably conducted by Mrs. Lawler and Mr. Auld. Eleven social afternoons were held by the ladies in the Club Room, which consistently helped to swell the Club funds. Five card parties were held during the season, and though not all financially successful, those present had very enjoyable evenings. The first of these dances was a presentation to one of our members, Mr. P. Smith, on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday. Another member to attain this age was Mr. J. Burke, whose birthday was celebrated in the Club Room. Each was presented with a very nice present, submitted to by members. Another dance of which mention must be made was the Presentation of Prizes Dinner recently held in Mortdale, which was a great success. Most of the members present received trophies, and their happiness, particularly that of the winners, was very noticeable. Those who did not win a race at least had a good time, and we hope their fare will take place next year. Two parties were held during the season, one in Stanswell Park on 16th February, and the other in Avonmore on 15th March. Though both weather was unpropitious, on both occasions members and friends had a good time, and their spirits at least were not dampened. The success of these parties was largely suggested by the efforts of our friend and Vice-President, Mr. A. Dargin, who handled out sweets on the train journey and provided prizes for our sports. To commence I wish to thank Mrs. Lovell, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Kinder, and Mr. H. Woods for donations towards our social functions, and trust that all members and friends who attended our gatherings had a good time.

AMATEUR SWIMMING'S REPORT: There is no other matter so striking and pleasing as the present membership of the Club. No doubt there are a number of difficulties beyond our control such as the attraction of the surf, and our poor bathing facilities, but when one sees the support that the Club receives from old

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members and other interested people, it should be possible, with the aid of a good swimming season, to considerably increase our membership. This may be achieved by each member taking the task upon himself or herself to help in this direction. During the year our Club Room has been well patronized by members and people of the district. The tennis court also continues to be a regular source of income, the members of which are thanked for their support.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: The Trustees wish to state that as finances improve, the Club Room will be remodelled. Two items that need attention are the painting and a ceiling. The staining of the Club's electric wire was a setback and a disappointment. However, looking over your assets, it must be admitted that our Club has done well in its ten years of existence, more than half that time being lean years, and of late more swimming seasons. We wish to thank Mr. Jones for having duly allowed to the letting of the hall, from which source a gross income of £13/10/- was received.

MISCELLANEOUS: A most pleasing event is the return of our friend and Club enthusiast, Mr. Jack Maples, whose new residence is almost finished and is quite close to our Club Room.

We wish to thank Mr. G. Prentice, Caretaker of Oatley Park, for his help and cooperation during the past season. Through the winter months he has been busy cleaning stones out of the baths, and acts that members assist by preventing children in their presence, from blowing more holes. Mr. Blake, our life-saving instructor, has again been responsible for further awards to our members, which is of great assistance to the Club. His efforts in this direction are worthy of the highest praise. Our Life-Saving County Record Book contains only two records. We are pleased that no serious accidents have occurred since 1931, and that a number of members have formed a life-saving patrol, and render assistance to bathers whenever necessary. The members, no constant visitors to the baths are pleased with the improvements that Council have made to the Park and Baths, and with the new dressing accommodation that we hear of, the district can claim a most delightful and rejuvenating pleasure resort.

LAND SYNDICATE: For the information of people who are not conversant with this matter, we give the following information: Certain members and other interested people formed together and purchased the block of land adjoining that of the Club. The Club agreed to take charge of the land and to pay all expenses connected with same, repayment of the purchase price to take place on the Club deciding to do so, and when the finances permit.

OBITUARY: The Club offers their sympathy to Mrs. L. Carter and family, of 41 St. Street, Oatley, for the loss of her husband and their father; also Mr. Fisher and family, of Waverley Street, Oatley, for the loss of his wife and their mother.

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Receipts & Expenditure Account for Season Ending 31st Aug., 1936.

RECEIPTS:		PAYMENTS:	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bank Balance, 1934-35	4 12 9	General Club Expenditure	20 27 1
Members' Subscriptions	8 2 0	Land and Building A/c	
Donations	4 15 0	Expenditure	31 0 0
Save Plans	3 3 0	Travelling A/c, Season	
Land Revenue	3 17 0	1935-36	22 8 5
Use of Hall	12 10 0	Enchire	8 11 0
Tennis Court	5 0 0	Socials	20 11 5
Scraps, etc.	20 5 1	Bank Balance and Cash	
Barbers	22 18 2	in Hand	17 4 4
Donations for Baths, 1934-35	2 4 0		
Carnival Races (receipts)	0 17 0		
Refund A.S.A. Carnival	2 4 0		
Notes Interest in 31st August	0 1 10		
Refund Water Pipe Assn.	0 7 0		
Refund Petty Cash Sub. Sec.	0 4 3		
	£130 15 0		£130 15 0

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1936.

LIABILITIES:		ASSETS:	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
CONTINGENT LIABILITY:		Council Valuation of Property	521 0 0
Land held by the Club		Tennis Court	40 0 0
owned by the "Land Syn-		Clubroom Fittings, etc.	25 0 0
dicate" included as an		Fines	20 0 0
asset under property	100 0 0	Cash in Hand and Bank Bal.	17 4 4
		Total Assets	£433 4 4

Auditors' Note: In our opinion the property value is overestimated, and we recommend that a revaluation be made.
Audited by J. Maples, A. Jones, 8/19/36.

President, Mr. P. Walker.
Treasurer, Mr. W. Stevens.
Secretary, Mr. W. T. Paekenhain.

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Whilst the Club was able to pay out this amount in trophies, it must not be forgotten that the Treasurer, Mr. Stevens, was ever mindful of the Club's finances so that today they are no liabilities, and the assets are shown at well over £500—a very healthy financial position.

OBITUARY: In celebrating our tenth anniversary, we must not forget to pay tribute to members and friends who have been called to "Eternal Rest" and on this our tenth birthday, "We Shall Remember Them"—Mr. A. Wilcox, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. L. Mullard, Mr. L. Carter, and Mr. G. Everingham.

APPRECIATION.

In reviewing this brief history a tribute must be paid to the following members, who have been the backbone of the Club, and thanks are due to them for their untiring energy and service in the history of the Club—Ald. H. Mulford, founder of the Club; W. Stevens, Hon. Treasurer since its inception; W. Paekenhain, Hon. Secretary; A. Jones, Asst. Secretary and Caretaker; J. Maples, Treasurer; A. Auld, Trainer; D. Shaw, Life Saving Instructor; B. Howard, Signwriter; D. Walker, President and Swimming Coach.

We wish to thank the proprietors of "The Express" and "Pimples" for the free publicity they have given to during the Club's existence, which has been of great assistance and value to us.

The publishing of this fine report and balance sheet has been made possible by the business people of the district whose advertisements are displayed herein, for which we thank them, and trust that readers will reciprocate wherever possible.

Annual General Meeting 21st September 1937

President J Maples (in an election against B Howard)
Patron in-Chief Ald H Mallard
Vice presidents B Howard, A Jones, W Pakenham
Patrons several mentioned.
Secretary B Howard
Ass Sec F Smith
Treasurer A Jones
Social Secretary J Lawler
And numerous other positions.

In this year the Water Board broke into the tennis court and removed our roller. We sought the roller back and asked for damages to be paid to the wire nets.

Hurstville Council exempted us from rates!

The deeds of the Land was transferred to the Club 9n June 1938 on payment of £9. Also the deeds of the Land Syndicate Block was transferred to us and then to the Trustees. Mr Pakenham was most influential in getting the deeds. The deeds were deposited at the "Bank" but the Bank would not accept them unless we had a cheque account.

Mr and Mrs Chopping had their ruby wedding anniversary and we let them have the hall for gratis.

The two photos below emphasis the separation of men and women.





OATLEY LADIES' SWIMMING CLUB.

BACK ROW: P. Wilson, P. Lawler, F. Davies, J. Robertson, J. Walker, D. Mallard,
K. Teague.
FRONT ROW: B. Corbett, J. Ryland, B. Bates, J. Williams, B. Ryland.

Annual General Meeting 20th September 1938

President J Maples (in an election against Mr Pakenham and F Walker)

Patron in-Chief Mr Lawler

Vice presidents F Walker, A Jones, W Pakenham

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary B Howard

Ass Sec J Smith

Treasurer A Jones

Social Secretary J Maples

And numerous other positions including Hon Solicitor, Hon medical officer, Life Saving Instructor.

Membership was an issue and various schemes proposed to increase it- members were required to introduce 3 new members, a trophy for the member introducing the most new members etc. Signage space at Mortdale station was sought.

The club wanted to sell the tennis court.

Push bikes were banned from the Club rooms at Sandy beach.

Throughout these early years there was much traffic in interclub correspondence on carnivals and swimming meetings and also with the peak swimming bodies.

A raffle for a cushion was held to raise money for Life saving awards- 1000 tickets at 3d each.

Picnic to Stanwell Park organised.

7/6 was spent on decorating the club room.

Annual General Meeting 19th September 1939

President F Walker (in an election against W Pakenham)

Patron in-Chief Mr R Lawler

Vice presidents B Howard, A Jones, W Pakenham

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary R Stevens

Ass Sec B Howard

Treasurer A Jones

Social Secretary J Maples

Trustees A Auld, J Maples, W Stevens.

And numerous other positions.

WW2 has just begun but no mention! Except that by June 1940 the club is involved in the Mortdale Patriotic Committee that helped our soldiers overseas. The Committee was granted use of our Hall whenever they needed it.

Later the Hurstville Patriotic Committee War Fund asked us for money- but the Club explained that we belonged to the Mortdale Committee.

Club fees unchanged. Committee and general meetings were discussed. Previously both had been held at varying intervals throughout the year. Now the practice was for general meetings every month and no committee meetings.

In interclub events the handicapping system was challenged. A respirator was purchased and members were coached in how to use it.

In September the Club had cash of £14/7/10.



Jewfish Point and Como Bridge from the Castle

1939.

Annual General Meeting 17th September 1940

President F Walker (in an election against W Packenham)

Patron in-Chief Mr R Lawler

Vice presidents B Howard, A Jones, W Packenham

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary R Falconer

Ass Sec B Howard but resigned in May 1941 and replaced by R Stevens.

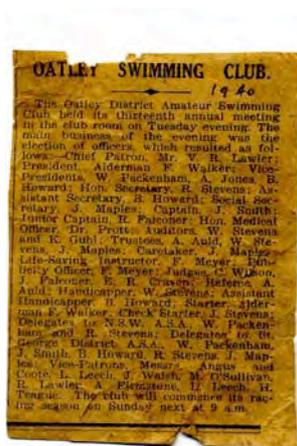
Treasurer A Jones

Social Secretary J Maples

Swimmers are warned against "foxing"!

The picnic choice was Thirroul.

The Ladies Club Championship first introduced.



Probably from a local paper.

Members In The Early 40's



Some Members Who Could Be Identified

F.Stevens, Clive Stevens, Tim Murphy, Arch Uebel, B.Grady, Alan Rumsey,
Noel Hammond,

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

Officials for 1939-40 Season.

Chief Patron, R. Lawler, Esq.
President, Ald. P. Walker
Vice Presidents, W. Pakenham, A. Jones, B. Howard.
Hon. Secretary, R. Stevens,
" Treasurer, A. Jones.
Asst. Secretary, B. Howard
Social Secretary, J. Maples
Captain, J. Smith
Junior Captain, R. Falconer
Hon. Medical Officer, Dr. H. Prott.
Auditors, W. Stevens, C. Wilson.
Trustees, A. Auld, J. Maples, W. Stevens.
Caretaker, J. Maples
Life Saving Instructor, F. Meyer
Publicity Officer, F. Meyer.
Judges, C. Wilson, J. Falconer, E. R. Craven,
Referee, A. Auld.
Handicapper, W. Stevens,
Asst. " B. Howard
Starter, P. Walker
Check Starter, J. Stevens
Delegates to N.S.W.A.S.A. W. Pakenham, R. Stevens.
Delegates to St. George A.S.A. W. Pakenham, J. Smith, B. Howard, .
R. Stevens and E. J. Maples.
Vice Patrons, Messrs. Ald. H. Mallard, Ald. P. Walker, C. Leech, D. Slaw
W. Wilton. Mesdames, S. Leech, H. Teague,
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Soldiers & Sailors I.L.A. Mortdale Sub Branch.
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During the year the Club lost a great supporter in the person of the late Mr.K.Guhl who was an official in the Club for a great number of years.

To Mr.Haples, our Social Secretary, we owe a debt of gratitude for his able carrying out of the social duties, especially the dances and very successful picnics.

We wish to thank our Officials for their great support during the year.

For and on behalf of the committee.

R.STEVENS,

Hon. Secretary.

SOCIAL REPORT.

Your Social Secretary has much pleasure in reporting one of the most successful years experienced for many years. The clubs dances this year have been an outstanding success and were also well patronised by members and friends. The sum of £37.9.10 was the amount of money derived from Socials & Drives. The thanks of the Club is extended to those members who by their willing co-operation assisted in making your dances so popular. Our Club also wishes to thank those ladies who so ably assisted your Social Secretary in the management of your dances.

J. MAPLES.

Social Secretary.

TREASURE'S REPORT.

The Club has had a very satisfactory year in all of it's activities. Financially, we have finished the season very strongly and after paying the trophy account a credit balance of £20.14.6. I take the liberty of expressing on behalf of the members and friends, our most grateful thanks to our Secretaries R. Stevens and J. Maples for the effort they have made during a most successful season.

A. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS A/C AS AT 7th SEPTEMBER 1940.

RECEIPTS

BANK Balance 1938-39	3 11 6
Socials, drives, etc.	87 3 9
Lecture	10 0 6
Subscriptions	9 6 0
Race fees	7 12 6
Hire of Hall	5 3 6
Land Scheme	5 9 6
Donations	5 3 0
Refund of Carnival fees, etc.	6 9 4
Refund of Life Saving Fees	3 16 3
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	£138 15 10

PAYMENTS

Petty Cash to Secretaries	5 9 9
Socials, Drives, Etc.	49 13 11
Affiliation & Capitation fees	4 9 0
Rates & Insurance	8 0 4
Electric Light	2 5 7
General Expenses	2 16 3
Printing	1 14 6
Championship & Carnival entry fees	4 10 6
Trophy engraving	1 0 0
Carnival Deposit	3 1 1
Respirator	2 6 1
Life Saving Awards	8 3 1
Cash on Hand	4 13 1
Cash at Bank	40 2 1
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	£138 15 10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 7th SEPTEMBER 1940.

LIABILITIES

Land Syndicate	82 1 0
Trophy Account, Coope	24 6 6
Excess of Assets over	218 0 6
Liabilities	
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	£324 8 0

Audited-
C. L. Wilson
W. T. Stevens
11th September, 1940

ASSETS

Land & Hall	250 0 0
Club Room Fittings	10 9 0
Lanes Etc.	6 10 0
Piano	10 0 0
Life Saving Respirator	2 0 0
Outstanding fees	17 0 0
Cash in hand	4 19 0
at Bank	40 2 0
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	£324 8 0

President - F. Walker
Secretary - R. Stevers
Treasurer - A. Jones

Annual General Meeting 23rd September 1941

President W Packenham
Patron in-Chief Mr R Lawler
Vice presidents B Howard, A Jones, J Maples
Patrons several mentioned.
Secretary L G Packenham
Ass Sec W Packenham
Treasurer A Jones
Social Secretary J Maples

An ad was to be placed at Mortdale Cinema. It went for several weeks and cost 13/6.
The picnic was cancelled because of lack of discount train fares.
Mr S Auld's donated a case of apples!
The 1941 Annual report was sent to "members in fighting forces overseas".

Annual General Meeting 15th September 1942

President W Packenham
Patron in-Chief Mr R Lawler
Vice presidents H Mallard, A Jones, J Maples
Patrons several mentioned.
Secretary L G Packenham
Ass Sec W Packenham
Treasurer A Jones
Social Secretary J Maples

Annual General Meeting 21st September 1943

President now called Chairman - Ray Acorn
Patrons several mentioned.
Secretary L Mallard
Treasurer G Fuimini

A major change in Clubs officials. Those above were the only ones elected at the meeting.

A local learn to swim program commenced. A bus was run to and fro Oatley on Saturday and Sunday with 90 pupils.

There were no meetings from Feb 1944 till the AGM in November.

Annual General Meeting 7th November 1944

President H Coates defeated R Acorn in ballot.

Patron in-Chief none

Vice presidents W Stevens, D Fletcher J Neilson

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary F Meyer

Ass Sec none

Treasurer A Jones (was elected "again")

Social Secretary none

The Club opened a cheque account.

A local learn to swim program continued. A bus was run to and fro Oatley on Saturday and Sunday with 90 pupils.

The usual requests to Council on the turning board and shark proof net were continued but a new one is the provision of showers at Sandy beach. The turning board was lifted by the club and repaired- the council sent a cheque for £25/2/9.

19th December 1944 H Belcher is admitted as a junior.

The Club had debts and a report was requested to see how the eliminate them.

Oatley Youth League was approached to get girl members to the club.

A winter sport activity was proposed- athletics and basketball. And Thursday nights were for euchre, draughts, bridge, 500, quoits, table tennis, darts, volleyball, monopoly, debates etc. The athletics was to be held at Oatley park oval.

Discussion of changing championship events from yards to metres but lost at this time.

The soil was collected and sent to labs to see whether there was tinea in the soil.

Annual General Meeting 18th September 1945

President H Coates defeated G Hand in ballot.

Patron in-Chief H Mallard

Vice presidents D Fletcher G Hand W Dawes

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary F Meyer

Ass Sec C Stevens

Treasurer A Jones

Social Secretary Ray Stevens

Trustees A Auld, J Maples, W Stevens

Land Liabilities to be investigated and report.- But this is rarely recorded in the minutes. But here there are records- £70 is still owing to land syndicate holders. The issue was to remove the debt.

R Acorn is permanently disqualified from Oatley ASC. This was somehow reduced to 3 years. The State ASA was notified. Why was he disqualified??

More work on the turning board.

The "Splash" first edition goes out- N Thomas was the promoter. The council has erected lights at the baths but had not turned them on due to "present emergency restrictions".

Thirroul was the scene of the annual picnic and Thirroul ASC was contacted to hold some events on the picnic day.

Treasurer reports that the club is in a "fairly sound financial position".

The council agrees to moving the partition in the clubroom to increase its size. But they wont put in a springboard. Electricity would be available soon at the clubhouse.

The clubhouse was broken into in Feb 1946 but no one found responsible.

The Oatley Hall was not a registered Public Hall and hence the Club could no further hire it out. But this was circumvented by allowing free access and a later donation would be made by users- especially the Oatley West Progress Association.

A Victory day picnic was held in June 1946.

SYLLABUS FOR 1945

October 7th—9.30 a.m.
50 Metres Junior Hcp.
50 Metres Senior Hcp.

October 21st—9.30 a.m.
50 Metres Junior Hcp.
50 Metres Senior Hcp.

November 4th—9 a.m.
50 Metres Junior Hcp.
100 Metres Senior Hcp.

November 11th—11 a.m.
100 Metres Junior Hcp.
150 Metres Senior Hcp.

November 18th—9 a.m.
50 Metres Junior Hcp.
50 Metres Senior Hcp.

November 25th—2 p.m.
100 Metres Junior Hcp.
100 Metres Senior Hcp.

December 2nd—9 a.m.
50 Metres Junior Hcp.
50 Metres Senior Hcp.

December 9th—11 a.m.
100 Metres Junior Hcp.
200 Metres Senior Hcp.

December 23rd—11 a.m.
100 Metres Junior Hcp.
150 Metres Senior Hcp.

December 25th—11 a.m.
XMAS SCRAMBLE.

Teams Relay on every occasion
when Races are held a.m.

Members please note that events
will commence promptly on times
according to this Syllabus.

Annual General Meeting 1st September 1946

President H Coates defeated W Dawes in ballot.

Patron in-Chief J Maples

Vice presidents Mr Patterson, D Fletcher W Dawes

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary F Meyer

Ass Sec J Smith

Treasurer A Jones

Trustees J Maples, W Stevens, A Auld

Social sec H Duckworth and T Murphy elected 5 November 1946.

100 copies of Splash produced.

Learn to Swim continues to be a major activity for the Club.

Finance report not yet audited. But at later meeting accepted-
£34/5/6 in the Bank.

Annual fees up to Seniors 12/6 - Juniors 6/-. Ladies 7/6 and that all
race fees be eliminated. Up to now there was an entry fee to each
race.

Night races were discussed. Council was requested to purchase a
floating barge to be used as the turning board. The council found
the cost too much. But the lights were turned on.

The wire in the baths was so bad that the club decided to cancel
races unless the wire was mended. Some meetings cancelled in
October 1946. By 3 December the net was repaired.

Club swimming caps purchased. 51/- per dozen.

The Picnic and events was at Thirroul again.

The Splash was discontinued in January 1947.
From April 1947 no meetings till AGM.

Annual General Meeting 16th September 1947

President R Patterson
Patron in-Chief J Maples
Vice presidents W Hirst, F Meyer, H Coates
Patrons several mentioned.
Secretary R Stevens
Ass Sec H Duckworth
Treasurer ????
Trustees J Maples, W Stevens, A Auld
Social Sec A Jeffery and F Stevens

Bank balance of £32/15/-.

Hurstville Council again donates the rates.

Council supplied 5 drums to assist in the repair of the turning board.
They also paid the Club £6 to assist. It seems that the club was left
to its own devices to get the turning board in shape.

At this time a lot of work on the Hall was being done with timber
and roofing material purchased. Also some extensions being
planned. The Trustees were asked to borrow \$100 for all the capital
works.

Annual General Meeting 7th September 1948

President W Stevens

Patron in-Chief Mr Cuthbertson (due a donation for which he was thanked)

Vice presidents D Shaw, W Craven Mr Patterson

Patrons several mentioned.

Secretary R Stevens

Ass Sec Mr P Patterson

Treasurer Mr H Duckworth (resigned 5th October 1948) Mr R Hand elected.

Trustees D Shaw, W Stevens, A Auld

Social Sec Mr J Burke

Picnic to Wattamolla by bus. But another picnic at Prince Edward park proposed – and getting there was by train and then a walk?

There was a Christmas Scramble organised and prizes awarded. The recording of new members was not by name any more- or at least not recorded "several new members were admitted"!

A Loud Speaker was purchased for £15. It needed a power point to work which was not then available.

Night races were scheduled for 730pm in Feb 1949.

The slippery pole event was taken off the Carnival events list.

A Fete was held in Feb 1949 and it made £53/1/0.

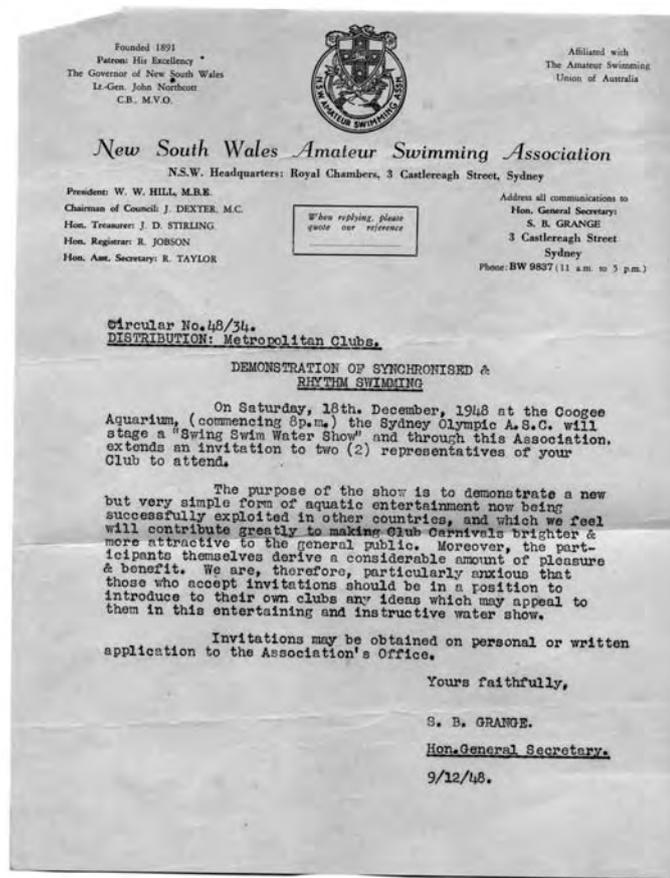
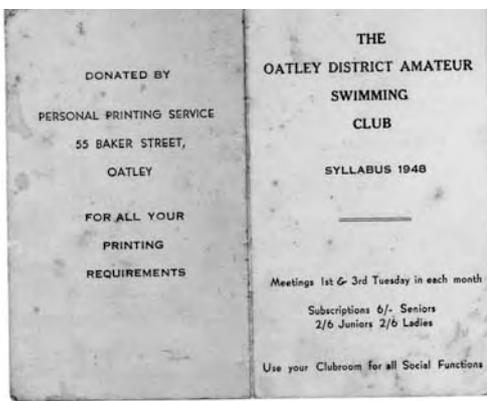
As well as the usual requests to Council for turning boards and wire repairs- this year we asked for a phone to be connected to the Baths.

The Club held a bonfire night in May

Dances Fancy Dress balls and Film nights (also callisthenics) were organised during the off season- they raised money and provided entertainment for the members. Indeed there was a regular dance organised every Friday night in July August 1949. These were held at the Masonic Hall Oatley.

Splash was continued and one edition had 1000 copies printed.

The Clubs sign at "the station" cost 27/- to NSW Railways.



SYLLABUS FOR 1948

October 3rd- 9 a.m. 50 Metres Senior Hcp. 50 Metres Junior Hcp. 50 Metres Ladies Hcp. 50 Metres Back & Breast Stroke Hcp.	November 21st- 11 a.m. 150 Metres Senior Hcp. 100 Metres Junior Hcp. 100 Metres Ladies Hcp. (Shaw Trophy)
October 10th- 2 p.m. 50 Metres Senior Hcp. 50 Metres Junior Hcp. 50 Metres Ladies Hcp. 50 Metres Back & Breast Stroke Hcp.	November 28th- CLUB PICNIC December 5th- 11.30 a.m. 200 Metres Senior Hcp. (Auld Trophy) 50 Metres Junior Hcp. 50 Metres Ladies Hcp.
October 17th- 9 a.m. 100 Metres Senior Hcp. 50 Metres Junior Hcp. 50 Metres Ladies Hcp. 50 Metres Back & Breast Stroke Hcp.	December 19th- 10.30 a.m. 400 Metres Senior Hcp. 50 Metres Junior Hcp. (Shaw Trophy) 50 Metres Ladies Hcp.
October 31st- 9 a.m. 100 Metres Senior Hcp. 50 Metres Junior Hcp. 50 Metres Ladies Hcp. 50 Metres Back & Breast Stroke Hcp.	December 25th- 9 a.m. XMAS SCRAMBLE
November 14th- 8 a.m. 50 Metres Senior Hcp. 50 Metres Junior Hcp. 50 Metres Ladies Hcp. 100 Metres Back & Breast Stroke Hcp.	POINTS ALLOTTED FOR ALL EVENTS. A. E. CUTHBERTSON TROPHIES FOR SENIOR, JUNIOR AND LADIES POINT SCORE

1947/48 accounts

Extracted from Accounts Book 1929-1959 shillings and pence rounded.

Balance sheet £

Land Syndicate	54	Land and buildings	300
Trophies outstanding	20	Club room fittings	68
Excess assets over liabilities	340	Piano	10
		Typewriter	7
		Life saving respirator	2
		Outstanding fees	1
		Cash	18
	379		379

Annual General Meeting 6th September 1949

President W Stevens

Patron in-Chief Mr Cuthbertson

Vice presidents D Shaw, W Craven Mr Patterson

Patrons anyone who donated.

Secretary D McDougall

Ass Sec Mr P Patterson

Treasurer Mr R Hand

Trustees D Shaw, W Stevens, A Auld

Social Sec Mr J Burke (Mrs J Stevens elected in Jan 1950 to Asst Soc Sec)

More tar drums (44 gallon type) and timber for the turning board. It was pulled out of the water and repaired in September 1949. Two were donated but the council supplied several drums.

The State ASA donated money (£10?) to the Maitland Flood relief fund. Our Club donated £2/2/0 to a similar fund.

An official Club Badge was designed in embroidery and plans to purchase a number at around 6/3 each. The colours in the badge had some discussion but what they ended up as in not recorded.

Forbes Carlisle produced a film on the 1950 Empire Games that the club wished to show and have Mr Carlisle at the occasion.

The Callisthenics evening lost 10/6!

The Club donated £5 for Mr Shaw's wedding eve! Club members were invited to make a contribution but later minutes show a "poor result".

The Club was in a Water polo comp.

There was a free Caltex Oil picture night at the club rooms. "Shell " had some later in the year as did the Gas Company.

The council came in for the usual but again showers were requested and the prohibition of dogs was requested.

Learn to swim campaign was again run with "great success".

Donations of money were always flowing in but several other donations were recorded over the years- 3lbs of tea, sweets, a "duchess set" being some examples. The food items ended up in the Xmas hamper raffle.

One of the Friday night dances ended with drunken and disorderly conduct!

A fancy dress race was proposed.

Thirroul was the venue of the picnic.

Motorbike club members were prohibited from riding their bikes on to swimming areas.

A fence was to be built around the Club property.

There was a "Frank Stevens Fund" – for what purpose? As well as the fund there was a party to be held for him and his parents.

A event of relay races was set for 9pm on a Thursday night in January 1950.

The Fete this year had a flower display competition and the RAS was asked to provide judges.

A picnic for "mental diggers" was organised with Oatley RSL.

A girls basketball competition had an entry form our Club. The Club was happy to sponsor team with purchase of a ball.

The Carnival was to be held at Moorefield Racecourse- the current site of the TAFE and high schools. It seems there was a procession on the day and the Club decided not to enter a float.

Apl. 24th - Consolation Race
8 a.m., 5 Starters No Race

A.E. Cuthbertson Pt. Score
Senior Junior Ladies
£2-0-0 £1-10-0 £1-10-0

LEARN TO SWIM

Classes conducted February
Sat. 2 30 p.m. S.ind. 9 30 a.m.
at Sandy Beach, Oatley Park

Members please NOTE races will
commence promptly on time

General Breast. & Back. Hdps.—also
Juvenile Races on each day 6 starters
or no race

Don't forget Dances on
4 th February - July - August

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OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR

SWIMMING CLUB

SYLLABUS 1949

Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Ron Stevens P. Paterson
Hon. Sec. Race Sec.

Club Room (Cnr. Myall St. &
Woonoona Parade.)

TO LET — Socials, Weddings,
Meetings, Childrens' Parties etc.
Caretaker — D.Shaw, Mi Mi St.,
Oatley

Jan. 2nd - 50 Metres Senior, Junior
11 a.m. & Ladies Hdcp.

Jan. 16th - 50 Metres General Hdcp.
10 a.m. Mortdale Oatley West
Diggers' Trophy
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.

Jan. 23rd - 100 Metres Senior Hdcp.
3 30 p.m. Jolly Miller Trophy
100 Metres Junior Hdcp.
F. Montague Trophy
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.

Jan. 30th - 100 Metres Senior Hdcp.
10 a.m. 100 Metres Junior Hdcp.
Paterson Trophies
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.
F. Montague Trophy

Feb 6th - CLUB PICNIC

Feb. 13th - CARNIVAL
9 a.m. 100 Metres Sen. Club Chp.
Anderson Trophy
50 Metres Jun. Club Chp.
S. Roberts Trophy
50 Metres Lad. Club. Chp.
W.Stevens Trophy

150 Metres Medley Chp.
Oatley RSL Trophy

Feb. 27th - 50 Metres General Hdcp.
8 30 a.m. Lance Mallard Mem.
Trophy
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.

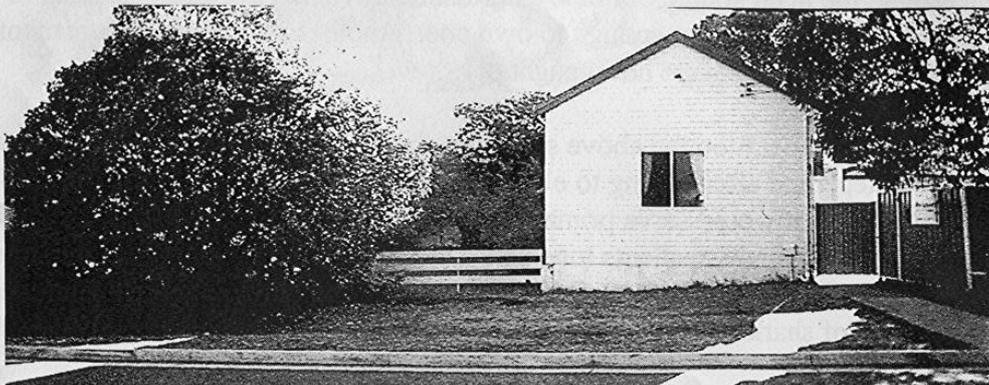
Mch. 6th - CLUB PICNIC

Mch 13th - 100 Metres Senior Hdcp.
8 30 a.m. Farmer Trophy
100 Metres Junior Hdcp.
R. Parkes Trophy
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.
Backstroke Chps.

Mch. 27th - Length of Baths Hdcp.
8 30 a.m. J. McDowell Mem. Tpy.
50 Metres Junior Hdcp.
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.

Apl. 3rd - 100 Metres Gen Hdcp.
11 a.m. J. Maples Mem. Tpy.
100 Metres Ladies Hdcp.

Apl. 17th - 400 Metres Senior Hdcp.
12 30 p.m: 100 Metres Junior Hdcp.
50 Metres Ladies Hdcp.



Club Room in Myall St, Oatley.

Splash was the clubs magazine- here is a 1949 copy.

S P L A S H

MONTHLY NEWS
OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
AUGUST, 1949

PRESIDENT: W. Stevens **SECRETARY:** Ren Stevens **TREASURER:** R. Hand
SOCIAL SECRETARY: J. Burke **ORGANISER:** D. Shaw
EDITOR: Ray Stevens
CLUB ROOM: Cnr. Myall St. and Woonoona Parade, Oatley

WHAT'S ON FOR AUGUST

2nd August	Tuesday	Swimming Club Meeting, Club Room.
5th August	Friday	Football Dance, Masonic Hall.
6th August	Saturday	Swimming Club Presentation Dance, Masonic Hall.
12th August	Friday	Combined Clubs Dance, Masonic Hall. Proceeds Marjorie Jones Fund.
17th August	Tuesday	Training films on Swimming (power permitting).
19th August	Friday	Swimming Club Dance, Masonic Hall.
24th August	Wednesday	Motor Cycle Club Dance, Masonic Hall.
25th August	Thursday	Marjorie Jones Dance, School of Arts.
26th August	Friday	Football Dance, Masonic Hall.
6th September	Tuesday	ANNUAL MEETING

GENERAL NEWS

Intending members can now join the club for the forthcoming season by contacting the Club's officials. Seniors 6/6, Ladies and Juniors 2/6.

The trophies for the past season are now on exhibition at Jolly Millers, Mortdale, Rogers Store, Mulga Road, Oatley and Riley & Cowell, Frederick Street, Oatley. Many thanks are extended to these tradespeople for the opportunity of exhibiting them.

NOTE NOTE: Please note that meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month - so don't forget.

We wish to thank the following people for their donations for the coming season - Mrs. Tarrant, Lloyd Street, Oatley, Riley & Cowell, Rogers, Frederick Street, Oatley, J. Duckworth, Lloyd Street, Oatley and E. Mallard Jnr. of Peakhurst.

It is the intention of the club to have a library for the use of the members in the coming season, so if you have any good reading matter, (like *Life* or *Swimmer*), that you have no further use for, we would be very pleased if you would send them to the club.

On the Sick List: Mr. Ron Parkes has been very ill for the past two months and we hope to hear his melodious voice around the district - Bakel! Also one of our members, Buddy Grady, is in hospital and we hope he is on the road to recovery.

Tuesday, 17th August is the night set down (power permitting) for the practical demonstration plus films, by the North Sydney Olympic Club at our Club Room, of the art of training scientifically for swimming and all members are asked to attend, as they will benefit considerably from seeing the films and demonstrations - so roll up!

Soft Ball: Dave McDougall has started a game of Soft Ball up on the Oval at Oatley Park every Sunday afternoon. Anybody interested can contact him.

NOTE NOTE: The Annual Meeting will be held on the 6th September. All members are requested to attend.

SOCIAL NEWS

Since the introduction of the regular Friday night dances by your three local sporting clubs, The Swimming Club, Sports Club (Football) and the Motor Cycle Club, the young people of Oatley have gone all "social" and are now having much better and more enjoyable times; not only have more friends been met and made, but a greater co-operation and interest between the local clubs have sprung up. Yes, these regular dances have proved to be a huge success and with their continuance on the first Friday in August and every Friday thereafter, it seems that there is a good time in store for everyone in Oatley. The success of these dances just goes to show what can be achieved with a little co-operation and organisation.

I do not think we will ever hear it said again that Oatley is a "dead hole" and that there is never anything worthwhile on in the place in fact it has been suggested that in the near future each Club should hold a Ball in one of the larger halls. Better start saving your pennies.

It has also been suggested that with the near approach of the warmer weather this year the three clubs get together and hold combined picnics and hikes, but more of that in the next issue.

FANCY DRESS BALL

The Fancy Dress Ball held by the Swimming Club on Saturday the 16th July proved to be even a greater success than ever anticipated. The attendance was 180 persons, about 60 of whom wore fancy dress, not to mention the numerous ladies who came in very attractive evening dresses; also the young men were well represented in Bold Look Ties. Congratulations ladies, it looks as if we have at last started something in Oatley. Keep it up!

In spite of the large crowd at the function, everybody says that they had a real good time and are all asking when the next one will be.

The prize winners were:-

Mandrake - Harry Brierley, Old Fashioned Girl - Elva Smith, Senecita - Coral Montague, Rajah or Magador - Murray Tarrant, Old Fashioned Bathing Costume - Tony Hall, Onion Girl - Nola Stevens, Baker - Bill Stevens, French Swim Suit - Ken Allcorn, Inventor of Life - Ray Farrell and Marlene Keating, Carmen Miranda - Betty Halsey, Hill Billy - Bill Welch.

Result of Raffle:

The winner of the box of fruit raffled in conjunction with the Fancy Dress Ball was won by Mr. Martin Greenfields - Ticket No. 61.C.

THANKS

The Swimming Club wishes to extend its thanks to Mr. C. Hardy, Oatley for arranging and donating the box of fruit for the raffle at the Ball; Mr. Thomas, Fruit Stall, Oatley Station, Mr. Bennett, Bot's Fruit Shop, Mortdale, Mr. Shaw, Painter, Oatley for helping out in regards to the emergency lighting at the Friday night dances and the Fancy Dress Ball; Mr. Tinsley, Mr. Collins and Miss E. Stevens for signs and advertising notices.

PRESENTATION DANCE

As shown in "What's On" the Swimming Club's Annual Presentation Dance is being held this year on Saturday 6th August. This function being the Clubs main social event of the year, will be a semi-formal turn-out, so ladies evening dress if possible and gents at least sport a decent tie, or better still, what about making New Ties the order of the night, would you be in it? They are cheaper than ordinary ties.

CLUB ROOM

The Club Room is looking a great deal better for the hard work that has been done on it. The plasterers have been in and now the painters are having a go. The Club has a good team of workers but it is a big job and there are plenty of jobs to go around. So members come along every week end and give a hand. It is your Club Room.

THIS AND THAT

Our old club member, Mrs. Nolan (nee Joy Auld) has made Mrs. Auld a grandmother again with another baby daughter.

Wal Peckham, one of our foundation members, has been seen around the town lately, down on a visit from his ranch at Long Jetty.

Trust somebody to lose a trophy! I wonder who it is?

Some of the Senior members have had a second childhood by racing in billy carts on Oungah Bay Road - D. Mc is one of them.

The weather will soon be warm enough for the boys to get some secret training in, but take care down Sandy - it is not the wreck of the Queen Elizabeth it's the Turning Board.

Who is the human fly who put his feet through the Club Room ceiling?

Those who heard the "bomb" blow up are wondering what it is. Don't wonder, ask Jim Burke.

Who said "Frog" is suffering from a swelled head it's just as false that "Snaz" has lost his.

Poor old Tony, he copped it on the nose.

We all know Nola knows her onions.

COMBINED CLUB DANCE

Once a month the three local clubs hold a combined dance and donate the total proceeds to some worthy cause. For the July Dance, held Friday 16th, the proceeds £11/2/6 were donated to the Marjorie Jones Fund.

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your Committee submits for your consideration the Twenty Second Annual Report.

MEMBERSHIP: Ladies 30, Seniors 33, Juniors 58, Land Scheme Members 95, Total 216.

MEETINGS: Twenty meetings were held with an average of 30 at each meeting.

RACING: During the season 75 club events were contested at our baths, the total trophy value being \$103.

At our Annual Championship Carnival which was watched by a large audience, a record number of competitors attended, amongst which Ramsgate, Drumoyne, Spit & Palm Beach clubs were represented. The Oatley Cup was won by Ramsgate Club by beating Oatley by one yard. It being one of the closest contested relays for many years. Our club filled 2nd and 3rd places in this relay, the first time for many years.

The trophies presented at the Carnival were valued at \$228.

One of our members Frank Stevens has been outstanding in State and Australian championships, gaining 2nd place in both N.S.W. and Australian Backstroke Championships and winning the N.S.W. Intermediate Backstroke Championship. He has every chance in representing Australia at the Empire Games to be held in 1950.

CLUB CHAMPIONS

SENIOR			
100 yds	J. Stevens	(150 metres)	2.25 secs.
100 yds	Ron Stevens	(100 metres)	1.20 "
100 yds	J. Stevens	(100 metres)	1.29 "
100 yds	P. Paterson	(100 metres)	1.36 "
JUNIOR			
50 yds	G. Paterson	(50 metres)	49.36 secs.
50 yds	G. Paterson	(50 metres)	49.1/2 "
50 yds	G. Paterson	(50 metres)	58.2/5 "
LADIES			
50 yds	D. Barnaby	(50 metres)	37 secs.
50 yds	N. Stevens	(50 metres)	57.2/5 "
50 yds	A. Hodgson	(50 metres)	58 "

Other outstanding swimmers for the season have been G. Paterson who won all Junior Championships, and Stan Brierley who although only 11 years old has been doing some fast times.

FAMILY SCHEME

The family scheme was well patronised by local residents during the year, 35 members being enrolled, 60 of them being successfully taught to swim during the season.

TRUSTERS REPORT

During the past 12 months great improvements have been made to the Clubroom. Extensions and additions have been built including a new entrance, ladies room and kitchen and the hall refurnished and decorated, the improvements to the value of approximately \$450.

Thanks are due to all who assisted.

We wish to thank the following organisations for their support during the year:- Northall-Oatley R.S.L., Oatley R.S.L., West Oatley Progress Association, Motor Cycle Club, Oatley Football Club and all ladies connected with local bodies who helped throughout the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Congratulations are due to the Social Secretary, Jim Burke and other club officials for their hard work in making the season such a financial success. A large amount of money has been spent on the Hall, and though we only commence with a small cash balance, we can look ahead to a successful financial year. The income from social events is, I think, a record.

We wish to thank the Auditors, Messrs. Ray and John Stevens for the most efficient way they carried out their duties.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

During the year no less than 23 social functions were held by the club, consisting of 12 dances, 3 picture nights, 4 picnics, one sports day and a fete, tennis tournaments and 3 large raffles.

All the functions except the first few were particularly well supported. In all, after deducting expenses, no less than £197. was raised by social functions.

The Social Secretary wishes to thank all members, friends and local residents for their support, particularly in regards to the raffles and fete.

GENERAL

The Club wishes to thank the following donors:-

A. J. Cuthbertson, D. Shaw, A. Auld, Mr. Farmer, H. Mallard, F. Montague, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Patterson, Jolly Miller, W. Stevens, Mrs. Shadley, F. Walker, Angus & Coats Ltd., L.M. Roberts, M. O'Brien, Hurstville Council for assistance, A. Poole, Mr. Smith, D. Stewart, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Chopping, H. Mallard Jnr., H. Duckworth, Mrs. L. Patterson, Mrs. W. Stevens, Mrs. B. Shaw, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Garvan, Mr. J. Worrall.

RELEASE EXTRA

The School of Arts Oatley is looking very good now since it has been painted and redecorated and local dancers will be pleased to hear now that a new tallowwood dance floor is to be put in very soon, this hall should then be one of the best dance halls in the district.

Don't forget that the regular monthly dances for the Marjorie Lenox Fund on the last Thursday night each month is still going, and for the next three months at least, your popular swim club "Master of Ceremonies" will be running the dance.

Swish Stop Press

Have you noticed young D. Mass. (Phantom) is sporting a Cornell Wydo "Hair Do" The local swim club boys (Dead End Kids) seem to be in the money, they are all getting around on new bikes (Have you heard of any banks being robbed lately).

OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET & STATE OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31/3/49

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Sales	24.12.0	Building	2044.1.0
Race Fee	18.0.0	Social	29.2.0
Donations	35.0.0	Club Expenses	34.0.0
Social	223.7.2	Hall Expenses	13.0.1
Land Scheme	4.10.0	Trophies	54.3.4
Hire of hall	26.4.0	P. A. System	24.1.9
Amplifier	4.10.0	Bank Charges	1.0.0
Refunds	10.12.0		
	£304.12.5		£399.7.11

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Land & Hall	900.0.0	Land Syndicate	54.1.0
Cash on Hand	3.18.6	Rates Municipal	4.10.0
		Water Rates	15.0.0
		Amplifier	17.0.0
		Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	827.0.1
	£903.18.6		£903.18.6

PRESIDENT: W. Stevens.
SECRETARY: Ron Stevens.
TREASURER: R. Hand.

We have examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Oatley District Amateur Swimming Club and we hereby certify that the above statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities are in accordance therewith.

R. Stevens - Public Accountant.
J. Stevens

AUDITORS

Annual General Meeting 1950 to 1959 are missing

However the accounts book recorded some basic information about the president and Secretary etc and there are several brochures of the program and some editions of Splash to fill in some of the history at this time.



Early 50's photo

Back Row	R. Moss, Unknown
Second Row	J. Stevens, L. Farrar
	P. Paterson, Ron St
Front Row	M. Staples, Unknow
	K. Stewart, W. Davi

THE OATLEY DISTRICT 'A' AND 'B' SWIMMING CLUB'S
1950-51 SEASON

SPLASH

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WINTER BREAK
LOCAL ORGANIZATION DANCE - Masquito Hall Oatley.
In this year Swim Club, Messes (March) Motor cycle Club, Sports Club (Football).

First & Third Term
Swim Club Meeting, Chabrouns Myall St., Oatley.
Night racing at Shady Beach, 100 Yds. Gen. Map.
Swim Club Meeting, Shady Beach, 440 Yds. Gen. 300 Yds. Jan. Cys. 100 Yds.

SPECIAL NEWS
Frank Stevens who represented Australia at the Empire Games met his very best competition however he was successful in getting into the final 5 running fourth row for the 4th. Fastest time for the 200 Yds. Championship.

ON HIS RETURN Frank was successful in winning the State Stroke Title, this beating the English star Kendall. The Club extends its congratulations to Frank on his success.

AT THE CLUB'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL held at Shady Beach 19th Feb. many District Championships were held but our Club was not successful in winning any prizes. Club members must be the first to do any good long swim trials and trials held. The names of any boys & girls who were Champions in our midst, but we will not show unless more trials are done. So next season it best if you are interested in it in touch with club matters in need. **WARR. IN FEEL ALL** members would be present, so that Club business and activities can be more fully discussed and presented to the satisfaction of all.

FR. DAVE HODGSON'S secretary has returned from a very successful tour of Sydney and Melbourne as an instructor under the N.S.W.A.S.A. banner to Swim Camp.

THE LIGHTS are on at Shady Beach every night when the tide is high between 7 and 10 P.M. So come down and make use of them.

SWIMMING RACES
ANNUAL CLUB CARNIVAL The postponed Carnival was held in good weather on the 18th Feb. there was a good attendance of spectators and competitors from Oatley and Rungate Clubs.

The Carnival commenced with Club Championships, the senior being won by J. Stevens with Ron's competition for second and third places.

The junior event provided one of the highlights of the day. D. Moss and D. Hughes cleared away from the field and dominated for 1st. in the final of 37 sec. Later in a run-in they tried to fight it out, but again dominated in 25 sec. This is the first time in the Club's history that this has happened and so Dave and Hughie are now acclaimed joint junior club champions.

The Ladies Championship was won by Audrey Hodgson.

Several District Championships were held but our club did not win any for the first time in many years Oatley practically made a clean sweep in the inter-club events. Many first times were recorded, and a few disappointments for breaking of time over the necessary limit. The six a side triathlons for breaking of time over the necessary limit. The six a side triathlons for breaking of time over the necessary limit. The six a side triathlons for breaking of time over the necessary limit.

CARNIVAL RESULTS
100 Yds. Sen. C/C/Ship.... 80 Yds. Jun. C/C/Ship... 30 Yds. L. disc C/Ship.
1st. J. Stevens 1st. B. Hughes 1st. A. Hodgson.
2nd. Ray Stevens 2nd. D. Moss T.C.C. 2nd. H. Stevens.
3rd. Ray Stevens 3rd. B. Ward.
3rd. H. Muir.

50 Yds. Sen. Interclub. 200 Yds. Jun. Interclub. 200 Yds. Dist. C/Ship.
1st. J. Stevens 1st. B. Hughes 1st. A. Hodgson.
2nd. A. Uobal 2nd. J. Curran 2nd. R. Stevens.
3rd. P. Paterson 3rd. D. Crisp 3rd. D. Crisp

100 Yds. Sen. C/Ship. 100 Yds. Jun. Dist. B/Stroke C/Ship.
(Back)
1st. J. Gullin Ram. 1k. 200 Yds. 1st. R. Goodsell Ram. T. M. 200 Yds.
2nd. R. Goodsell 2nd. J. Curran 2nd. J. Curran 3rd. T. M. 400 Yds.
3rd. K. Robertson 3rd. R. Reynolds.

300 M. Relay (3 swimmers)
Rungate 1st. Oatley 2nd. Rungate 3rd. Time 3 Min. 2 sec.

150 M. Relay (3 swimmers)
Oatley 1st. Rungate 2nd. Rungate 3rd. Time 1 Min. 43 sec.

CLUB RACES.... 18th Feb. club Championships.
150 Yds. Sen. Hodgson 1st. J. Stevens 1st. R. Peterson 2nd. R. Stevens. 3rd.
Time 2 Min. 24 sec.

150 Yds. Jun. Hodgson. D. Moss 1st. L. Dodd 2nd. J. Curran 3rd. T. M. 400 Yds.

The races were held in very adverse conditions, never the less, last seasons time were broken.

During the month of February three lots of night races were held, with fairly good attendances of both competitors and spectators. These night events are very interesting and afford a good opportunity to cool off those not swimmers, so if you have not been down, come along the next time races are on, if not for a swim then a walk in the cool and witness the races.

RESULT OF GUESSEING COMPETITION run by Messes in aid of Mental Diggers Day out in Oatley 11-3-50.
1st. No. 27 Mrs. L. Hammond. 35 Lloyd Street, Oatley.
2nd. " 71. Sid Everett. Oatley.
3rd. " 82. L. Root. Oatley.

Office bearers 1950

Not recorded but it is most likely the same President (W Stevens) and Secretary (Dave McDougall) were re-elected. The Annual Report for 1949/50 was presented at this AGM but no minutes have been found.

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GENERAL

Secretary's Report - The Club as can be seen has had a very good year as far as competitions, finance and social activities are concerned, in fact we have been acknowledged by A.S.A. officials as being one of the most progressive swimming clubs in Australia, but one thing we are sadly lacking in is senior and Lady members, this seems very strange when we have so many facilities, activities and advantages which could be and should benefit to all local residents. The club is run for the benefit of the local community and more interest should be taken in the Club, especially by parents with children.

The swimming races have been competed for very keenly throughout the season, and, for the first time, the Club has conducted races for juveniles (*parents, note*), although the senior and junior races were always well patronised, the ladies section which started off with zest and enthusiasm at the start of the season, faded away almost entirely towards the end. Although we still have quite a number of lady members, the trouble seems to be that we are lacking a good lady organizer to act as Ladies Secretary and arrange competitions for the girls. Is there any lady in the district who would be willing to take it on? If so, would you get in touch with us.

Several inter-club carnivals were competed in by members of the Club during the season, notably at Lawson, Thirroul and Ramsgate, the Club being very successful in all.

Each month up till last April the Club put out its monthly "Splash" which from all reports was appreciated and enjoyed by members and all local residents to whom it was delivered. We hope to continue this service in the future.

In the Swimming World, our best achievement for the year was the selection of Mr. Frank Stevens to represent Australia at the Empire Games held at Auckland, New Zealand. Frank was also successful in winning the N.S.W. State senior backstroke title.

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Trustees Report - The trustees of the Club wish to report that, although the work of adding to, renovating and painting the Club rooms has been a long and slow job, it is now nearing completion, we think, and all will agree that the effort has been well worth while, for when it is finally completed members will be proud to say "well, that's our Clubroom".

The Clubroom as it stands has been the means of raising a fair amount of finance during the year. It has been well patronised for parties, weddings and social functions and, with its early completion, we hope to see it even more so patronised.

We ask the members to rally round and, with a final effort, endeavour to complete the job before the coming swimming season.

We also wish to thank the following organisations for their support through the year:- Oatley Motor Cycle Club, Progress Association, Mothers Club, Labor and Liberal Parties, and Miss Jan Stone (dancing teacher) and the many other local residents. We also wish to thank members and residents who have helped with the work at the Clubroom and also Mrs. Chopping and Mrs. Williams for their valuable assistance during the year.

Treasurer's Report - As can be seen from the financial statement the Club has had a very successful year as far as finance is concerned. Although the Club has liabilities to the extent of approximately £42, this is the least they have ever been, and with the early completion of the Clubroom we can at last see that this amount will be met soon.

Congrats and thanks are due to Mr. J. Burke and Mrs. G. Stevens for their efforts in organising and running the many Club social events, from which the greater part of the Club's income was derived.

Thanks also to other Club officials, Messrs. W. T. Stevens, Gallagher, Shaw, McDougall, Walker, Paterson, Montagu and Parks for their hard work in making the season such a success. (Continued on Page 4 of "Splash".)

baths at Sandy Beach, Oatley Park.

The Club was well represented at several other

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OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
BALANCE SHEET & INCOME 1949-50 as at 31-8-50

Receipts	£. s. d.	Payments	£. s. d.
Membership Fees	17.18. -	Building	110.16. 3
Land scheme	5. 2. 6	P.A. System	18. -. -
Income from Hall	67.18. 6	Trophies	84. 3.11
Social Actvs.etc.	201. -. 2	Club Expenses	114.11. 3
Donations	44.11. 2		
Carnival receipts	4.10. -		
Race fees	7. -. -		
Badges	12.16. 3		
P.A. System	1. -. -		
	£ 362. 1. 7		£ 327.11. 5

ASSETS	£. s. d.	LIABILITIES	£. s. d.
Cash in Bank and in Hand	37. 5. 6	Land Syndicate	54. -. -
Land and Hall	1200. -. -	Fencing (Chopping)	10. -. -
P.A. System	30. -. -	Fittings Club Room	14.10. -
		Trophies	1. -. -
		Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	1187.15. 6
	£ 1267. 5. 6		£ 1267. 5. 6

PRESIDENT - W. STEVENS SECRETARY - D. McDUGALL
TREASURER - R. HAND

We have examined the books, vouchers and documents of the Oatley District Amateur Swimming Club and we hereby certify that the above statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities are in accordance therewith.

(Sgd) R. Stevens, Public Accountant
(Sgd) J. Stevens
Auditors

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Annual Report (continued)

A large amount of money was spent during the year on the Clubroom and trophies, of which the Club members receive full benefit.

One disappointing fact that I must mention is that an amount of £3.10.0 (*not shown on the balance sheet*) is outstanding in race fees. Members are reminded that these fees must be paid, names will be listed and posted at the clubroom and these members will not be permitted to swim until a receipt of payment has been issued.

SOCIAL REPORT - During the year no less than 40 social functions were held by the Club, consisting of 16 dances at Oatley, the Presentation Dance at Mortdale, 10 film nights (Flix for Nix) at the Clubroom, 2 picnics, 2 hikes, a Flower Show and Fete, and 8 dances and party nights at the Clubroom, not to mention the several Thursday night dance practice nights at the Clubroom.

Also two major guessing competitions were held during the year which were particularly well supported.

We, M. J. Burke and G. Stevens, wish to thank social committee and members for their help and support in running the social side of the club, particularly Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Stevens, Mr. Paterson, Mr. T. Hall. Also thanks to Oatley Motor Cycle, Oatley Sports Club (football) and local residents for helping to make our dances so successful. Thanks also to local residents for their support in regards to the guessing competition and to the people who helped to organize the Flower Show and Fete and to those who gave donations for same.

The S.S. wishes to thank Mr. Ray Stevens for organising the Flicks for Nix, and Mr. MacDougall and J. Stevens for showing films at the Clubroom.

The Club wishes to thank all donors for the past season, some of whom were: Oatley RSL, Mortdale RSL, Messrs. R. E. Cuthbertson, Shaw and Montagu, Jolly Miller, Patterson, Ward, Gallagher, Walker, McDowell, Farmer, Lawler, R. Hand, H. R. H. Mallard, and Mrs. Tarrant and Mrs. Maples.

September 1950 Splash

THE OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB'S
M O N T H L Y

S P L A S H

No. 11 September, 1950 Gratis

GENERAL NEWS

With this issue of "Splash" also is included the Swimming Club's Twenty-third Annual Report and Balance Sheet, from which it will be seen that the year has been successful in all respects.

Commencing with this month's issue of "Splash" the Club hopes to continue its monthly edition. We regret that no copy has been to press since last April, but owing to the members who compile, edit and print the "Splash" being very busy on holidays and otherwise engaged in our numerous local social activities, we have just not been able to have a copy printed. The Club wishes to apologize to our subscribers and many readers for the interruption.

The Swimming Club's Annual Meeting will be held in our newly renovated Clubrooms in Myall St., on Tuesday, 21st September. All Club members are requested to be in attendance so that we can make arrangements for an early start of our 1950-51 Swimming season. By all accounts the first race should start on Sunday, 21st October. So make a point of being at the meeting and help to organize this. All local residents and any person intending to join this season are invited to come along also.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions will be due and may be paid at the annual meeting.

If there are any local gents who perhaps do not wish to join the Club but would be willing to help us run our swimming races, by acting as Judges, Starters, Handicappers, etc., we would like you to contact any club member.

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RESULT OF GUESSING COMPETITION - Held in conjunction with the presentation Dance was won by Mrs. C. Newton Crondale St., Mortdale, ticket No. 332. Second prize, A. Auld, 33 Lloyd St., Oatley, ticket No. 617. Third prize, E. Pallister, 59 Rosa St., Oatley.

Every Wednesday Afternoon -- Swimming Club Hall

TAP, BALLET and TOE DANCING

Classes from 3:30 p.m.

Miss Jan Stone, Principal

This and That

The Club congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Shaw on the birth of a daughter. Another future member, Dudley?

One of our old members, Daphne Auld, is to be married very shortly.

We note that one of our Club members, Reg Hand, has gone into business on his own account and the Club wish him all the best.

Some of our Club members must be getting rich -- look at all the Motor bikes they own.

"Laziness Doesn't Pay, or Does It?" A certain young lady was heaved up on the top of a waggon loaded with ashes because she was reluctant to help.

Nov, Joanie -- this was only a stunt to be manhandled by a certain Hefty He Man.

One guess allowed -- who was the Club member giving exhibitions of the Square Dance at David Jones'?

November 1950 Splash

THE CATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.
S P L A S H

NOVEMBER..... Gratis

WHATS ON FOR NOVEMBER

Thursday 2nd November, Films, Club Hall.
Tuesday 7th " Meeting, Club Hall.
Sunday 12th " 10 A.M. Races
Sunday 19th " 4 p.m. Races
Tuesday 21st " Meeting Club Hall
Sunday 26th " 9.30 A.M. Races

Every Saturday at 2 P.M. Learn to Swim.
Every Thursday at 8 P.M. Life Saving Classes.

GENERAL

The Club started off to a good season with a well attended Annual Meeting, and there were no startling Office Bearer alterations. Mr. Bill Stevens Senior is again President, Dave McDougall Secretary and Reg. Head Treasurer.

It is desired to point out that the "Learn to Swim" Classes under the control of Tony Hall will commence on the first Saturday in November, at 2 P.M. so all intending pupils are to hand their names into either Tony or Mr. Bill Stevens at 46 Lloyd Street, Catley.

The Club is out to again make us foremost amongst the Life saving award gainers and from the 2nd Thursday in November the classes will commence under the supervision of John Stevens and Miss Ruth Kobblewhite so roll along and make this a success.

The Picture Show nights are getting more popular than ever. The last one was so crowded that they were looking in through the Windows - so next time (weather permitting) it will be open air.

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The Club Room is very busy these days, so if you want it for a party or wedding etc., don't forget to contact Bill Stevens at 46 Lloyd Street, Catley.

Although the weather didn't look the best about 40 members went to Nielsen Park for one of our picnics on the 22nd October. They were repaid later by the weather brightening up as from all appearances everyone enjoyed themselves.

We hope that Miss Vilma Gray is coming along fine after her unfortunate accident - Now Vilma beware of Motor Bikes in future.

There is something in the wind that one of the Mosses will be buying a new Motor Bike in the near future, Now Noel don't go cutting corners and then you won't cripple yourself.

What was Dave McDougall and Rose Churchill doing on the floor at Helen Shairlines Party the other Friday night (you two ought to be ashamed of yourselves.)

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SWIMMING RESULTS.

October 1st.

50 Metres. Senior. 1. A. Uebel. 2. P. Randall. 3. W. Stevens
Time 32.2/5 seconds.
50 Metres. Junior. 1. B. Havilah. 2. J. Curtin. 3. K. Robertson.
Time 38 seconds.
50 Metres. B/Back. 1. C. Newton. 2. F. Montague. 3. S. Uebel.
Time 68 seconds.

October 12th.

50 Metres Junior. 1. J. Herbert. 2. F. Stevens. 3. W. Stevens
Time 31 1/2 seconds.
50 Metres Junior. 1. C. Merrill. 2. J. Curtin. 3. J. Havilah.
Time 38 seconds.
50 Metres B/Back. 1. L. Dodds. 2. J. Curtin. 3. K. Robertson.
Time 45 seconds.

There has been a good attendance on the two race days and on the 12th there were 4 heats for the Seniors which is the largest number for a long while.

The times have been exceptionally fast for the opening of the season, as we usually take a few races to loosen up. On the first day Noel Hammond did 31 secs. and J. (Ike) Stevens did 35 secs. for 50 Metres Butterfly then on the 12th Frank Stevens twice did 29 seconds and a new member J. Herbert did 31. If the boys keep these times up Remusgate will have a headache in the relays.

Only one bad thing stands out is that no Ladies are racing. So what about it ladies? Surely there must be some who will race.

J. Curtin is certainly a plodder - 3 seconds out of 4 starts. He will get it yet.

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THIS AND THAT

Mr. & Mrs. Reg. Hand are proud parents again. This time a boy! Congratulations from the Club.

Helen Shairlines party must have been a popular turnout from what we hear, and we believe Arch Uebel had the time of his life. What time do you go to bed these days Arch?

Apparently, Dave McDougall, Pete Patterson & Arch Uebel have been having their motorcars curtains made into shirts. Boy of Boy, what colours!

Have never seen so many club members with motor-bikes. Where is all the money coming from?

Farmer "Will Stevens" is doing alright, a regular taxi service from the station home every night on his brand new bike.

They say the boys can eat well after the picnic I would say the girls are not far behind. What about a competition to see who can eat the most.

Two of our members have been on the sick list Mr. Churchill and John Hughes and the Club hopes they are on the road to recovery.

"Farmer" Will Stevens seems to be wearing a track suit towards Mortdale - who is the girl Will? and when is she to be shown in Public.

We see that Mr. Jim Burke and his Cronies are putting on a square dance at the School of Arts on every Monday Night - Well folks if you want to come up and have a good time, there is no time like the present.

I see all the Stevens and relations are all starving themselves this week for Dave McDougalls 21st Birthday party. Poor Mrs. Mac. it looks like you will be in debt for the next six months once this crowd starts eating.

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

S P L A H

September.....Gratis

PLANS ON FOR SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd September
Thursday 4th September

ANNUAL MEETING (Club Hall)
"FELIX FOR HIM"

GENERAL

The general meeting for the club will be held at the Club Hall, Myall St., Oatley at 8 P.M. and all existing members are requested to be present. Persons wishing to join the club are invited to attend so they may be enrolled. It is from this meeting that the year's activities of the club commence, important matters always arise at a meeting such as this, so the presence of a large number of members for voting is essential.

The Club Blazer which were worn by some members at the Presentation Dance was admired by the Mayor & Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. Mallard). This shows that the club's efforts in obtaining a blazer has not passed unnoticed. How about a few more boys and girls making an effort to get them? To help Juvenile and Junior members permission has been obtained for the pockets to be sold separately, these may then be fitted to a ready-made junior navy blazer which the club feels sure the parents of the children could have made or bought at much less expense. For information concerning these pockets, the secretary could give all particulars.

BASKET BALL

BOYS.

With the last round of the competition now in progress Oatley Boys have a good chance of entering the semi finals. To date they have suffered seven defeats but have scored ten wins, in quite a few of the games the boys have produced form that is a credit to the team which has had less than six months experience. Remember Civic Hall- Kogarah, Wednesday Nights for good entertainment.

Score:	Oatley	v	Comets	V	Score
	"	v	Eastlakes	V	" 38-25.
	"	v	Eastlakes	V	" 30-17.
	"	v	Scarborough (3)	L	" 14-38.
	"	v	Falcons	L	" 18-30.
	"	v	Scarborough (4)	V	" 17-14.
	"	v	Kogarah Bay	V	" 25-22.
	"	v	Roxonians	L	" 23-37.
	"	v	Comets	V	" 46
	"	v	Eastlakes	V	" 21
	"	v	Scarborough (3)	V	" 2

GIRLS.

The girls basketball season finished on the 16th August, but unfortunately missed fourth place owing to a technical point which lost them a place in the semi-finals, however next year's season should bring better results. Any girls who may be interested in playing Basketball of a Saturday Afternoon could contact the Club's president (Mr. Ray Stevens) or a member of the Basketball team, the season usually begins in April-May so now is the time for practise.

Two star players for the Basketball team have been the Club's Nola Stevens with a sprained ankle and Noel Moss with a broken hand.

SOCIAL

The most important Social event of the Club's year was the Presentation Dance which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th August, a gathering of 150 members and friends saw the Mayor of Hurstville and Mr. Taylor (A.S.A. Representative) present the Trophies. The dancing was from eight to twelve and a light supper was provided. If members read their local papers they will have noticed that this Event was published in the "Propeller" on 21st August.

If members have any items of Interest they would like to pass on to fellow members please forward them on to Ray Stevens or to S. Parker and they will be printed with the Splash. Remember the Splash is printed for you - about you.

THIS AND THAT - by "Bunny Spy" Hughes

Just as well Maxwell & Dovey did not attend the Presentation Dance, as Budge & Pete were life-like Barmen, selling the lolly-water after hours.

Work wanted! Jake, Doddy & Robbo have offered to break rocks and clear your ground - No fee - Barn says they did a good job on his block the other Saturday.

Who lent his bike (motor of course) to the captain of the opposition. No names, no court marshals but the bike was a Velo.

Some members are becoming extravagant in buying cars. We have one who drives a fourteen door sedan.

Oatley has some candidates for the Bondi Iceburgs, because some hopeful members have begun secret training already.

Annual General Meeting 1951

President Ray Stevens
Secretary A Uebel
Treasurer J Parker

OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

S P L A S H

DECEMBER.....Gratis

WHATS ON FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 16th December 10 a.m. Races
Tuesday 18th " Meeting.
Friday 21st " 8 p.m. XMAS PARTY. (Hall)
Sunday 25th " 9 a.m. Xmas Scramble
Monday 31st " 9 a.m. Races
Tuesday 1st January 1952. LAWSON Carnival
Sunday 13th " " Races 9.a.m.

Club members are advised that the rate governing championships have been altered.

Intending competitors in championships must participate in at least six (6) Handicap events before they can compete in the championships

The "Learn to Swim" Campaign is still going strong down at the Baths every Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Hurstville Council have promised the Club that a turning board will be installed this month. We certainly need one.

RACES.

The races are still being keenly competed for and there have been many close finishes.

In the Seniors Les. Dodds and Ron Stevens share the lead and Les. Dodds also leads in the Breast and Backstroke R. Hawkes still leads in the Juniors and Sylvia Parker in the Ladies.

We are glad to see the Ladies racing again but we could do with a lot more, so come on girls - be in it.

We also could do with a few more competitors in the Breast/Backstroke events, especially from the Juniors.

The early morning training classes at 5.45 a.m. at the Baths have commenced - so what about being in it boys!

21st October, 1951.

100 Metres, Sen. 1. Ray Stevens. 2. B. Havilah. 3. Don. Hughes. Time 95 secs.
33 Metres Ladies 1. J. Churchill. 2. V. Williams. 3. S. Parker. T. 27 secs.
100 " Junior. 1. S. Strachan. 2. R. Hawkes. 3. J. Havilah. T. 125 secs.

4th November, 1951.

100 Metres. Sen. 1. M. Churchill. 2. B. Havilah. 3. Ron Stevens. T. 95 secs.
100 " Jun. 1. R. Hawkes. 2. J. Havilah. 3. C. Swinfield T. 85 secs.
50 " B/Back. 1. A. Humphries 2. J. Curtin. 3. K. Swinfield. T. 50 secs.

18th November, 1951

100 Metres Sen. 1. A. Humphries 2. D. Hughes. 3. L. Dodd. T. 92 secs.
50 " Jun. 1. S. Strachan. 2. J. Havilah. 3. C. Swinfield. T. 58 secs.
33 " Ladies. 1. J. Churchill. 2. V. Williams. 3. E. Ellis & S. Parker T. 24.2
50 " B/Back. 1. J. Stevens. 2. J. Curtin. 3. L. Dodd. T. 38 secs.

2nd December, 1951.

200 Metres. Sen. Handcp. 1. Ron. Stevens. 2. H. Belcher. 3. L. Dodd. T. 3m. 27 s.
100 " Jun. 1. W. Lackey. 2. A. Tobert. 3. A. Smith. T. 137 secs.
33 " Ladies. 1. S. Parker. 2. N. Stevens. 3. Mrs. Belcher & R. Churchill T. 23 sec
50 " B/Back. 1. L. Dodd. 2. J. Curtin. 3. Ray Stevens. T. 48 secs.

ing films the Club will be able to put on a greater variety.

These shows, though shown to keep club members interested, make a small but steady profit throughout the year, the following firms as Government Departments showed their films:-

New South Wales Documentary Film Council; Health Department, Australian Glas Light Company, G.P.O., Vacuum Oil Company, Peters Ice Cream Co. Ltd., & Slazengers Ltd. and the club is indebted to them for their support. If any club members hear of other companies showing Films would they let the Secretary know.

There will be no Films in January, the next show being on the 7th February, 1952.

The highlight of November was our Annual Fete, which unfortunately was not as well attended as the last year, and the club members are requested to support these functions. The Fete was opened by the Lady Mayoress of Hurstville, Mrs. H. Mallard. Various stalls were operated by club members and there was also a flower and vegetable show. Mr. Churchill also had an exhibition of tropical fish in decorated fish ponds, which was very popular with the crowd.

Club members are also reminded that the Xmas Party will be held on Friday 21st December, 1951.

The Raffle for the very nice tray which was donated by Mrs. Parker was won by Mrs. Rumsey of Lloyd Street, OATLEY.

Members who are interested in the Table Tennis Tournaments for Seniors, Juniors and Ladies, will be held on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month after the Club meeting.

The club wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Mrs. McDougall and Family on their recent loss, and also to the Tarrant Family, of Lloyd Street,

THIS AND THAT.

The "Vet" looked like a real Bookmaker the way he was pulling the money in at the Fete. In fact Tom O'Donnell had to count the "Tenners" later.

Jim Burke must have a throat of iron, the way he worked at the Fete. You can never wear him out. The Square Dancing must keep him in practise.

They call him "Tinny" Patterson, picks up a penny and wins a packet of cigarettes with it, nearly made "Bas" have a stroke, anyrate I saw "Bas" clean up a "Silver Tea Pot".

No one can say "Harold Belcher" doesn't work hard when he races. In that last 200 Metres you would swear he was chopping rock.

Only 20 members came to the picnic at Neilson Park on Sunday the 9th but that didn't stop them from enjoying themselves. There were quite a few attractions that kept things going, for further information, just ask the boys.

If Merv. can move when he is swimming in the water, you should see him running through it, with Peter not far behind him. and all because of a little crab.

It certainly is a very nice car you have now Bill, but I think the boys still prefer their Bikes.

--ooOoo--

Club members are reminded to sell their Raffle Tickets for the Hamper which will be drawn on 21st December, 1951.

SWIMMING RACES.

ANNUAL CLUB CARNIVAL The postponed Carnival was held in good weather on the 19th Feb., there was a good attendance of spectators and competitors from Oatley and Ramsgate Clubs.

The Carnival commenced with Club Championships, the senior being won by J. Stevens with keen competition for second and third places.

The junior event provided one of the highlights of the day, D. Moss and D. Hughes cleared away from the field and deadheaded for 1st. in the time of 37 sec. Later in a reswim they tried to fight it out, but again deadheaded in 36 sec. This is the first time in the Clubs history that this has happened and so Dave and Hughie are now acclaimed joint junior club champions.

The Ladies Championship was won by Audrey Hodgson.

Several District Championships were held but our club did not win any. For the first time in many years Oatley practically made a clean sweep in the Inter-club events. Many fast times were recorded, and a few disqualifications for breaking of times over the necessary limit. The six a side relay race was keenly contested, and Ramsgate managed to win by about 10 yards, the 150 Metres Medley Relay resulted in a good win for Oatley in the very fast time of 1 Min. 43 sec. After the races the trophies were presented to the winners by the President Mr. W. Stevens. The majority of the trophies swum for at the Carnival were donated by local Trades People. In the next issue of "Splash" we will endeavour to publish a list of the donors.

CARNIVAL RESULTS.

100 Mtrs. Sen. C/C/ship....	50 Mtrs. Jun. C/C 'ship...	50 Mtrs. Ladies C'ship.
1st. J. Stevens.	1st. D. Hughes	1st. A. Hodgson.
2nd Ray Stevens.	2nd. D. Moss T.Cs.	2nd. N. Stevens.
3rd. Ron Stevens.	3rd. B. Ward.	
3rd. H. Muir.		

50 Mtrs. Sen. Interclub.	50 Mtrs. Jun. Interclub.	200 Dist. Champ/ship.
1st. M. Churchill. Oat. 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	1st. B. Havilah 41s.	1st. A. Preston. Ram. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.
2nd. A. Uebel.	2nd. J. Crisp. Ram.	2nd. R. Goodsell. "
3rd. P. Paterson.	3rd. B. Ward.	3rd. B. Crisp. "

100 Jun. Dist. B/Stroke C/ship. (Breast)	100 Mtrs. Jun. Dist. B/Stroke C/ship. (Back)
1st. J. Gellan Ram. 1M. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	1st. R. Goodsell Ram. T. 1M. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.
2nd. R. Goodsell "	2nd. J. Crisp. "
3rd. K. Robertson Oat.	3rd. T. Reynolds. "

300 M. Relay (3 aside)
Ramsgate 1st. Oatley 2nd. Ramsgate 3rd. Time 3 Min. 2 sec.

150 M. Medley (3 aside)
Oatley 1st. Ramsgate 2nd. Ramsgate 3rd. Time 1 Min. 43 sec.

CLUB RACES..... 19th Feb. Club Championships.

150 Mtrs. Sen. Medley. J. Stevens. 1st. P. Paterson 2nd. R. Stevens. 3rd.
Time 2 Min. 24 sec.

150 Mtrs. Jun. Medley. D. Moss 1st. L. Dodd 2nd. J. Curtin 3rd. T. 2 M. 48 sec.

The races were held in very adverse conditions, never the less, last seasons times were broken.

During the month of February three lots of night races were held, with fairly good attendances of both competitors and spectators. These night events are very interesting, and afford a good opportunity to cool off these hot evenings, so if you have not been down; come along the next time races on, if not for a swim then a walk in the cool and witness the races.

STOP PRESS

Result of Guessing Competition run by Diggers in aid of Mental Diggers
"Day out in Oatley" 11-3-50.
1st. No. 9B Mrs. L. Hammond 35 Lloyd Street, Oatley.
2nd. " 71. Sid Everett. Oatley.
3rd. " 93A. L. Root. Oatley.

OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

RACE PROGRAMME 1951

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Apr 3th	9.30 am	Consolation Race Seniors (H. Mallard Shield) - Juniors (Rugless Trophy) Ladies and Juvenile Handicaps 400 metres Senior Club Championship 400 metres Junior Club Championship (Moss Trophy)

Don't forget, Club Members, that the Hall is open to lettings for Parties, Weddings, Meetings, etc. If required, contact W. Stevens Lloyd St., Oatley.

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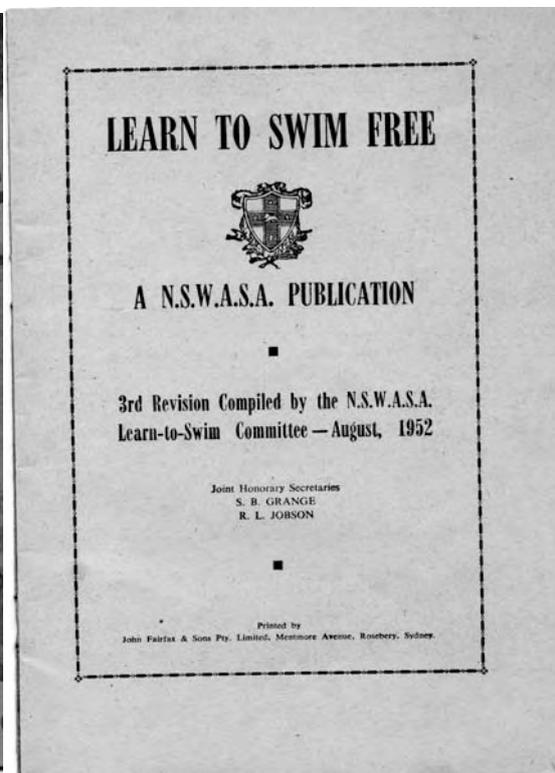
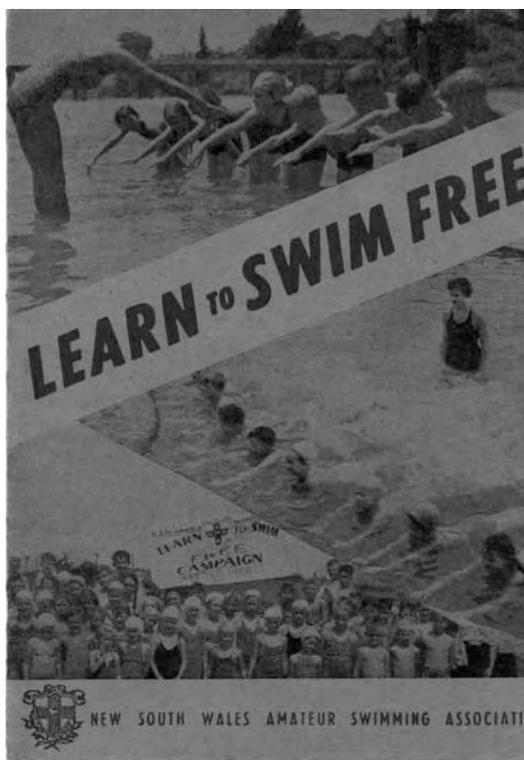
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24th November		ANNUAL FETE
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9th December		PICNIC - NIELSEN PARK
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Breast and Backstroke Handicaps each day and 25 Metres Juvenile if enough starters.

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As a recreation, swimming is rather unique among sports. Few other activities can keep the life-long interest of participants, and we see the interesting spectacle of children of tender years entering into their swimming experience in Learn-to-Swim classes, and "old-timers" in their declining years still enjoying the activity of their boyhood. When the child is taught to swim, he has been given a gift which will retain its usefulness throughout life, and will contribute throughout the years to his health and fitness.

Not only does swimming contribute to the enjoyment of the growing child, but it also is a factor in strengthening the lungs, correcting postural defects and teaching courage and self-reliance. Even the handicapped child, who is suffering from certain muscular difficulties, can re-educate these muscles by a planned programme of water activity.

The New South Wales Learn-to-Swim Campaign will undoubtedly be fully endorsed by all organisations interested in children, and the New South Wales Swimming Association is to be congratulated in its efforts to popularise this national sport, and so to contribute its part toward the health and safety of our citizens and to the National Fitness of Australia.

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Ladies Netball Team 1954



Back Row
Front Row

N.Stevens, P.Howes, V.Hammill, M.Jones.
Unknown, J.Glover, UnKnown.

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GATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

RACE PROGRAMME 1955-6

Oct 2nd	9 a.m.	50 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
		50 "	Junior Hdcp.	
9th	2 p.m.	50 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
		50 Metres	Junior Hdcp.	
16th	9. a.m.	50 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
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23rd	2 p.m.	100 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
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30th	8.30 a.m.	100 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
		100 "	Junior Hdcp.	
Nov 6th	10.30 a.m.	200 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
		50 "	Junior Hdcp.	
13th	8.30 a.m.	50 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
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		100 Metres	Junior Hdcp.	
25th	10.0 a.m.	Scramble		
Jan 1st	10.0 a.m.	50 Metres	Senior Hdcp.	
		50 "	Junior Hdcp.	

At all race days there will be held Ladies and Juvenile Races up to 50 yards, also Breaststroke and Backstroke Handicaps.

Races will commence on time ... Please be early.

Trophies will be given for all races.

RACING MEMBERSHIP :

Seniors	£1. 0. 0
Juniors)	
Juveniles)	10. 0
Ladies)	
Social	
Members	2. 6

OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
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JANUARY 15th 9 a.m.	100 Metres Senior Hdcp. 50 " Junior " 50 " Senior Ladies Hdcp 33 " Junior " "	FEBRUARY 26th 9 a.m.	BREASTROKE CHAMPIONSHIPS Annual Men's Carnival Ladies Hdcp Club Freestyle Championships
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19th 2 p.m.	200 Metres Senior Hdcp 100 " Junior " 50 " Junior " Lance Mollora Memorial Trophy 50 Metres Senior Ladies 33 " Junior "	APRIL 1st 9.30	800 Metres Hdcp Heats 50 " Senior Hdcp 400 " Junior " Heats 50 " Junior " 50 " Senior Ladies 33 " Junior "
		8th	Trip to Dee Why
		15th 10 a.m.	Final 800 Metres " 400 " Consolation Races

POINT SCORE TROPHIES

Ladies Perfection Catering Co. Trophy
Seniors Cuthbertson Trophy
Juniors Shaw & Montague Trophy
Junior Medley Championship Jolly Miller
" Freestyle " Roberts Trophy
Senior Freestyle Championship J. Hill Memorial Trophy

OATLEY AMATEUR LADIES SWIMMING CLUB

ANNUAL CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, 17th MARCH 1957 at 10 a.m.

OATLEY PARK BATHS (SANDY BEACH)

- EVENT 1 50 Metres Senior Interclub Handicap Entry Fee 2/-
1st Prize 22-0-0 2nd 21-0-0 3rd 15/-
- EVENT 2 50 Metres Junior Interclub Handicap Entry Fee 1/-
1st 1-10-0 2nd 1- 3rd 15/-
- EVENT 3. 50 Metres Scratch Race. Entry Fee 2/-
1st Prize 21-10-0
- EVENT 4 4 x 50 Senior Relay Pennant.
- EVENT 5 4 x 50 Junior Relay Pennant

Entries close for Events 1 and 2 with Miss Phillips, 2 Denham St., Bondi on the 5th March 1957.

Trophies will be presented for the values mention above on completion of the carnival.

WHAT'S ON FOR JULY-AUGUST

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY 10th JULY	EUCHRE & HOUSIE	WEDNESDAY 1st AUG	FLIX FOR NIX
TUESDAY 17th JULY	MEETING	TUESDAY 7th "	MEETING
TUESDAY 24th JULY	EUCHRE & HOUSIE	TUESDAY 14th "	EUCHRE
TUESDAY 31st JULY	" "	TUESDAY 21st "	MEETING
		FRIDAY 24th "	PRESENT. DAN
		TUESDAY 28th "	EUCHRE

MEETING NIGHTS The meeting nights are still being well attended but more member are asked to attend. After the meeting table tennis darts and quoits are played. Les Dodd is willing to put classes through with exercises for swimming.

FLIX FOR NIX Good programmes have been arranged up to Xmas so don't forget the first Wednesday in each month.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DANCE All open orders for financial members have been issued. Member can select them at either of Saunders Stores. Dance tickets are enclosed and member are asked to sell them and and any futher one can be obtained at the door. We would like to make this the best dance ever. Enclosed find raffle tickets which will be drawn at the presentation dance. The prizes are good and we hope that all the tickets will be sold. More can be obtained if they are wanted.

The Deputy Mayor of Hurstville Alderman Olds will present the trophies.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS Several Club Members are still unfinancial and they are requested to pay their dues immediately as they are well over due.

PICNIC SUPPER DANCE The dance held in conjunction with the Mortdale Scouts was a success but unfortunately only 25 Club Members attended. Members are always asking for socials but when they are held they don't just attend. Members are asked to attend meetings and put suggestions forward.

EUCHRE & HOUSIE NIGHTS Members are invited to attend these nights and give a hand to run them as these are a great help financially.

ANNUAL BALL Several club member have asked for a ball to be put on in October. Members are asked to let us know immediately how many would attend.

RACE PROGRAMMES It is intended that at the first meeting in August to select the race programme up to Xmas. All members are asked to attend and select the programmes. Lady members are particularly requested to attend, as we would like to have the programmes printed as soon as possible

TYPEWRITER. The Club is after a typewriter to purchase. Any offers.

THIS AND THAT

Club members and friends will be glad to hear that Bill Stevens is on the mend and is getting around again.

At the picnic supper dance you should have seen "Sharks Water" Shirl get stuck into the "Dagwood" roll. She will suffer from indigestion for a month.

Has anyone seen a member doing secret training at night by doing road road. They reckon he will be the sensation of the season next year when the races commence. Watch out Bouf.

Some of the boys wouldn't come to the Picnic Supper Dance because they could'nt trap some "Chookie". Must be losing their punch.

We have some champion golfers in our midst. Ask them! Robbo and Harold are the real stars. Why worry where the ball goes.

Two populars Club members are being married in July, Arch Uebel and Gladys Medway and the Club extend their congratulation.

19/2/56

Dist Champ

Seniors
 100 yds Freestyle R Bauffler
 100 yds Breaststroke R Bauffler, J Stevens, R Steen
 440 yds Chps W Mitchell

Junior
 50 yds Freestyle - B Mc Lellan J Farrell - R Moss
 Under 14 Breast - D Adams

Senior Hdez

R Bauffler	26
H Belcher	39
L Dodd	39
B Mc Lellan	32
A Humphreys	36
W Mitchell	34
J Stevens	31
J Kay Stevens	35
Roh Stevens	30
B Saunders	31
K Robertson	34
A Metel	32
G Woolidge	32
J B Hamblak	31
P Ward	30
B Lye	41
J Walker	35
J C Merrill	30
B Medway	36
J Kelly	39 45
E Lashley	33
S Strathorn	39
J Saunders	39

Junior

J Steiner	38
C "	47
R Lawler	51
G Gortel	51
J Walker	46
G Liron	40
Ron McDonald	44
W Wright	68
D Perkins	39
R Short	48
D McDonald	46
J Farrell	33
Rich McDonald	54
W Lachey	47
W Whiteley	19
J Wright	40
L Peckering	46
A Dodd	42
R Dyson	42
R Moss	31
W Carr	27

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Callie 200 Freestyle Steen
 200 Mitchell Farrell

Office Bearers 1956/57

President Ray Stevens
Secretary Peter Moss
Treasurer Alf Humphreys



1956-57 Senior Men. Oatley Amateur Swimming Club

Back row: R. Short, G Bosward, W. Stevens, Ron Stevens, B. McCullum, J. (Pop) Stevens, J. Wright, G. Woolridge, P Patterson, R Hammill, J. Kemp, L. Dodd, B. Pickering, J. Walker, W. Mitchell (Pres) J. Yeomans
Centre row: C. Lynch, B Saunders, J. Pomfret, H. Belcher, D Hawkins, J, McIlhoney, A. Uebel (Sec), K. Woods
Front Row: H Ackerman, B. Knight, A Humphries (Treas), G McIlhoney, Ray Stevens, P Maher, B. Butler, A. Smith

Office Bearers 1957/58

President W Mitchell
Secretary A Uebel
Treasurer C Lynch



Back Row N. Stanners, M.Bosward, J.McIlhoney, P.Cross, G.Uebel, D.McIlhoney, A.Wicks, C.Stanners, A.Whiteley, V.Hammill, J.Bosward, H.Hammill, K.Sandstrom, K.O'Connell, S.Hill, B.Belcher, D.Hammill, N.Lupton, M.Whiteley.

Middle Row Mystery B.Taylor,, L. Bosward, G.Kemp, A.Pickering, D.Maher
D.Stevens, K.Johnston, V.McIlhoney

Front Row C.Taylor, S.Walker, K.Short, K.Johnston, B.McIlhoney, D.Whiteley, B.Stevens, A.Stranger.



Back Row: R.Short, B.Whiteley, K.Williams, C.Wingrove, G.Kemp, R.Booker, J.Featon
 R.Milner, D.Adams, D.Knight, G.Bosward.
 Middle Row: N.Pomfret, A.Elholm, T.Walker, R.Short, G.Talbot, P.Buckland, J.Whiteley.
 Front Row: J.Humphties, L.Pickering, L.Yeomans, P.Pomfret, C.Yates, A.Godfrey, B.Stevens

Sydney
 Morning Herald

BATHERS "AS BAIT"



A gaping hole in the "shark-proof" net around Oatley Park baths made hundreds swimming there yesterday "open game" for sharks.

The waters outside the baths in the Georges River are shark-infested. Hurstville Council, which administers the baths, claims they are safe for swimming.

On Thursday night the town engineer, Mr. A. H. Brewer, told council the wire net was repaired several months ago. He said complaints that the netting was holed were "groundless" and that the pool was safe for the summer.

Holes in net

At low tide yesterday a "Sun" reporter watched swimmers climb through a two feet-wide hole in the wire netting. Many other smaller holes were visible above the waterline.

● Net falling to pieces

The wire in many parts of the net is falling to pieces through rust.

Members of Oatley Park Swimming Club claim the net is riddled

SHARK - PROOF?
 —Oatley girls, Kerrie O'Connell and Carolin Stanners, looking through the gaping hole in the Oatley Baths shark-proof net.

council started to repair the netting.

"But you could have rowed a boat through some of the holes left after they finished the work.

"This part of the river is a playground for sharks.

"They would find no trouble getting through the wire," he said.

Yubel said that the council had also refused to provide proper toilet facilities near the baths.

Mr. Brewer refused to comment today.

with holes below the waterline.

Club captain Arthur Yubel said the baths were a "death-trap."

"We have seen more than a dozen places where sharks could get in," he said.

"The men who claim the baths are safe never come near the place.

"Two months ago the

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Office Bearers 1958/59

Patron P Mullane
 President W Mitchell deceased
 Senior VP R Hammill
 VP Ray Stevens
 Secretary D Adams
 Asst Secretary Miss J Bosward
 Treasurer C Lynch

1958/59 accounts

Extracted from Accounts Book 1929-1959 shillings and pence rounded.

Receipts £

Cash at bank 21/8/58	154
Hire of Hall	228
Donations	5
Social comm. Revenue	223
Membership fees etc	102

713

Payments £

Hall expenses	64
Rates Taxes Insurance	83
Club expenses	80
Donation Mortdale Pensioners	25
Oatley Red Cross	12
Trophies	132
Fire extinguisher	13
Petty cash	5
Cash at bank	299

713

Balance sheet £

Accumulated funds 2414

2414

Land and buildings	800
Club room fittings	124
Piano	20
Typewriter	35
Stop watches	30
PA system	18
Duplicating machine	60
Electric stove	15
Fire extinguisher	13
Cash	299

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1959 onwards

The following General meetings in 1959 are reported in some detail. The rest of this document the business of general meetings is reported for interesting and important items only. This set of meetings is reported in detail not for any reason except that it was recorded in detail, but later it was decided that the whole history of the club could not be so detailed. This year is left as an example of the meetings and the record of them.

These meetings are reported exactly as per the minute book except some material has been omitted as it is of only limited interest and information in *italics* is an author generated summary of the minute book.

General Meeting 3 Feb 1959

President Mr W. Mitchell in chair.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted. W Mitchell/ A. Smith moved minutes received. R. Stevens/D Knight minutes adopted.

Accounts. 10/- for chair.

Reports Xmas party £13-9-0
Euchre and housie 28 Jan £4-1-6

General Business

Moved R Stevens/ B Hammill that handicappers and club captain form a special race committee on memorial trophies.

Moved B Hammill/ A Smith that new ropes be purchased. For lanes.

Moved R Short / B Hammill that committee be formed for new swimming pool. Members of committee are – B Hammill, W Mitchell, R Short, B Belcher, R.C. Stevens, A Uebel, R Stevens.

Report from B Belcher that roster has been made for members attending euchre and housie.

Moved A Dodd/ D Knight that club has annual picnic.

It was decided that swimmers in length of baths must use only one style of stroke.

Closed 10pm

General meeting April 1959

President Mr W. Mitchell in chair.

Letter from Hurstville Council regarding meeting with Works Committee.

Accounts Saunders Pty Ltd for trophy £11.12.6
Electric jug £3.2.6

Income from Butter & Norman for bottles £26.16.4 and £10.1.0

Social Secretary Betty Belcher reported Euchre and Housie 24/3 £3.6.6 and 31 March for Red Cross £12.0.0

Ray Stevens reported that Mr G. Bosword had offered to conduct the callisthenics lessons for the club during winter.

A bus picnic to National park was planned for 7th June.

Meeting closed 915pm- A. Uebel Hon Sec.

General Meeting 21 April 1959

Mr W Mitchell in chair.

Letter from NSWASA

Electric light bill £7.5.0
South Hurstville Timber yards £4.9.0

Housie and Euchre 14 April £4.11.8
Oyster bottles £1.8.0

A few other items and meeting closed 855 pm
W. Derrett

General meeting 19 May 1959

President Mr W Mitchell in chair

Accounts Saunders £4.0.4

Housie and Euchre 28/4 £2.14.10
12 may £3.6.2

Social night £10.7.7

Meeting closed 8.45pm
W Derrett.

General Meeting 16 June 59

Vice President Bob Hammill in chair.

Letter from Hurstville Council that the dressing shed at baths would be rented for £1 per annum.

Accounts- pay Hurstville Council £1
Electricity £4.17.11

Housie income 26/5 £4.10.0
9/6 £2.18.6

loss on picnic £10.13.7

Meeting closed 9pm

General meeting July 1959

President Mr W Mitchell in chair.

Account nil

Income housie 23/6 £3.15.3
30/6 £3.11.4 for first aid kit
14/7 £4.15.3

Special trophies ordered
50m Junior Freestyle Champ to be known as W. Pakenham Memorial trophy.
200m Ladies Freestyle Champ to be known as Auld Memorial Trophy.

Ron Short reported that his trophy for the u/12 100 m Champ would be known as A.T. Beckett Memorial Trophy and u/14 200 m Champ as the A.H. Short Memorial Trophy.

Letter written to Hurstville Council regarding repairs to framework and also wire netting.

A stapling machine was ordered.

Meeting closed 915 pm A. Uebel Hon Sec



This was photographed prior to 1959. It shows the two old dressing sheds on the promenade.

Annual General Meeting 1st September 1959

President Mr W. Mitchell in chair.

Accounts Trophy engraving £2.14.0
Anthony Hordens for trophies £165.4.10

Reports. Cheque from Mr Cross for trophies £2.2.0
Cheque from A Uebel for trophies £2.2.0
Housie and euchre 28/7 £3.17.7
11/8 £3.9.0
25/8 £1.12.9
Cheque from Oatley RSL for \$15.15.0 for club funds.

Vote of thanks to Betty Belcher for work as Social sec.

Election of Office bearers for 1959/60 season

Patron Mr P Mullane

President Mr W Mitchell

Vice Patrons – all club donors

Vice Presidents B. Hammill, J. Pomfret, R. Stevens, Mrs Bosword

Life members H.Mallard, W Stevens, F. Walker, Ray Stevens, D. Shaw, R.Paterson.

Hon Sec. D Adams

Ass Sec J. Bosword

Minute Sec W.Derrett

Treasurer C. Lynch

Starter R. Short

Check Starter G. Bosword

Referee R. Paterson

Ladies sec V. Hammill

Works Committee L. Dodd, K. Williams, H Akerman, B. Hammill, W. Mitchell, Ron Stevens, B.Belcher, A. Uebel, Ron Short, H. Lupton

Handicappers Ron Stevens, L. Dodd, R. Adams

Club Captains H. Akerman, J. Bosword, V.Hammill, Ron Short.

Judge and Timekeeper A Stanners

Race Recorder Mrs Stanners

Assist Race Recorder Mrs Bosword

Learn to swim instructor L. Dodd

Publicity Officer B. Hammill

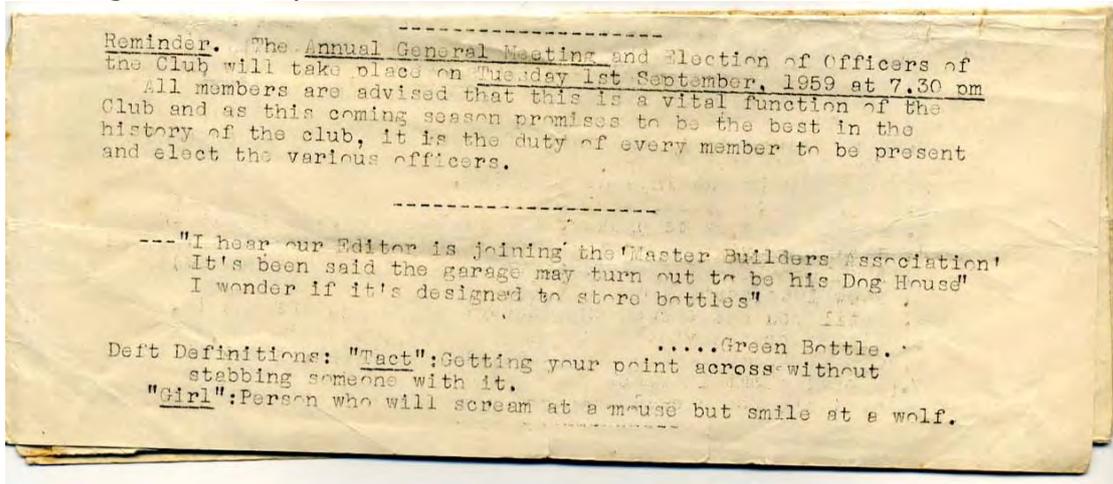
Caretaker W. Stevens

Race secretary Ray Stevens

Auditor A Humphries, J. Stevens

Delegates to NSWASA R. Paterson , St G ASA Ron Stevens Ray Stevens, W Mitchell.

Other matters were discussed in general business
Meeting closed 11pm D Adams Hon Sec.



For the years general meetings the following summary.
In this year the Council Officially opened the dressing sheds. Club officials had to be "suitably attired for the opening of the clubroom". Hurstville Council also reduced the rates by £12/15/-.
The club had a starters gun as it cost money to buy gun cartridges. NSWASA affiliation fees based on 25 seniors and 44 juniors was £8.16.0.
Club badges were produced and sold for 7/6 each.
Learn to swim campaign- 277 students – 36 children get 25 yards certificate.
Boat picnic on Woniora set.

The Trustees were changed Ray Stevens and W Mitchell elected. The previous Trustee Mr Auld had died and his wife had carried his duties but now resigned. The minute note was "Mrs Auld would resign her late husbands position as Trustee".
The handicappers were given the power to change handicaps if they believed the swimmer was not trying.

The concept of an enclosed pool at Sandy beach was proposed. This required a wall from the beach to the net and then along the net. It was estimated that the pool depth would be 3'6" at all times. Plugs in the wall would enable tide changes to refresh the water. This concept was pursued in 1961 with public meetings and more work. An All Tide Pool Committee was set up.

The President dies around July 1960.

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1st August, 1959

Editorial

New Dressing Sheds. With the completion of the new dressing sheds, at Sandy Beach, which includes a section for the Swimming Club to use, not only the club but the residents of the district have gained a worthy amenity to our beautiful park.

The primitive conditions which previously existed were an embarrassment to the club, especially at District Championship Carnivals conducted by our club, at which N.S.W. and Australian champions were competing.

Our sincere thanks, therefore, ~~to the Hon. Ald. W. Croft~~ and all other aldermen concerned ~~and~~ with a certain amount of prompting by club officials, had the foresight and courage to spend some of the Rates on this worthy project.

To clubmembers and the General Public - I emphatically request your co-operation in the discouragement of any mal-practice and vandalism and thereby maintaining the let class condition of the sheds for many years.

....The Editor.

Back and Breast Stroke Handicaps. There was a close finish in point scores and Ross Turner, one of our Juniors was the winner.

These races are fitted in whenever time and tide will let us, particularly in the first three months.

Altogether 54 swimmers participated in these handicaps which is a very encouraging sign.

We must remember District Championships are held in all strokes and every endeavour should be made to improve our club standard.

~~Our benefit~~ ~~of this~~ has shown in our performances in the District Medley Relay championships.

The most improved swimmers in these styles are Carol Stanners, Val Hammill, Pam Cross, Jan Bosward, Lorraine Bosward and Ross Turner, Dave Adams, David Knight and Brian Butler.

Point Scores:

R. Turner	45	J. Bosward	25	W. Whiteley	18
J. Stevens	44	Ron Stevens	25	B. Stevens	17
D. Knight	41	J. Pirie	25	C. Lynch	17
E. Hammill	38	L. Dada	25	M. Stibbard	17
C. Stanners	36	D. Adams	24	R. Adams	16
V. McIlhenny	31	R. Short	24	H. Ackerman	15
A. McKirdie	30	E. Smith	23	K. Sandstrom	15
B. Butler	29	K. Williams	21	J. Yeomans	15
Ray Stevens	29	H. Muir	20	P. Maher	13
M. Mitchell	27	P. Cross	20	A. Uebel	14
V. Hammill	26	K. Adams	17	D. Maher	10
				R. Havilsh	10

.....Ray Stevens.

The above is a one page Splash! Or is it page 1 to following pages?

rips, and this is partly due to members not training conscientiously!

The morning training sessions at 6 a.m. have been better attended in the last month than ever before; the morning over thirty members were hard at it. It is hoped that out of these members we might again have a candidate to compete in the District Championships. What about it kids!

Our finances have received a steady income each week from the raffle run by Jessie Brokman, who makes it a pleasure to buy tickets. Many thanks from the members for her regular effort.

We are getting more younger members each week and would like to congratulate young Lee Pomfret who started off as a "Learn to Swim" pupil this year and finished a close fourth in the under 12 200 Metres Championship. A good effort for a seven year old! We must not forget our two water babies young Jane Hill, 6 years old, and Meg Yeomans 5 years old, who compete regularly in the Juvenile races.

We also welcome the more "Senior" ladies who are competing and we would like more mothers to compete. It does not matter how slow you think you are don't forget the handicapper will see you get a fair go!

The support from the fathers in the senior men's races is very pleasing and dads can still beat their sons. Another thing it helps keep dad fit.

The club is disappointed it could not arrange the annual country trip, but it is hoped next year to have better luck.

Our club picnic up to the end of the Woronora River will be our next outing and we ask all members to support this.

We are very sorry to learn of Carol Stanners illness. Carol has had a memorable record in swimming and over the years has won every ladies club championship in all distances and styles. This year she won the Ladies 100 Metres Freestyle in record time and there are only a few senior men in the club who can beat her. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

RAY STEVENS.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S NEWS:

I would like to thank all those members who donated goods for the Xmas Hamper. Herb Ackerman was the lucky ticket holder with Alan Smith running second.

The Launch Picnic up the Woronara River to the Needles will be held on the 11th April. 10/- for Adults, 5/- for Children. Put your name on the list in the Club Room if you wish to go.

The dance held by the Junior Boys & Girls proved very successful and I wish to thank Lynette Hill for all the work she did in organising this function. It is hoped to arrange another dance later in the year.

Presentation Night will be held on 31st JUNE, in the Mortdale Pensioner's Hall, Pitt Street, Mortdale. Keep this date in mind.

JESSIE BROKMAN.

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TIT BITS FROM ?

Chris Yates and Barry Knight have joined the C.M.F. - Congratulations to you both.

Jim Pomfret spent some time in hospital over Xmas but is out and about again now. Best wishes from the Club to you Jim.

Congratulations to members who passed the Leaving 1964. Our best wishes to you all in your future chosen careers.

There are now many more championships on the programme for the Club and we would like a few more perpetual trophies donated.

REMEMBER you empty bottles can be left at the Club Hall, they help club funds.

Would all trophy holders please return their cups to the club before the last race day.

PEG ROGERS.

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OATLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB:

A reminder that many Swimming Club boys are already members of this Rugby Club and any other lads from 7 to 17 are invited to enrol at Oatley Oval today (SUNDAY 7th MARCH) up to 12 midday or from 1.30 to 2.30.

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The trouble with the world is that every day begins with that first half-hour in the morning.

What are our young people coming to? Slowly, but surely, to the time when they will ask the same question.

The person who didn't get enough sleep last night always seems obscurely proud of the fact.

Annual General Meeting September 1960

Senior Vice President Ray Stevens in the chair.

It was acknowledged that President Mr Bill Mitchell had passed away during the year and the club acknowledged his work.

Correspondence- various with one from Hurstville Council regarding the "clogging of the baths with algae".

Accounts A Hordens £89.10.9
Water Board £4.8.11

Reports Presentation dance £60.13.6
Euchre and Housie 9/8 £3.3.6
23/8 £2.5.0
30/8 \$2.3.0

Donations Ald Dalton £2.2.0
Mr D Cross MLA £3.3.0

Election Office bearers 1960/61 season

Patron Mr P.J. Mullane
President Mr J Pomfret
Vice Patron all donors
Vice Presidents Ray Stevens (Senior VP) Mrs A Stanners, H. Akerman, Mr Stanners.

Life members as for last year.

Secretary Ron Stevens (resigned 6/661 and J Godfrey takes over but resigns in September)
Ass Sec left vacant till next meeting
Treasurer C. Lynch (took up Sec role 19/9/61- replaced by Mr J Stevens)
Social sec Miss N Lupton (V.Hammill appointed April61)
Ass Soc Sec Miss K Short
Starter R.Short
Check starter Mr Bosword
Referee Mr R.G. Adams
Ladies Sec Miss Val Hammill
Works Committee D.Knight, Mr Short, Mr Shragg, Mrs Knight, Miss Val Hammill, Miss N Lupton, Mr W Stevens, Miss Gail Barker, Miss Kay Johnston, and President, Hon Sec and Treasurer.

Handicappers Ron Stevens, Clive Shugg, Mrs Knight, Mr R.A.Adams, Mr D Knight.

Club Captains H. Ackerman (Sen), K. Adams(Jun), Val Hammill (Sen Ladies) I. Adams (Jun Ladies)

Chief Judge Jack Beeves and K.Mitchell(asst)

Floor of the clubhouse was to be replaced using hardwood by volunteer group.

The Club paid Hurstville Council £1 per year for annual rent of clubhouse at Sandy Beach.

Several personnel changes in the officials occurred in September 1961. The president referred to "unbusinesslike manner" and the new Treasurer Mr J Stevens said that the club would move to the "imprest system" of accounts.

OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CLUB
1959 - 60.

PATRON:	P. MULLANE ESQ.
PRESIDENT:	W. MITCHELL decd.
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	R. HAMMIL
VICE PRESIDENT:	R. STEVENS
SECRETARY:	D. ADAMS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	MISS J. BOSWARD
TREASURER:	C. LYNCH
DELEGATE ST. GEORGE A.S.A.:	R. STEVENS
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	R. HAMMIL
AUDITORS:	J. STEVENS, A. HUMPHRIES
CARETAKER:	W. STEVENS
TRUSTEES:	MESSRS. W. STEVENS, D. SHAW, RAY STEVENS, W. MITCHELL decd.
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	MISS N. LUPTON
ASST. TO SOCIAL SECRETARY:	MISS K. SHORT
SOCIAL & WORKS COMMITTEE:	MISS LUPTON, MRS. KNIGHT, MESSRS. RON STEVENS, C. SCHUGG, R. SHORT, RAY STEVENS, S. BELCHER, R. HAMMIL, A. EUBEL.

SWIMMING OFFICIALS
1959 - 60

REFEREE:	MR. PATTERSON
STARTER:	R. SHORT
CHECK STARTER:	G. BOSWARD
HANDICAPPERS:	Ladies - MRS. KNIGHT Men - MR. C. SCHUGG MR. L. DODD
TIMEKEEPERS:	MR. STANNERS I/C
RECORDER:	MRS. STANNERS
JUDGES:	
RACE ORGANISER:	MR. RAY STEVENS
ANNOUNCER:	R. HAMMIL
CLUB CAPTAINS:	Snr. men H. ACKERMAN Snr. ladies V. HAMMIL Jnr. men R. SHORT Jnr. ladies J. BOSWARD

September, 1960.

The end of another successful year has arrived and the election of officers is now due.

Many thanks must go to our Social Secretary, Norma Lupton, for her work in making the social events possible, also to the Works Committee, both past and present, for the help given, the ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls also must not be forgotten, so it is hoped that in the following year they will all be there to do their best once again, either in an official position or as supporters of the Club.

Colin Lynch, once again carried out his job as Treasurer and left nothing to be desired in this position.

David Adams has kept everything in order, despite exams. and school work, which is a full time job. Well done David.

Much appreciation is felt for the acquiring and delivery of the soft drink for the Club by Mr. Drewes and hope that in the following year the Club will be able to once again call upon his services.

We have one regret this year and that was two resignations as club officials, I refer to those of Editor, Mr. Bob Hammill, owing to pressure of work is unable to carry on, also Mrs. Betty Belcher, whose work and efforts were well known in the Club.

The big news of the year, is of course the opening of the Clubroom at Sandy Beach, we all know how badly they were needed and many thanks must go to Hurstville Council for the wonderful thing it has done.

Les Dodd once again had the Learn-to-Swim Campaign in his capable hands and it is very gratifying to see the new members coming from Les's classes.

To the handicappers also past and present, thank-you, and hope the members will continue to help these poor unfortunate officials of the Club, by doing the right thing.

Mr. Bill Stevens once again has done a wonderful job looking after the hall, and helping at all events in any capacity. Thanks "Uncle Bill".

The volunteers who have kept the bottle drive going this year deserve a lot of praise as the fine total from the collection of bottles is now \$520. We hope that next year everybody, old or young, big or small, will help this mighty effort, and it can be done.

Last, but not least, must come appreciation for the work done by Mr. Stanners and his clock watchers, Mrs. Stanners as recorder, Mr. Short as starter, Mr. and Mrs. Bosward, Mr. Paterson, Club Captains Val Hammill, Janette Bosward, "Herb" Ackerman, Ron Short Jr. also to Mr. Neil, park ranger. I know there are a lot more names I should put down here but those I cannot recall can be assured their efforts do not go unnoticed and hope it will continue during the following year.

So remember the success of your Club depends on the help and support of its members.

On behalf of our Late
President,

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The 1959-60 Swimming Season will conclude with The Annual General Meeting and before we dash off into the New Season, let us look back over the past year, with open minds, to see what can be learnt both from our successes and our mistakes.

I think we can all agree that it has been a momentous year in the Club's history in many ways, some bringing happy memories, one sad. The tragic death of our President, the Late Bill Mitchell, was a shock that all of us who knew him well, still find it hard to accept. In this matter I think all of our feelings are adequately expressed in the following minute, that was recorded at our last meeting.

"We desire to report our deep sorrow and loss occasioned by the untimely and tragic death of our President, Mr. Bill Mitchell, since our last meeting. We acknowledge with gratitude his great services to this Club, in particular and to swimming in general, during his years as President. We will always remember that despite the many other pressing claims upon his time he never failed to give the Club the benefit of wise and prudent counsel which flowed from his wide experience and practical commonsense. In particular we record the debt we owe him for his work in regard to the Dressing Shed and Club Room at Sandy Beach, and for his organising and personal efforts to raise funds for the building of a Learn to Swim pool which in no small measure will serve as a living memorial of his courage, zeal and breadth of vision. We offer his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

Handicapping. This has caused more dissension in the Club, over the last couple of years, than anything else. I'm sure that the handicappers will be the first to admit that some mistakes were made, this year, which only proves to us that they are human, but the point I would like to make, especially to those who are more interested in winning trophies than taking part in a good, healthy, clean sport, is, do not forget that in all cases the handicappers volunteered when the Club couldn't get anybody else and that in each case no previous experience in handicapping swimmers had been their lot. In my humble opinion they did a pretty fair job and most of all gained invaluable experience which, if they haven't been sickened by the moaning, will assist them to do a better job this year. Above all let us all be honest about our times and I feel sure that there will be no trouble this year.

Gala Day. I think we gained a lot from the Gala Opening of the Dressing Sheds, at Sandy. The two exhibition swimmers, Sandra Morgan and Neville Hayes, are both at present in Rome for the Olympics.

Had time permitted for a better tide the exhibition swims could have been used to greater advantage.

Might I suggest to the incoming committee not to overlook the possibility of something in the style of a welcome home Carnival for a couple of our victorious swimmers.

Social Events. Everybody will agree that Norma Lupton maintained the high standard that the club has grown used to over the years.

Here again I would say to all members that if we are fortunate to have her services again this year, remember that this is the position that requires the most assistance and remembering that in Norma's case that she does not have her own transport. It behoves all members therefore to rally to her assistance. Don't wait to be asked - offer for a change.

(i) Pressure of other commitments.

(ii) Lack of support from the members in supplying the copy.

Here again I would urge members to get right behind the New Publicity Officer, he or she cannot be expected to attend all functions and continually write the whole of the "Splash".

The Future. I can see no reason for the future not to look bright. Let us all attend the Annual Meeting for a good start. Make sure we elect a good team of Officers, then most important of all let's get right behind them.

Finally. I would take this opportunity of thanking the members for allowing me to occupy this position of Senior Vice President during 1959-60 Season and I wish the Club and all new Officers for the 1960-61 Season a very Happy Year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
FOR THE SEASON 1959 - 1960.

Once again the OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB had a most successful season. Our membership rose so much in the last season that we are now the largest Club in the St. George District and we must have a proper place to change and also to organise our race meetings.

Although the Club has not produced any outstanding swimmers in the last year our swimmers reached a standard where they were able to compete confidently and successfully with the other Clubs of the district. This lack of good swimmers is, no doubt, mainly due to the fact that the Club has no regular coach and no good baths in which to train. In spite of this the number of competitive swimmers rose until every class was both an A and a B grade.

Young swimmers are also being encouraged. Trophies for the Juvenile Boys' 25 m. Championship and Juvenile Girls' 25m. Championship were kindly donated by Mr. SCHUGG and Mrs. KNIGHT. This and the fact that a vigorous "Learn-to-swim- Campaign" has been conducted under the able leadership of Mr. Les. DODD. In the past year he has helped to establish a good crop of younger swimmers who will be the backbone of the Club in the future.

Our thanks go to every benefactor and to the Members of the Club who helped to raise money for our very large trophy bill. It has been the Club's policy to award a prize to the winner of every final handicap or championship. This and the fact that our races are well organised - especially our Annual Carnival has helped the Club to attract and hold members.

The increase has made the task of our handicappers all the harder. However, they carried on excellently in a job that requires both a sound knowledge of swimming and the wisdom of Solomon.

Our handicappers are open to criticism of which most is unwarranted. A little more co-operation on behalf of the members would make this job a lot easier.

We hope, in the near future, that consistent with the increase in swimmers some talent may and indeed will appear. As part of this years swimming curriculum we held and attended other Club's carnivals.

Our own carnival was a huge success, the races smoothly and efficiently run. The carnival began on time and went to schedule until the end. The officials must be congratulated on a carnival which was without doubt the best in the district.

As usual the Club went to Orange in early December, where we held our own against their own Club and some other visiting country Clubs. Later we went to Katoomba and again held our own against some Clubs.

The Club attended the carnival held at Cronulla and N. Ramsgate - 8 in all as far as the senior men are concerned. These carnivals are always enjoyable and as usual OATLEY had a good attendance. As regards this, our Club would like to congratulate Cronulla Swimming Club on winning the point score for the N.S.W.A.S.A. Inter-club carnivals, no mean feat in a place like Sydney; also to congratulate ALAN WOODS of N. Ramsgate for his selection as a member of the Olympic Training Squad. These two events have put ST. GEORGE back on the swimming map.

Earlier in the year the Mayor, Alderman CROOT, opened a new club-room and dressing shed which was erected by the Hurstville Council. These have cold showers and a place for swimmers to dress properly

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apprehension.

I must however end on a very unhappy note and I pay tribute to our late esteemed and beloved President, BILLY MITCHELL. This tragic passing has been a terrible blow to the Club, one from which it will take time to recover. We remember Bill not only as an old friend and comrade, whose unselfishness greatly helped our Club - his bottle drives - appearance at every meeting and social occasions, organising and many other things. Our condolences are extended to his family.

D. ADAMS,
Secretary.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Over the year we have held our Housie and Euchre nights every 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of the month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our callers and especially Mrs. HAMMIL and Mrs. WHITLEY for their assistance. Our Christmas party proved a great success and as usual our ladies brought along a delightful supper. We would welcome you and your friends to come along.

During the year several functions have been held and our Works Committee have been very busy. Our Christmas party was very enjoyable. This has been followed by a social, picnics, the barbecue and not forgetting our raffles. We depend on these raffles to help cover expenses and it is very pleasing to see each member doing their share. The Annual Picnic at National Park proved to be good although I believe a lot of people suffered after effects.

I would very much like to thank last season's Social Secretary, Miss Betty BELCHER. Betty has been a great help to me during the year and ready to assist in any way.

My special thanks go to Mrs. KNIGHT and the ladies who are always ready to help when called upon. To Mr. Bill STEVENS, Ron SHORT, and Bob HAMMIL and also to David KNIGHT, who have been a great help as regards transport. To all the young folk I say thank you for coming to housie, your help is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

In closing I must mention our late President, Mr. Bill MITCHELL. To Bill the Club was his first and every thought and his greatest wish would be for the Club to carry on as before. Bill's main aim was for the swimming pool whether it be at the hall or at Sandy and I would like to ask of you all to work together and to try and make this aim possible.

Bill's disposition left little to be desired. His attitude to all members and his unceasing efforts to instil in their minds the Spirit of Friendship was most commendable. If we would all take a page out of his book I'm sure the Club would benefit substantially from the knowledge gained by following his ideals.

N. LUPTON

WORKS COMMITTEE

In presenting this Annual report I feel I must, in the first part make reference to the untimely demise of our late President and member of this Committee, Mr. Bill MITCHELL.

Bill's passing cast a gloom over all who knew him. We deeply grieve the loss of a beloved personality and extend our sincere sympathies to his family circle. All who knew, loved and respected Bill will solemnly revere his memory.

"VALE-MITCH"

Following on the first Annual report of the Works Committee-Plans for extensive Club improvement were put aside and it was the decision of the duly elected officers to concentrate on consolidating Club finances in preference to expending existing Club funds. The result arising from this decision was that an amount of approximately £16, only was outlaid on necessary works. The total expenditure for the year ending June 30th, 1960 was £155.10.4, which was drawn from the Club Improvement Fund Account.

In placing the financial aspect of the Fund is the major consideration; plans were drawn up for the purpose of forcing the Bottle-Drive as the main source of income. The Committee plan proved most successful - the income derived from this source between 1/7/59 and 30/6/60 amounted to £306.15.8. With donations of £33.17.0 and profit from sale of drinks £12. 0. 0, the total income amounted to £357.12.8.

Nett profit for the years activities consolidated the Club's fund to the extent of £202. 2. 4. This is a creditable effort when compared with the nett result obtained over the first 18 months by the Works Committee, the income for that period being £174. 16. 0 approximately. In effect, taking an average over twelve months, the percentage increase of profit is approximately 74%. From these figures, it should not be necessary to stress the importance of this valuable source of income. The balance at Bank plus cash on hand at this juncture amounts to £376. 18. 5 which in itself is proof that the Committee is worthy of your support and co-operation.

I would mention at this point that the bulk of the work entailed in the collection of bottles from Club members was carried out by our late President and on most occasions a lone effort was involved. Club members should not be too quick to forget the unceasing work performed by Bill and it would not hurt to learn a lesson or two from his past actions and attitude towards our Club.

The Social side of the Club was considered to be of prime importance and following last seasons successful off season entertainment the Committee once again organised monthly social events. These included a Social Evening, Bar-be-cue, Boat Picnic, Annual Picnic and Presentation Dance. Although these events were reasonably well attended and those who did support the functions thoroughly enjoyed themselves; only one function, namely, The Annual Presentation Dance was considered a financial success. The Committee has received from various members very gratifying comments on this function. It has been said that the attendance far exceeded any previous events of this nature and in presenting the Balance Sheet for this function, it will also be seen that it was the biggest financial success for some years. It is my pleasure to detail this Balance Sheet for your perusal:

Income		Expenditure	
Door takings	£44.13. 0	Orchestra, Hall,	
Raffle	63.16. 0	Supper, Prizes,	
		etc.	£47. 6.11½
		Balance	61. 2. 0½

Work's Committee

the Committee, do sincerely thank all the members who directly supported the arrangements as we also appreciate the record attendance of members and their folk. Special thanks is extended to Mr. Bob HAMMIL, Senior Vice President, for the very capable manner in which he presided at this function, particularly, under the circumstances which arose prior to the event. To the ladies who prepared the supper, our sincere thanks for a 100% effort. Your work may be carried out virtually behind closed doors but your efforts are of paramount importance in the minds of the organisers.

Towards the end of this season, the Committee regretfully received the resignations from two of its original members, Mrs. Betty BELCHER and Mr. Bob HAMMIL. It is to be hoped that at some later date, the Committee will have the pleasure of welcoming them back in the ranks of the workers.

In conclusion, I would personally take this opportunity of thanking the Committee members and Club members alike for their past support. We were fortunate in acquiring the assistance of Mrs. KNIGHT and Mr. Chuc. SCHUGG on the Committee; both these people proving their worth in the manner in which they have worked for the Club since their nomination and acceptance on the Works Committee

Mr. Chuc. SCHUGG is at present carrying out the duties of Works Secretary following my resignation from that office. Last but not least, a word of praise to the Social Secretary, Norma LUPTON, for a wonderful effort throughout the year. This Club was fortunate to find another who prepared to work for the benefit of the Club as did our previous Social Secretary.

Whoever may be elected to your Works and Social Committee for the ensuing twelve months, I ask you to support them in all their efforts so that, not only will your Club benefit, but you, yourself will be rewarded also.

Thank you,

A.R. SHORT.

LEARN TO SWIM ANNUAL REPORT

The 1959-60 season proved to be an outstanding and I believe a record for "Learn-to-swim Campaign" in this Club. A total of 322 pupils were enrolled and 63 of these gained their 25 yds. proficiency certificate. These figures should be improved this coming season because of a group of new instructors and prospective instructors that showed a very keen interest during the past season. The members of our Club should realise that it is due to the efforts of these instructors in teaching these kiddies that the OATLEY Swimming Club is gaining prestige and support from the district.

I personally take this opportunity in thanking all members who took an active interest in the "Learn-to-swim Campaign" which helps make such a big task so much easier and more enjoyable.

One of the disappointments of the season was the fact that we did not have any adults take lessons. This was due mainly to their self-consciousness and lack of adult instructors. I sincerely hope that this will change this season, because believe it or not it is from the men over 15 years of age that the greatest number of drownings occur.

The "Learn-to-swim" classes will commence again on the first Saturday in November, so support your Chief Instructor and gain the pleasure of helping these kiddies and grown-ups to share the pleasure that you take for granted each week-end at your local baths and beaches, and remember you may be saving their lives.

L. DODD.

OATLEY DISTRICT AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
1959 - 1960 Season

RECEIPTS

Cash at Bank & on hand
Hire of Hall
Donations
Social Committee revenue
Membership fees
Badges, etc.

£299. 8. 3
201.18. 6
26. 9. 0
87. 5. 6
110.19. 6
10.17. 6

PAYMENTS

General Expenses
Rates Taxes, Insurance
New roof
Club expenses
Donations
Trophies
Social Expenses
Cash on hand & in bank

£16. 7. 7
33. 7. 5
98. 0. 0
189. 4. 6
22.15. 6
219.10. 0
20.17. 6
136.15. 9
£736.18. 3

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 6th, 1960.

Accumulated Funds

2240.15. 9

Lend & Buildings
Clubroom fittings
Piano
Typewriter
Stop watches
Public address system
Duplicator
Electric Stove
Fire extinguisher
Cash on hand & in bank

1800. 0. 0
124. 0. 0
20. 0. 0
35. 0. 0
30. 0. 0
18. 0. 0
50. 0. 0
15. 0. 0
12. 0. 0
136.15. 9
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AFTER A COLD SWIM



All through the winter 15 hardy boys and girls from the Oatley Amateur Swimming Club swim at Cronulla Beach. They went in yesterday, and later warmed up with a tug-o'-war on the beach. Left to right are: Carolyn Stanners, 17, Wendy Derrett, 18, and Audrey Howarth, 17, all of Oatley.

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The Lord Mayor
H. F. Jensen, and
Civil and Cr
G. J. P
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