

SURF BOATS.

The long cedar surf boats provide many a thrill for onlookers during demonstrations. They are typically Australian, 24 feet long with a 5 feet beam, the boats are propelled by four oarsmen and steered by a sweep-hand at the stern. In the bow of the craft there is a compartment, with some 200 yards of line for rescue work from the boat.

THE CARNIVALS.

During the season surf clubs throughout the country hold inter-club carnivals culminating in the association carnival, usually held in March of each year. These carnivals bring to light a keen competitive spirit between units and assist in maintaining the high standard of efficiency for which the association is noted.

Held on the beach, the carnival area is usually about 200 yards long and events conducted cover every phase of life saving activities. The Association Championship Carnival brings thousands of sightseers from all over the State.

Possibly the most colourful beach spectacle is the March Past. Teams of twenty men with a reel and standard parade the beach, forming a huge splash of colour at the water's edge.

Of all the competitions arranged by the association to keep the standard to a high pitch, the most important is the rescue and resuscitation competition. The winners of this event become the premier club of the association. The event, representing the rescue of a drowning man, is probably the most gruelling of all surf contests. Teams consisting of six men, who have drawn lots for the position they will occupy, have to bring in a drowning man from the surf. Each man must be proficient in every phase of the rescue.

The "patient" swims out to the buoy and signals. The beltman dons the belt and makes after the patient. When brought ashore points are awarded for the treatment of the "patient".

THE ASSOCIATION.

The financing of the Surf Life Saving Association is mainly done by the members of the clubs themselves. State Government and local municipal bodies assist, but the bulk of the finance is carried by the members themselves.

There have been many times during the short history of the Association when it looked as if it might end, but the work of men like A. H. Curlewis and many others who have contributed so much to this organisation have made its continuance possible.

It is a source of amazement to visitors from overseas that surf life saving is voluntary and the life saver goes unpaid—indeed the life savers pay for the privilege of being a member of this unique organisation.

And it only through this body that you are able to surf in safety on the best surf beaches in the world.

A Poem to remember!

"DONT QUIT."

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you
must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the Victor's Cup.
And he learned too late when the night slipped
down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar.
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

D. R. HERON,
Walgett.



Agnes and Doris Davis, of Moruya,
took a last dip before the weather
got too cold.