

First written Report by the Club (presented to the Combined Clubs Committee)

Ithaca Life Saving Club

1977-78 – C.C.C. Report

Ithaca Life Saving Club last season changed its training night from Sundays to Friday nights at 6.00pm. Training is carried out at Ithaca Baths, Paddington.

The 1977-78 season showed an increase in membership. The Club has registered thirty-one active members. Our performance in the various carnivals during the season was encouraging.

The main activity of the Club is the patrolling of Bulcock Beach at Caloundra. We were in attendance at our beach on weekends from December to early February, public holidays and the Easter break. This period was slightly down on last season. Incidents during this period as compared to last period are as follows:

<u>Incident</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
First aid	34	47
Stings	35	30
Rescues	7	12
Surf craft rescues	9	6
Lost children	-	2

Also, on a number of occasions, too numerous to number, we removed people from swimming in and around the Bar area because of the strong currents.

The members and chaperones are housed in a modest clubhouse on the beach, while up the coast.

Ithaca recently purchases a small “rubber duckie” (a rubber raft with an outboard motor) which has aided us greatly in our patrols of our 500 metre long beach and the treacherous Caloundra Bar.

One incident comes to mind when our boat proved what an asset it was. On Easter Monday two young ski riders on one ski were 1,500 metres from shore and on the edge of the Bar and getting closer. The boat showed what a quicker and effortless rescue it was.

Office-bearers during the season have been:

Patron:	John Smith	President:	Robert Stinson
Secretary:	Jack Camp	Treasurer:	Benny Williams
Registrar:	Bronwyn McClelland	Chief Inst:	John M McClelland
Women's Captain:	Carol Stinson	Men's Captain:	James R McClelland

Delegates to C.C.C.: R Stinson, J M McClelland, J R McClelland

Thank you
James R McClelland