

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

The SLSA Australian 1950 - 1951 premiers : Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

**Date**

1951

**Medium**

Silver gelatin print, frame

**Dimensions**

Overall: 274 x 327 x 20 mm, 0.9 kg

**Name**

Photograph

**History**

The Dee Why Surf Lifesaving Club was founded in 1912 and one of the earliest and most prominent members was George Dempster, grandfather of James Dempster who donated this photograph. The club grew out of a donation of land by the Salvation Army. The charity had come to Australia in 1880 and northern beaches church member Elizabeth Jenkins bequeathed 1740 acres of land from Dee Why to Mona Vale to the movement when she died in 1900. Part of this bequeath included land around Dee Why beach to which the Salvation Army used to organise visits to by poorer people from Sydney's inner suburbs such as Zetland. The surf club arose out of these visits and the 'Salvos' gave land for the club house to be built on in 1918 - 1919.