

# TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## *Mercantile Rowing Club.*

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MR. W. POTTER AND MR. P. C. IVENS.

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*The Twenty-second Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at Morell's Bull and Mouth Hotel, Bourke Street, on Tuesday, 16th September, 1902, at 8 p.m., when your presence, and that of any intending Members, is earnestly requested.*

### BUSINESS :

• Adoption of Report and Balance Sheet.

Election of Office-bearers.

Election of New Members.

Mr. Bradshaw will move that the Entrance Fee of 10s. be suspended for a further period of twelve months.

Any other Business that may be brought forward.



# ANNUAL REPORT.

1ST SEPTEMBER, 1902.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you the Twenty-second Annual Report, your Committee are pleased to congratulate the members on the excellent position which the Club at present occupies. Both financially and in numerical strength the Club has attained a position which is without parallel.

Your Committee are proud to congratulate the Club in securing two championship races.

All through the season the greatest enthusiasm was evinced amongst the members, both in regatta and club races, and in the social fixtures your Club held; and the prospects for the coming season (1902-3) look particularly bright and attractive.

We started the season with a credit balance of £11 3s. 1d., and closed with a credit balance of £4 19s. 1d., after paying the sum of £66 in part payment of extension to Boathouse.

## INTERSTATE RACE.

The INTERSTATE EIGHT was rowed at Port Adelaide on 10th May, 1902, and resulted in a win for Victoria. Your Club had the honor of having three of its members in the crew, namely, Messrs. A. B. Sloan (6), M. K. Moss (5), and P. C. Ivens (bow).

## V.R.A. CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLS, rowed on the Lower Yarra on 26th October, 1901.—The entries were Mr. P. C. Ivens, of your Club, and Messrs. A. Chamley and C. Stamper, of the Albert Park. The race resulted in a splendid win for your representative by three lengths from Chamley. The Committee heartily congratulate Mr. Ivens on his well-merited success.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS.—This race was rowed on the Lower Yarra on the 30th November, 1901. Entries were received from the Ballarat, Albert Park, Banks, and your Club. This race provided a splendid struggle, and resulted in a magnificent win for the Mercantile crew, who finished a couple of lengths ahead of Ballarat, with the Albert Park placed third. The Committee have to congratulate the crew on their brilliant victory, which was gained by sheer grit and determination. A special word of praise is due to Mr. M. K. Moss, who rowed No. 3. Although practically an untried oarsman, he rowed with great pluck, and never once faltered over a trying course, and thus put on record a splendid performance. The crew were as follows:—Messrs. A. B. Sloan (stroke), M. K. Moss (3), W. Potter (2), and P. C. Ivens (bow).

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR, rowed on the Upper Yarra on the 22nd February, 1902.—The entrants were Albert Park, Ballarat, Yarra Yarra, and your Club, who were represented by Messrs. A. B. Sloan (stroke) and P. C. Ivens (bow). The race was won by Albert Park.

CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHT.—This race resulted in a row over for the Albert Park. Your Club had entered, and were represented by a strong combination, who were very hopeful of success. After training hard for several weeks, the crew was compelled to withdraw from the race owing to the disablement of two of its members, namely, Messrs. A. B. Sloan (stroke) and F. Wilkins (2).

## PREMIERSHIP POINTS.

	Points.		Points.
Albert Park ... ..	334	Ballarat City ... ..	6
Mercantile ... ..	142	Wendouree ... ..	6
Ballarat ... ..	65	Banks ... ..	3
Footscray City ... ..	14	Barwon ... ..	3
Corio ... ..	14	Yarra Yarra ... ..	1
Nagambie ... ..	8		

## REGATTA EVENTS.

At the V.R.A. Regatta, held on the 21st December, 1901, your Club was represented by Maiden Pair—R. F. McLeod (stroke) and H. Brasch (bow), who were successful in their heat, but lost final. Maiden Four—H. Shaw (stroke), J. Fergusson (3), A. Rigg (2), and W. Heckle (bow), who won their heat in good style, but were beaten in final after an exciting race. Maiden Eight—A. V. Waters (stroke), A. Cornish (7), B. Loel (6), A. R. Boyle (5), F. L. Davidson (4), A. Terry (3), A. Bernadou (2), and A. M. Aylwin (bow), who won both heat and final after a hard go, but were disqualified for boring. Junior Pair—R. F. McLeod (stroke) and H. Brasch (bow), who were unsuccessful. Maiden Sculls—C. E. Edwards and H. J. Whiting, who were unsuccessful. Senior Four—A. B. Sloan (stroke), M. K. Moss (3), W. Potter (2), and P. C. Ivens (bow), who won easily. Senior Pair—A. B. Sloan (stroke) and P. C. Ivens (bow), who won easily.

The Nagambie Regatta was held as usual on Boxing Day, and the following crews represented your Club:—Maiden Eight—The same crew as at Melbourne represented the Club, and were beaten in the heat by Ballarat. Maiden Pair—R. F. McLeod (stroke) and H. Wilkins (bow), who lost. Maiden Four—Same crew as at Melbourne, who won heat, but were beaten in final. Junior Pair—R. F. McLeod (stroke) and H. Brasch (bow), who were successful.

At the Upper Yarra Regatta, held on the 15th February, 1902, your Club competed in the following events:—Maiden Pair—J. J. Fogarty (stroke) and J. Strong (bow), who were unsuccessful. Maiden Eight—A. V. Waters (stroke), A. Boyle (7), F. Davidson (6), A. Moore (5), A. Bernadou (4), A. Terry (3), A. Cornish (2), and A. M. Aylwin (bow), who won easily. Maiden Four—The same crew as before, who were successful in the heat, but just failed in the final. Senior Eight—A. B. Sloan (stroke), M. K. Moss (7), W. Potter (6), H. Brasch (5), R. F. McLeod (4), C. Hazard (3), F. Wilkins (2), and E. H. Muir (bow), who won heat, but were beaten in final.

The Ballarat Regatta was held on the 28th February, 1902, and this ideal racing course again attracted large entries. Your Club were represented by Maiden Sculls—H. Brasch, who won easily at his first attempt. Maiden Eight—Same crew as at Upper Yarra Regatta, who were unsuccessful. Junior Sculls—H. Brasch, who was unsuccessful. Maiden Pair—Same crew as before, who lost. Senior Eight—A. B. Sloan (stroke), J. Southern (7), W. Potter (6), M. K. Moss (5), R. F. McLeod (4), C. Hazard (3), F. Wilkins (2), and P. C. Ivens (bow), who lost. Senior Pair—A. B. Sloan (stroke) and P. C. Ivens (bow), who were unsuccessful.

The Barwon Regatta was held on the 8th March, 1902. Your Club competed in the following events:—Maiden Four, who lost, and Maiden Sculls, H. Brasch, who again won in good style, thus pulling off the double.

During the season your Club competed in 26 races, winning 8, and losing 18.



## CLUB RACES.

These events once more proved a great draw, and can be regarded as one of the most satisfactory of the Club's successes. The entries have been uniformly large, and, as is usual in races of this nature, the finishes were in the majority of instances close and exciting. The interest has been maintained throughout the season, and the honor of winning the Captain's Trophy for the Member gaining the highest points proved a great incentive. So evenly and keenly were these events contested, that the ultimate result eventuated in a dead heat between Mr. J. J. Fogarty and Mr. A. Cornish, with 13 points each. The competition resulted as follows:—J. J. Fogarty, 13; A. Cornish, 13; R. F. McLeod, 12; H. Brasch, 11; A. Bernadou, 11; H. Sprigg, 10; J. McDonough, 9; C. Hazard, 8; M. K. Moss, 8; G. Cox, 8; A. Moore, 7; H. Quinnell, 7; F. Davidson, 6; A. Hoof, 6; F. Broad, 5; F. Wilkins, 5; C. Bowen, 5; A. Dobbie, 5; J. Fergusson, 4; W. Heckle, 4; L. Jones, 4; W. Potter, 4; A. B. Sloan, 4; H. Stooke, 4; J. K. Thompson, 4; A. Davey, 4; — Allen, 4; M. Carson, 4; A. Aylwin, 3; E. Cameron, 3; B. Loel, 3; H. Shaw, 3; G. Sampson, 3; R. Dick, 2; E. Fullwood, 2; A. Waters, 2; J. Watson, 2; A. Terry, 2; and W. R. Fogarty, P. C. Ivens, E. Muir, A. R. Moses, A. Rigg, J. Strong, L. Search, R. Treacy, and — Jackson, 1 point each.

The opening Club Races for the season were held on the 9th November, 1901, with SCRATCH FOUR-OARED RACES for a trophy presented by Mr. H. Brasch. Excellent entries were received, eight crews competing, and some close racing resulted. The final was won by Messrs. R. F. McLeod, E. Cameron, B. Loel, and A. Bernadou. Occasion was taken to hold, in conjunction with the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, a combined Ladies' Day. Fine weather prevailing, a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

SCRATCH PAIRS were held on the 11th January, 1902, for trophies presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and being favoured with fine weather and large entries, some excellent contests resulted. The final heat was the best race of the day, and resulted in a win for Messrs. A. Cornish and A. Moore by one foot from A. Bernadou and C. Bowen.

SCRATCH FOURS were held on the 18th January, 1902, for trophies presented by Messrs. F. S. Gibbs and J. Southern. Excellent entries were again received, no fewer than forty-four members competing. The weather was again all that could be desired, and an exciting afternoon's sport was passed. The trophies were secured by Messrs. H. Brasch, F. Davidson, J. McDonough, and F. Broad.

A HANDICAP SCULLING RACE was held on the 25th January, 1902, for a trophy presented by Mr. Bradshaw, and was won by H. Brasch off 5 yards.

SCRATCH PAIRS were held on the 12th April, 1902, for trophies presented by Mr. W. Potter. As the crews were picked very evenly, some close racing resulted. The winners turned up in Messrs. J. J. Fogarty and G. Cox.

SCRATCH FOURS were held on the 19th April, 1902, for trophies presented by Cr. Wm. Strong. After some interesting sport the final was won by Messrs. R. F. McLeod, J. McDonough, H. Sprigg, and L. Jones.

The concluding Club Race was held on the 26th April, 1902, when the Morell Trophy was rowed off in SCRATCH PAIRS. This event is always very popular amongst the members, and an excellent entry resulted. The Medals were won by Messrs. J. J. Fogarty and A. E. Hoof.

## COMBINATION FOURS.

The Club once more took advantage of a generous donation by Cr. S. J. Morell to hold Combination Fours on 1st February, 1902, for trophies valued at £8 10s. Entries were received from all the metropolitan clubs, and totalled 100. The sport was thoroughly representative, and attracted a large crowd, who watched the racing with evident interest, and the race was in every way a successful fixture. The finishes were exceptionally close, three dead-heats resulting during the afternoon. The winning crew were—Messrs. Ross (Civil Service), Moses (Mercantile), Fogarty (Mercantile), and Young (Yarra Yarra).

## GENERAL CLUB MATTERS.

The thanks of the Club are due to J. B. Whitty, Esq., President, Sir A. J. Peacock, Cr. Wm. Strong, Cr. S. J. Morrell, Messrs. J. Sloan (Allendale), F. S. Gibbs, A. B. Sloan, W. Potter, E. T. Bradshaw, H. Brasch, A. Bernadou, and other gentlemen, for donations received, and valuable services rendered to the Club.

We have again to tender our sincere thanks to Mr. Sid. Edwards for his invaluable services as coach. Mr. Edwards has been at all times ready and willing to place his experience at the service of the Club.

The Scotch College have continued to use the Club's property, with satisfactory results.

The Annual Ball was held on the 9th of July, and the Masonic Hall was again the locale of the function. The fixture has now achieved a great social reputation, and was on this occasion even more successful than in the past. We take this opportunity of thanking the members for the valuable help and support they gave in this direction. The arrangements, which were carried out by Messrs. A. R. Moses and A. M. Aylwin, Joint Hon. Secs., left nothing to be desired.

On the 26th April a Smoke Night was held at the Bull and Mouth Hotel, where an excellent programme was highly appreciated by a numerous attendance of members and their friends.

Your Club are pleased to congratulate S. J. Morell, Esq., on his election as a Councillor of the City of Melbourne.

During the season the Club purchased a practice eight at a cost of £50.

You are to be congratulated on possessing an unrivalled fleet of boats, consisting of one O.S. four, one clinker racing eight, one practice eight, two practice fours, one clinker racing four, one racing pair, two practice pairs, and two sculling boats, all of which are of recent construction, and in best repair.

A clinker racing scull and a practice eight are now in the course of construction, and will be ready for use at the commencement of the coming season.

Owing to the increase of members, the present dressing-room was found inadequate, and the Committee have had the dressing-room extended the full length of the Boathouse. The work has been carried out by Mr. James Moore, with every satisfaction.

The Club beg to thank Messrs. Sands and McDougall, Harvey, Shaw and Co., John Danks and Son, Fogarty, Doyle and Co., and Mr. J. B. Kalbfell for donations received on this behalf.

In accordance with the rules all office-bearers retire by effluxion of time, but are eligible for re-election.

In conclusion, the retiring officials urge upon members the necessity of keeping the Club in its present prominent position, and point out that the future depends upon them introducing new members, and supporting the actions of the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

ARTHUR M. AYLWIN, Hon. Sec.



# Mercantile Rowing Club.

SEASON, 1901 - 1902.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Sept. 19, 1901.		Sept. 6, 1902.	
To Balance .. .. .	£11 3 1	By Boats, Oars, &c., including Repairs, Edwards & Sons .. .. .	£93 5 3
„ Subscriptions and Donations, including V.R.A. and Outstandings from last season .. .. .	232 0 6	„ V.R.A. .. .. .	7 10 0
„ Proceeds of Ball, 1901 .. .. .	15 10 0	„ Sundries .. .. .	2 18 0
„ Entrance Fees—Regatta and Championship Races .. .. .	37 7 6		£103 13 3
„ Entrance Fees—Club Races .. .. .	26 9 0	„ Extension of Club Premises—Progress Payment .. .. .	66 0 0
„ Sundry Refunds .. .. .	3 16 7	„ Improvements and Repairs to Premises .. .. .	4 15 0
		„ Trophies—Club Races .. .. .	24 10 6
		„ Interstate Eight-oared Crew, 3 Seats .. .. .	12 0 0
		„ Wages .. .. .	13 5 6
		„ Rates .. .. .	7 12 4
		„ Insurance on Boats and Premises .. .. .	4 11 2
		„ Printing .. .. .	3 14 3
		„ V.R.A. Membership and Coxwain's Fees .. .. .	9 5 0
		„ Sundry Expenses and Petty Cash .. .. .	23 15 10
		„ Expenses of Coxswains at Regattas .. .. .	2 14 9
		„ Entrance Fees, Regatta and Championship Races .. .. .	37 7 6
		„ Freight on Boats, &c. .. .. .	4 0 6
		„ Rent .. .. .	2 2 0
		„ Upper Yarra Regatta Fee .. .. .	1 10 0
		„ Bank Charge .. .. .	0 10 0
		„ Balance—Cash in hand .. .. .	4 19 1
	<u>£326 6 8</u>		<u>£326 6 8</u>

## BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
J. Moore, Balance due on Contract for Extension of Club Premises .. .. .	62 12 0	Boats, Oars, and Sculls .. .. .	£250 0 0
Credit Balance .. .. .	572 13 7	Outstanding Subscriptions .. .. .	5 6 6
		Boathouse .. .. .	375 0 0
		Cash in hand .. .. .	4 19 1
	<u>£635 5 7</u>		<u>£635 5 7</u>

Audited and found correct,

THOS. F. BRENNAN, A.I.A.V.,

HON. AUDITOR.

P. C. IVENS,

HON. TREASURER.