

Mercantile Rowing Club.

Club House,

Prince's Bridge,

11th August, 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Third ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Mercantile Rowing Club will be held at the Club House on SATURDAY, the 18th day of AUGUST, 1923, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous General Meetings.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
4. To approve of the following alterations to Rules:—
 - (1) Delete the last paragraph of Rule 2 (c), and substitute the following paragraph: "Such Honorary members shall not be entitled to the use of the boats."
 - (2) Substitute the following Rule for Rule 4:
"The Annual Subscription payable by Active Members shall be £3/3/-, and by Honorary Members £1/4/6. Provided that in the case of
 - (a) Active Members under the age of 21 years, the subscription shall be £1/13/6 for the first year of membership.

- (b) All Active Members joining on or after the 1st day of March the subscription for the remainder of the then current year shall be £1/13/6, and such of those members as are under the age of 21 years shall be entitled to membership for the next ensuing year at a subscription of a like amount.

The above sums include the annual registration fee payable to the Victorian Rowing Association. Subscriptions are due and payable in advance on the 1st day of August. Every member shall pay at least one-half of his subscription on or before the 1st day of November, and if not so paid he shall be ineligible to take part in any Club or Regatta Race. If his subscription is not paid by the 1st day of March, he shall be notified that he is unfinancial and is due to be posted as such on the Club's Notice Board. If his subscription is not paid within 21 days after being so notified, he shall be posted as unfinancial, and shall be debarred from the privileges of membership, but will continue liable for his subscription. A list of members shall be posted by the Hon. Treasurer on the Club's Notice Board, with the amount paid by each member on account of his subscription.

- (3) Add the following paragraph at the end of Rule 17: "Honorary Members and such members paying the reduced subscription of £1/13/6, by reason of their being under the age of 21 years, shall not be entitled to any voice or voting power at any meetings of the Club, nor to be elected to any executive office or seat on the Committee."

5. General.

By order of the Committee,

F. W. BETTS, Hon. Secretary.

Mercantile Rowing Club.

SEASON 1922-23.

List of Office-Bearers.

President :

Councillor S. J. MORELL.

Vice-Presidents :

J. C. BENFOLD, Esq.

T. F. BRENNAN, Esq.

R. A. COOPER, Esq.

Senator G. FAIRBAIRN.

J. HERMAN, Esq.

A. R. MOSES, Esq.

A. B. SLOAN, Esq.

Captain :

E. KENNY.

Vice-Captain :

H. SMYTH.

Hon. Secretary :

F. W. BETTS.

Hon. Treasurer :

A. R. CLARKE.

Executive Committee :

R. A. COOPER.

R. V. GREGG.

J. H. HARDING.

W. JOSEPH.

J. L. MOUNSEY.

C. D. PENDER.

H. R. RUSH.

Selection Committee :

J. H. COUNIHAN.

A. DORMAN.

E. KENNY.

Hon. Auditor :

K. C. WOOTTON, F.C.P.A.

Hon. Solicitor :

J. HERMAN, Esq.

Victorian Rowing Association :

Elected Members :

A. L. DOBBIE.

W. JOSEPH.

Representative Members :

A. R. CLARKE.

J. L. MOUNSEY.

Delegates to the Upper Parra Amateur Regatta Association :

F. W. BETTS.

J. L. MOUNSEY.

Representative on Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association (Senley) :

W. JOSEPH.

Delegate to the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association :

F. W. BETTS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club.



Club House, Prince's Bridge,
18th August, 1923.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club,
Gentlemen,

In presenting to you the Forty-Third Annual Report it is pleasing to your Committee to be able to report that your Club has again enjoyed a very successful season. The Club's position from a financial point of view is sound, its fleet is in very good order, and the standard of its rowing has been maintained to a satisfactory degree.

The Club maintained the leading position it held in the competition for the Senior Premiership at the date of the last Annual Meeting, and succeeded in annexing the coveted honor for the extended season ending on 31st December last, by the large margin of 71 points. It is 15 years since the Club won such honors, and it is to be congratulated on its success. The Club's Champion Eight, which remained undefeated throughout the season, materially assisted in this direction, and added further distinction to its fine record by establishing a unique performance in equalling the record of the Yarra Yarra Club's eight consecutive wins for Senior Eights.

It is hoped that the crew will eclipse the record at next Henley.

By its win in the Maiden Fours at last Henley Regatta the Club became the first to have succeeded in every event on the Henley programme.

A Special General Meeting of the Club, on the 15th October last, unanimously elected Mr. A. L. Dobbie, who held the position of Captain for the record number of 11 years, to Life Membership in recognition of the very fine work rendered by him in that and other offices connected with the Club.

The Club premises have been connected with the sewerage system at a cost of £107/10/-, which improvement was urgently needed.

The Committee considers that, as further expenditure must be made in connection with the Club House for painting and guttering almost immediately, and as the estimated revenue for the coming year is expected to be much less than that received during the past year, an increase in the annual subscription must be made, and recommends accordingly.

Finance.

The receipts for the year totalled £482/6/6, showing a decrease of £20/16/10, as compared with last year's figures, and the expenditure amounted to £510/10/-, last year's total being reduced to the extent of £65/9/6. The operations for the year disclose an excess of disburse-beyond receipts of £28/3/6. In these figures the cost of sewerage connections is not included.

The Committee has again to draw your attention to the large amount expended for repairs to boats, oars and shed. Practically the whole of this sum was spent on boats and oars, and while not so large as the previous year, it is still too high. It is not the duty of executive officers solely to see that this item is reduced, as, apparently, some members would think, but each member should assume individual responsibility for the preservation of the Club's property, and until he does so the amount will not be reduced to any appreciable extent.

As the expenditure has for the past two years exceeded the receipts, and as it is estimated that the coming year's transactions will also show a deficit, your Committee recommend that an increase in the annual subscription be made to £3/3/- for Senior Active Members, and £1/13/6 for Members under the age of 21 years. A large sum must be spent on the Club House for painting and spouting, and your Committee considers that this increase will be sufficient for our needs. You are, therefore, asked to approve of the resolutions which will be submitted for the alteration of Rules, as set out in the Notice of Meeting.

Membership.

Your Committee is pleased to record the fact that the introduction of new members, as compared with the previous season, showed a considerable improvement, 42 new members having been enrolled, as against 20 for the previous year. You are still, however, urged to see that the membership strength is increased during the coming season.

The Roll has been revised and our strength is now 146 members, as against last year's total of 131, and is made up as follows:—

Life Members	7
Senior Active Members	114
Junior Active Members	16
Honorary Members	9
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Donations.

The Club has been materially assisted by generous donations from your President, Cr. S. J. Morell, and from the following gentlemen:— Messrs. T. F. Brennan, R. A. Cooper, Senr., G. Ferguson, S. Guinn, T. Marsh, J. H. Picken, J. Sherman, and Senator G. Fairbairn, and our thanks and appreciation are tendered to them for their practical recognition.

Committee.

Eleven meetings were held during the season, and the interest evinced by your Committee is shown in the following table of attendances:—

F. W. Betts 11	J. H. Harding .. 8	C. D. Pender .. 9
A. R. Clarke .. 11	W. Joseph 9	H. R. Rush 10
R. A. Cooper .. 11	E. Kenny 8	H. Smyth 4
R. V. Gregg .. 8	J. L. Mounsey .. 9	

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Kenny and Smyth for three meetings, to Mr. Gregg for two meetings, and to Messrs. Harding, Joseph, Mounsey and Pender for one meeting.

Boats and Oars.

The Practice Fleet has been maintained in a good state of repair. In connection with the order for a Clinker Racing Four referred to in last year's report, your Committee cancelled the order placed with Messrs. Edwards & Son, it being considered practicable to put up a little longer with the difficulty then being experienced.

An order has been placed with Messrs. Edwards & Son for a Best Racing Eight, to be delivered in time for next Henley Regatta. An order has also been placed with the same firm for a Practice Pair, to be a sister boat with the two Pairs now held by the Club.

The Club is now the possessor of the following boats:—RACING—1 Best Eight; 2 Best Fours; 2 Clinker Eights; 2 Clinker Fours; 2 Pairs; 1 Sculling Boat. PRACTICE—3 Clinker Eights; 3 Clinker Fours; 2 Pairs; 4 Sculling Boats. The oars are in good condition and comprise 42 Racing and 62 Practice, including one set of ten and two Towns' racing oars, presented by your President during the past season. The Club, therefore, is fortunate in having a fleet in first-class order, and a good supply of oars with which to commence the coming season.

Rowing.

Australian Championships.

The Eight-Oared Championship of the Commonwealth took place at Perth on the 7th May last, all the States competing, with the exception of Queensland, and resulted in the South Australian crew winning by half a length from the West Australian crew. The Victorian crew finished third, two lengths behind the winners.

Your Club's representatives in the Victorian Eight were Messrs. J. M. Buchanan (stroke), R. V. Gregg (7), J. L. Mounsey (6), H. R. Rush (5), and E. Counihan as cox. Our congratulations are extended to the South Australian crew on its victory.

Your Captain, Mr. E. Kenny, was again appointed Manager of the Victorian crew.

The Sculling Championship was won by A. G. Bull (N.S.W.), the Victorian representative, S. McGorm finishing third.

Intersarsity Championship.

The annual contest for the above was rowed at Sydney, and resulted in the Brisbane University again winning, Adelaide and Melbourne finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Your members—J. M. Buchanan, H. C. Maling and W. J. Pannell—rowed in the stroke, 7 and 5 seats respectively of the Melbourne crew.

Association Championships.

Champion Eights, 16th December, 1922.

Your Club, represented by H. C. Maling (bow), C. N. McKay (2), H. Smyth (3), J. Harding (4), M. C. Bonniwell (5), J. L. Mounsey (6), R. V. Gregg (7), and J. M. Buchanan (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, and coached by Mr. A. B. Sloan, repeated its previous success and won by two and a half lengths from University, with Albert Park third.

Champion Fours, 20th January, 1923.

Your Club, represented by H. C. Maling (bow), J. L. Mounsey (2), R. V. Gregg (3), and J. M. Buchanan (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, rowed into second place behind Wendouree, the winners.

Champion Sculls, 16th December, 1922.

Champion Pairs, 10th February, 1923.

Your Club was not represented in either of these Championships.

Henley Regatta.

28th October, 1922.

Senior Eights.—Your Club, represented by H. C. Maling (bow), J. L. Mounsey (2), H. Smyth (3), M. C. Bonniwell (4), H. Rush (5), J. H. Harding (6), R. V. Gregg (7), and J. M. Buchanan (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, succeeded in repeating last year's success in the Grand Challenge Cup, after a magnificent race in the final heat with its namesake Club from Hobart, who had won the Champion Eight of Tasmania. Mr. A. B. Sloan coached your Club's crew.

Senior Fours.—H. Kilmartin (bow), R. Nightingale (2), B. Hartwell (3), R. T. Rush (stroke), with A. Holtham as cox, and coached by your fellow member, S. Guinn, were defeated in their heat.

Senior Sculls.—E. Roberts represented the Club, but was unsuccessful in his heat, being beaten by A. Baynes (Commercial, Queensland), the ultimate winner of the event.

Junior Eights.—G. Facius (bow), J. A. Greenshields (2), T. B. McKay (3), L. G. Montgomery (4), E. L. Guinn (5), J. K. Herd (6), A. W. Staley (7), C. D. Pender (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, and coached by J. H. Counihan, represented the Club, and were defeated by Albert Park by inches, in the heat, after a magnificent race.

Maiden Eights.—Your Club was represented by two crews in C. J. Nicholls (bow), C. Braithwaite (2), G. O. Lawrence (3), T. S. Carlyon (4), G. B. McKenzie (5), L. C. Hill (6), C. T. Chapman (7), D. J. W. Stone (stroke), H. Robinson (cox), E. Kenny (coach); and R. Hill (bow), V. Galvin (2), J. Dunstan (3), J. G. Castieau (4), H. Guinn (5), P. Radich (6), J. Begg (7), E. G. Leggo (stroke), A. Holtham (cox), F. W. Betts (coach). Both crews met in one heat and were defeated.

Maiden Fours.—J. M. Cooper (bow), G. C. Courtney (2), W. J. Pannell (3), with W. G. Pitt as stroke and A. J. McNamara (cox), coached by your fellow member, R. A. Cooper, were successful in winning the final heat, thus enabling the Club to claim the distinction of being the first Club to win all the events on the Henley program. Eighteen crews competed in this event.

V.R.A. Regatta.

2nd December, 1922.

Senior Eights.—The Senior Eight event for the Cup presented by your President was won for the fourth time in succession by the Club, represented by H. C. Maling (bow), C. N. McKay (2), H. Smyth (3), M. C. Bonniwell (4), H. Rush (5), J. L. Mounsey (6), R. V. Gregg (7), J. M. Buchanan (stroke), E. Counihan (cox). Having won the first Cup, the Club has now a leg-in for the second Cup.

Junior Fours.—The crew that represented the Club in the Maiden Fours at the Henley Regatta competed and was successful in the final heat.

Junior Pairs.—G. Facius (bow) and C. D. Pender (stroke), with A. J. McNamara as cox, were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Eights.—J. G. Monteath (bow), A. R. Martin (2), J. G. Castieau (3), V. Galvin (4), H. Guinn (5), H. Kinnear (6), J. Begg (7), E. G. Leggo (stroke), with H. Robertson as cox, were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Fours.—Our representatives, C. J. Nicholls (bow), P. Nugent (2), J. A. Greenshields (3), and B. Cass (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, were defeated in their heat.

Light-weight Maiden Fours.—H. C. Norris (bow), R. Hill (2), L. J. McNamara (3), and W. F. Ryan (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, were defeated in their heat by inches.

Maiden Pairs.—L. Spencer (bow) and A. R. Buchanan (stroke), with A. J. McNamara as cox, were unsuccessful in their heat.

Upper Yarra Regatta.

27th January, 1923.

Senior Fours.—The Club's Senior Four—H. C. Maling (bow), J. L. Mounsey (2), R. V. Gregg (3), and J. M. Buchanan (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox—was defeated in the heat by Albert Park, after a very exciting and close finish.

Senior Pairs.—H. R. Rush (bow) and J. L. Harding (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, were defeated in their heat by Wendouree, the winners of the final.

Junior Pairs.—G. Facius (bow) and A. G. Treharne (stroke), with A. J. McNamara as cox, were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Fours.—L. Spencer (bow), L. G. Montgomery (2), E. L. Guinn (3), B. Cass (stroke), with E. Counihan (cox), succeeded in the heat, but were defeated in the semi-final heat by Sandhurst, the ultimate winners of the event.

Light-weight Maiden Fours.—The Club was represented by R. Hill (bow), W. F. Ryan (2), L. J. McNamara (3), E. G. Leggo (stroke), and E. Counihan (cox), who were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Pairs.—A. R. Buchanan (bow) and P. F. Nugent (stroke), with A. J. McNamara (cox), were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Sculls.—E. A. McKenzie was unsuccessful in his heat.

Albert Park Regatta.

29th January, 1923.

The Club competed in the Senior Fours and Pairs, Junior Pairs, Maiden Fours, Pairs and Sculls, and Light-weight Fours, with the same crews that rowed at the Upper Yarra Regatta. The Senior Pair, Maiden Four, and Sculler succeeded in winning their respective heats, but were defeated in the subsequent heats.

Ballarat Regatta.

24th February, 1923.

Senior Eights.—H. C. Maling (bow), C. N. McKay (2), H. Smyth (3), M. C. Bonniwell (4), H. R. Rush (5), J. L. Mounsey (6), R. V. Gregg (7), J. M. Buchanan (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, defeated Wendouree by three-quarters of a length, with Albert Park two lengths behind third. The crew gave a beautiful exhibition of rowing, which was much appreciated and brought forth congratulations for Mr. A. B. Sloan, the coach, from all sides.

Junior Eights.—J. T. Clarke (bow), A. G. Treharne (2), J. M. Cooper (3), L. G. Montgomery (4), E. L. Guinn (5), G. C. P. Courtney (6), W. J. Pannell (7), W. G. Pitt (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, finished in third place.

Maiden Sculls.—E. A. McKenzie was unsuccessful.

Barwon Regatta.

3rd March, 1923.

The Senior and Junior Eights which rowed at Ballarat again represented the Club. The former Eight succeeded in winning the final heat from Wendouree and Albert Park, and rowed brilliantly. The latter Eight won their heat, but were defeated in the final by Ballarat's very good Eight.

By its win at this Regatta the Senior Eight equalled the record previously held by the Y.Y. Club of eight consecutive wins.

Bairnsdale Regatta.

31st March, 1923.

Junior Pairs.—J. M. Cooper (bow) and G. C. Courtney (stroke) were defeated.

Maiden Eights.—The Club was represented by J. Dunstan (bow), V. Galvin (2), A. R. Shannon (3), R. E. Chapman (4), H. Guinn (5), L. C. Hill (6), J. G. Begg (7), and E. G. Leggo (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, who were also defeated.

Light-weight Maiden Fours.—R. G. Hill (bow), W. F. Ryan (2), C. J. Nicholls (3), W. J. Wilcox (stroke), with E. Counihan as cox, were defeated in the final heat.

Sale Regatta.

2nd April, 1923.

Our crews at the Bairnsdale Regatta represented the Club at Sale. The Junior Pair and Light-weight Maiden Four reversed the decisions at Bairnsdale, and succeeded in winning the finals. The other crew was unsuccessful.

Premierships.

As before mentioned, the Club was successful in annexing the Senior Premiership by a large margin of 71 points, and attained seventh place in the honors for Junior Premiers. The points were as follows:—

Senior.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Mercantile	100	9	Richmond	5	3
Wendouree	29	10	Sandhurst	3	1
Barwon	16	2	Ballarat	2	1
Albert Park	14	4	Corio Bay	2	1
Shepparton	10	3	Nagambie	2	1

Junior.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Barwon	64	9	Corio Bay	18	3
Albert Park	38	5	Sandhurst	17	8
Wendouree	35	8	Nagambie	14	3
Richmond	34	5	Bairnsdale	12	4
Hawthorn	32	4	Ballarat City	10	2
Footscray	29	6	Shepparton	6	2
Essendon	28	4	Banks	4	1
Mercantile	28	4	Lake Colac	4	1
Warrnambool	28	6	Melbourne	4	1
Ballarat	26	5	Preston	4	2
University	26	3	South Melbourne . .	2	1
Sale	20	5	Yarra Yarra	2	1

In connection with the points for the current season, which ends on the 31st December next, the Club has 16 points to its credit in the Senior Premiership for 2 wins, and is second on the list to Wendouree, with 36 points for 9 wins.

In the Junior Premiership the Club has 6 points for 2 wins.

Inter-Banks Regatta.

(For H. G. Turner Trophy)

Your members, L. G. Montgomery, A. G. Treharne and H. Smyth, rowed in the Four representing the Bank of Australasia, which repeated its success of last year.

Sculling.

The Club was successfully represented by M. C. Bonniwell in a Novice, also in a Handicap Sculling Race, held under the control of the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association.

Combination Races.

"Morell" Eights, 11th November, 1922.

The record was equalled when twenty-two crews competed for the trophies presented by your President, and the racing was carried through with precision. The successful crew was:—E. McTaggart (E.), bow; J. Allwell (S.M.), 2; A. Smith (Y.Y.), 3; P. Irving (R.), 4; G. C. Eakins (B.), 5; H. P. Brown (S.M.), 6; W. Thompson (B.), 7; V. H. Daniel (B.), stroke. H. Robertson (M.) and N. Fisher (A.P.) divided the Coxswain's Trophy.

Club Races.

Four races were conducted by the Club, for members only, but they did not receive the support which they deserved. Members should realise that their appreciation of the liberality of the donors of trophies is evidenced by the entries received for Club races.

The Committee has decided to institute an Annual Competition, to be styled "Mercantile Club Fours," for Cups to be presented by the Club, and to instal an Honor Board in the Club House to perpetuate the names of the winners. The first race has been fixed for the 1st September next, and members are asked to bear this in mind and to create a record entry.

J. McGregor Pairs (for Novices), 10th February, 1923.

Seven crews competed for the trophies, and the final was won by S. A. Ditchburn (bow) and J. Begg (stroke).

J. Sherman Fours, 16th June, 1923.

Ten crews entered for the trophies presented by Mr. Sherman. The winning crew was constituted as follows:—G. Sturrock (bow), V. Galvin (2), W. Craig (3), J. L. Mounsey (stroke). The runners-up comprised:—A. W. Hunter (bow), R. Cornish (2), W. J. Pannell (3), S. Guinn (stroke), who also participate in the liberality of the donor.

J. H. Picken and T. Marsh Fours.

Eight crews competed in this race, but owing to difficulty in the finalists getting together again, the deciding heat has not yet been rowed.

S. Guinn Pairs, 14th July, 1923.

Twelve crews competed, and the final heat was won by W. Craig (bow) and H. Smyth (stroke). In this event the crews were chosen by themselves, and handicapped by the Selection Committee on a time allowance.

Points Competition.

The winner of this very desirable competition for a trophy donated by R. A. Cooper, Esq., will not be decided until the final heat of the "Picken and Marsh Fours" is rowed.

Your fellow member, Mr. W. G. Pitt, has offered to present an Honor Board to the Club, so that the winners of this competition shall be placed on record in a suitable way, and the thanks of the members are hereby extended to the donor.

Social.

The Annual Dinner was held at Anzac House on the 24th July last, when your President presided over 75 members and guests, including many old members of the Club. The Metropolitan Clubs, by the invitation of your President, as is his usual custom, were again represented, and thus the ties of goodfellowship with our rivals in the sport were strengthened.

Your President again evidenced his generosity to the Club. On the evening of our victory in the Champion Eight, the crew and officials of the Club, and the winners of the Junior Four at Henley were entertained at dinner.

Your fellow member, Mr. John Sherman, in accordance with his usual custom, has intimated his intention of entertaining the second crew in the final of the Sherman Fours and the Chief Executive officers at Dinner, and afterwards at the Theatre.

The Annual Ball, referred to in last year's report, took place at the Masonic Hall on the 8th September last, and was attended by 107 members and friends, and was a social success, but your Committee regrets to state that, despite its request to the members to give their help to the function, a great number did not give heed thereto, and in consequence the Club suffered a severe financial loss.

This year's Ball has been fixed to take place at the Masonic Hall on the 14th September, and your Committee urges the members to make up for the apathy displayed last year, and so restore the loss which resulted therefrom.

Messrs. J. T. Clarke, S. Guinn, W. G. Pitt, and the Secretary have joined the ranks of the Benedicts, and your Committee takes this opportunity of congratulating them and wishing them all the happiness possible.

General.

We are again indebted to our President for his practical support, the most recent instance being the presentation of a set of Stephenson racing oars and two Towns racing oars.

Last year your Committee drew attention to those gentlemen who at much personal inconvenience gave their time to the coaching of members. That we were successful in the Senior Premiership was without doubt due to the coaching of your former Captain, Mr. A. B. Sloan. Our wins in the competition for the Junior Premiership were made possible by the efforts of Mr. J. H. Counihan, Dr. R. A. Cooper, your Captain, Mr. Kenny, and various other members who contributed with time and knowledge at great personal inconvenience to themselves.

The Club is indeed fortunate in having such gentlemen in its ranks, and members should appreciate to the fullest extent their value. Without them we should fail badly.

We should not leave it till the end of each season to show our appreciation by a few words in this report, but should show some tangible appreciation by assisting our Coaches in their work on every possible occasion and by every possible means. The efforts of Mr. Sloan could be appreciated in no better way than by those members who have been through his hands imparting the knowledge derived to other members less fortunate. We also appreciate the efforts of Messrs. A. Dorman, A. G. Lindblade, H. Smyth, S. Guinn, and other gentlemen who have assisted the Club in this connection.

The thanks of the Club are tendered to Masters Counihan, Robertson, McNamara, Kenny, Morell and Mackay for their attendances at the Club House, in the capacity of coxswains.

Again it is felt that the Club is fortunate in having Mr. A. Clarke in charge of the finances, and our best thanks are tendered to the Treasurer for his fine work.

Special thanks are due to Mr. J. Sturrock for his practical work in connection with Club affairs.

Conclusion.

Your Committee appreciates the assistance given by you generally throughout the season, and solicits a renewal of that help for the incoming Committee. In last year's Report your Committee expressed the opinion that, with your loyal support and with the material then on hand, there was no reason why the Club should not succeed in at least one of the premierships. It did succeed. Now we are in a

position, regarding the Senior Premiership, which is not so good, but that position can be improved and a task is ahead of us which will show whether or not the old standard of the Club is as good as ever. With strict attention to training and coaching, a supreme effort will result in gathering in the laurels again.

Our position on the Junior Premiership list is only fair, but we should improve it, and you are exhorted to attend strictly to training and to support the efforts of your Committee to further the interests of the Club.

On behalf of the Committee,

F. W. BETTS,

Hon. Secretary.

Addendum.

Owing to increasing business ties our Captain, Mr. Kenny, has intimated that he cannot with satisfaction continue in that onerous position after this year. This is to be regretted. During his eight years of office (four years Captain and four years Vice-Captain), the Club prospered under his guidance, so that its position to-day is a very sound one. His great knowledge of all details connected with rowing contributed largely to the success of the Club, and the tact and courtesy at all times displayed by him was doubtless instrumental in the Club's affairs being carried on to the complete satisfaction of every member. He will, of course, consent to be nominated for a seat on the Executive Committee, where the Club will still have the benefit of his advice and experience.

This Report would not be complete without reference being made to the excellent services which Mr. F. W. Betts has rendered the Club in his capacity as Honorary Secretary for the past three years, and it is to be regretted that he is unable to continue in office for a further term. The sincere thanks of the Committee and Members are tendered to our retiring Secretary for his efforts on behalf of the Club, and it must be gratifying to him to know that the work he has done has been largely instrumental in keeping the Club so prominent in the rowing community.

It is with pleasure that we record the fact that our genial and hard-working Treasurer, Mr. Alec. Clarke, has consented to continue in office after having already given six years' excellent service to the Club, which is fortunate in having such a zealous official to look after the financial part of its affairs.

S. J. MORELL,

President.

List of Members, 1922-23 Season.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Dobbie, A. L.	Levy, A.	Sloan, A. B.
Ivens, P. C.	Moses, A. R.	Stooke, N.
	Potter, W.	

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Agel, R.	Guinn, E. L.	Nicholls, C. J.
Beech, W. H.	Guinn, H. G.	Nightingale, R. A.
Begg, J. G.	Guinn, S.	Nugent, H. G.
Betts, F. W.	Harding, J.	Nugent, P. F.
Bonniwell, M. C.	Hartwell, B. C.	Pannell, W. J.
Braithwaite, C. T.	Herd, J. K.	Paton, J. G.
Browne, F. R.	Hill, C.	Pender, C. D.
Buchanan, J. M.	Hill, R.	Picken, J. H.
Burke, E. L.	Hill, L. C.	Pinkerton, F. T.
Burmeister, C.	Joseph, W.	Pitt, W. G.
Carlyon, T. S.	Kempton, R. H.	Radich, P.
Casey, D.	Kennedy, H. L.	Roberts, E.
Cass, B. P.	Kenny, E.	Rush, H. R.
Cashmore, G. B.	Kerr, R. J.	Rush, R. T.
Castieau, J. G. B.	Kilmartin, W.	Ryan, W. F.
Chapman, R. E.	Koch, A. H.	Scriven, B. H.
Chappell, A. C.	Kline, J. A.	Shannon, A. R.
Clarke, A.	Leggo, E. G.	Sharples, J. A.
Clarke, J. T.	Lawrence, G. O.	Silbert, O.
Connolly, F. R.	Lindblade, A. G.	Skafto, W. H.
Cooper, J. M.	Maling, H. C.	Smith, U. R.
Cooper, Dr. R. A.	Marsh, T. W.	Smyth, H.
Counihan, J. H.	Marshall, P. G.	Spencer, L.
Courtnev, G. C. P.	Martin, A. R.	Sprigg, J. G.
Craig, W.	Martin, F.	Staley, A. W.
Day, F. C.	Mills, J. M.	Stone, D. J. W.
Dempster, M. G.	Monteath, G. E.	Sturrock, J. McL.
Ditchburn, S. A.	Monteath, J. G.	Tanner, J.
Dorman, A.	Montgomery, L. G.	Treharne, A. G.
Dunstan, J.	Morell, Jas.	Vanderkelen, C.
Elliott, H. A.	Moon, W. H.	Wakeford, W. E.
Facius, G. D.	Mounsey, J. L.	Watson, G. C.
Gallop, G.	McKay, C. N.	Watson, Jas.
Galvin, V. C.	McKay, T. B.	Wellings, J. F.
Gardner, G.	McKenzie, E. A.	Williams, M. S.
George, R. A.	McKenzie, G. P.	Wood, A.
Greenshields, J. A.	McNamara, L. J.	Wootton, K. C.
Gregg, R. V.	Nettlefold, T. S.	Worrall, D.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Ackland, G.	Cohen, M. J.	Kinnear, H.
Bernadou, P. R.	Cornish, R.	Murray, G.
Buchanan, A. R.	Elliott, J. B.	Swan, C.
Camobell, John	Herbert, L. J.	Thompson, D. F.
Clark, T. S.	Hunter, A. W.	Wilcox, W. J. H.
	Hislop, J. D.	

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Bernadou, A. W.	Gomm, S. H.	O'Reilly, Jas.
Bradshaw, E. T.	Harvey, W. C.	Sherman, J. L.
Ferguson, Geo.	McNaughton, M. S.	Wade, P. M.

Statement of Receipts and

RECEIPTS.

To Balance at State Savings Bank	£9 15 2	
„ „ „ Bank of New South Wales	16 6 6	
„ Cheques on Hand	68 3 6	
	£95 5 2	
„ Subscriptions—		
Arrears	£28 3 6	
Full Members, Season 1922-23	216 12 6	
Junior Members, Season 1922-23	11 0 6	
Honorary Members, Season 1922-23	8 11 6	
End of Season, 1922-23	16 5 0	
In Advance, Season 1923-24	6 9 6	
	287 2 6	
„ Donations	38 12 6	
„ Entrance Fees, Club Races	27 8 0	
„ „ „ Regatta Races	41 17 6	
„ „ „ Combination Races	0 7 6	
„ Annual Dinner, 1922	13 2 6	
„ „ „ 1923	19 0 0	
„ „ Meeting	4 8 0	
„ Singlets and Caps	10 7 3	
„ V.R.A. Fine	0 5 0	
„ Freight	20 11 1	
„ Hire Racing Boats	2 0 0	
„ Annual Ball, 1921—Cash in Hand	10 5 2	
„ Refund on A/c of Broken Oar	1 10 0	
„ Interest	5 9 6	
	£576 11 8	

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10th August, 1923.

Expenditure for Season 1922-23.

EXPENDITURE.

By Repairs to Boats, Oars and Shed	£76	12	4
„ Renewals to Boats and Oars	95	8	3
„ Hon. Sec.'s Expenses	15	5	9
„ Printing Annual Report and Ballot Papers	12	19	6
„ Insurance	16	18	0
„ Expenses, Annual Meeting	20	18	3
„ „ Annual Dinner, 1922	33	2	0
„ „ Annual Dinner, 1923	5	14	0
„ „ Morell Eights	3	10	0
„ Country Regattas—Coxswains' Expenses	8	1	10
„ „ „ Freight	28	6	0
„ Lighting, Water and General Rates	21	13	2
„ Trophies for Club Races	25	2	3
„ Caretaker's Wages	45	10	0
„ Bank Charges and Cheque Book	1	0	0
„ Entrance Fees, Regattas	41	17	6
„ Subscription, Upper Yarra Regatta	2	2	0
„ Xmas Boxes	4	4	0
„ Occupancy Fee and Staging Contribution	15	17	6
„ V.R.A. Dues, Fees and Fines	23	12	6
„ Entrance Fees, Combination Races	1	5	6
„ Singlets	8	6	6
„ Deficit on Telephone	2	0	6
„ Balance at State Savings Bank £15 4 8			
„ „ „ Bank of New South Wales 50 17 0			
„ Sundries	1	2	8
	66	1	8
	£576	11	8

Audited and found correct,

KENNETH C. WOOTTON, F.C.P.A.,

Hon. Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1923.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Trophy Orders Unpresented	£21 0 0	Boat House at Estimated Value	£1250 0 0
Boat Building Fund—		Boat Oars & Sculls at Estimated Value	638 5 0
Invested in Commonwealth 7th War		Club Fittings at Estimated Value	50 0 0
Loan at 5 per cent., 1923, as per		Carpenter's Bench, Boat Boxes and	
contra £100 0 0		Honor Board, at Estimated Value	16 0 0
State Savings Bank	115 4 8	Outstanding Debtors for Singlets and	
		Caps	2 0 0
Subscriptions for Season 1923-24 paid		Outstanding Subscriptions for Season	
in advance	6 9 6	1922-23	29 0 6
Sundry Creditors	160 14 3	Outstanding Entrance Fees for Morell	
Capital by Excess of Assets over		Fights, 1922	2 18 0
Liabilities	1880 11 7	Outstanding Amounts owing for Freight	
		to Country Regattas	1 17 4
		Outstanding Amounts owing for Annual	
		Dinner, 1923	27 17 6
		Commonwealth 7th War Loan, 1923 Bond	100 0 0
		Balance—	
		Bank of N. S. Wales	£50 17 0
		State Savings Bank	15 4 8
			66 1 8
	£2,184 0 0		£2,184 0 0

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