



MELBOURNE

FORTY-NINTH

Annual Report

...and...

Balance Sheet

SEASON 1928-29

# Mercantile Rowing Club



Club House,  
Princes Bridge,  
16th July, 1929.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **Forty-ninth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **Mercantile Rowing Club** will be held at the **Club House** on **MONDAY, 22nd July, 1929, at 8 p.m.** (**Smoke Night on SATURDAY, 27th July.**)

## BUSINESS :

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year,

By order of the Committee,

C. J. NICHOLLS,

Hon. Secretary.

# Mercantile Rowing Club

SEASON 1928-29.

## List of Office-Bearers.

### President:

Sir STEPHEN MORELL.

### Vice-Presidents:

T. F. BRENNAN, Esq.  
R. A. COOPER, Esq.  
A. L. DOBBIE, Esq.  
Sir GEO. FAIRBAIRN.

J. HERMAN, Esq.  
W. JOSEPH, Esq.  
T. S. NETTLEFOLD, Esq.  
A. B. SLOAN, Esq.

### Captain:

J. G. SPRIGG (resigned 8/4/29).  
A. R. SHANNON (elected 7/5/29).

### Vice-Captain:

J. SOUTH.

### Hon. Secretary:

C. J. NICHOLLS.

### Hon. Treasurer:

A. R. CLARKE.

### Hon. Assist. Secretary:

A. SLOSS.

### Executive Committee:

A. J. N. BURTON.  
J. A. GREENSHIELDS.  
G. J. HORDER.  
E. KENNY.  
A. P. MILLER (elected 7/5/29).

J. E. CAMPBELL (elected 7/5/29).  
C. F. RAVEN.  
A. R. SHANNON.  
H. G. TAYLOR (resigned 7/5/29).

### Selection Committee:

J. A. GREENSHIELDS.  
E. KENNY.

A. R. SHANNON (elected 7/5/29).  
J. G. SPRIGG (resigned 8/4/29).

### Hon. Auditor:

F. R. BROWNE, L.I.C.A.

### Hon. Solicitor:

M. S. WILLIAMS.

### Social Committee:

G. J. HORDER (Hon. Sec.).  
L. S. DIGBY (Hon. Treas.).  
C. F. RAVEN.

B. SULLIVAN.  
A. P. MILLER.

### Victorian Rowing Association:

Elected Members:  
A. L. DOBBIE.  
W. JOSEPH.

Representative Members:  
A. R. SHANNON.  
J. G. SPRIGG.

Delegate to the Upper Parra Amateur Regatta Assn  
A. J. N. BURTON.

Delegates to Metropolitan Rowing Association.  
J. G. SPRIGG. C. J. NICHOLLS.


(Representative to Melbourne Amateur Regatta Assn. (Henley)  
W. JOSEPH.

# The Forty-ninth Annual Report

OF THE

## Mercantile Rowing Club

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Club House,  
Princes Bridge, Melbourne.

July, 1929.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club,

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting to you the Forty-Ninth Annual Report.

From all aspects the season can be described as a very successful one, and the co-operation of members, coaches and officials in achieving the success has been a feature of the season.

In rowing, your Club has regained its prominent position, while, socially, you are catered for by a body of enthusiasts whose object in maintaining the social interest of members throughout the season, and the improvement of the Club's finances, has been entirely successful.

The number of applications for membership has been even greater than last season. The election of more than 70 members has fully taxed the capacity of our fleet accommodation, and those who have assisted in their coaching. The number enrolled is a record.

It will be noticed, by glancing at the lists of your representatives at the different regattas, that large entries were sent from your Club to practically every fixture throughout the season. At each of three regattas two Maiden Eights represented the Club, two of which were successful. At each of six regattas two Maiden Fours were entered, one of which was successful, while, at Nagambie, three crews from the Club competed in the Junior Fours, one of which won that event.

It can be realised from the above that every effort has been made to achieve prominence in the Junior Premiership Competition, while, at the same time, your Senior crews were busily occupied in gaining the honours in that division.

The outlook for the coming season was never more hopeful, and, providing that the same measure of co-operation is received from all sections as has been given in the past season, the Club's fiftieth year should be its most successful one to date.

Great praise is due to Mr. J. G. Sprigg, your past Captain, for the able and enthusiastic manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Club during his term of office. While he was actively and successfully engaged in rowing in the Senior ranks during the regatta

season, he, nevertheless, devoted much time to the requirements of less experienced members, as well as the numerous other duties connected with his office. Your Club's present satisfactory position is very largely due to Mr. Sprigg's efforts, and we convey your good wishes that his tour will be a pleasant and successful one.

Further improvements to the river bank have been effected by the City Council during the year, with the result that the surroundings to your Club House are yearly becoming more attractive. We express our appreciation of the Council's interest.

### Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet show the finances to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The capital has been augmented by the sum of £222, and this, in spite of the fact that depreciation to the extent of £186 has been written off the boats, oars and sculls. The conservative figure at which the fleet now stands, £1,242, represents a considered and careful valuation.

Upon the completion of the boat building programme early in the forthcoming season, the Club will be in the possession of the largest fleet in the Commonwealth.

Repairs, amounting to £100, represent a substantial expense, and members are exhorted to exercise every care in handling boats and oars, when much of this expenditure will be avoided.

### Committee.

Twelve meetings of your Committee were held during the season.

The attendances were:—

A. J. N. Burton . . . 12	E. Kenny . . . . . 8	A. R. Shannon . . . 12
J. E. Campbell . . . 2	A. P. Miller . . . . 2	J. G. Sprigg . . . . 9
A. R. Clarke . . . . 12	C. J. Nicholls . . . 11	H. G. Taylor . . . . 5
J. A. Greenshields 11	C. F. Raven . . . . 10	A. Sloss . . . . . 4
G. J. Horder . . . . 7		

We extend your good wishes to Mr. H. G. Taylor, who rendered the Club such good service during our rebuilding operations, and who has entered business in the country.

### Club House, Boats and Oars.

The following names were allotted during the season to the new units of your Fleet:—1 Best Eight (The "S. J. Morell"), 1 Clinker Eight (The "J. G. Sprigg"), 1 Best Four (The "A. L. Dobbie"), 1 Clinker Four (The "W. Potter"), 1 Racing Pair (The "R. A. Cooper"), 1 Practice Eight (The "C. J. Nicholls"), 1 Practice Pair (The "J. Watson"), 1 Practice Pair (The "J. H. Picken").

Your Committee has decided that the remaining boats now on order shall be named as follows:—1 Practice Eight (The "G. J. Horder"), 1 Practice Four (The "W. C. Harvey"), while a Practice Four, recently delivered, shall be known as the "H. G. Taylor," and a Clinker Eight, delivered, is to be known as the "A. R. Shannon."

A complete list of our fleet now on hand is set out hereunder:—

1 Best Eight.	2 Racing Pairs.	1 Tub Four.
1 Best Four.	3 Practice Eights.	3 Practice Pairs.
3 Clinker Eights.	4 Practice Fours.	2 Practice Sculls.
2 Clinker Fours.		

In addition, the following boats are still to be delivered to your Club by the builders:—

1 Clinker Eight.	1 Practice Eight.
2 Tub Fours.	1 Practice Four.

Great thanks are due to Mr. G. J. Horder, who has effected many improvements to the Club House, especially with regard to additional boat racking accommodation, and to Messrs. H. G. Taylor, A. P. Miller, and Keith Bilney, whose efforts for the convenience of members are much appreciated.

Your Committee desires to express its thanks to those who attended several varnishing bees at night, and to those members who have given assistance to your Captain in doing repairs to the fleet throughout the season.

## Rowing.

### Australian Championships.

At Perth, 4th May, 1929.

Your fellow Clubmen, Messrs. J. South and W. C. Haworth, were selected to row in the State Crew, but, as the result of that crew's defeat by the challenging Ballarat representatives in a test race on the 13th April, the Ballarat crew were selected to represent the State.

In the contest between the interstate crews at Perth, New South Wales were successful after a stirring race with West Australia, Victoria finishing third.

R. Pearce, who again represented New South Wales in the Sculling Championship, was successful against the West Australian representative.

Your congratulations are extended to the New South Wales Eight and to Mr. Pearce.

### Association Championships.

Champion Eights, 8th December, 1928.

Your Club was represented by: J. A. Greenshields (bow), A. R. Shannon (2), H. G. Guinn (3), J. G. Sprigg (4), W. C. Haworth (5), D. C. Brooke (6), J. South (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), and J. M. Macfarlane (coach). A broken oar blade compelled the crew to cease rowing before the course was completed. The Ballarat Club's crew was successful.

Champion Fours, 19th January, 1929.

Your representatives were successful in this race. The crew comprised:—J. A. Greenshields (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), J. South (3), C. N. McKay (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and J. M. Macfarlane (coach).

Champion Pairs, 2nd February, 1929.

Your Club was not represented in this event. Wendouree were again successful.

Champion Sculls (2½ Miles), 19th January, 1929.

Your representative, E. F. Johnson, competed without success. A. Cambridge, of Bendigo Club, again retained his title.

**Champion (1 Mile) Sculls, 2nd February, 1929.**

E. F. Johnson represented your Club, but was not successful. S. McGorn, of Wendouree, was the winner.

To the winners of the above Championships we extend your congratulations.

**Champion Junior Eights.**

A most gratifying conclusion to the season's Championship events was your Club's success in this important race, inaugurated by the V.R.A. this season, with the object of testing the calibre of Junior oarsmen over a two-mile course. The success of the crew was particularly pleasing, in that your past Captain (Mr. J. Sprigg) coached it, the win being a fitting conclusion to Mr. Sprigg's very busy term as Captain.

The crew comprised: A. Sloss (bow), R. Scott (2), D. Saunders (3), W. R. Lillie (4), S. S. McKay (5), J. E. Campbell (6), I. P. Graham (7), J. H. Bailey (stroke), M. Green (cox).

**Henley Regatta.**

27th October, 1928.

*Senior Eights.*—J. A. Greenshields (bow), A. R. Shannon (2), H. G. Guinn (3), J. G. Sprigg (4), W. C. Haworth (5), D. C. Brooke (6), J. South (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), and A. B. Sloan (coach) were successful in their heat, but lost to Mosman, N.S.W., in the final.

*Maiden Eights.*—No. 1 Crew: A. Sloss (bow), J. H. Bailey (2), B. Sullivan (3), G. J. Holder (4), A. J. N. Burton (5), W. R. Lillie (6), J. E. Guest (7), T. M. Chisholm (stroke), M. Bailey (cox), and J. H. Counihan (coach).

No. 2 Crew: C. F. Raven (bow), R. Scott (2), A. M. Lillie (3), H. N. Raven (4), S. S. McKay (5), J. E. Campbell (6), A. P. Miller (7), K. B. Pope (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), and E. Kenny (coach).

Against a record entry of 25 crews, your No. 2 Crew was successful in heat and semi-final, and contested the final with Banks and Barwon. They succeeded in winning from Banks after a splendid race. No. 1 Crew was defeated in its semi-final.

*Maiden Fours.*—No. 1 Crew: D. Lyndon (bow), B. Cox (2), I. Webster (3), D. Saunders (stroke), G. Williams (cox), and Max Bailey (coach).

No. 2 Crew: G. Hogg (bow), I. P. Graham (2), T. Fogarty (3), K. Kennedy (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), and C. Swan (coach).

Both crews met in their heat, No. 2 Crew winning that race and also their semi-final, but were defeated by Rutherglen in the final.

*Senior Sculls.*—Your representative, E. F. Johnson, was defeated by J. C. Hardy, of Footscray.

**V.R.A. Regatta.**

3rd November, 1928.

*Senior Eights.*—Your Henley representatives were successful in winning their heat, and also the final.

*Senior Sculls.*—E. F. Johnson represented your Club in this event, but was defeated.

*Maiden Eights*.—Both your No. 1 and No. 2 Crews were successful in their heats and semi-finals, but were defeated by Banks in the final.

*Maiden Fours*.—No. 1 Crew was defeated in its heat, but No. 2 Crew succeeded in winning heat, semi-final and final.

*Maiden Pairs*.—No. 1 Crew: W. R. Turnbull (bow), A. V. Card (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), M. Bailey (coach). No. 2 Crew: W. M. Cooper (bow), D. D. Cook (stroke), and K. Cook (cox).

Your No. 1 Crew was successful in its heat, but lost the final to Albert Park. No. 2 Crew was unable to start.

*Lightweight Maiden Fours*.—R. B. Cornish (bow), S. Hamilton (2), L. S. Digby (3), G. A. Mansfield (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and F. Betts (coach), were defeated in their heat.

## Footscray Regatta.

24th November, 1928.

*Junior Pairs*.—A. G. Theharne (bow), L. C. Hill (stroke), M. Green (cox), were defeated in their heat.

*Maiden Eights*.—No. 1 Crew: A. Sloss (bow), K. Kennedy (2), B. Sullivan (3), G. J. Horder (4), A. J. N. Burton (5), W. R. Lillie (6), J. E. Guest (7), J. H. Bailey (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), and J. H. Counihan (coach).

No. 2 Crew: G. Hogg (bow), G. A. Mansfield (2), P. E. Batten (3), D. Lyndon (4), I. Webster (5), D. Saunders (6), T. Fogarty (7), B. Cox (stroke), Max Bailey (cox), and E. Kenny (coach).

Both crews were successful in their respective heats, while No. 1 Crew won its semi-final and eventually the final, No. 2 Crew being defeated in the semi-final.

*Maiden Fours*.—C. F. Raven (bow), A. P. Miller (2), S. S. McKay (3), H. N. Raven (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), and C. Swan (coach) were unsuccessful in their heat.

*Maiden Pairs*.—No. 1 Crew: J. E. Campbell (bow), A. C. Card (stroke), G. Williams (cox), and Max Bailey (coach). No. 2 Crew: W. R. Turnbull (bow), W. M. Cooper (stroke), K. Cook (cox). Both crews were defeated in their heats.

*Handicap Sculls*.—Your representative, E. F. Johnson, was successful in winning this event.

## Nagambie Regatta.

26th December, 1928.

*Senior Fours*.—H. G. Guinn (bow), A. R. Shannon (2), W. C. Haworth (3), J. G. Sprigg (stroke), M. Green (cox), J. A. Green-shields (coach), were unsuccessful.

*Senior Pairs*.—W. C. Haworth (bow), J. G. Sprigg (stroke), M. Green (cox), were defeated.

*Junior Fours*.—No. 1 Crew: A. P. Miller (bow), R. Scott (2), W. R. Lillie (3), K. B. Pope (stroke), M. Green (cox), and E. Kenny (coach).

No. 2 Crew: A. J. N. Burton (bow), J. E. Campbell (2), L. C. Hill (3), K. Kennedy (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), and C. Swan (coach).



No. 3 Crew: B. Sullivan (bow), A. Sloss (2), J. E. Guest (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and A. R. Shannon (coach).

Your No. 3 Crew was successful.

*Junior Pairs.*—A. J. N. Burton (bow), J. E. Campbell (stroke), M. Green (cox), were unsuccessful.

*Maiden Fours.*—No. 1 Crew: A. P. Miller (bow), R. Scott (2), R. W. Lillie (3), K. B. Pope (stroke), M. Green (cox), and E. Kenny (coach).

No. 2 Crew: B. Sullivan (bow), A. Sloss (2), J. E. Guest (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), and A. R. Shannon (coach).

Both crews were defeated.

*Maiden Pairs.*—A. J. N. Burton (bow), J. E. Campbell (stroke), M. Green (cox), were unsuccessful.

## Rutherglen Regatta.

1st January, 1929.

*Junior Fours.*—B. Sullivan (bow), A. Sloss (2), J. E. Guest (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), M. Green (cox), and A. R. Shannon (coach), were unsuccessful.

*Maiden Fours.*—The same crew competed in this event, but without success.

## Upper Yarra Regatta.

26th January, 1929.

*Senior Fours.*—J. A. Greenshields (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), J. South (3), C. N. McKay (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and J. M. MacFarlane (coach). Your crew was disqualified for taking their opponent's water at the new cut corner when leading.

*Junior Eights.*—A. Sloss (bow), C. F. Raven (2), A. M. Lillie (3), R. Scott (4), S. S. McKay (5), J. E. Campbell (6), A. P. Miller (7), K. B. Pope (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), and E. Kenny (coach), were defeated in their heat by Essendon.

*Junior Fours.*—B. Sullivan (bow), G. J. Horder (2), A. J. N. Burton (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and A. A. Gibbs (coach), were unsuccessful in their heat.

*Maiden Eights.*—P. E. Batten (bow), P. Walsh (2), W. F. Yaxley (3), D. W. Lyndon (4), G. Hogg (5), B. Cox (6), D. Saunders (7), L. O'Donnell (stroke), M. Green (cox), and M. Williams (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Maiden Pairs.*—R. Pinkney (bow), W. G. Turnbull (stroke), K. Cook (cox), were defeated in their heat.

*Lightweight Maiden Fours.*—H. M. Williams (bow), W. T. Crocker (2), J. L. Forsyth (3), J. R. Thompson (stroke), S. Coffey (cox), were unsuccessful in their heat.

*Handicap Sculls.*—E. F. Johnson was defeated in his heat.

## A.N.A. Holiday Regatta.

28th January, 1929.

The same crews again competed, the Senior Four being successful in their heat and final. The other crews were unsuccessful in their heats.

## Barwon Regatta.

23rd February, 1929.

*Senior Eights.*—J. G. Sprigg (bow), W. N. Ricketts (2), G. R. B. Patterson (3), A. W. Finlay (4), F. H. Shore (5), D. C. Brooke (6), R. V. Gregg (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), and J. M. MacFarlane (coach), succeeded in winning this event. Your President rendered assistance to Mr. MacFarlane in the coaching of this crew.

*Junior Eights.*—C. F. Raven (bow), H. N. Raven (2), J. E. Guest (3), R. Scott (4), S. S. McKay (5), J. H. Bailey (6), A. P. Miller (7), K. B. Pope (stroke), E. Counihan (cox), and E. Kenny (coach), won their heat, but lost the final to Essendon.

*Junior Fours.*—B. Sullivan (bow), A. Sloss (2), L. C. Hill (3), K. Kennedy (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and J. A. Greenshields (coach), were defeated in the heat and final.

*Junior Sculls.*—E. F. Johnson, your representative, won this event.

*Maiden Fours.*—F. W. Norton (bow), W. Payne (2), S. Timewell (3), W. J. Ould (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and Mr. Payne (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Lightweight Maiden Fours.*—No. 1 Crew: J. W. Blight (bow), S. Hamilton (2), G. A. Mansfield (3), L. Digby (stroke), K. Cook (cox).

No. 2 Crew: H. M. Williams (bow), W. T. Crocker (2), J. L. Forsyth (3), J. R. Thompson (stroke), R. Cliff (cox).

Both crews were defeated in their heats.

## Ballarat Regatta.

2nd March, 1929.

The same crews again competed, the Senior Eight being successful again; as was E. F. Johnson in the Maiden Sculls event, who also competed in the Handicap Sculls event, but without success.

*Maiden Pairs.*—W. R. Turnbull (bow), A. V. Card (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and J. A. Greenshields (coach), were defeated.

*Junior Pairs.*—The above crew also competed in this race without success.

## Bairnsdale Regatta.

30th March, 1929.

*Junior Pairs.*—P. E. Batten (bow), M. Bailey (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), were defeated in their heat.

*Maiden Fours.*—No. 1 Crew: I. G. Webster (bow), B. Cox (2), A. M. Lillie (3), N. M. Searle (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and J. G. Sprigg (coach).

No. 2 Crew: H. M. Williams (bow), N. Kennedy (2), R. Thursfield (3), P. S. Walsh (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and A. Sloss (coach).

No. 1 Crew was successful in its heat, but lost the final. No. 2 Crew was defeated by Sale in its heat.

*Maiden Pairs.*—No. 1 Crew: D. Saunders (bow), B. R. Debney (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and M. Bailey (coach).

No. 2 Crew: I. P. Graham (bow), S. S. McKay (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and F. H. Shore (coach).

No. 1 Crew won its heat and also the final. No. 2 Crew was defeated in its heat.

## Sale Regatta.

1st April, 1929.

The Bairnsdale crews again competed. No. 2 Maiden Four defeated No. 1 Crew in their heat, but lost the final to Sale. The other crews were defeated in their heats.

## Metropolitan Rowing Committee's Regatta.

15th June, 1929.

A splendid entry was again received for this Novice Regatta, and the day was ideal for aquatics. Your Club's success in both the Novice and Lightweight Eights should be reflected in the events at the beginning of the coming regatta season. This Novice Regatta, while demanding a great amount of enthusiasm by both rowers and coaches, who are obliged to do their training mostly in the dark, proved its value last season, when the standard of Maiden Crews from Metropolitan Clubs was much improved as a result of their preparation for the Novice Regatta during the winter.

*Novice Eights.*—No. 1 Crew: H. C. Vale (bow), W. J. Ould (2), R. W. Thursfield (3), G. F. Stooke (4), J. Macartney (5), B. Cox (6), S. Timewell (7), N. M. Searle (stroke), M. Green (cox), and F. Shore (coach).

No. 2 Crew: J. C. Reilly (bow), J. C. Mollard (2), A. V. Bridgeman (3), H. M. Williams (4), J. R. Clarke (5), A. E. Hingeley (6), A. G. Brett (7), F. W. Payne (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and D. C. Brooke (coach).

No. 1 Crew won its heat and also the final, while the No. 2 Crew was narrowly defeated in its heat.

*Lightweight Novice Eights.*—F. W. Norton (bow), N. W. Cairnes (2), S. Levy (3), J. Thompson (4), J. L. Forsyth (5), C. J. Collis (6), G. A. Mansfield (7), S. Hamilton (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), and G. R. B. Patterson (coach), were successful after a good race with Richmond.

*Novice Fours.*—W. F. Yaxley (bow), D. W. Lyndon (2), I. G. Webster (3), D. Miller (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and A. J. N. Burton (coach), won their heat, but lost the final.

*Lightweight Novice Fours.*—No. 1 Crew: J. L. Forsyth (bow), C. J. Collis (2), G. A. Mansfield (3), S. Hamilton (stroke), and G. Blizzard (cox).

No. 2 Crew: F. W. Norton (bow), N. W. Cairnes (2), S. Levy (3), J. Thompson (stroke), D. Hood (cox).

No. 1 Crew was late in arriving at the starting post, and consequently was disqualified. No. 2 Crew was defeated in its heat.

*Novice Pairs.*—W. T. Crocker (bow), R. L. Mays (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Max Bailey (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Novice Sculls.*—J. H. Bailey and H. C. Patterson competed in this event, the latter being defeated in the final, while the former lost in his heat.

### Premierships.

As anticipated in our last report presented to you, the success of our Senior crews towards the end of last season's programme has been reflected in this season's events. The first win of your Senior Eight at the V.R.A. Regatta placed your Club at the head of the points competition, but, owing to Ballarat's victory in the Champion Eights, it was necessary that practically every remaining Senior event of importance should be won in order to regain the top position. Your crew's success in the Champion Fours reduced the advantage gained by Ballarat, and the achievement in winning the Senior Eights at Barwon and Ballarat assured your Club of the Premiership.

It is fitting here to express your great appreciation of the valued service rendered to the Club by Mr. J. M. Macfarlane, who, on Mr. Sloan's retirement from coaching, owing to his serious illness, took charge of the Senior crews with such marked success.

In the Junior division your Club has also gained much success, although not actually the Premiership. The winning of eight Maiden and Junior events during the season, if we think, creditable, and the success gained in the first Junior Championship Eight an achievement of which the Club may be justly proud. We extend our congratulations to the Albert Park Club, who gained the Premiership in this division, and to the Essendon crew who rowed with such determination in the Championship race.

#### PREMIERSHIP POINTS, Season 1928-29.

##### Senior.

Mercantile . . . . .	40	Hawthorn . . . . .	4
Ballarat . . . . .	27	Bendigo . . . . .	3
Wendouree . . . . .	18	Banks . . . . .	2
Richmond . . . . .	16	Wahgunyah . . . . .	2
Rutherglen . . . . .	4	Footscray City . . . . .	1

##### Junior.

Albert Park . . . . .	71	South Melbourne . . . . .	8
Essendon . . . . .	64	Wahgunyah . . . . .	8
Mercantile . . . . .	37	Richmond . . . . .	8
Banks . . . . .	20	Sale . . . . .	6
Ballarat City . . . . .	16	Shepparton . . . . .	6
Rutherglen . . . . .	12	Wendouree . . . . .	6
Bairnsdale . . . . .	10	Warrnambool . . . . .	4
Bendigo . . . . .	10	Mildura . . . . .	4
Footscray City . . . . .	8	Hawthorn . . . . .	4
Lake Colac . . . . .	8	Preston . . . . .	2
University . . . . .	8		

## Combination Races.

### Morell Eights, 10th November, 1928.

A record entry of 27 crews competed in this event for the trophies again donated by your President, Sir Stephen Morell.

The successful crew comprised: L. P. Morgan (Banks), bow; B. E. Elliott (Preston), 2; T. Angwin (South Haw.), 3; C. Willers (Melb.), 4; C. Swallow (Y.Y.), 5; K. Rathhausky (A.P.), 6; C. F. Raven (Merc.), 7; J. H. Bailey (Merc.), stroke); and — Sullivan, cox.

We again express great appreciation of Mr. H. T. James' assistance in conducting this annual fixture.

## Club Races.

### Bradshaw Fours, 28th July, 1928.

A good entry of 12 crews contested this handicap event, and some close finishes resulted. The winning crew was L. O'Donnell (bow), R. Scott (2), W. C. Haworth (3), D. C. Brooke (stroke).

As a result of his success, L. O'Donnell annexed last season's Captain's trophy, for which five other members had, at the end of the season, gained an equal number of points.

### Nettlefold "Cock of the Walk" Fours.

As a result of their successfully contesting several challenges issued to them the following crew are the winners of Mr. Nettlefold's trophies:—P. E. Batten (bow), J. H. Bailey (2), A. P. Miller (3), Max Bailey (stroke), and M. Green (cox).

### Ballarat City Rowing Club Fours.

#### Cup Morning, 6th November, 1928.

An excellent entry was received for this event and it is evident that the holding of a Club Race on Cup morning fills a want of our enthusiastic members.

The trophies were donated last season by four members of the Ballarat City Club. The winning crew comprised H. C. Vale (bow), B. Cox (2), S. S. McKay (3), A. J. N. Burton (stroke), and G. Blizzard (cox).

### Mercantile Fours, 10th March, 1929.

Twelve crews entered for this event, the result being a win for D. Stirling (bow), B. Cox (2), A. P. Miller (3), D. C. Brooke (stroke), and S. Perry (cox).

### R. A. Cooper Novice Fours.

A good entry of seven crews of novices was received for this fixture, the trophies for which were donated by your Vice-President, Mr. R. A. Cooper.

The winning crew was: J. L. Forsyth (bow), G. F. Stooke (2), I. G. Webster (3), D. W. Lyndon (stroke), and K. Stirling (cox).

### Open Pairs.

Nineteen pairs competed, and some keen racing resulted. The winners were A. P. Miller (bow), B. Cox (stroke), and S. Perry (cox).

## Points Competition.

By gaining the highest aggregate of points, one of which is credited for entering for a Club race, and one for each win; B. Cox was successful in winning this season's Captain's trophy, and your congratulations are extended to that member.

The Coxswains' trophy was won by M. Green, who has now been associated with the Club for some years, and to whom we extend your congratulations.

## Long-Distance Rowing.

Considerable interest was shown in this contest during last winter, and your Committee considers that the innovation was a success. The Eight-Oared Crew who completed the seven mile course in the shortest time is as follows—the time taken being 47 minutes 0-3/5 seconds:—F. W. Betts (bow), K. Kennedy (2), G. A. Mansfield (3), B. Cox (4), L. O'Donnell (5), K. B. Pope (6), A. J. N. Burton (7), J. A. Greenshields (stroke), and K. Cook (cox).

The Four-Oared Crew was F. W. Betts (bow), B. Cox (2), A. V. Card (3), J. A. Greenshields (stroke), and K. Cook (cox)—the time taken being 52 minutes 26-3/5 seconds.

Your Committee has decided to again conduct this competition during this winter, and it is hoped that even greater interest will be shown by competitors.

## Head of the River.

10th and 11th May, 1929.

Your congratulations are offered to the Xavier Crew, who defeated the Scotch Crew in the final.

## United Service Regatta.

18th May, 1929.

Your Club members were even more successful than last year in this Regatta. In addition to the 37th Battalion Crew being successful in the Eight-oared Event, seven of whom were members of your Club, two of the successful crew in the Four-oared Event are also members of your Club.

United Service Challenge Cup.—The winning crew comprised: H. Boas (bow), J. Mollard (2), I. P. Graham (3), G. J. Horder (4), A. M. Lillie (5), W. R. Lillie (6), H. G. Guinn (7), D. Miller (stroke), M. Green (cox), and A. R. Shannon (coach).

Vice-President's Challenge Cup.—The winning Four representing the 22nd Brigade, A.F.A., comprised: G. A. Brooke (bow), W. Fahle (2), T. Fogarty (3), D. C. Brooke (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and W. Dobbie (coach).

## Membership.

Seventy-three new members were elected during the season. Their inclusion has necessitated the building of 23 new lockers, and the ordering of more boats.



of so many good coaches throughout the year, and it is undoubtedly due to their interest in the members and the Club that we have attained the prominent positions in both premierships. We record your appreciation of the following coaches' services:—Sir Stephen Morell, Messrs. J. M. Macfarlane, A. B. Sloan, J. G. Sprigg, E. Kenny, J. H. Counihan, C. Swan, M. Bailey, J. A. Greenshields, F. W. Betts, A. R. Shannon, A. A. Gibbs, M. Williams, G. R. B. Patterson, F. Payne, E. T. Bradshaw, F. Shore, A. Sloss, A. J. N. Burton, and D. C. Brooke.

To Masters M. Green, K. Bilney, E. Counihan, Max Bailey, G. Williams, K. Cook, R. Cliff, G. Blizzard, K. Guest, S. Coffey, K. Stirling, S. Perry and D. Hood, we record our thanks for the splendid services given to the Club as coxswains.

Your Committee has pleasure in acknowledging the further gifts of photos from old members. These reminders of the past are of great interest to both old and new members.

It has been decided to replace the photographs of the Club's past Captains, which were destroyed by fire, and they will shortly be hung in the Club House.

Your Committee has also decided to replace the Honour Board, and arrangements are now in hand.

### Conclusion.

As the season 1929-30 will be the Jubilee year of your Club, your Committee desires that special efforts will be made by all members and those who are interested in the Club's welfare, to achieve pre-eminence in rowing and in our many other activities. A continuance of the splendid enthusiasm and spirit of co-operation among all sections of the Club, which has been such a feature of the past season, is all that is required to achieve this desired result.

On behalf of the Committee,

C. J. NICHOLLS,

Hon. Secretary.

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### Addendum.

This Report would not be complete without reference being made to the excellent services which Mr. C. J. Nicholls has rendered the Club in his capacity of 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 in no small measure contributed to the excellent position the Club occupies to-day.

S. J. MORELL, President.



## LIST OF MEMBERS, 1928-29 SEASON.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Dobbie, A. L.	Joseph, W.	Sloan, A. B.
Ivens, P. C.	Potter, W.	Stooke, N.

## ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Bailey, J. H.	Greenshields, J. A.	Ould, W. J.
Batten, F. H.	Guest, J. E.	Patterson, G. R. B.
Batten, P. E.	Guinn, H. G.	Pearce, V. E.
Betts, F. W.	Guinn, S.	Perrin, J. M.
Berwick, J. A.	Hamilton, S.	Picken, J. H.
Birchell, F. G.	Harvey, A. W.	Pinkerton, F. T.
Blight, J. W.	Haworth, W. C.	Pinkney, R.
Bolton, R. S.	Hill, L. C.	Pitt, W. G.
Braithwaite, C. T.	Hogg, G.	Pope, K. B.
Bridgeman, A. V.	Horner, G. J.	Radich, P.
Brooke, D. C.	Johnson, E. F.	Raphael, L. L. B.
Browne, F. R.	Johnson, S. S. F.	Raven, C. F.
Burke, D. J.	Jones, E. E.	Raven, H. N.
Burmeister, C.	Kenny, E.	Ricketts, W. N.
Burton, A. J. N.	Kennedy, K.	Rush, H. R.
Card, A. V.	Kennedy, N. M.	Rush, R. T.
Cairnes, N. W.	Kerr, R. J.	Ryan, W. F.
Campbell, J. E.	Leggo, E. G.	Saunders, D.
Caithness, L. G.	Lillie, A. M.	Scott, R.
Chappell, A. C.	Lindblade, A. G.	Seammen, W. G.
Church, R. L.	Little, K. L.	Seammen, J. W.
Clarke, A. R.	Lumsden, I. McK.	Searle, N. M.
Clarke, D. C.	Macfarlane, J. M.	Shannon, A. R.
Cooper, J. M.	Mansfield, G. A.	Shore, F. H.
Cooper, R. A.	Marsh, T. W.	Sloan, J.
Cooper, W. M.	Martin, A. R.	Sloss, A. R. T.
Cook, D. D.	Marquard, R. M.	Smith, D. C.
Constantino, N.	Maw, F. A. L.	Smith, U. R.
Cornish, R. B.	Mays, R. L.	South, J.
Cox, B.	McCullough, K.	Soward, R. S.
Craig, F.	McKay, C. N.	Sprigg, J. G.
Craig, W.	McKay, T. B. N.	Stooke, G. F.
Ditchburn, S. A.	McKenzie, D.	Straus, H. R.
Digby, L. S.	McKenzie, E. A.	Sullivan, B.
Debney, B. R.	McKenzie, G. F.	Taylor, H. G.
Dobbie, W. A.	Miller, D.	Timewell, S.
Dorman, A.	Miller, A. P.	Thompson, R. B.
Dawd, M. C.	Montgomery, L. G.	Thornton, A. G.
Egeberg, H.	Morell, J.	Thursfield, R. W.
Finlay, A. W.	Mounsey, J. L.	Treharne, A. G.
Galvin, V.	Murray, I. T.	Turnbull, W. R.
Gardiner, R. G.	Nicholls, C. J.	Wale, G. J.
Gardner, G.	Newbery, H.	Watson, J.
Gibbs, A. A.	Norton, F. W.	Williams, A. M.
Gilroy, D. J.	Nugent, P. F.	Williams, M. S.
Goodwill, A.	O'Brien, J. G.	Wood, A.
Graham, I. P.	O'Donnell, L.	Wright, D.
Gregg, R. V.		

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1928-29 SEASON.

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JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Adam, W. W.	Hobart, L.	Philp, L.
Adams, C. F.	Hooper, W. T.	Reilly, J. C.
Baker, G. A.	Hull, P. E.	Robertson, J.
Benns, H. E.	Kaaten, S.	Shanks, D. M.
Brett, A. G.	Levy, S.	Shoppee, A. H.
Carison, R.	Lewis, R. W.	Smith, K. M.
Carlton, R. K.	Lillie, W. R.	Stirling, D. S.
Clarke, J. R.	Lyndon, D. W.	Taylor, W. H.
Collis, C. J.	Macartney, J.	Thompson, J.
Corbett, A. B.	Mansfield, G.	Thompson, K. G.
Crocker, W. T.	McKay, S. S.	Toy, E. G.
Dickson, G. E.	Mollard, J. C.	Vale, H. C.
Fogarty, T.	O'Brien, W. G.	Walsh, P. S.
Forsyth, J. L.	Patterson, H. C.	Webster, I. G.
Head, E. C. L.	Payne, F. W.	Wilson, C. T.
Gibson, J. S.	Peake, G. A.	Yaxley, W. F.
Hingeley, A. E.	Peers, G.	

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Bradshaw, E. T.	Gomm, S.	McKenzie, K. J.
Connelly, F. R.	Harvey, W. C.	O'Reilly, J.
Counihan, J. H.	Jones, L.	O'Neill, E. L.
Dunstan, J. T.	Koch, A. N.	Sturroch, J.
	McNaughton, M. S.	

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## REVENUE ACCOUNT for 12

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### INCOME.

Subscriptions . . . . .	£571	15	0
Donations . . . . .	168	3	3
Entrance Fees, Club Races . . . . .	46	8	0
Entrance Fees, Combination Races . . . . .	2	17	0
Bank Interest . . . . .	7	6	4
Hiring and Letting . . . . .	12	14	3
Social Functions . . . . .	5	0	10
Sale of Blazers . . . . .	3	5	9
Sale of Singlets . . . . .	0	17	0
Weighing Machine . . . . .	1	0	9

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C. A. CLARKE,  
Hon. Treasurer.

## Months ending 30th June, 1929.

## EXPENDITURE.

Trophy Orders . . . . .	£25	4	0
Insurance . . . . .	42	17	0
Lighting, General and Water Rates . . . . .	23	4	0
Entrance Fees, Regatta Races . . . . .	5	0	0
General Expenses . . . . .	56	18	1
V.R.A. Dues and Fees . . . . .	33	4	6
Coxswains' Expenses, Country Regattas . . . . .	17	4	10
Upper Yarra Regatta Association . . . . .	2	2	0
Bank Charges . . . . .	1	5	0
Depreciation, Boat House . . . . .	50	0	0
Depreciation, Boats, Oars, Sculls . . . . .	186	0	6
Metropolitan Rowing Association . . . . .	0	10	6
Freight, Country Regattas . . . . .	19	5	8
Towage . . . . .	1	10	0
Boat Staging . . . . .	20	0	0
Occupancy Fees . . . . .	5	5	0
Telephone . . . . .	1	3	4
Repairs to Boats, Oars, Sculls . . . . .	100	11	1
Amateur Sculling Association . . . . .	0	10	6
Annual Dinner . . . . .	5	0	6
Balance Surplus transferred to Capital Account	222	11	8
	£819	8	2

Audited and found correct.

F. R. BROWNE, F.I.C.A.,

Hon. Auditor.

## BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1929.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Bank of New South Wales . . . . .	£177 14 4	Boat House (Improvements £37/8/9) . . . . .	£2361 6 8
Sundry Creditors . . . . .	86 1 0	Less Depreciation . . . . .	50 0 0
Trophy Orders Unpresented . . . . .	25 14 6		£2311 6 8
Subscriptions paid in advance . . . . .	9 8 0	Boats, Oars and Sculls at Valuation . .	1242 16 2
Boat Building Fund . . . . .	7 14 8	Club Fittings . . . . .	56 6 3
Capital Account—		Subscriptions Outstanding . . . . .	65 0 6
Capital as at 30th June,		Cash at Savings Bank . . . . .	7 12 9
1928 . . . . .	£3169 6 8	Sundry Debtors . . . . .	4 10 0
Add Surplus from Revenue		Stock of Pullovers and	
Account . . . . .	222 11 8	Badges . . . . .	10 6 0
		Stock of Booklets on	
Capital as at present . . . . .	3391 18 4	Rowing . . . . .	0 12 6
			10 18 6
			£3698 10 10

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