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FIFTIETH  
Annual Report  
...and...  
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1929-30

# Mercantile Rowing Club



Club House,

Princes Bridge,

14th July, 1930.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Mercantile Rowing Club will be held at the Club House on SATURDAY, 26th July, 1930, at 7.45 p.m. (Annual Smoke Night will be held at the conclusion of the meeting).

## 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,

A. SLOSS,

Hon. Secretary.

# Mercantile Rowing Club

SEASON 1929-30.

## List of Office-Bearers.

### President :

Sir STEPHEN MORELL.

### Vice-Presidents :

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A. R. SHANNON.

### Vice-Captain :

D. C. BROOKE.

### Hon. Secretary :

A. SLOSS.

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A. R. CLARKE.

### Executive Committee :

J. E. CAMPBELL.

J. A. GREENSHIELDS.

G. J. HORDER.

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A. P. MILLER.

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### Selection Committee :

J. A. GREENSHIELDS.

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E. KENNY.

### Hon. Auditor :

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

### Hon. Solicitor :

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### Victorian Rowing Association :

#### Elected Members :

A. L. DOBBIE.

W. JOSEPH.

#### Representative Members :

A. R. SHANNON.

A. SLOSS.

### Delegate to the Upper Parra Amateur Regatta Assn

A. J. N. BURTON.

### Delegates to Metropolitan Rowing Committee.

A. R. SHANNON.

A. SLOSS.

### Representative to Melbourne Amateur Regatta Assn. (Henley)

W. JOSEPH.

# The Fiftieth Annual Report

OF THE

## Mercantile Rowing Club



Club House,  
Princes Bridge, Melbourne.  
14th July, 1930.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club,  
Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting to you the Fiftieth Annual Report.

The opening of the 1929-30 season ushered in the Club's Jubilee Year. Realising its responsibility of fittingly celebrating such an important period of the Club's existence, your Committee carefully considered the matter in order to arrive at the best method of marking the attainment of the Jubilee. Eventually, the rather ambitious idea of making every activity of the Club a record was decided on. The extent to which these ambitions have been realised is set out in detail in the following Jubilee Report. In this opening paragraph, it will suffice to mention that, for the first time in its history, the Club has won both the Senior and the Junior Premiership, a distinction gained previously by only one other club, Albert Park, in 1906-07; six Mercantile members rowed in the crew which, after 18 years, restored Victoria's rowing prestige and won the King's Cup for the first time since it has been the trophy for the Australian Eight-oared Championship, the crew being coached and steered by members of the Club; the success of the Annual Dinner, the Club's most popular social function, surpassed anything of the past. Such achievements to appropriately mark the Jubilee Year are the result of fine team work, in which many old members co-operated with the present generation and demonstrated that the spirit of the old Club and its traditions are something to be proud of and provide an incentive to do things worth while when the occasion arises.

### Finance.

The balance sheet shows the Club to be in a sound position. The accounts for the year show a surplus of £16/2/10 carried forward to capital account, as against £222/11/8 carried forward last year. The difference is partly accounted for by a drop of £30 in the amount of subscriptions received, a decrease of £80 in the amount of donations received and by the fact that there is £17 more written off for depreciation.

The amount of subscriptions outstanding is £33/17/-, which is smaller than usual. Fares to country regattas cost the Club £19/15/8. This amount is excessive and should receive careful consideration during this season. Regatta entrance fees, £4/17/6, is an unsatisfactory item and should not be repeated.

## Committee.

Twelve meetings of your Committee were held during the season. The attendances were:—

D. C. Brooke .. .. 10	G. J. Horder .. .. 6	C. J. Nicholls .. .. 9
J. E. Campbell .. .. 11	E. Kenny .. .. 10	C. F. Raven .. .. 10
A. R. Clarke .. .. 9	A. P. Miller .. .. 8	A. R. Shannon .. 10
J. A. Greenshields 10		A. Sloss .. .. 12

## Club House, Boats and Oars.\*

The following names were allotted during the season to the new units of your fleet:—

- 1 Racing Clinker Four—The "W. Joseph."
- 1 Tub Four—The "S. Guinn."
- 1 Tub Four—The "R. T. Rush."

A complete list of the Club's present fleet is as set out hereunder:—

RACING BOATS:	PRACTICE FLEET:
1 Best Eight	4 Practice Eights
1 Best Four	5 Practice Fours
4 Clinker Eights	3 Tub Fours
3 Clinker Fours	5 Practice Pairs
2 Clinker Pairs	2 Practice Sculls.

Owing to the increasing interest being taken by members in sculling, your Committee has seen fit to place an order with the boat builders to deliver a sculling boat in the near future.

There is also on order one set of racing oars from Norris, London, and 2 sets of practice oars from Stephenson, Melbourne.

Great thanks are due to Mr. A. P. Miller, who so capably filled the capacity of boat steward, and to Mr. G. F. Horder, who carried out many improvements and repairs to the Club property.

As a very large proportion of the Club's annual expenditure is on account of repairs, members are urged to exercise the greatest possible care when using Club property.

The Club is now in possession of a remarkably fine fleet, and it is well to know that it should be some years before it is necessary to make further additions. During the season six new boats were purchased at the total cost of £448, the details of this expenditure being: 1 Practice Four, £50; 2 Tub Fours, at £54 each; 1 Racing Clinker Four, £65; 1 Practice Eight, £110; 1 Racing Clinker Eight, £115.

The set of Norris oars which were used by, and later presented to the winning King's Cup crew, will be replaced at an early date by the Victorian Rowing Association.

## Rowing.

### Australian Championships.

At Mannum, South Australia, May 10th, 1930.

After a lapse of eighteen years, Victoria regained her rowing prestige on May 10th, by winning the King's Cup in brilliant style from N.S.W., the holders of the trophy.

Victoria was represented by G. R. B. Patterson (bow), J. H. Bailey (2), B. Thompson (3), L. Thompson (4), J. South (5), D. C.

Brooke (6), F. H. Shore (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach).

Your heartiest congratulations are extended to the crew, Mr. Sloan, and to their manager and emergency, Mr. T. L. Mannix.

All six States competed, and the race was rowed over a perfect course on the Murray, at Mannum, South Australia. After a gruelling race, Victoria, with a magnificent finish, won by three feet from New South Wales, with Queensland third.

The Sculling Championship again went to New South Wales, whose representative (J. R. Scott) won comfortably from A. Buckley (Queensland), 2; R. Beauchamp (Tas.), 3; and R. Jelbart (Vic.), 4.

Your congratulations are extended to Mr. Scott.

## Association Championships.

### Champion Eights, 15th March, 1930.

Your Club was represented by G. R. B. Patterson (bow), W. Ricketts (2), H. Guinn (3), A. W. Finlay (4), J. South (5), D. C. Brooke (6), F. H. Shore (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), and Messrs. J. M. Macfarlane and A. B. Sloan (coaches).

Only four crews contested this race, and your representatives won by two lengths from Richmond, with Hawthorn third.

### Champion Fours, 15th December, 1929.

It was originally intended to row this race on Lake Colac on Dec. 14th, but owing to bad weather on the lake it was rowed in two heats of 1½ miles on the Yarra the following day. Your representatives won their heat and defeated Rutherglen in the final by three-quarters of a length, with Melbourne third. The crew comprised:—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. H. Shore (3), C. N. McKay (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), J. M. Macfarlane (coach).

### Champion Pairs.

Your Club was represented by W. Haworth (bow), H. R. Rush (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), who competed, but without success. The race was won by South Melbourne.

### Champion Sculls, 2½ Miles.

Your representative, E. F. Johnson, competed, but without success, the race being won by R. Jelbart (University).

### Champion (1 Mile) Sculls.

Your Club was again represented by E. F. Johnson, who was placed third. The race was won by S. B. McGorm, of Ballarat.

To the winners of the above championships your congratulations are extended.

### Champion Junior Eights, March 29th, 1930.

The race this year attracted only four entries, as compared with eight crews last season. Your Club was capably represented by F. H. Batten (bow), H. Raven (2), S. Timewell (3), R. Scott (4), T. Fogarty (5), J. E. Campbell (6), S. S. McKay (7), J. H. Bailey (stroke), M. Green (cox).

Your congratulations are extended to this crew, and to their coach (Mr. E. Kenny) on the winning of this event.

## Henley Regatta.

October 26th, 1929.

*Senior-Eights*.—J. A. Greenshields (bow), A. R. Shannon (2), H. Guinn (3), F. Shore (4), W. Haworth (5), D. C. Brooke (6), R. V. Gregg (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), and J. M. Macfarlane (coach), rowed a dead heat with Essendon, but were defeated in the row-off by Hawthorn.

The final was won by Hawthorn from Sydney Rowing Club.

*Junior Eights*.—A. P. Miller (bow), H. Raven (2), B. Sullivan (3), R. Scott (4), S. S. McKay (5), J. E. Campbell (6), J. E. Guest (7), J. H. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), Dr. R. A. Cooper (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Junior Fours*.—A. Sloss (bow), G. J. Horder (2), D. Saunders (3), K. B. Pope (stroke), D. Hood (cox), M. Bailey (coach), were defeated in their heat by Shepparton.

*Maiden Eights*.—No. 1 Crew: H. C. Patterson (bow), A. E. Hingelley (2), I. G. Webster (3), N. Searle (4), J. Macartney (5), B. Cox (6), T. Fogarty (7), D. Miller (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), E. Kenny (coach).

No. 2 Crew: F. H. Batten (bow), W. Ould (2), R. Thursfield (3), J. R. Clarke (4), W. Bell-Towers (5), G. Stooke (6), S. Time-well (7), L. O'Donnell (stroke), K. Cook (cox), R. T. Rush (coach).

Both crews competed. No. 2 won their heat but were defeated later. No. 1 crew were defeated in their heat.

*Maiden Fours*.—C. F. Raven (bow), D. Lyndon (2), W. Yaxley (3), S. V. McColough (stroke), S. Whitfield (cox), C. J. Nicholls (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Senior Sculls*.—Your representative, E. F. Johnson, was defeated, the event being won by J. R. Scott (N.S.W.).

## V.R.A. Regatta.

2nd November, 1929.

*Senior Eights*.—Your Henley representatives were again defeated in the heat by Hawthorn.

*Senior Pairs*.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), R. S. Bolton (stroke), won their heat, but were defeated in the final by Banks.

*Junior Eights*.—The Henley Eight won their heat from Banks, and were successful in defeating Richmond in the final.

*Junior Fours*.—Your representatives of Henley were defeated in their heat by South Melbourne.

*Junior Pairs*.—A. J. N. Burton (bow), L. C. Hill (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), won their heat and also the final.

*Maiden Eights*.—Both No. 1 and No. 2 crews won their heats. The No. 1 crew were defeated in the semi-final, the final being eventually won by the No. 2 crew.

*Maiden Fours*.—C. F. Raven (bow), D. Lyndon (2), A. M. Lillie (3), S. V. McColough (stroke), S. Whitfield (cox), were defeated in their heat.

*Lightweight Maiden Fours*.—No. 1 Crew: P. E. Hull (bow), C. J. Collis (2), A. Mansfield (3), S. Hamilton (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), A. Gibbs (coach).

No. 2 Crew: F. W. Norton (bow), N. W. Cairnes (2), J. Walker (3), D. Stirling (stroke), W. Fitzgerald (cox), E. G. Leggo (coach). Both crews were defeated in their heats.

*Handicap Sculls*.—Your representative, E. F. Johnson, was defeated in his heat by H. E. Ricketts, of N.S.W.

## Footscray Regatta.

November 30th, 1929.

*Senior Fours.*—J. A. Greenshields (bow), A. R. Shannon (2), H. Guinn (3), R. S. Bolton (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), were defeated by a canvas by Ballarat.

*Junior Fours.*—No. 1 Crew: J. E. Guest (bow), J. E. Campbell (2), S. S. McKay (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), R. T. Rush (coach).

No. 2 Crew: C. J. Nicholls (bow), B. R. Debney (2), A. P. Miller (3), K. B. Pope (stroke), D. Hood (cox), R. A. Cooper (coach).

No. 2 crew were defeated in the heat by the No. 1 crew, which eventually won the final.

*Junior Pairs.*—C. F. Raven (bow), H. R. Raven (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), were defeated in their heat.

*Maiden Eights.*—No. 1 Crew: H. C. Patterson (bow), A. E. Hingeley (2), W. A. Smith (3), D. Miller (4), I. G. Webster (5), B. Cox (6), T. Fogarty (7), S. V. McColough (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), E. Kenny (coach).

No. 2 Crew: W. Crocker (bow), D. Cook (2), A. V. Bridgman (3), W. Clemens (4), J. Clemens (5), M. Dowd (6), A. V. Card (7), W. Payne (stroke), M. Green (cox), J. Barton (coach).

No. 2 crew were defeated in their heat, while No. 1 were successful in heat, semi-final, and final.

*Maiden Fours.*—F. H. Batten (bow), G. Stooke (2), S. Timewell (3), L. O'Donnell (stroke), S. Whitfield (cox), W. Pitt (coach), were disqualified.

*Maiden Pairs.*—No. 1 Crew: J. O'Brien (bow), E. L. O'Neill (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox). No. 2 Crew: W. Ould (bow), R. Thursfield (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox).

Both crews were defeated in their heats.

*Lightweight Maiden Eights.*—F. Norton (bow), D. Stirling (2), N. W. Cairnes (3), P. E. Hull (4), J. L. Forsyth (5), C. J. Collis (6), A. Mansfield (7), S. Hamilton (stroke), K. Cook (cox), E. T. Bradshaw (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Handicap Sculls.*—Your representative, E. F. Johnson, won this event.

## Nagambie Regatta.

December 26th, 1929.

*Senior Fours.*—J. A. Greenshields (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), H. Guinn (3), A. R. Shannon (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), were entered for this event, but did not start.

*Junior Fours.*—F. Batten (bow), G. Stooke (2), S. Timewell (3), L. O'Donnell (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), W. Pitt (coach), were successful in winning this event.

*Maiden Eights.*—W. Crocker (bow), D. Cook (2), R. L. Church (3), J. Clemens (4), J. Macartney (5), M. Dowd (6), A. V. Card (7), N. Searle (stroke), M. Green (cox), J. Barton (coach), competed, but without success.

*Maiden Pairs.*—No. 1 Crew: W. Ould (bow), R. Thursfield (stroke), D. Hood (cox). No. 2 Crew: J. O'Brien (bow), W. Turnbull (stroke), R. Cliff (cox).

Both pairs were defeated.



*Maiden Fours*.—The winning Junior Four competed in this event also, but were defeated.

*Lightweight Maiden Fours*.—J. Walker (bow), G. O'Sullivan (2), J. L. Forsyth (3), C. J. Collis (stroke), D. Hood (cox), A. Sloss (coach), were defeated.

## Upper Yarra Regatta.

January 25th, 1930.

*Senior Fours*.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. Shore (3), C. N. McKay (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), J. M. Macfarlane (coach), won this event from Hawthorn and Wendouree.

*Senior Pairs*.—W. C. Haworth (bow), R. S. Bolton (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), were defeated.

*Junior Eights*.—F. H. Batten (bow), A. Burton (2), A. M. Lillie (3), R. Scott (4), S. S. McKay (5), J. E. Campbell (6), T. Fogarty (7), J. H. Bailey (stroke), M. Green (cox), E. Kenny (coach), were successful in their heat, but were defeated by Banks in the final.

*Junior Fours*.—A. Sloss (bow), L. C. Hill (2), J. E. Guest (3), K. B. Pope (stroke), D. Hood (cox), J. Cooper (coach), succeeded in winning their heat, but were defeated in the final.

*Maiden Eights*.—No. 1 Crew: M. Bailey (bow), D. Lyndon (2), W. Yaxley (3), W. Clemens (4), J. R. Clarke (5), N. Searle (6), A. V. Card (7), W. Payne (stroke), K. Cook (cox), J. Barton (coach).

No. 2 Crew: F. W. Norton (bow), J. S. Gibson (2), J. C. Mollard (3), N. W. Cairnes (4), W. R. Turnbull (5), L. G. Caithness (6), R. L. Church (7), D. Stirling (stroke), K. Bilney (cox), E. T. Bradshaw (coach).

Both crews were defeated in their heats.

*Maiden Fours*.—H. C. Patterson (bow), B. Cox (2), R. Thursfield (3), S. V. McColough (stroke), S. Whitfield (cox), H. Guinn (coach), were unsuccessful.

*Maiden Pairs*.—W. Crocker (bow), A. E. Hingeley (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), were defeated in the heat.

*Handicap Sculls*.—Your representatives in this race were E. F. Johnson and G. F. McKenzie, the latter winning the event.

## A.N.A. Holiday Regatta.

January 27th, 1930.

The same crews again competed. The Senior Four again won their event, while the Junior Eight turned the tables on Banks by defeating them in the heat and winning the final from Essendon. All other crews and scullers were defeated.

In this regatta the Maiden Eight was changed, W. Crocker taking the place of N. Searle.

## Barwon Regatta.

February 22nd, 1930.

*Senior Eights*.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), W. Ricketts (2), H. Guinn (3), A. Finlay (4), J. South (5), D. C. Brooke (6), F. Shore (7), C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox), J. M. Macfarlane (coach), won this event from Hawthorn by a length.

*Senior Pairs*.—A. J. N. Burton (bow), L. C. Hill (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), competed, but without success.

*Junior Eights*.—A. Sloss (bow), K. Pope (2), S. Timewell (3), G. Stooke (4), A. M. Lillie (5), J. E. Campbell (6), S. McKay (7), J. H. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), E. Kenny (coach), won their heat, but were unfortunate in breaking a rigger in the final.

*Junior Fours*.—F. Batten (bow), R. Scott (2), T. Fogarty (3), L. O'Donnell (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), R. T. Rush (coach), were successful in winning this race.

*Maiden Eights*.—W. Payne (bow), W. Clemens (2), W. Yaxley (3), J. Clemens (4), J. Macartney (5), N. Searle (6), A. V. Card (7), M. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), A. R. Shannon (coach), competed, but were unsuccessful.

*Maiden Fours*.—C. F. Raven (bow), A. E. Hingeley (2), I. G. Webster (3), S. V. McColough (stroke), D. Hood (cox), J. H. Green-shields (coach), were defeated in their heat.

*Maiden Pairs*.—No. 1 Crew: R. Thursfield (bow), E. F. Johnson (stroke), D. Hood (cox). No. 2 Crew: R. L. Church (bow), W. R. Turnbull (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox).

The No. 2 crew were defeated in their heat. The final was won by the No. 1 crew.

*Lightweight Maiden Fours*.—A. Mansfield (bow), P. Hull (2), J. L. Forsyth (3), D. Stirling (stroke), D. Hood (cox), E. G. Leggo (coach) were defeated in their heat.

## Ballarat Regatta.

March 1st, 1930.

The crews of the Barwon Regatta again competed, and wins were obtained by both the Senior and Junior Eights.

E. F. Johnson also competed in the Handicap Sculls, but without success.

A Senior Four, comprised of G. Patterson (bow), A. Finlay (2), F. Shore (3), C. N. McKay (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), were defeated by Albert Park.

A Junior Pair, comprised of A. P. Miller (bow), B. R. Debney (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), also competed without success.

## Bairnsdale Regatta.

April 19th, 1930.

*Junior Fours*.—No. 1 Crew: A. P. Miller (bow), G. Stooke (2), L. Hill (3), J. E. Campbell (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), H. R. Rush (coach).

No. 2 Crew: F. H. Batten (bow), H. Raven (2), S. McKay (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox), J. G. Sprigg (coach).

Both crews were defeated.

*Maiden Eights*.—W. Payne (bow), N. Searle (2), W. Yaxley (3), J. Clemens (4), K. Bertram (5), W. Clemens (6), A. V. Card (7), M. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), A. R. Shannon (coach), competed, but without success.

*Maiden Fours*.—W. Smith (bow), B. Cox (2), R. Thursfield (3), S. V. McColough (stroke), D. Hood (cox), J. A. Greenshields (coach), won this event.

## Sale Regatta.

April 21st, 1930.

The Bairnsdale crews again competed. The Maiden Four repeated its success, while the Junior Fours were won by the No. 2 crew.

## Metropolitan Rowing Committee's Regatta.

June 15th, 1930.

This regatta once more attracted a good entry from the various metropolitan clubs, and some very fine racing was seen. Your Club, though well represented by the following crews, failed to score a victory in any of the events contested. The performances put up by these crews, in many cases against more experienced oarsmen, promises well for the Club for the coming season.

*Novice Eights.*—D. W. Lyndon (bow), P. E. Hull (2), W. Yaxley (3), J. R. Clarke (4), J. Macartney (5), B. Refshauge (6), J. Clemens (7), W. Payne (stroke), K. Cook (cox), J. G. Sprigg (coach).

*Novice Fours.*—W. R. Turnbull (bow), W. Bayley (2), J. Appleby (3), R. A. Nettlefold (stroke), D. Hood (cox), J. A. Green-shields (coach).

*Novice Pairs.*—G. H. Smith (bow), J. C. Mollard (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), R. Thursfield (coach).

*Novice Sculls.*—M. Bailey and S. V. McColough.

*Lightweight Novice Fours.*—J. Hull (bow), N. W. Cairnes (2), J. L. Forsyth (3), D. Stirling (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), D. C. Brooke (coach).

## Premierships.

Season 1929-30.

A keen struggle throughout the season culminated in the winning of the two premierships, the points of which are set out hereunder:—

### PREMIERSHIP POINTS, Season 1929-30.

#### Senior.

Mercantile	60	South Melbourne	6
Hawthorn	20	Wahgunyah	4
Albert Park	10	Wendouree	4
Banks	10	University	3
Rutherglen	6	Ballarat	3

#### Junior.

Mercantile	76	Ballarat City	8
Albert Park	54	University	8
Richmond	20	Footscray	8
Wendouree	20	Barwon	8
Shepparton	18	Sale	6
Preston	16	Corio	6
Wahgunyah	16	Essendon	4
Hawthorn	16	Melbourne	2
Banks	12	Eaglehawk	2
South Melbourne	10	Corowa	2
Lake Colac	10	Mildura	2
Bairnsdale	10	Warrnambool	2
Bendigo	8	Yarra Yarra	1

## Combination Races.

### Morell Eights, 9th November, 1929.

A fine entry of 22 crews was received for this popular fixture, for which trophies are donated by your President, Sir Stephen Morell, who made the presentations to the winning crew at the conclusion of the race.

The weather was perfect and some fine racing was witnessed. The winning crew was: F. W. Norton (Merc.), bow; D. Bissell (Rich.), 2; L. Morgan (Haw.), 3; G. Kingsley (Yarra), 4; W. Turnbull (Merc.), 5; R. Scott (Merc.), 6; S. McKay (Merc.), 7; T. L. Mannix (Ess.), stroke.

Mr. H. T. James again despatched the crews, and to him we owe much of the success and popularity of this event.

### Safe Eights, Melbourne Rowing Club.

L. O'Donnell and G. Stooke were members of the winning crew.

### Connell Eights, Yarra Yarra Club.

J. E. Campbell rowed No. 6 in the crew which won this event.

### Amateur Sports Club, Married v. Single.

E. Kenny, A. P. Miller and J. E. Campbell were in the crew which won this contest.

### Mercantile-Albert Park Challenge Eights, June 21st, 1930.

This unique contest proved a remarkable success, with six crews representing each club. The race was rowed in four heats, three of which were won by your Club, but, after a magnificent race, Albert Park were successful in winning the final. To them we offer your heartiest congratulations.

After the race trophies were presented to the winning crew by the President of the Albert Park Club, Mr. S. C. Stewart, who expressed the hope that this event would be the forerunner of many such pleasant contests and that the spirit of friendly rivalry would be fostered between metropolitan clubs.

## Club Races.

### Mercantile Fours, 7th September, 1929.

An excellent entry of sixteen crews was received for this event. The winning crew comprised: F. Batten (bow), G. Stooke (2), J. Macartney (3), L. O'Donnell (stroke), W. Perkin (cox).

### Dobbie-Joseph Fours, Cup Morning, 5th November, 1929.

Following on the success of the Ballarat City Rowing Club Fours, which were held on Cup morning last season, the Committee decided to hold the above race on the same day this year. Eight crews competed, the winners being: A. V. Bridgman (bow), W. A. Smith (2), S. S. McKay (3), K. Pope (stroke).

### Handicap Pairs, 9th June, 1930.

Fifteen crews entered for this event, the result being a win for: A. V. Card (bow), W. Payne (stroke), D. Hood (cox).

### Jubilee Eights, 24th May, 1930.

This race was held as a special jubilee function, and resulted in a very pleasant afternoon's sport. Eighty-eight members competed, and some very fine crews raced over the latter half mile of the Henley course. The winning crew comprised the following: G. H. Smith (bow), D. J. Watson (2), F. H. Batten (3), R. J. Kerr (4), B. Sullivan (5), A. J. N. Burton (6), R. W. Thursfield (7), M. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox).

## Points Competition.

The Captain's trophy, which is decided by the results of Club races, was this year won by F. H. Batten, and to him your congratulations are extended.

For the benefit of those not familiar with the conditions governing this competition, the opportunity is taken to advise that one point is credited for each entry and one point for every win.

The Coxswains' trophy was won by D. Hood, and your congratulations are extended to him.

## Head of the River.

9th and 10th May, 1930.

We extend your congratulations to Melbourne Grammar School, who won the race this year from Wesley College and Geelong Grammar. Your congratulations are also extended to your fellow member, W. N. Ricketts, who coached the winning crew.

## United Service Regatta.

May 17th, 1930.

Your Club members again achieved a considerable amount of success in this regatta. The 22nd Brigade A.F.A. crew, which won the Vice-President's Challenge Cup, contained three members of Mercantile, while the 37th Battalion crew, which was narrowly defeated in its heat by Melbourne University Rifles, contained seven Mercantile members.

*United Service Challenge Cup.*—F. H. Batten (bow), L. C. Walker (2), A. N. Gunn (3), G. J. Horder (4), A. M. Lillie (5), W. H. Clemens (6), H. G. Guinn (7), M. Bailey (stroke), M. E. Green (cox), A. R. Shannon (coach).

*Vice-President's Challenge Cup.*—H. C. Patterson (bow), B. Cox (2), G. Brooke (3), T. Fogarty (stroke), R. Cliff (cox).

## Membership.

Fifty new members were elected during the season, and the membership is now as follows:—

Life Members .....	6
Senior Active Members .....	157
Junior Active Members .....	32
Honorary Members .....	13
Total .....	<u>208</u>

## Donations.

Appreciation of the material assistance from the following is hereby recorded: Your President (Sir Stephen Morell), Dr. R. A. Cooper, Messrs. A. L. Dobbie, W. Joseph, A. B. Sloan, C. N. McKay and J. Herman.

## Social.

The Jubilee Dinner was held on November 20th, 1929, in the Melbourne Town Hall. Sir Stephen Morell presided, and a large number of old members and rowing identities attended, together with

an excellent percentage of present members, making the function a fitting celebration for the Jubilee Year.

The Jubilee Ball, under the direction of Messrs. A. P. Miller, J. E. Campbell and C. F. Raven, was held in the Ormond Hall on June 19th, 1930. One of the most pleasing features of the Club's recent social activities has been the revival and success of the Annual Ball. The 1928-29 season Ball was held at Ormond Hall on October 1st, 1929.

The members of the Club entertained the coaches of the season and the winning King's Cup crew at an enjoyable smoke night at the Club House on May 24th.

Your good wishes for their future are extended to Messrs. W. Haworth and A. V. Bridgman, who were married during the season.

### Obituary.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death during the season of one of our old friends and members, the late Mr. James Watson.

To Messrs. A. A. Gibbs, N. M. Searle, A. P. Miller and M. S. Williams, who lost relatives during the season, we extend sincerest sympathy.

### General.

The Club is particularly fortunate in having such an enthusiastic and interested President as Sir Stephen Morell.

To the coaches, who have done so much towards the success of the Club, we record your appreciation and heartily thank Messrs. A. B. Sloan, J. M. Macfarlane, E. Kenny, R. T. Rush, E. T. Bradshaw, J. Barton, W. Pitt, A. R. Shannon, J. G. Sprigg, C. J. Nicholls, J. A. Greenshields, J. Cooper, H. R. Rush, E. G. Leggo, M. Bailey, A. Gibbs, H. Guinn, R. A. Cooper, A. G. Lindblade and D. C. Brooke.

To Masters M. Green, R. Cliff, K. Cook, K. Bilney, D. Hood, W. Fyfe, K. Stirling, J. Ambler, S. Whitfield, W. Perkin and J. Fitzgerald we record your thanks for their services as coxswains.

The Jubilee Group is now nearing completion. Copies of this may be obtained and will be available early in the new season.

Reference must here be made to the work done in the interest of all metropolitan clubs by Mr. H. T. Butler, whose services as trucking officer were again availed of and which are of such great value.

We offer your congratulations to Mr. E. Kenny, who, during the season, was elected President of the Australian Rowing Council.

Mr. A. J. N. Burton, who has rendered the Club such good service, has left for New Zealand, and to him we extend your good wishes for the future.

The Honour Board, replacing that which was destroyed in the fire, was installed in the Club House during the season.

Through the generosity of Mr. A. B. Tunmer, the Club is now in possession of three very interesting relics, in the form of a trophy for the Hanlan Aquatic Carnival, held on 14th June, 1884; a Gippsland-Hop-Bitters trophy, rowed on 19th September, 1885; and a debenture certificate issued by Mercantile Rowing Club in 1886. The Club is most appreciative of these gifts.

Your thanks are extended to an old member, Mr. C. P. Fairbairn, who during the season presented the Club with the set of oars which won the Champion Eights, Champion Junior Eights, and the Interstate King's Cup Race.

Your appreciation is extended to the Ladies' Committee, headed by Mrs. A. L. Dobbie, which so ably assisted in the organisation of the Jubilee Ball.

### **Conclusion.**

In conclusion, your Committee desires to thank the members for their support throughout the season, and trusts that it will be as wholehearted for the incoming committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. SLOSS,

Hon. Secretary.

## List of Members, 1929-30 Season.

### LIFE MEMBERS.

Dobbie, A. L.  
Ivens, P. C.

Joseph, W.  
Potter, W.

Sloan, A. B.  
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Adams, C. F.  
Adams, N. W.  
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Bailey, J. H.  
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Batten, F. H.  
Bell-Towers, W.  
Berwick, J. A.  
Betts, F. W.  
Birchall, F. G.  
Blight, J. W.  
Bolton, R. S.  
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Brooke, D. C.  
Brookes, E. W.  
Browne, F. R.  
Burmeister, C.  
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Castieau, J. G. B.  
Caithness, L. G.  
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Church, R. L.  
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Craig, W.  
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Montgomery, L. G.  
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McKay, S. S.  
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