



MELBOURNE

FIFTY-FIRST
Annual Report
... and ..
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1930-31

Mercantile Rowing Club



Club House,

Princes Bridge,

1st July, 1931.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-first ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Mercantile Rowing Club will be held at the Club House on SATURDAY, 25th July, 1931, 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,

C. F. RAVEN,

Hon. Secretary.

Mercantile Rowing Club

SEASON 1930-31

List of Office-Bearers.

President :

Sir STEPHEN MORELL.

Vice-Presidents :

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Captain :

A. R. SHANNON (resigned 16/12/30).
J. G. SPRIGG (elected 16/12/30).

Vice-Captain :

A. P. MILLER.

Hon. Secretary :

C. F. RAVEN.

Hon. Treasurer :

A. R. CLARKE.

Executive Committee :

M. BAILEY.
D. C. BROOKE.
J. A. GREENSHIELDS.
G. J. HORDER (resigned 9/12/30).
A. R. SHANNON (elected 16/12/30).

E. KENNY.
C. J. NICHOLLS.
P. RADICH (elected 9/12/30).
A. SLOSS (resigned 9/12/30).

Selection Committee :

J. A. GREENSHIELDS.
C. J. NICHOLLS.

A. R. SHANNON (resigned 16/12/30).
J. G. SPRIGG (elected 16/12/30).

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 (resigned 16/12/30).
J. G. SPRIGG (elected 16/12/30).
C. F. RAVEN.

Delegate to the Upper Parra Amateur Regatta Assn.

D. C. BROOKE.

Delegates to Metropolitan Rowing Committee.

A. R. SHANNON (resigned 16/12/30).
J. G. SPRIGG (elected 16/12/30).

C. F. RAVEN.

Representative to Melbourne Amateur Regatta Assn. (Henley)

W. JOSEPH.

The Fifty-first Annual Report

OF THE

Mercantile Rowing Club



Club House,
Princes Bridge, Melbourne,
1st July, 1931.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club,
Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting to you the Fifty-first Annual Report.

Your Club may justly claim that the season 1930-31 was an historic season. It not only marked the entry of the Club into its second half century of history, but proved to be, in the matters of progress and achievement, a worthy successor to the many successful seasons experienced in the past.

In rowing, your senior crews, although defeated in the premier-ship, were successful in several races, the most outstanding being the winning of the Grand Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta; and in the Junior division your representatives were again successful in winning the premiership.

To emphasise the splendid performances of your crews throughout the season it may be stated that a win was recorded at every regatta at which your Club was represented.

Your Club's social activities during the year under review were successful and appreciated by all. The Annual Dinner, which was again held in the Banqueting Hall, Melbourne Town Hall, was a most popular function. A very fine dance was also held in this hall on Boatrace Night and attracted an excellent attendance.

The position and prospects of your Club to-day enable us to anticipate with confidence many successful seasons in the future.

Finance.

The particulars of revenue receipts show that the amounts received for subscriptions, donations and entrance fees for Club races are less, but, notwithstanding, the progress of the Club has not been affected to any extent.

The next year will depend in a great measure on the co-operation and loyalty of the members generally, and particularly on the care exercised by the Committee in their disbursements.

A considerable proportion of the item, Repairs to Boats, Oars, Shed, is accounted for by accidents which might have been avoided by a little more care. It is desirable that members be watchful of the Club's interests in this connection.

Committee.

Thirteen meetings were held during the season. The attendances were:—

M. Bailey 13	G. J. Horder 1	P. Radich 3
D. C. Brooke 11	E. Kenny 8	A. Sloss 1
A. R. Clarke 12	A. P. Miller 13	A. R. Shannon 10
J. A. Greenshields 12	C. J. Nicholls 13	J. G. Sprigg 6
	C. F. Raven 12	

Club House, Boats and Oars.

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

RACING BOATS.

- 1 Best Eight
- 1 Best Four
- 3 Clinker Eights
- 3 Clinker Fours
- 2 Clinker Pairs

PRACTICE FLEET.

- 4 Practice Eights
- 5 Practice Fours
- 3 Tub Fours
- 5 Practice Pairs
- 3 Practice Sculls

Recognising the growing popularity of sculling, your Committee saw fit, during the season, to purchase a new practice sculling boat for use of proficient scullers at the discretion of the Captain.

The Committee again urges members to exercise the greatest possible care in the management of boats and oars and to immediately report to the Captain any damage that may be occasioned.

Rowing.

Association Championships.

Champion Fours, 20th December, 1930.

Your Club was represented by G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. H. Shore (3), J. H. Bailey (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach).

Your representatives were second, the race being won by the Albert Park crew.

Champion Pairs, 17th January, 1931.

This race was rowed on the Upper Yarra course and attracted an entry of twelve crews. Your Club was represented by P. Radich (stoke), J. Dunstan (bow), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), who were unsuccessful, the event being won by Albert Park.

One-Mile Sculling Championship, 17th January, 1931.

This race was rowed on the Upper Yarra in conjunction with the Champion Pairs, and your Club was represented by R. S. Bolton, who was disqualified for faulty steering. The race was won by Mr. J. Barton, of Richmond.

Champion Eights, 28th March, 1931.

Your Club was represented by the same crew that successfully competed for the Grand Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta, viz.:— G. R. B. Patterson (bow), J. E. Campbell (2), H. G. Guinn (3), R. S.

Bolton (4), J. South (5), D. C. Brooke (6), F. Shore (7), J. Bailey (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), and were placed third, Richmond being successful.

Champion Sculls, 2½ Miles.

Your Club was represented by E. F. Johnson, who was placed second. The race was won by H. E. Ricketts, of the Yarra Yarra Club.

Champion Junior Eights, 18th April, 1931.

An entry of nine crews was received for this race, which was won by the Footscray Rowing Club crew.

Your Club representatives, A. Sloss (bow), R. Scott (2), W. Bell-Towers (3), J. Hoppe (4), S. Timewell (5), T. Fogarty (6), S. McKay (7), S. McColough (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), were unplaced.

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

V.R.A. Regatta.

22nd November, 1930.

Senior Eights.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), J. E. Campbell (2), H. G. Guinn (3), R. S. Bolton (4), J. South (5), D. C. Brooke (6), F. Shore (7), J. Bailey (stroke), M. Green (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), succeeded in winning this event.

Senior Pairs.—J. Dunstan (bow), P. Radich (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), were unsuccessful.

Junior Eights.—R. Thursfield (bow), B. Cox (2), D. Saunders (3), E. Guest (4), W. Bell-Towers (5), H. Raven (6), S. Timewell (7), S. McColough (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. E. C. H. Taylor (coach), were successful in the heat, but were defeated by Bendigo in the final.

Junior Fours.—A. P. Miller (bow), R. Scott (2), S. McKay (3), K. Pope (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), won the event.

Junior Pairs.—J. Dunstan (bow), P. Radich (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), won their heat and also the final.

Maiden Eights.—No. 1 Crew: W. Payne (bow), N. Searle (2), W. Yaxley (3), J. Clemens (4), A. Card (5), W. Refshangie (6), S. Belcher (7), M. Bailey (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and Mr. E. Kenny (coach), were unsuccessful.

No. 2 Crew: N. Cairnes (bow), A. Perry (2), G. Smith (3), J. R. Clarke (4), J. Hoppe (5), J. Bayley (6), D. Lyndon (7), A. Mansfield (stroke), W. Fyfe (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), won this event.

Maiden Fours.—H. Patterson (bow), R. Morell (2), I. G. Webster (3), A. E. Hingeley (stroke), A. Stirling (cox), and Mr. J. Nichols (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pairs.—C. F. Raven (bow), W. A. Smith (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Handicap Sculls.—G. F. McKenzie was unsuccessful. E. F. Johnson won his heat, but was defeated in the final.

Henley Regatta.

29th November, 1930.

Senior Eights.—Your V.R.A. representatives again succeeded in winning this event.

Junior Eights.—The V.R.A. eight were again defeated.

Junior Fours.—The V.R.A. four were successful in their heat, but were defeated in the final by Shepparton.

Maiden Eights.—The Nos. 1 and 2 Eights, which represented your Club at the V.R.A. Regatta, were defeated in the semi-final.

Maiden Fours.—Your representatives at the V.R.A. Regatta were successful in winning their heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Senior Sculls.—Your representative, E. F. Johnson, won the heat and was placed second in the final to J. A. Goulding, Sydney Rowing Club.

Nagambie Regatta.

26th December, 1930.

Senior Fours.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. Shore (3), J. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), were unsuccessful.

Senior Pairs.—No. 1 Crew: J. Dunstan (bow), P. Radich (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), and No. 2 Crew: A. P. Miller (bow), J. Campbell (stroke), and D. Hood (cox), were both unsuccessful.

Junior Eights.—G. Smith (bow), W. Bayley (2), D. Lyndon (3), A. Mansfield (4), W. Smith (5), B. Cox (6), R. Thursfield (7), S. McColough (stroke), were unsuccessful.

Junior Fours.—W. Smith (bow), B. Cox (2), R. Thursfield (3), S. McColough (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eights.—E. Stephenson (bow), C. Taylour (2), W. Yaxley (3), H. Kendall (4), A. Card (5), N. Searle (6), W. Payne (7), M. Bailey (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), won this event.

Maiden Fours.—No. 1 Crew: G. Smith (bow), J. Bailey (2), D. Lyndon (3), A. Mansfield (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), were unsuccessful.

No. 2 Crew: N. Cairnes (bow), P. Ahlston (2), J. Hoppe (3), J. Clarke (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Nicholls (coach), won this event.

No. 3 Crew: W. Payne (bow), N. Searle (2), A. Card (3), M. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), were unsuccessful.

Rutherglen Regatta.

1st January, 1931.

Senior Fours.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. Shore (3), J. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eights.—E. Stephenson (bow), C. Taylour (2), J. Clemens (3), H. Kendall (4), A. Card (5), N. Searle (6), W. Payne (7), M. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), were successful in this event.

Maiden Fours.—W. Payne (bow), N. Searle (2), A. Card (3), M. Bailey (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), were unsuccessful.

Upper Yarra Regatta.

24th January, 1931.

Senior Fours.—No. 1 Crew: G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. Shore (3), J. Bailey (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), were successful in winning their heat, but were defeated by Albert Park in the final.

No. 2 Crew: J. Greenshields (bow), A. Gibbs (2), J. South (3), J. Buchanan (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. J. Mounsey (coach), were unsuccessful.

No. 3 Crew: H. Grace (bow), J. Campbell (2), H. Guinn (3), R. Bolton (stroke), and W. Fyfe (cox), were unsuccessful.

Junior Eights.—R. Thursfield (bow), B. Cox (2), W. Bell-Towers (3), R. Scott (4), J. Hoppe (5), P. Radich (6), E. Guest (7), S. McColough (stroke), W. Green (cox), and Mr. W. Ricketts (coach), won this event.

Junior Fours.—A. P. Miller (bow), J. R. Clarke (2), J. Dunstan (3), A. Sloss (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. J. Nicholls (coach), were unsuccessful.

Light Weight Maiden Eights.—H. Hamilton (bow), L. O'Brien (2), J. Gibson (3), R. Church (4), R. Ryall (5), P. Hull (6), J. Blight (7), D. Stirling (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Fours.—No. 1 Crew: D. Lyndon (bow), J. Clemens (2), G. Macartney (3), S. Mansfield (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), were unsuccessful.

No. 2 Crew: W. Payne (bow), N. Searle (2), A. Card (3), M. Bailey (stroke), and J. Ambler (cox), were unsuccessful.

No. 3 Crew: G. Smith (bow), E. Hield (2), C. Raven (3), W. Refshauge (stroke), K. Cook (cox), and Mr. J. Sprigg (coach), were successful in winning their heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Maiden Pairs.—No. 1 Crew: H. Kendall (bow), N. Cairnes (stroke), and J. Blizzard (cox), were unsuccessful.

No. 2 Crew: W. Turnbull (bow), W. Smith (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), were unsuccessful.

Handicap Sculls.—G. McKenzie was unsuccessful.

Footscray Regatta.

26th January, 1931.

Senior Fours.—Your representative, No. 1 Crew at the Upper Yarra Regatta, were successful in this event.

Junior Eights.—Your representatives at the Upper Yarra

Regatta were defeated in the final by Albert Park.

Junior Fours.—Your representatives at the Upper Yarra Regatta were again defeated.

Lightweight Maiden Eights.—Your representatives at the Upper Yarra Regatta were again defeated.

Maiden Fours.—The No. 1 Crew at the Upper Yarra Regatta were defeated in the heat, and the No. 2 Crew were successful in winning both heat and semi-final, but were defeated in the final by Eaglehawk.

Maiden Pairs.—No. 1 Crew at the Upper Yarra Regatta were again defeated. No. 2 Crew rowed a dead heat in the heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Handicap Sculls.—Your representative, G. McKenzie, was successful in winning this event.

Barwon Regatta.

28th February, 1931.

Senior Eights.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), J. Campbell (2), H. Guinn (3), R. Bclton (4), J. South (5), D. C. Brooke (6), F. Shore (7), J. Bailey (stroke), W. Green (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), were defeated.

Senior Pairs.—H. Grace (bow), J. Buchanan (stroke), and J. Ambler (cox), were unsuccessful.

Junior Eights.—A. P. Miller (bow), R. Scott (2), W. Bell-Towers (3), P. Radich (4), S. McKay (5), G. Stooke (6), S. Timewell (7), S. McColough (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Dr. R. A. Cooper (coach), were unsuccessful.

Junior Pairs.—No. 1 Crew: J. Dunstan (bow), J. Hoppe (stroke), and W. Fyfe (cox), were unsuccessful.

No. 2 Crew: R. Thursfield (bow), K. Pope (stroke), and G. Blizzard (cox), were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Maiden Fours.—D. Stirling (bow), P. Hull (2), R. Ryall (3), J. Blight (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. J. Nicholls (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pairs.—No. 1 Crew: G. Smith (bow), W. Bayley (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), won this event.

No. 2 Crew: N. Cairnes (bow), C. Taylour (2), and J. Ambler (cox), were defeated.

Ballarat Regatta.

7th March, 1931.

Senior Eights.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), J. Campbell (2), H. Guinn (3), R. Bolton (4), J. South (5), D. C. Brooke (6), F. Shore (7), J. Bailey (stroke), W. Green (cox), and Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach), won this event.

Senior Fours.—G. R. B. Patterson (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), F. Shore (3), J. Bailey (stroke), W. Green (cox), were placed second in this event.

Senior Pairs.—H. Grace (bow), J. Buchanan (stroke), and J. Ambler (cox), were unsuccessful.

Junior Eights.—A. P. Miller (bow), R. Scott (2), W. Bell-Towers (3), P. Radich (4), S. McKay (5), G. Stooke (6), S. Timewell (7), S. McColough (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Dr. R. A. Cooper (coach), were placed second after an excellent race.

Junior Fours.—W. Bell-Towers (bow), R. Scott (2), S. McKay (3), S. McColough (stroke), and W. Fyfe (cox), competed in this event without success.

Junior Pairs.—J. Dunstan (bow), J. Hoppe (stroke), and W. Fyfe (cox), were unsuccessful in this event.

Maiden Fours.—W. Turnbull (bow), H. Simmons (2), P. Appleby (3), E. Hield (stroke), and W. Fyfe (cox), competed in this event, but were defeated.

Lightweight Maiden Fours.—D. Stirling (bow), P. Hull (2), R. Ryall (3), J. Blight (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and Mr. W. Green (coach), were defeated in this event.

Maiden Pairs.—No. 1 Crew: G. Smith (bow), W. Bayley (stroke), G. Blizzard (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), were placed second in this event.

No. 2 Crew: N. Cairnes (bow), C. Taylour (stroke), and J. Ambler (cox), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Sculls.—Your representative, M. Bailey, was unsuccessful.

Handicap Sculls.—Your Club was represented by E. F. Johnson, who was defeated.

Bairnsdale Regattas.

4th and 6th April, 1931.

Owing to the poor entries received the Sale Regatta Committee decided to abandon the usual regatta held on Easter Monday at Sale, and the Bairnsdale Regatta Committee decided to hold the event in conjunction with the Sale Regatta Committee at Bairnsdale, in order to provide a double for the competing crews.

Saturday, 4th April, 1931.

Junior Pairs.—A. P. Miller (bow), P. Radich (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), were successful in this event.

Maiden Fours.—M. Bailey (bow), E. Hield (2), G. Smith (3), A. Mansfield (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pairs.—R. Morell (bow), T. Luxton (stroke), C. Stirling (cox), and Mr. J. Greenshields (coach), were successful in this event.

Monday, 6th April, 1931.

The same crews competed and the Junior and Maiden Pairs won the double.

Metropolitan Rowing Committee's Regatta.

13th June, 1931.

Novice Eights.—R. Ryall (bow), P. Hull (2), J. T. Murray (3), H. Simmons (4), P. Appleby (5), E. Hield (6), E. Ferguson (7), W. D. Refshauge (stroke), C. Stirling (cox), and Mr. A. P. Miller (coach), were defeated in the final.

Novice Fours.—No. 1 Crew: P. Philp (bow), T. Stooke (2), W. Malcombe (3), H. Hamilton (stroke), D. Hood (cox), and Mr. D. C. Brooke (coach), were unsuccessful.

No. 2 Crew: B. King (bow), W. Quilliam (2), H. Spencer (3), L. Forsyth (stroke), R. Cliff (cox), and T. Fogarty (coach), won the heat and were placed second in the final.

No. 3 Crew: C. McKay (bow), I. M. Bertram (2), G. T. Anderson (3), J. F. Ross (stroke), G. H. Nicholson (cox), and Mr. W. Refshauge (coach), were successful.

Lightweight Novice Four.—J. Seaman (bow), D. Stirling (2), R. Church (3), J. Mollard (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), and Mr. F. Batten (coach), won the heat and were defeated in the final.

Novice Pairs.—S. Macrae (bow), J. Fairbairn (stroke), G. Kidd (cox), won the heat and were defeated in the final.

Novice Sculls.—Your representative, J. Clemens, was defeated.

Premierships.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS, Season 1930-31.

Senior.

		Wins	Points			Wins	Points
Albert Park	....	10	48	Yarra Yarra	....	1	3
Richmond	....	9	47	Banks	....	1	2
Mercantile	....	4	28	South Melbourne	..	1	2
Rutherglen Lake	....	2	6				

Junior.

		Wins	Points			Wins	Points
Mercantile	....	12	52	Melbourne	....	1	8
Footscray City	..	9	42	Sale	....	2	8
Ballarat City	....	5	28	Shepparton	....	3	8
Bendigo	....	5	24	Nagambie	....	2	6
Wendouree	....	4	24	Corowa	....	1	4
Albert Park	....	7	21	Dimboola	....	1	4
Bairnsdale	....	2	16	Mildura	....	2	4
Ballarat	....	4	14	Richmond	....	1	4
Eaglehawk	....	4	12	University	....	1	4
Wahgunyah	....	4	12	Rutherglen Lake	..	1	2
Banks	....	2	9	Preston	....	1	2
Essendon	....	1	8	Merbein	....	1	1

Henley on Maribyrnong.

Your Club was represented by G. Smith (bow), W. Bayley (stroke), J. Ambler (cox), and Mr. G. Smith, Senr. (coach), who were successful in winning the Pairs Race.

Preston Regatta.

6th April, 1931.

Your Club was represented by G. R. B. Patterson (bow), and R. Bolton (stroke), who won the Open Pairs Race.

Head of the River.

15th May, 1931.

We extend your congratulations to Melbourne Grammar School, who again won this race. Your congratulations are also extended to your fellow member, Mr. W. N. Ricketts, who coached the winning crew.

United Service Regatta.

16th May, 1931.

Your members again achieved success at this increasingly popular event. T. Fogarty and D. C. Brooke were members of the crew representing the 22nd A.F.A. Brigade, which won the Vice-President's Challenge Cup.

Combination Races.

J.A. Safe Eights.

The Melbourne Rowing Club held the Annual "J. A. Safe Eights" race on the 23rd August. C. F. Raven and W. Yaxley were members of the winning crew.

Morell Eights.

A record entry of 25 crews was received for this increasingly popular fixture, for which trophies are donated annually by your President, Sir Stephen Morell; and a splendid afternoon's racing was enjoyed.

The final was won by the following crew:—S. V. McColough, stroke (Merc.), T. Fogarty, 7 (Merc.), J. Martin, 6 (Richmond), H. C. Patterson, 5 (Merc.), C. Taylour, 4 (Merc.), L. Wilkinson, 3 (Footscray), L. Golding, 2 (Footscray), J. Fitzsimmons, bow (Hawthorn), D. Calnin, cox (Richmond).

Connell Eights.

The Yarra Yarra Rowing Club conducted this annual combination eight oared race on the 31st January, 1931. Your Club was represented by W. Turnbull in the winning crew.

V.R.A. Eights.

28th March, 1931.

The Victorian Rowing Association decided to donate the proceeds of this race to a special appeal made on behalf of the Blind. A splendid entry resulted and some very fine racing was witnessed. C. J. Nicholls and J. Hoppe represented your Club in the winning crew.

Club Races.

Handicap Pairs.

Your Committee decided to hold three handicap pair oared races, with the object of discovering suitable pair combinations for the purpose of regatta racing. A condition of the races was that entries would only be accepted from members eligible to row together at regattas. The result was highly satisfactory, the racing resulting as follows:—

1st Series.

26th July.—12 crews competed. Won by D. Watson (stroke), N. Cairnes (bow), D. Hood (cox). Handicap, 18 seconds.

2nd Series.

16th August.—10 crews competed. Won by C. Taylour (stroke), G. Smith (bow), J. Amber (cox). Handicap, 17 seconds.

3rd Series.

6th September.—9 crews competed. Won by D. Watson (stroke), N. Cairnes (bow), B. Watson (cox). Handicap, 11 seconds.

Mercantile Fours, 14th March, 1931.

A very fine entry of fourteen crews was received for this annual fixture and some excellent racing was witnessed.

The winning crew comprised the following:—N. Cairnes (bow), R. Ryall (2), S. Timewell (3), M. Bailey (stroke), and J. Cowling (cox).

Club Pairs.

This race was held on the 11th April, 1931, and attracted a good entry. Fifteen crews started and the race resulted in a win for J. Bailey (stroke), M. Dowd (bow), and J. Cowling (cox).

Novice Pairs, 15th May, 1931.

The response to this race was very good and an entry of twelve crews resulted in some very good racing.

The winning crew comprised H. Spencer (bow), H. Simmons (stroke), and J. Kidd (cox).

Club Eights, 20th June, 1931.

An entry of eight crews was received for this race. The winning crew comprised the following:—R. Rhyll (bow), J. Seammen (2), C. J. Nicholls (3), H. Simmons (4), J. L. Fairbairn (5), K. Koch (6), W. Payne (7), J. Bailey (stroke), and C. Stirling (cox).

J. G. Sprigg Fours, 4th July, 1931.

An entry of nine crews was received for this race, the trophies for which were donated by your popular Captain, Mr. J. G. Sprigg.

The winning crew comprised the following:—N. Cairnes (bow), K. Bilney (2), A. Burton (3), A. Gibbs (stroke), and G. Kidd (cox).

Long Distance Rowing.

The seven mile competition is being held again this winter and keen enthusiasm is being shown by members.

If you are interested in these races you should attend at the Clubhouse on Saturdays and you will be selected in a crew.

Points Competition.

The Captain's Trophy, presented annually for the member winning the greatest number of points for Club Races was this year won by Mr. N. Cairnes with a total of ten points.

The Coxswains' Trophy, a competition held on similar lines to the above, was won by Master J. Cowling with a total of two points.

Your congratulations are extended to the above members.

Membership.

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

Life Members	7
Senior Active Members	138
Junior Active Members	29
Honorary Members	13
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Total	187

Donations.

Appreciation of the material assistance from the following is hereby recorded:—Messrs. T. F. Brennan, R. A. Cooper, W. Joseph, J. L. Mounsey, G. Meyers, T. S. Nettleford, A. B. Sloan.

Boat Building Fund.

Your Committee decided, at the latter end of the season, that steps should be taken to provide for the replacement of boats, which, owing to the large membership, have a very small life, and with this end in view have opened a Boat Building Fund, and will be glad of contributions from members.

The following have contributed to date:—Messrs. J. Greenshields, T. Marsh, A. P. Miller, C. J. Nicholls, C. F. Raven, A. R. Shannon, J. G. Sprigg and W. Joseph.

Social.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Melbourne Town Hall on the 4th December, 1930. Sir Stephen Morell presided and we again had the pleasure of seeing many old Club members and a splendid attendance of present members. Your Committee is making every endeavour to maintain the interest of old members in the Club's activities and is at all times glad to welcome them at the Clubhouse.

Club Dance.

A very successful dance was held by your Social Committee on Boat Race Night in the Melbourne Town Hall, which resulted in considerably augmenting the Club's finances. Your thanks are extended to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. H. Tylour and his Committee for their efforts. As further dances are contemplated you are urged to support them and assist the Committee to achieve further success in this direction.

Obituary.

It is with great regret we record the death during the season of Mr. Arthur Moore, who figured prominently as a member during the early history of the Club.

To Messrs. J. Nicholls and H. Rush, who lost relatives during the season, we extend sincerest sympathy.

General.

This season marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the election of your popular President, Alderman Sir Stephen Morell, to whom your congratulations are extended. The unfailing interest and support of Sir Stephen has been greatly appreciated by all and the Club is particularly fortunate in having such an enthusiastic and interested supporter.

During the season your Captain, Mr. A. R. Shannon, was forced owing to pressure of business to resign from office, and Mr. J. G. Sprigg was elected to the position. Your thanks are extended to these gentlemen for the fine manner in which they have discharged their duties. It is realised that the success of the Club has been in no small measure due to our fine run of Captains, who have worthily upheld our traditions.

To the Coaches, Messrs. F. Batten, E. Bradshaw, D. C. Brooke, R. A. Cooper, T. Fogarty, W. Green, J. Greenshields, E. Kenny, A. P. Miller, J. Mounsey, C. J. Nicholls, W. Refshauge, W. Ricketts, J. Sprigg, E. C. H. Taylor, A. B. Sloan and G. Smith, Senr., we extend our congratulations and thanks and sincerely hope that we will again have their able assistance in the future.

To Masters W. Green, R. Cliff, K. Cook, D. Hood, W. Fyfe, C. Stirling, J. Ambler, J. Cowling, G. Blizzard, G. Kidd and G. Nicholson we record your thanks for the splendid services rendered as coxswains.

Your good wishes for future happiness and prosperity are extended to Messrs. H. Raven, E. Leggo and J. M. Cooper, who were married during the season.

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,

C. F. RAVEN,

Hon. Secretary.

List of Members, 1930-31 Season.

LIFE MEMBERS.

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

SENIOR MEMBERS.

Ahlston, P.	Graham, T. P.	Perry, A.
Bailey, J.	Greenshields, J. A.	Philp, L.
Bailey, M.	Gregg, R. V.	Picken, J. H.
Batten, F. H.	Guest, J. E.	Pitt, W. G.
Betts, F. W.	Guinn, H. G.	Pope, K.
Blight, J. W.	Guinn, S.	Radich, P.
Brett, A. G.	Hartlett, K.	Raven, C. F.
Brooke, D. C.	Haworth, W. C.	Raven, H.
Brooks, E. W.	Head, E. C. L.	Ricketts, W. N.
Browne, F. R.	Hill, L.	Roberts, D.
Buchanan, J. M.	Hingeley, A. E.	Rush, H. R.
Burmiester, C.	Hogan, J.	Rush, R. T.
Burton, A.	Horner, G.	Scott, R.
Bush, A.	Hull, P. E.	Saunders, D.
Eush, T.	Johnson, E. F.	Seamman, J. A.
Bolton, R. S.	Kelly, K. W.	Seamman, W. G.
Bell-Towers, W.	Kendall, H.	Searle, N. P.
Brien, E.	Kenny, E.	Semmel, T.
Cairnes, N. W.	Kerr, R.	Shannon, A. R.
Campbell, J. E.	King, B. K.	Shore, F. H.
Card, A. V.	Leggo, E.	Sloss, A.
Castieau, J. G. B.	Lindblade, A. G.	Smith, G. H.
Church, R. L.	Long, G. M.	Smith, W. A.
Clarke, J. R.	Lyndon, W. G.	South, J.
Clemens, J. R.	Mansfield, G. A.	Soward, G. S.
Cook, D. D.	Marsh, T. W.	Spencer, H. T.
Cocper, J. M.	Miller, A. P.	Sprigg, J. G.
Cooper, R. A.	Mollard, J. C.	Stirling, D.
Cox, B.	Molloy, H.	Stooke, G.
Craig, F.	Moon, W. H.	Strauss, H. R.
Craig, W.	Macartney, G.	Sullivan, B.
Crocker, W. T.	McColough, S. V.	Taylor, C.
Debney, B. R.	Macfarlane, J. M.	Tierney, J. J.
Ditchburn, S. A.	McKay, C. N.	Thursfield, R. W.
Dowd, M. C.	McKay, S. S.	Timewell, S.
Douglas, F. E.	McKenzie, G. F.	Thompson, K.
Dredge, A.	Nettleford, R. A.	Trehearne, A. G.
Dunstan, J. T.	Nicholls, C. J.	Turnbull, W. R.
Finlay, A. W.	O'Brien, L.	Vanderkelen, C.
Fogarty, T.	O'Sullivan, J.	Vimpani, A.
Forsyth, J. L.	Ould, W. J.	Wardell, G. E.
Galvin, V. C.	Patterson, G. R. B.	Webster, I. G.
Gardiner, R. G.	Patterson, H. C.	Williams, M. S.
Gibbs, A. A.	Payne, F. W.	Wood, A.
Gibson, J. S.	Peers, G.	Wregg, K.
Gillison, D. H.	Penwill, J.	Yaxley, W. R.

List of Members, 1930-31 Season.

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JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Appleby, J. P.	Hield, E.	Rodd, J. M.
Allen, R.	Luxton, T.	Ryall, R.
Bayley, W.	Lyndon, J. H.	Semmell, R.
Belcher, S. W.	Macrae, S. C.	Simmons, H.
Clarke, R. J.	Malcombe, W.	Spencer, E. J. D.
Fairbairn, J. L.	MacNaughton, J. D.	Stephenson, E.
Gunn, A. N.	Morell, R.	Stooke, T.
Grace, H.	Munro, R. J.	Telford, E.
Hamilton, H. P.	Quilliam, L. J.	Watson, D.
Hoppe, J. P.	Refshauge, W.	

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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

REVENUE ACCOUNT for 12

INCOME.

Subscriptions	£497 16 0	
Less V.R.A. Capitation Fee	35 10 6	
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Donations		36 12 0
Entrance Fees, Club Races		43 18 0
Annual Ball		41 5 6
Hiring and Letting		6 13 6
Balance transferred to Capital A/c		137 5 10

£728 0 4

C. A. CLARKE,
Hon. Treasurer.

Months ending 30th June, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.

Depreciation—Boats, Oars, Sculls	£223	5	4
" Boat House and Club Fittings	60	0	0
Repairs to Boats, Oars, Shed (Shower, £41/1/1)	161	16	0
General Expenses	69	0	0
Insurance	35	3	9
Freight, Country Regattas	18	8	8
Coxswains' Expenses, Country Regattas	10	4	7
Boat Staging	20	0	0
Lighting, General and Water Rates	30	17	4
Trophy Orders	28	10	6
Annual Dinner	11	4	9
Smoke Night	4	7	6
Bank Interest	17	3	1
Bank Charges	0	11	0
Telephone	9	6	10
Entrance Fees, Regatta Races	2	2	6
Coxswains' Registration Fees, V.R.A.	2	5	0
Upper Yarra Regatta Association	2	2	0
Metropolitan Rowing Association	0	10	6
Hire of Boats and Launch	9	2	0
Entrance Fees, Combination Races	4	7	6
Photographic Group	7	11	6
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	£728	0	4

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

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