

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

MELBOURNE



55th ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1934—35

Mercantile Rowing Club



Club House,

Princes Bridge,

1st July, 1935.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Fifty-fifth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **Mercantile Rowing Club** will be held at the **Club House** on **SATURDAY, 27th JULY, 1935, at 7.45 p.m.** (The **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.
4. To consider the proposal of Alteration of the Rules as follows:—

That the following words shall be added to Rule 16: "and the badge shall be that design which is registered in the name of the Club."

By order of the Committee,

S. C. MACRAE,

Hon. Secretary.

Mercantile Rowing Club

SEASON 1934-35

List of Office-Bearers.

President :

A. L. DOBBIE, Esq.

Vice-Presidents :

E. T. BRADSHAW, Esq.	J. L. MOUNSEY, Esq.
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Captain :

R. V. GREGG.

Vice-Captain :

P. RADICH (resigned 19/11/34)
R. W. THURSFIELD (appointed 19/11/34).

Hon Secretary :

S. C. MACRAE.

Hon Treasurer :

A. R. CLARKE.

Executive Committee :

R. S. BOLTON	E. KENNY.
D. C. BROOKE.	F. NEWPORT (appointed 17/12/34).
N. W. CAIRNES	A. W. RANGLES (appointed 19/11/34, resigned 17/12/34).
A. A. GIBBS.	C. F. RAVEN (resigned 15/10/34).
G. J. HORDER.	R. W. THURSFIELD (appointed 15/10/34).

Selection Committee :

R. V. GREGG. E. KENNY. P. RADICH (resigned 19/11/34).
G. W. SMITH (appointed 19/11/34).

Hon Auditor :

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

Hon. Solicitor :

M. S. WILLIAMS.

Victorian Rowing Association :

Executive Members	Elected Member	Representative Members
A. L. DOBBIE.	W. JOSEPH.	R. V. GREGG.
E. KENNY.		S. C. MACRAE.
C. F. RAVEN (appointed 6/5/35).		

Delegate to the Upper Parra Amateur Regatta Assn.
R. V. GREGG. P. RADICH.

Delegates to Metropolitan Rowing Committee.
R. V. GREGG. P. RADICH (resigned 19/11/34).
R. W. THURSFIELD (appointed 19/11/34)

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

Delegate to Victorian Amateur Sculling Association
R. S. BOLTON.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Report

OF THE

Mercantile Rowing Club.



Club House,

Princes Bridge, Melbourne.

1st July, 1935.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club,

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

In reviewing the activities of your Club for the past season, we are glad to record a marked improvement both in rowing success and in the general spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation.

Your Club was well represented at all the major regattas and by a narrow margin was defeated for the Senior and Junior Premierships, finishing second in each division. In the previous season your Club failed to score a point for the Junior Premiership and the Committee has no hesitation in attributing the improvement of this year to the more faithful methods of training which were adopted. There is still much room for improvement in this direction, and your Committee wish to emphasise that it is the duty of each member accepting a seat in a crew, representing the Club, to train conscientiously, out of the boat, as well as in the boat. Hard work and keenness is the surest way to win races.

The coaching problem is the most disturbing feature of the year. At the close of the season only two coaches could be found for seven crews travelling to Gippsland to fight out the premierships, which were then within easy grasp. In the ensuing season we will have to call upon our older members for support in coaching in order to play our part in lifting the cloud which has settled on Victorian rowing.

The reviving attendance at Country regattas is a matter for congratulation and we heartily commend the more distant regattas as an unforgettable holiday.

During the winter months, in addition to a Seven Mile Time Trial, a fortnightly programme of Club races has been conducted. The support has been very good.

Your Club's social activities for the year under review were successful and much appreciated. The Annual Dinner was one of the largest the Club has ever held and the Annual Ball attracted a considerably greater attendance than for some years past.

The reviving feeling of keenness and enthusiasm in your Club

to-day gives the brightest prospects of future strength, activity and success.

Financial.

The amount of subscriptions received discloses that no progress has been made on last year's figures, but it is hoped that considerable improvement will be shown during the coming season. The importance of members paying their subscriptions early in the season cannot be too greatly stressed.

The overdraft still constitutes a formidable item in the balance sheet and the activities of the Club are undoubtedly cramped while it exists. It is hoped that its extinction will be taken in hand by the incoming Committee.

The adjustment of the insurance for the clinker racing eight, which was destroyed in an accident, is still under discussion and should be finalised shortly.

Membership.

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

Life Members	10
Senior Active Members	121
Junior Active Members	21
Honorary Members	13
Associate Members	2
Country Members	3
Total	<u>170</u>

Your Club is fortunate to possess one of the finest fleets in Australia and has provision for a considerably larger membership. Members are urged to do their utmost to induce men of the right type to take up the sport. Having once introduced them into the Club it should be their duty to sponsor them until they become known to other members and are able to feel at home.

Committee.

Thirteen regular meetings were held during the year. The attendances were:—

R. S. Bolton . . . 13	A. A. Gibbs . . . 11	F. Newport . . . 6
D. C. Brooke . . . 9	R. V. Gregg . . . 13	P. Radich . . . 1
N. W. Cairnes . . . 12	G. J. Horder . . . 9	A. W. Randles . . . 0
A. R. Clarke . . . 13	W. Joseph . . . 2	C. F. Raven . . . 1
A. L. Dobbie . . . 10	E. Kenny . . . 9	R. W. Thursfield . . . 9
	S. C. Macrae . . . 13	

Club House, Boats and Oars.

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

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

It will be noticed that during the year the strength of the fleet has been increased by one Best Eight and reduced by one Clinker Racing Eight. The new Best Eight was ordered early in the season to ensure that your exceptionally heavy Senior Eight was suitably boated for the Centenary fixtures. A substantial part of the cost was met by generous donations of past and present members.

The best Clinker Eight, "E. Kenny," was damaged beyond repair in a collision with a motor car while being trucked for the Easter regattas. The insurance will only partly compensate the loss and we are faced with the prospect of replacing this essential unit of the fleet at an early date.

An experimental set of racing oars, 12 feet 2 inches in length, was purchased during the season, Sir Harold Luxton kindly donating half the cost.

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.

Donations

The Club desires to place on record its appreciation of material assistance from the following gentlemen:—Messrs. T. F. Brennan, M. C. Brown, C. Burmeister, Major C. S. Cunningham, A. L. Dobbie, Sir George Fairbairn, R. G. Gardner, S. Guinn, W. Joseph, E. Kenny, R. O. Lewin, A. G. Lindblade, G. Logan, Sir Harold Luxton, J. M. Macfarlane, C. N. McKay, V. F. Mason, Sir Stephen Morell, J. L. Mounsey, Cr. T. S. Nettlefold, O.B.E., J. H. Picken, A. B. Sloan, C. Vanderkelen.

Rowing.

Australian Championships.

The annual interstate championships were held at Penrith, N.S.W., on Saturday, 11th May, 1935, all six States competing. Victoria was represented by the following crew, which finished fourth:—C. W. Welch (bow), L. W. Sullivan (2), E. Lindsay (3), P. Jelbart (4), S. J. Elder (5), L. J. Thompson (6), W. A. Lodding (7), T. Luxton (stroke), T. Crofts (cox), G. M. Hutton (coach). N.S.W. won after a stirring race with Western Australia.

The Sculling Championship was again won by H. B. Turner (N.S.W.), Victoria's representative, C. Pepler, finishing second.

Your Club was represented in the interstate rowing by T. Luxton (stroke) and J. Clemens (emergency), and Mr. W. N. Ricketts and Mr. G. W. Smith acted as selectors with the Coach. To these members we extend our congratulations.

State Championship Events.

Champion Eights, 10th November, 1934.

The race was rowed on the Lower Yarra course and attracted an entry of eight crews. The London Rowing Club was successful, winning by a very large margin from University. Your Club was represented by the following crew, which was placed third:—R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. S. Bolton (2), G. I. Anderson (3), D. C. Brooke (4), H. J. StJohn (5), T. Fogarty (6), F. H. Shore (7), T. Luxton (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), with Mr. W. N. Ricketts as coach.

Champion Fours, 15th December, 1934.

Rowed on the Lower Yarra with a field of six crews. The race was won by Nagambie from Preston after an exciting struggle. Your Club was not represented.

2,000 Metre Sculling Championship, 15th December, 1934.

Rowed downstream on the Lower Yarra. R. S. Bolton represented your Club unsuccessfully, C. Pepler (Yarra Yarra) winning the event.

Sculling Championship, 16th March, 1935.

This race, rowed under very difficult conditions, was won by C. Pepler (Yarra Yarra). Your Club was not represented.

Champion Junior Eights, 16th March, 1935.

Held over a two mile course on the Lower Yarra in stormy conditions. Five crews started in the race, which was won by Richmond. Your representatives, K. C. M. Kerr (bow), S. C. Macrae (2), G. H. Webster (3), R. T. Morell (4), C. Campbell (5), J. F. Winford (6), J. P. Appleby (7), H. P. Braddock (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), Mr. G. W. Smith (coach), were placed third.

Champion Lightweight Eights, 16th March, 1935.

Six crews competed for this title over a one and a half mile course on the Lower Yarra in the same unpleasant conditions. Your Club was unsuccessfully represented by K. Burgess (bow), D. Stirling (2), D. Morgan (3), P. Hemming (4), R. Ryall (5), J. V. Spillane (6), E. Stephenson (7), N. W. Cairnes (stroke), C. Lock (cox), Mr. A. P. Miller (coach). Melbourne defeated Banks by a few feet in a closely fought race.

Champion Pairs, 6th April, 1935.

This race was held on a straight one mile course on the Lower Yarra with an entry of 10 crews. Your Club was represented by R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. S. Bolton (stroke), and R. Ludlow (cox), and was placed third. Preston won the race by a narrow margin from Wahgunyah.

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

Regattas.

Melbourne Regatta, 27th October, 1934.

Senior Eights.—R. W. Thursfield (bow), D. C. Brooke (2), G. I. Anderson (3), T. Luxton (4), H. J. StJohn (5), T. Fogarty (6), F. H. Shore (7), L. Luxton (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), and Mr. W. N. Ricketts (coach), were defeated in their heat.

Handicap Sculls.—Your representative, R. S. Bolton, was unsuccessful.

Maiden Eights.—No. 1 Crew: J. Blair-Holt (bow), H. P. Brad-dock (2), L. J. Quilliam (3), R. E. Dibbs (4), J. P. Appleby (5), F. Newport (6), G. H. Webster (7), S. C. Macrae (stroke), C. Lock (cox), and Mr. G. W. Smith (coach), won this event in a field of 17 crews.

No. 2 Crew: D. Stirling (bow), K. L. Stevens (2), F. Oldfield (3), J. W. Blight (4), D. Abbott (5), E. J. Walker (6), B. B. Cox (7), A. W. Randles (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), Mr. G. J. Horder (coach), also reached the final.

Maiden Fours.—L. B. Weire (bow), J. F. Winford (2), C. Campbell (3), J. V. Spillane (stroke), W. K. McLennan (cox), and Mr. E. T. Bradshaw (coach), were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Pairs.—No. 1 Crew: W. R. Turnbull (bow), W. A. G. Johnson (stroke), F. Young (cox), won heat and semi-final and contested the final with your No. 2 Crew.

No. 2 Crew: E. Stephenson (bow), K. Bilney (stroke), E. Holand (cox), won this event from 11 other crews.

Henley Regatta.

3rd November, 1934.

Senior Eights.—R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. S. Bolton (2), G. I. Anderson (3), D. C. Brooke (4), H. J. StJohn (5), T. Fogarty (6), F. H. Shore (7), T. Luxton (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), and Mr. W. N. Ricketts (coach), won their heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Maiden Eights.—Your No. 1 Crew at Melbourne Regatta were again successful in a field of 20 crews.

No. 2 Crew were defeated in their heat.

No. 3 Crew: D. Morgan (bow), R. McC. Batty (2), N. Morgan (3), A. Cox (4), R. Meates (5), B. Chandler (6), G. E. Trickett (7), K. Bilney (stroke), S. Jones (cox), Mr. J. Campbell (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Fours.—Your representatives at Melbourne Regatta won their heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Footscray Regatta.

8th December, 1934 (postponed from 1/12/34).

Junior Fours.—N. W. Cairnes (bow), J. F. Winford (2), I. G. Webster (3), D. W. Lyndon (stroke), S. Jones (cox), Mr. A. P. Miller (coach), were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Eights.—No. 1 Crew: L. B. Weire (bow), J. V. Spillane (2), D. Abbott (3), J. F. Winford (4), C. Campbell (5), E. J. Walker (6), J. W. Blight (7), A. W. Randles (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), Mr. J. L. Mounsey (coach), were defeated by three feet in the heat by the ultimate winners.

No. 2 Crew: D. Morgan (bow), K. L. Stevens (2), F. Oldfield (3), B. Chandler (4), A. Cox (5), F. A. Macrae (6), R. Meates (7), D. Stirling (stroke), J. Ford (cox), and Mr. G. J. Horder (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Fours.—E. Stephenson (bow), F. Newport (2), G. H. Webster (3), S. C. Macrae (stroke), C. Lock (cox), Mr. M. Bailey (coach), won this event from 11 crews.

Maiden Pairs.—W. Turnbull (bow), W. A. G. Johnson (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), were defeated in the semi-final.

Nagambie Regatta.

26th December, 1934.

Junior Fours.—E. Stephenson (bow), F. Newport (2), G. H. Webster (3), S. C. Macrae (stroke), C. Lock (cox), Mr. M. Bailey (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eights.—D. Abbott (bow), J. V. Spillane (2), L. B. Weire (3), J. F. Winford (4), C. Campbell (5), E. J. Walker (6), J. W. Blight (7), A. W. Randles (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), Mr. G. W. Smith (coach), were defeated.

Upper Yarra Regatta

26th January, 1935.

Senior Fours.—R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. I. Stone (2), F. H. Shore (3), R. S. Bolton (stroke), E. Holland (cox), Mr. R. V. Gregg (coach), were defeated in the final.

Senior Pairs.—G. I. Anderson (bow), D. C. Brooke (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), were unsuccessful.

Junior Pairs.—E. Stephenson (bow), K. Bilney (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), and Mr. A. A. Gibbs (coach), dead-heated in the heat and were unsuccessful in the final.

Maiden Fours.—No. 1 Crew: J. Blair-Holt (bow), R. E. Dibbs (2), J. D. Macnaughton (3), H. P. Braddock (stroke), C. Lock (cox), Mr. G. W. Smith (coach), were defeated.

No. 2 Crew: E. Jones (bow), P. Hemming (2), R. Meates (3), D. M. Macrae (stroke), E. Holland (cox), Mr. E. T. Bradshaw (coach), Ludlow (cox), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pairs.—W. R. Turnbull (bow), W. A. G. Johnson (stroke), S. Jones (cox), were not successful.

Lightweight Maiden Fours.—K. Burgess (bow), J. V. Spillane (2), K. C. M. Kerr (3), D. Stirling (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), Mr. A. A. Gibbs (coach), were defeated.

Handicap Sculls.—L. J. Fairbairn was unsuccessful.

A.N.A. Day Regatta.

28th January, 1935.

The crews that represented your Club at Upper Yarra Regatta competed again unsuccessfully in the Victorian Rowing Association A.N.A. Day Regatta.

Barwon Regatta.

23rd February, 1935.

Senior Eights.—R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. S. Bolton (2), J. Clemens (3), D. C. Brooke (4), G. I. Anderson (5), R. I. Stone (6), F. H. Shore (7), T. Luxton (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), Mr. R. V. Gregg (coach), won this event in two stirring races from a field of six crews.

Junior Fours.—E. Stephenson (bow), F. Newport (2), G. H. Webster (3), S. C. Macrae (stroke), C. Lock (cox), and Mr. R. Rush (coach), won the heat, but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Eights.—K. C. M. Kerr (bow), D. M. Macrae (2), A. R. Paton (3), B. R. Chandler (4), G. Davey (5), J. J. McFarlane (6), C. Campbell (7), J. F. Winford (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), and Mr. G. W. Smith (coach), defeated 10 crews to win this race.

Maiden Fours.—J. D. Macnaughton (bow), R. T. Morell (2), J. P. Appleby (3), H. P. Braddock (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), and Mr. A. L. Dobbie (coach), were successful, defeating 11 crews.

Maiden Pairs.—L. B. Weire (bow), J. V. Spillane (stroke), E. Holland (cox), and Mr. R. Winford (coach), won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Ballarat Regatta.

2nd March, 1935.

Senior Eights.—The same crew that represented your Club at Barwon was again successful in a field of seven crews.

Junior Fours.—Your representatives at Barwon were placed third in a field of 13.

Junior Pairs.—E. Stephenson (bow), S. C. Macrae (stroke), E. Holland (cox), finished second in a field of 14 crews.

Maiden Eights.—Your representatives at Barwon were successful again, winning convincingly from 11 other crews.

Maiden Fours.—Your representatives at Barwon defeated 15 crews to win this event.

Maiden Pairs.—Your representatives at Barwon were unsuccessful.

Bairnsdale Regatta

20th April, 1935.

Senior Fours.—R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. I. Stone (2), F. H. Shore (3), R. S. Bolton (stroke), C. Lock (cox), won this event.

Senior Pairs.—R. W. Thursfield (bow), R. S. Bolton (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), were defeated.

Junior Fours.—J. D. Macnaughton (bow), G. H. Webster (2), J. P. Appleby (3), H. P. Braddock (stroke), S. Jones (cox), and Mr. W. Pitt (coach), were unsuccessful.

Junior Pairs.—F. Newport (bow), S. C. Macrae (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), and Mr. W. Pitt (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eights.—D. Stirling (bow), R. Brewin (2), D. Morgan (3), R. T. Brewin (4), L. B. Weire (5), T. F. McNiff (6), A. Cox (7), D. R. Nicholls (stroke), J. Cowling (cox), were not successful.

Maiden Fours.—J. Blair-Holt (bow), B. R. Chandler (2), C. Campbell (3), J. F. Winford (stroke), C. Lock (cox), and Mr. R. V. Gregg (coach), were defeated.

Maiden Pairs.—G. H. Davey (bow), D. M. Macrae (stroke), R. Ludlow (cox), won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Sale Regatta.

22nd April, 1935.

Senior Fours.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale, steered by J. Cowling, were successful.

Senior Pairs.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale were defeated.

Junior Fours.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale were defeated.

Junior Pairs.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale won the heat, but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Eights.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale were unsuccessful.

Maiden Fours.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale were successful at this regatta, defeating five other crews.

Maiden Pairs.—Your representatives at Bairnsdale were defeated.

Premierships.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS, Season 1934-5.

Senior.

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Nagambie	9	36	Yarra Yarra . . .	2	4
{ University	5	32	Wahgunyah	1	4
{ Mercantile	4	32	Albert Park	1	2
Preston	2	10	Footscray City . .	—	1
Richmond	1	5			

Junior.

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Richmond	11	64	Rutherglen Lake .	2	8
Mercantile	9	50	Yarra Yarra . . .	1	8
Banks	5	26	Shepparton	3	6
Bairnsdale	4	24	Wahgunyah	3	6
Albert Park	6	22	Bendigo	2	5
Preston	6	22	Ballarat	1	4
Nagambie	4	20	Corowa	1	4
Corio Bay	5	16	Sale	1	2
Wendouree	3	12	Hawthorn	1	2
Footscray City . .	3	10	Melbourne	1	1
Ballarat City . . .	3	8			

Your hearty congratulations are tendered to the winners of the Senior and Junior Premierships.

Head of the River.

17th May, 1935.

We extend your congratulations to Geelong Grammar School on their second consecutive "Head of the River."

Your President, Mr. H. L. Dobbie, again coached the Scotch College crew in which J. J. McFarlane, a member of the Club, was rowing. Your fellow member, Mr. W. N. Ricketts, again coached the Melbourne Grammar crew. Both of these crews were finalists.

Inter Bank Races.

23rd March, 1935.

Your members again achieved success in these events. G. I. Anderson and R. I. Stone were members of the winning National Bank four and F. Newport was a member of the successful State Savings Bank eight.

United Services Regatta.

25th May, 1935.

The following members of your Club competed without success:—T. Luxton, F. Newport and L. J. Quilliam.

Combination Races.**V.R.A. Eights.**

23rd March, 1935.

The Victorian Rowing Association held their annual eight-oared combination race this year in aid of the interstate fund. The entry from your Club was most gratifying, being far in excess of any other entry. C. Campbell and D. B. Thomas represented your Club in the winning crew. The total entry was a record for any combination race.

Hawthorn Eights.

Combination eights were conducted by the Hawthorn Rowing Club on Saturday, 9th February, 1935, the proceeds being devoted to their Rebuilding Fund. J. E. Campbell represented your Club in the winning crew.

Club Races.

Dobbie Eights, 18th May, 1935.

Your President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie, donated very handsome trophies for this race. An entry of eight crews provided a splendid afternoon's sport. Mrs. Dobbie presented the cups, after the final, to the winning crew: L. Fox (bow), D. B. Thomas (2), P. Sabey (3), W. Pitt (4), R. Morell (5), G. H. Webster (6), G. Anderson (7), J. Clemens (stroke), C. Lock (cox).

Picken Pairs, 1st June, 1935.

Eighteen crews raced for trophies kindly donated by Mr. J. H. Picken. The race was open to all members and G. H. Davey (bow), W. Johnson (stroke) R. Ludlow (cox), scored a very meritorious win. Mrs. Picken presented the trophies to the successful members.

Nettlefold Fours, 15th June, 1935.

Cr. T. S. Nettlefold provided trophies for a four-oared race and the response was an entry of fifteen crews. The final resulted in a dead heat, and in the row off on the following day, E. Stephenson (bow), W. Pitt (2), A. G. Eastwood (3), S. C. Macrae (stroke), E. Holland (cox), were successful.

Novice Pairs, 29th June, 1935.

A very fine entry of fifteen crews in this event provided some excellent racing. The winning crew comprised W. A. Trickett (bow), L. Fox (stroke), E. Holland (cox), who were presented with trophies by Mr. E. T. Bradshaw on behalf of the Club.

Mason Fours, 13th July, 1935.

Mr. V. F. Mason, one of the earliest members of the Club, donated generous trophies for a Club race. This race is listed as the concluding event of the season's programme, and four-oared races will be conducted on 13th July, 1935.

Seven Mile Competition.

Mr. J. G. Sprigg is again donating trophies for the Long Distance Rowing competition, which throughout the winter has attracted very keen interest. A feature of the competition this year is the very much larger number of younger members who have completed the course. The trophies will be awarded at the Annual Smoke Night.

Points Competition.

The Captain, Mr. R. V. Gregg, has presented a fine cup for competition among members, points being awarded in Club and Combination Races. The competition is very keen and the result will not be known until the day of the Annual Meeting.

The Club's Coxswains' Trophy, awarded for regular attendance and good service, has been won by S. Jones.

New Badge.

During the year the Committee called for original designs for a Club Badge to be used in addition to the present monogram. From a large number submitted, the design which is now incorporated in the Club Flag, was adopted. It consists of a conventional chevron pattern, indicative of water, on a pointed shield, suggestive of the prow of a boat. Two heraldic dolphins with eight fins to represent an eight-oared boat are entwined about a triton, giving the suggestion of unity and strength. Two crossed oars in the background complete the design.

The London Crew

Victorian rowing has been especially privileged in the Centenary year to have received a visit from a crew representing the London Rowing Club, which after six weeks' training appeared at Henley Regatta, and in the State Eight-Oared Championship. The stimulus that the visit should give to rowing thought and the keenness of training and the lessons of boat control which we have been shown should prove a great impetus to the sport.

Your thanks and congratulations are extended to the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association for their initiative in making the Centenary Henley historic, not only by the visit of the London crew, but also by the representation of New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australian, Tasmanian and Queensland crews.

Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Melbourne Town Hall on 2nd October, 1934, the guests of honour being the members of the London Rowing Club crew. The attendance was 144, and in addition to the good muster of present members, it was most pleasing to welcome very many past members. Among these was Mr. Horace Stevens, whose singing was very much appreciated.

The dinner was a memorable function and a fitting welcome to the first English crew to visit Australia.

Annual Ball.

The Annual Ball was held on Boat Race Night, 17th May, 1935, at "Old Admiralty House," and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of members and friends who were present.

A Social Committee consisting, in addition to the members of the Club, of Mesdames A. L. Dobbie and J. H. Picken, Misses A. Campbell, Cavanagh and M. Marsh, was responsible for the successful organisation of the Ball. Your sincere thanks are due to this Committee. The attendance was 299 and the financial outcome was most satisfactory.

Social Activities.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. G. Stooke, F. Raven and A. Gibbs was responsible for two delightful dances held in August and September. The support of Club members was, however, most disappointing.

Several Picture Nights in aid of specified objectives were held during the year and were well supported.

On Saturday, 25th October, 1934, the "Best Eight" was christened "R. V. Gregg" by Mrs. Dobbie, and after the ceremony afternoon tea was given to a large gathering of supporters of the Club. Your thanks are due to Mesdames Cairnes and Murphy for their assistance on this occasion.

Members tendered complimentary dinners to Messrs. J. E. Campbell and A. P. Miller prior to their marriages.

Obituary.

To the following members, who lost relatives during the season, we extend your sincere sympathy: Messrs. A. P. Miller, C. F. Raven and J. Blair-Holt.

General.

Mr. Alec Clarke has this season completed his nineteenth year as Treasurer, being first elected in 1916, after occupying a seat on the Committee since 1912. It is impossible to express what the Club owes to Mr. Clarke or to pay sufficient tribute to such a record of unflagging service in this exacting office. There can be no doubt that to-day the welfare of the Club is as near to his heart as ever it was and his interest and knowledge of the younger members is as real. This record of enthusiasm and devotion is an inspiration to all.

The Club is deeply mindful of the valuable services rendered by the coaches: Messrs. M. Bailey, E. T. Bradshaw, D. C. Brooke, J. Campbell, A. L. Dobbie, A. A. Gibbs, R. V. Gregg, G. J. Horder, A. P. Miller, J. L. Mounsey, W. Pitt, W. N. Ricketts, R. Rush, G. W. Smith, J. South and R. Winford, who at no little personal inconvenience, have devoted so much time to coaching. To these gentlemen is due the largest share of the credit of any success and to them we extend our congratulations and thanks and trust that we will again have their able assistance in the future.

To those members, who during the year have given time to the teaching of novices, we extend our thanks and at the same time regret that they are so few in number. The importance of this activity can-

not be too greatly stressed and every member, whether senior, junior or maiden, who has benefited by regular coaching should regard it as an obligation to take part in this work.

To Masters J. Cowling, E. Holland, J. Ford, C. Lock, R. Ludlow, S. Jones, W. K. McLennan, F. Young and K. Brown we record your thanks for faithful services rendered as coxswains.

Your good wishes for future happiness and prosperity are extended to Messrs. N. Cairnes, A. P. Miller, J. W. Blight, J. Campbell and G. O. S. Greer, who were married during the year.

It is worthy of note that a number of our members have distinguished themselves in the Rugby field, and particular mention should be made of F. H. Shore, R. S. Bolton and T. Fogarty, who have represented Victoria in the Interstate Rugby Union matches.

Your sympathy is extended to the Hawthorn Rowing Club, Scotch College and Xavier College in the loss of their boat sheds and fleets in the December floods.

Your congratulations are accorded to Mr. C. F. Raven, who has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association.

The valuable connection between Scotch College and your Club has been maintained and we were able to provide boats and equipment for the school while building up fleet and boat house after their flood loss.

During the season we have extended the hospitality of the Club to the Tasmanian University crew and to crews or scullers from Toowong (Queensland), Leichardt (Queensland), Petoni (N.Z.), Mercantile (S.A.), Ballarat, Ballarat City, Mildura, Shepparton and Sale. In addition the Club House was placed at the disposal of the organisers of the Herald Learn to Swim Campaign for the display.

It has been a very great pleasure during the year to see many former members at our social functions and at the river. A very hearty welcome always awaits any past member who can visit the Club. As ever, Sunday mornings provide the best opportunity for re-unions.

Your sincere thanks are extended to Mr. H. Butler, of the Melbourne Rowing Club, for the invaluable services rendered once again as Trucking Officer and Hon. Secretary of the V.R.A. and the Metropolitan Rowing Committee.

The position of Caretaker during the year has been filled by W. Batten, to whom your thanks are due for faithful service.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, the retiring Committee wish to thank the members for their support throughout the season and solicit similar support for the incoming Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

S. C. MACRAE,

Hon. Secretary.

List of Members, 1934-35 Season.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Clarke, C. A. R.	Ivens, P. C.	Potter, W.
Dobbie, A. L.	Joseph, W.	Sloman, A. B.
Guinn, S.	Kenny, E.	Stooke, N.
	Morell, Sir Stephen	

SENIOR MEMBERS.

Abbott, J. D.	Greenshields, J. A.	Picken, J. H.
Allen, G. H.	Greer, G. O. S.	Pitt, W. G.
Anderson, G. I.	Gregg, R. V.	Pope, K.
Appleby, J. P. L.	Heild, E.	Quilliam, L. J.
Bailey, J. H.	Heiler, W.	Radich, P.
Bailey, M.	Hemery, C. J. P.	Randles, A. W.
Bilney, K.	Horder, G. J.	Raven, C. F.
Bisney, K. C.	Johnson, W. A. G.	Read, J. W.
Blaylock, J. G.	Kendall, H. I.	Rigg, A. H.
Blair-Holt, J. J.	Kerr, K. C. M.	Rodd, J. M.
Blight, J. W.	Kerr, R. J.	Rush, R. T.
Bolton, R. S.	Knight, J.	Rundell, K.
Brewin, R.	Lardner, E. D.	Ryall, R.
Brewin, R. T.	Lindblade, A. G.	Scott, R.
Brooke, D. C.	Luxton, L.	Seammen, J. W.
Brown, J. C. W.	Luxton, T.	Shore, F. H.
Browne, F. R.	Lyndon, D. W.	Sloss, A.
Burgess, K.	Macfarlane, J. M.	Smith, J. W.
Burmeister, C.	Macnaughton, J. D.	South, J.
Burton, A.	Macrae, D. M.	Spencer, H. T.
Cairnes, N. W.	Macrae, F. A.	Spillane, J. V.
Campbell, J. E.	Macrae, S. C.	Sprigg, J. G.
Clemens, J. B.	Marsh, T. W.	Stevens, K. L.
Collins, T.	Meates, R.	Stephenson, C. E.
Cook, D. D.	Miller, A. P.	Stirling, D.
Cooper, R. A.	Morell, R. T.	StJohn, H. J.
Cox, A.	Morgan, D.	Stooke, G. F.
Cox, B. J.	Morgan, N.	Stainsby, I. W.
Davey, G. H.	Morris, L.	Stone, R. I.
Dibbs, R. E.	Mounsey, J. L.	Thursfield, R. W.
Dobbie, A. W.	Munro, A. G.	Timewell, S.
Dowd, B. J.	Munro, R. J.	Trehearne, A. G.
Dowd, M. C.	McKay, C. N.	Trickett, G. E.
Dunstan, J. T.	McKay, S. S.	Turnbull, W. R.
Eastwood, A. G.	McKenzie, G. F.	Vanderkelen, C.
Fairbairn, L. J.	Newport, F.	Walker, E. J.
Fogarty, T.	Nicholls, C. J.	Webster, G. H.
Fox, L.	Nicholls, D. R.	Webster, I. G.
Galvin, V. C.	Paton, A. R.	Williams, M. S.
Gardner, R. G.	Patterson, G. R. B.	Wregg, P. K.
Gibbs, A. A.		

List of Members, 1934-35 Season.

(Continued).

JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Batty, R. McC.	McFarlane, J. J.	Smith, I. H.
Braddock, H. P.	McNiff, T. F.	Thomas, D. B.
Chandler, B. R.	McVilly, I.	Trickett, W. A.
Glass, R. L.	O'Halloran, H.	Weire, L. B.
Hemming, P.	Oldfield, F. W.	Winford, J. F.
Jones, E. J.	Sabey, P. S.	White, F. N.
Morley, R. G.	Schomaker, W.	Wood, S. R. C.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Bradshaw, E. T.	Harvey, W. C.	Rush, H. R.
Connelly, F. R.	Hill, L. C.	Seammen, W. G.
Dobbie, W. A.	Macnaughton, M. S.	Shannon, A. R.
Haworth, W. C.	O'Reilly, J.	Sturrock, J.
	Ricketts, W. N.	

COUNTRY MEMBERS.

Reidy, J. J.	Scholefield, R. B.	Soward, R. S.
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Briggs, R. A.	Williams, H. M.
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REVENUE ACCOUNT for 12

INCOME.

Subscriptions	£412	8	0
Less V.R.A. Capitation Fee	26	19	0
	£385	9	0
Donations		101	5 6
Entrance Fees—Club Races		10	13 0
Balance transferred to Capital Account		137	6 9

£634 14 3

Audited and found correct,
 F. R. BROWNE, A.I.C.A.,
 Hon. Auditor.

Months ending 30th June, 1935

EXPENDITURE.

Depreciation—Boats, Oars, Sculls	£211	4	8	
„ Boat House, Club Fittings	60	0	0	
				£271 4 8
Repairs to Boats, Oars, Shed		103	1	11
General Expenses		90	1	0
Insurance		38	7	7
Lighting, General and Water Rates		38	9	8
Trophy Orders		14	8	6
Annual Meeting		1	3	6
V.R.A. Dues and Fees		2	5	0
Upper Yarra Regatta Fees		2	2	0
Interest		6	11	10
Bank Charge		2	5	0
Metropolitan Rowing Association Fees		1	1	0
Boat Staging		20	0	0
Freight to Country Regattas		15	5	9
Annual Dinner			17	1
Coxswains' Expenses, Country Regattas		17	14	4
Telephone		5	18	5
Entrance Fees, Country Regattas		3	17	0
				£634 14 3

A. CLARKE,
Hon. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1935

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Bank of New South Wales	£164 1 1	Boat House	£2,061 6 8
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	7 1 6	Less Depreciation	50 0 0
Boat Building Fund	7 14 8	Boats and Sculls	792 2 0
Sundry Creditors	8 0 0	Less Depreciation on Original	
Capital Account—		Cost	182 8 0
Capital as at 30th June, 1934	£2,812 18 5	Oars at Valuation	110 10 0
Less Transferred from Revenue	137 6 9	Club Fittings at Valuation	52 10 1
Account	2,675 11 8	Subscriptions Outstanding	39 11 3
Capital as at present		Social Committee Advance	9 13 5
		Stock of Singlets, Badges and Thole Pins	20 2 6
		State Savings Bank	9 1 0
	<u>£2,862 8 11</u>		<u>£2,862 8 11</u>

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