MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB



MELBOURNE

SIXTY- SECOND Annual Report and Balance Sheet

SEASON 1941-1942

Mercantile Rowing Club.

Princes Bridge, Melbourne, 4th July, 1942.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Second ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Mercantile Rowing Club will be held at the Club House on SATURDAY, 25th JULY, 1942, at 7.45 p.m. (The Annual Smoke Night will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.)

BUSINESS:

To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet. To confirm the minutes of the previous General Meeting. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.

Presentation of Trophies.

General.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the Boat House, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 18th July, 1942.

By order of the Committee,

D. B. PALFREYMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

Mercantile Rowing Club.

PRESIDENT: A. L. DOBBIE, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

E. T. BRADSHAW, Esq. (dec'd) J. L. MOUNSEY, Esq. T. F. BRENNAN, Esq.C. N. McKAY, Esq.R. A. COOPER, Senr., Esq.Cr. T. S. NETTLEFOLD, O.B.E.Sir GEORGE FAIRBAIRNJ. H. PICKEN, Esq. W. JOSEPH, Esq. (dec'd) G. W. SMITH, Esq. J. M. MACFARLANE, Esq. J. G. SPRIGG, Esq.

CAPTAIN : Mr. A. GORDON

VICE-CAPTAIN :

Mr. J. ROBERTSON

HON. SECRETARY: HON. ASSISTANT HON. TREASURER: Mr. W. JOSEPH Mr. C. WARD Mr. D. MORGAN Mr. D. PALFREYMAN

SECRETARY :

Mr. C. A. R. CLARKE

COMMITTEE .

The following served on the Committee during the year:-Mr. E. KENNY Mr. G. E. TRICKETT Mr. M. E. GREEN Mr. E. SHEARS Mr. H. P. SHEARS Mr. E. K. VARCOE Mr. J. H. BAILEY Mr. J. JONES

> HON. AUDITOR : Mr. F. R. BROWNE, A.I.C.A.

HON. SOLICITOR : Mr. M. S. WILLIAMS, LL.M.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

Executive Members : Representative Members : Elected Member : Mr. A. L. DOBBIE J. N. ROBERTSON Mr. M. S. WILLIAMS Mr. E. KENNY G. E. TRICKETT

DELEGATES TO UPPER YARRA AMATEUR REGATTA ASSN .: Messrs. M. E. GREEN and H. SHEARS

DELEGATES TO METROPOLITAN ROWING COMMITTEE: Messrs. A. GORDON and D. MORGAN

VICTORIAN AMATEUR SCULLING ASSOCIATION: Mr. H. P. SHEARS

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Mercantile Rowing Club

25th July, 1942.

To the Members of Mercantile Rowing Club:

Gentlemen,-Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting the Sixty-Second Annual Report and Balance Sheet of your Club.

Although the number of members serving with the Navy, Army and Air Force has been increased to 139, considerable activity was maintained throughout the year. Early in the season many junior members were able to row actively, but most of these are now in the Forces. The chief users of the Club facilities are now members not eligible for military service on account of age or employment in reserved occupations.

It is pleasing to record that Service Men on leave—both our own members and visitors from Clubs in the country, and other States, have frequently been boated at the week-ends.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the attendance of many of the older members, some of whom have "staged a come-back" to assist in maintaining activities in the weekends, and in the gymnasium in the evenings.

Your Club was well represented in the modest series of "V.R.A." Regatta Races, which was held during the year, but little serious training for these was possible.

A reduced programme of Club racing—confined to fours and pairs—was held during the season. Combination races were held by various bodies. These included Picken-Williams Eights—normally a Mercantile event, but this season again thrown open to members of other Clubs—and proceeds were devoted to patriotic purposes.

Social activities were confined to Opening Day, the Annual Dinner, a small dance at the Victoria, a golf match, and a football match. 4

Financial.

The total of subscriptions received during the season compares favorably with last year's total, taking into account the number of members who enlisted with the Forces during the season.

Because of the heavy cost of materials, due to sales tax and steep rises in prices, the utmost economy will need to be exercised in the coming season, and members are asked to co-operate to that end.

The thanks of the Committee are extended to those members who so promptly met their engagements during the year past, and they trust that this will again be in evidence during the 1942-3 season.

The item in the balance sheet "Repairs to Boats, etc." compares well with previous years, and the efforts of members in the care of boats, oars, and material, are much appreciated.

It will be noticed that the item "Bank Overdraft" no longer appears in the accounts.

Executive and Committee.

We have been very fortunate in having Mr. A. Gordon in the position of Captain for the past season. Our thanks are due to him for the capable and enthusiastic way in which he has carried out his by no means light duties. During his several short periods of absence from the State, his duties were carried on by the Vice-Captain, Mr. John Robertson.

Your Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Aleck Clarke, again fulfilled his duties in his usual able and businesslike manner.

Secretarial duties have been shared by no less than four members. Mr. Walter Joseph commenced the year, with Mr. Deane Morgan as Assistant Secretary. When Mr. Joseph became ill and was admitted to hospital, Mr. Morgan carried on with Mr. C. H. M. Ward assisting him. About the same time as Mr. Joseph submitted his resignation, Mr. Morgan went into camp, and Mr. Ward was appointed Honorary Secretary. When Mr. Ward joined the Navy, Mr. D. B. Palfreyman succeeded him.

J. H. Bailey	2	J. McD. Jones	9 E. Shears 4
C. A. R. Clarke	11	E. Kenny	9 G. E. Trickett 9
A. L. Dobbie	9	D. Morgan	5 E. K. L. Varcoe 6
A. Gordon	9	D. B. Palfreyman .	5 C. M. H. Ward 7
M. E. Green	9	J. N. Robertson	9

Membership.

As previously, all members who, in the past season, have joined the Navy, Army, and Air Force, have been granted Leave of Absence. The enrolment of new members was very satisfactory, but despite the fact that there were only a few resignations, the effective membership has been reduced because greater numbers are now in uniform. We again urge members to bring along their friends to help keep the active members' list in a reasonably good position.

The membership list now stands:-

Life	Iembers	. 8
Senic	Members	. 76
Junio	Members	. 25
Hono	ary Members	. 10
Asso	ate Members	. 6
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(List of members on Active Service given on page 12.)

Club House, Boats and Oars.

No additions or alterations were made to the boat house during the year. The cleaner, who weekly swept out the shed, found other employment, and as an economy measure it was decided that the maintenance of shed should be carried out by members. Special thanks are tendered to Mr. George Sheppard and others who assisted in keeping the club house clean.

The purchase from Towns of one set of spruce racing oars and one set of silver quandong practice oars constituted the only additions to fleet and oars. These were all swivel oars, and the rowlocks on a practice four have been converted to swivels. This boat has been very popular during the season, and it is anticipated that further conversions will be made as finances and materials permit. Some difficulty has been experienced in getting repairs carried out to keep the practice boats in first-class condition, and your thanks are due particularly to Mr. W. Batten for his voluntary services in making repairs and varnishing boats, and also to other helpers in boat maintenance. The repair of oars and boats is both expensive and difficult to arrange, on account of shortages of labour and materials, and members are again urged to exert every care and attention in the use of the Club property, and to protect it from damage. Any damage to boats and oars should be reported to the Captain, and, if possible, repaired.

Donations.

Donations were received from the following gentlemen, and your thanks are given to them for their generosity:--

Sir Stephen Morell, Cr. T. S. Nettlefold, T. S. Brennan, N. W. Cairnes, C. A. R. Clarke, R. A. Cooper, senr., A. L. Dobbie, E. Kenny, J. L. Mounsey, J. H. Picken, J. Richardson, J. G. Sprigg, M. S. Williams,

and to other gentlemen who have given financial assistance and trophies during the season.

ROWING.

Inter-Club Events.

Metropolitan Regatta.

15th November, 1941.

Novice Fours.—A. Cripps (bow), G. Harrison (2), R. Bucirde (3), C. Wilkinson (stroke), R. Williams (cox). Won heat; beaten by canvas in the final.

V.R.A. Regatta.

6th December, 1941.

Novice Fours.—A. Cripps (bow), G. Harrison (2), R. Bucirde (3), C. Wilkinson (stroke), R. Williams (cox). Won this event.

Open Pairs—No. 1 Crew: H. Dietrich (bow), J. C. Thomas (stroke), B. Johnson (cox). No. 2 Crew: D. Morgan (bow), R. Bolton (stroke), W. Morrison (cox). Both of our crews were defeated in heats.

Lightweight Fours.—A. Levy (bow), J. Stubley (2), H. Edwards (3), G. Sheppard (stroke), W. Shears (cox). Won this event.

Junior Fours.-J. Robertson (bow), J. Radcliffe (2), E. Shears (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), J. Shears (cox). Won this event.

Metropolitan Regatta.

14th March, 1942.

Challenge Fours.—G. Sheppard (bow), R. Bucirde (2), W. Gray (3), A. Atkins (stroke), B. Johnson (cox). Had meritorious win in heat, but beaten in final.

Junior Pairs.—E. Shears (bow), D. Palfreyman (stroke), R. Williams (cox). Narrowly beaten in heat.

19th April, 1942.

V.R.A. Open Eights-2 miles:-

No. 1 Crew.—J. Robertson (bow), A. Gordon (2), K. Bilney (3), J. Sprigg (4), J. Blair Holt (5), E. Varcoe (6), E. Shears (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), B. Johnson (cox).

No. 2 Crew.—R. Bucirde (bow), R. Bucirde (2), C. Lalor (3), W. Gray (4), J. Thomas (5), J. Mitchell (6), L. Rogers (7), P. Appleby (stroke), W. Shears (cox).

Both crews were beaten in this event.

2nd May, 1942.

V.R.A. Four-oared Time Trial round Como Island.—A. Atkins (bow), J. Blair-Holt (2), E. Shears (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), W. Shears (cox). This event was won by Bank's crew.

Combination Racing.

5th July, 1941.

"Picken-Williams Eights".—Eleven crews competed, our Club being represented in the winning crew by W. B. Shears, R. Moffatt, D. Seal.

13th September, 1941.

"Combination Pairs" (donors anonymous).—Twelve crews made up of members from our Club and Albert Park Rowing Club competed. Winning crew: J. Robertson (bow), A. Atkins (stroke), G. Sheppard (cox).

11th October, 1941.

"Young & Jackson Eights."—Your Club was represented in the winning crew by J. Mitchell.

4th October, 1941.

V.R.A. Red Cross Combination Eights.-J. Robertson and A. Gordon were in the winning crew.

Club Racing.

A limited programme of club racing for trophies donated by members and patrons was held in the early part of the season. Results are set out below:—

16th August, 1941.

"Dobbie Fours" (trophies donated by the President).—Seven crews competed, the winners being: R. McDonald (bow), J. B. Mitchell (2), D. Morgan (3), D. Seal (stroke), B. Johnson (cox).

30th August, 1941.

"Mason Fours" (trophies donated by V. F. Mason).—Eight crews competed, the winners being: H. Edwards (bow), J. Mitchell (2), C. Lalor (3), G. Epstein (stroke), B. Johnson (cox).

18th October, 1941.

"Morell Fours" (trophies donated by Sir Stephen Morell).—The winning crew were: H. Edwards (bow), G. Cole (2), C. Lalor (3), A. Atkins (stroke), D. Williams (cox).

22nd November, 1941.

"Club Fours" (donor anonymous).—Seven crews competed, the winners being: A. Levy (bow), G. Sheppard (2), J. Robertson (3), G. Harrison (stroke).

Time Test Rowing.

The crews competing for Mr. J. Sprigg's annual trophies are rowing over a reduced course, being from the Boat House to Church Street and back. The first crew covered this course during May, and further good entries are expected before the competition closes on the afternoon of the Annual Meeting.

Ten crews competed in last season's 4¹/₂ mile time trial, the winners being:-

R. Johnson (bow), B. Bourke (2), E. Shears (3), H. Shears (str.), B. Johnson (cox.).

Trophies.

Last season's trophies were won by the following members:-

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY: Mr. E. Shears.

GEO. STOOKE AGGREGATE TROPHY: Mr. H. P. Shears.

Social Activities.

OPENING DAY was held as usual on the 16th August, 1941. A four-oared race was conducted for trophies donated by the President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie. Afternoon tea was served in the gymnasium by Mrs. Freeman, Misses J. Ward and V. McFadyen, and we wish to express our appreciation of their assistance during the afternoon.

Over one hundred dancers spent a bright few hours at the "Victoria" the same evening.

A FOOTBALL MATCH against members of the Essendon Rowing Club was played on 31st August, 1941, the game ending in a "draw." Light refreshments were enjoyed by the players and friends at the Essendon Boat House at the conclusion of the game.

THE ANNUAL GOLF MATCH against Banks Rowing Club was held at the Victoria Golf Club on 31st August, 1941. Banks were victors after the most enjoyable game up to date. It was pleasing to see that quite a number of older members took part.

ANNUAL DINNER.—This most important and enjoyable event was held at the "Victoria" on Saturday, 4th October. Mr. A. L. Dobbie presided over an attendance of 50 members.

During the evening quite a considerable sum was raised by means of a "Dutch" auction for the original of the autographed photos sent to members in the Forces as Christmas greetings. This money was devoted to the fund organised by Mr. A. Sloss to send parcels, hampers and canteen orders to prisoners of war, and members serving overseas. Mr. J. T. Dunstan made the successful bid and generously donated the photo. to the Club.

With the Services.

DECORATIONS.—Gordon Ross received the Distinguished Flying Medal for his service as an "observer" in air operations in the Middle East. We trust that he is still flying true to form.

RETURNED.—We have been glad to welcome back to the Club from overseas Max Bailey, Phil Braddock, Jack Fletcher, Jim Rees, Graham Richardson, and Sid Sanderson from the Middle East, and Brian Grabham, Frank Newport, and Geoff Sheppard who were in Malaya. Allan Dickens, Findlay Macrae, Ken Pope, Allan Rashleigh, Gordon Story, and Bill Tulloch are also reported to be back. We hope to see them and other returned men on the river again when they are on leave in Melbourne.

GIFTS.—During the year a total sum of £51/10/10 was subscribed by the members, so that comforts could be sent to those members who were prisoners of war, and to those who were serving overseas. Comforts including smokes, games, books, etc., were sent to the prisoners of war, but because of the difficulty entailed in selecting the contents of a hamper which would be suitable to all tastes it was decided to send canteen orders and stamps to the troops. Accordingly canteen orders were despatched to the members in the Middle East and Syria. Autographed souvenir photographs of the Club House were also sent to many of the members. Because of the loss of Malaya and Singapore, and the consequent lack of news of our troops who were in those areas, and the subsequent return of many of our members to Australia, it was thought advisable to delay forwarding further orders until more definite addresses could be obtained.

Those members who contributed are to be congratulated on their generosity.

The task of organising the appeal was carried out solely by Alan Sloss, who not only originated the idea, but by his enthusiasm and untiring efforts was mainly instrumental in bringing it to such a successful conclusion. The balance now in hand is $\pounds 30/13/$ -.

It is with regret we record for the period of this report the deaths on active service of the following members:—W. H. R. Smith, E. R. Barnfather, and W. Bell-Towers. The Club extends to the relatives of these members sincere sympathy in their bereavements.

We trust that John Bussell, who was in New Britain, and George Horder, Bob Scholefield and Jim Wicks in Malaya, Gordon Lind and Laurie Orbuck missing from air operations over Europe are uninjured and in good health, and that Norm Kerrigan, Frank Raven, Tracy Rowley, Bert Spencer and Dave Stirling, prisoners from operations in the Middle East, Alec Dobbie in the Far East, and Bill Trickett in Europe, are well.

To all the Service Men our best wishes for Good Health, Good Luck, and Safe Return are extended.

General.

We wish to record our appreciation of the services of J. Radcliffe, W. R. Turnbull, E. Kenny, R. McLaren, E. Varcoe, R. Bucirde, E. Shears, and others who have coached crews and new members during the season. We hope that next season they can carry on this important work, especially that of coaching novices, and that others will come forward and do their bit.

Mr. F. R. Browne, A.I.C.A., has again acted as Hon. Auditor, and our thanks are due to him for this service.

Our thanks are also due to the following boys who rendered much good service as coxswains during the year:—Masters B. Johnson, J. Shears, W. Shears, J. Williams, W. Morrison, K. Scattergood, P. Counihan, R. Williams.

To the following members, who were married during the year, we offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness:—C. Ward, E. Shears, D. Palfreyman, G. B. Jones, J. Spooner, and J. Powell.

We ask those older members who responded so well to the Club's call during the season to keep up the good work. It is of inestimable value to the Club.

In closing, we wish to thank members for their support during the season. We hope that the same co-operation may be relied upon by the incoming Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

D. B. PALFREYMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Addendum.

The past season, the third of war, has been a difficult one for the Club. Necessarily there have been many changes in the personnel of its executive, but it has been gratifying to find that whenever a vacancy has occurred, it has been possible to fill it satisfactorily. The fact that the Committee is able to submit such an excellent report is evidence that all your officers have done a good job, and they merit the cordial thanks of all members.

Reference must be made to the splendid manner in which the older members are standing by the Club. This support is vital, because practically every eligible member is in uniform.

Our sincere thanks are tendered to Mr. J. Harvey Picken for his generous offer to supply the Annual Report and Balance Sheets, free of cost, for the duration of the war. This further evidence of his interest in the well-being of his old Club is greatly appreciated.

Many letters have been received from members on active service. Their references to the old Club show their appreciation of any information they have received of its activities. Members at home are urged to continue to write as frequently as possible. It means so much to them. To all of them I send the cordial greetings of their Clubmates, with best wishes for their safety and well-being.

A. L. DOBBIE,

President.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

List of Members, 1941-42 Season.

LIFE MEMBERS:

Bradshaw, E. T.	Guinn, S.	Morell, Sir S	stephen.
(decd.).	Ivens, P. C.	Potter, W.	
Clarke, C. A. R. Dobbie, A. L.	Joseph, W. (decd.). Kenny, E.	Stooke, V.	

SENIOR MEMBERS:

Jones, G. B.

Appleby, J. P. Bailey, J. H. Bilney, K. A. Blair-Holt, J. Bolton, R. S. Bourke, B. F. Browne, F. R. Butler, L. S. Burton, A. J. Clarke, A. H. G. Cliff, R. A. Cooper, Dr. R. A. Dixon, C. E. Dowd, M. Duncan, A. R. Dunstan, J. T. Evans, E. A. French, L. P. Gordon, A. Gray, W. L. Green, M. E. Greenshields, J. J. Gregg, R. V. Harrison. G. L. Hansen, M. Hillard, L. T. D.

Batson, A. Bethune, H. Bucirde, R. Caffrey, J. Campbell, T. Cole, G. Cripps, A. Edwards, H. Fox-Lane, D.

Burmeister, C. Campbell, J. E. Davey, G. H. Gibbs, A. A.

Jones, J. McD. Kerr, R. J. Kirsch, L. C. Lalor, C. C. Lalor, C. C. Lindblade, A. G. McDonald, R. F. McFarlane, J. M. McGregor, I. McKay, T. McLaren, R. L. Marsh, T. W. Miller, A. P. Mounsey, J. L. Naylor, Dr. R. L. Nixon, N. V. Noble, D. K. Palfreyman, D. B. Palfreyman, D. B. Parrett, R. A. Picken, J. H. Pitt, W. G. Pollard, R. G. Powell, J. P. Ralston, B. Robertson, J. N.

Rogers, L. W. Rose, A. Rush, H. R. Rush, R. T. Shears, E. Sloss, A. Smith, K. A. Soward, R. S. Spillane, J. Spooner, J. A. Sprigg, J. G. Sullivan, B. Sulzberger, P. Thomas, J. C. Trickett, G. E. Turnbull, W. R. Unsworth, I. T. Varcoe, E. K. L. Volk, H. Wade, G. C. Wadey, W. Watson, N. P. Webster, G. H. White, D. C. Williams, M. S.

JUNIOR MEMBERS:

James, E. Levy, A. Moffatt, R. Muller, P. McDonald, R. O'Halloran, J. Powell, D. Rigby, W.

Rowe, P. Sheppard, G. R. Smith, A. H. Stockdale, K. Stubley, J. L. Weekes, W. H. Williams, D. Wilson, R.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Hill, L. O'Reilly, J. South, J. Stooke, G. B. Sturrock, J. McL. Smythe, H.

COUNTRY MEMBER: Trehearne, A. G.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Coffey, J. S. K.	Grant, W.
Coffey, W. D. E.	Morgan, N.

Batten, W. Coffey, E. O.

On Active Service.

NAVY: Bernsten, M. Gregory, C. G. Harry, C. M. Holmes, B. M. Mitchell, J. T. Radcliffe, J. *Smith, W. H. R. Stooke, G. Wilkinson, C. V. Ward, C. H. M. Ward, J. M. ARMY: Ainslie, J. B. Bailey, M. Balfe, N. Bickerstaff, B. C. Bickerstaff, H. A. Bourke, B. F. Bourne, V. Braddock, H. P. Braithwaite, K. A. Braithwaite, K. Brewin, R. Brooke, D. C. Bussell, G. J. Cairnes, N. W. Calder, D. A. Campbell, T. Chandler, B. C. Clark, J. H. P. Cohen, J. B. Cole, G. Cole, G. Cook, D. D. Clemens, J. B. Cripps, A. Davey, G. H. Dickens, A. Dietrich, H. Duncan, C. B. Epstein, G. Edwards, H. Fletcher, J. M. Fox-Lane, D. Gibson, R. J. Galvin, V. G. Hastie, G. T. Haworth, W. C.

Hemming, P. Henty, W. M. Horder, G. J. Irving, R. B. Johnson, R. Jones, E. J. Jones, J. McD. Kerrigan, N. Lee, J. Macrae, D. M. Macrae, F. A. Major, J. F. Mirams, J. Mitchell, J. B. Morell, R. T. Morgan, D. McKay, S. S. McLennan, W. K. McVilly, I. *Nethercote, C. R. Nicholls, C. J. O'Halloran, J. Parrett, R. A. Peppard, J. Pope, K. Raven, C. F. Rashleigh, A. F. Read, J. M. Rees, J. Richardson, S. G. Rorke, A. T. Rose, A. Rosser, A. G. Rowley, T. Roxburgh, T. W. Sanderson, S. O. Scholefield, R. B. Spencer, H. T. Seal, D. Seamman, J. W. Shears, H. P. Shears, W. B. Spooner, J. Stirling, D. S. Stooke, T. B. Stooke, Story, G. Stubley, J. L. Syme, R. J. Y.

Tulloch, W. J. Vanderkelen, P. W. Volk, H. Watsford, H. Watson, N. P. Webster, G. H. Weire, L. B. Wharton, P. V. Wicks, J.

AIR FORCE: Atkins, A. H. Barkley, E. H. *Barnfather, E. R. *Bell-Towers, W. Bethune, H. *Black, P. A. Clarke, H. Coade, N. Cooper, K. N. Davies, G. A. T. Dobbie, A. W. Fogarty, B. J. Hill, J. T. Hiller, G. V. Gartley, R. M. Grabham, B. L. Lind, G. A. Levy, A. Long, D. McFarlane, J. J. McLean, D. V. *Macrae, S. C. Marsh, E. W. Mander, K. Meakin, R. McDonald, R. W. Moll, L. L. B. Newport, F. Orbuck, L. D. Ross, W. G. Sheppard, G. M. Sheppard, G. R. Thursfield, R. W. Trickett, W. A. Wadey, W. White, F. N. Wilson, R.

* Killed on active service.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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Hon. Treasurer.

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

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	Boat House Less Depreciation .	Boats and Sculls Less Depreciation		Savings Bank	
LIABILITIES.	Sundry Creditors£76 10 11Subscriptions Paid in Advance3 3 0Boat Building Reserve7 14 8	Capital as at 30th June, 1941 £2895 13 11 Add Balance from Revenue A/c 108 1 11	Capital as at 30th June, 1942 3003 15 10	<u></u>	Audited and found correct. F. R. BROWNE, A.I.C.A.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1942.

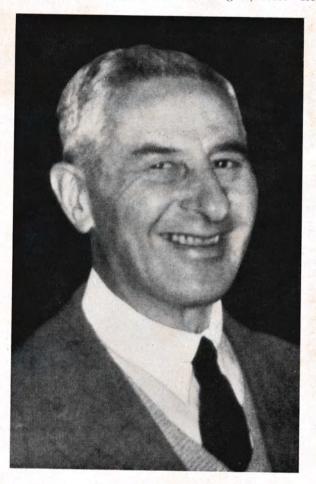
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Obituary.

The Club mourns the loss of two of our most prominent members, in Mr. W. Joseph and Mr. E. T. Bradshaw.

Mr. W. Joseph, who joined the Club in 1903, was Hon. Secretary from 18th September, 1909, till the 23rd August, 1919. He again



The late Mr. W. JOSEPH

occupied the position from July, 1941, to 15th December, 1941. He had been a Vice-President since August, 1923, and a Life Member since August, 1924. For 31 years prior to his death, he was a

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member of the General Committee of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, and represented Mercantile on the Committee of the V.R.A. from 1910 to 1912, in which year he was elected a member of the Committee, a position he retained until 1936. He was Hon. Secretary of the Upper Yarra Regatta Association from 1909-1920, and President from 1925 to 1936. For a number of years he was the Rowing contributor to the "Argus" and "Australasian."

Mr. E. T. Bradshaw joined the Club in 1887, and on 24th July, 1937, was elected a Life Member to mark the completion of his 50 years of membership. For over 40 years he was the official timekeeper for the Victorian Rowing Association for all championship events, including the Australian and University eight-oared championships rowed on the Yarra. He was also the honorary timekeeper of Henley Regatta from its foundation.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the above in their great sorrow. WHOLLY SET UP AND PRINTED IN AUSTRALIA BY J. T. PICKEN & SONS FRANKLIN STREET. MELBOURNE 130