

Mercantile Rowing Club



MELBOURNE

Sixty-Ninth

ANNUAL REPORT
and
BALANCE SHEET



SEASON, 1948-9.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB



Princes Bridge,
Melbourne.
2nd July, 1949.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Sixty-ninth ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB** will be held at the **CLUB HOUSE** on **SATURDAY, 30th JULY, 1949, at 7.45 p.m.** (The Annual Smoke Night will be held at the conclusion of the Meeting).

BUSINESS:

1. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Previous General Meeting.
3. To elect Office-bearers for the ensuing year.
4. To consider the recommendation of the Committee for an alteration to the Rules as follows:—

“That Rule 14 be amended to read:—

“The Annual Subscription payable by Active Members shall be £4/4/-, by Honorary Members £1/10/-, by Country Members £1/10/-, and by Associate Members £2/10/-. Provided that in the case of

- (a) Junior Members the subscription shall be £2/2/- per annum until attaining the age of 21 years.
 - (b) All Active members joining on or after the 1st day of March in any year, the subscription for the remainder of the then current year shall be £2/2/- for Senior Members and £1/1/- for Junior Members.’”
5. Presentation of Trophies.
 6. General.

Nominations for Office-bearers for the ensuing year will close at the Club House at 4.00 p.m., Saturday, 23rd July, 1949.

By order of the Committee,
W. T. MORRISON,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club:

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the 69th Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1949.

Your Club was well represented in all regattas during the season, and this support was the major reason in the success of annexing the Junior Premiership. In the Senior Premiership the Club was second to Melbourne Rowing Club, the result being in doubt until the Easter Regattas. It is to be hoped that the experience gained in this division will be of benefit during the coming season.

A gratifying feature of the season's results were the successes gained by the Club in State Championship events. Of the nine Title events conducted by the Victorian Rowing Association, your Club was represented in eight of them, and were successful in winning the Champion Fours, Champion Pairs, Champion Sculls and the 2,000 Metres Sculling Championship. To the members of the winning crews and the sculler, we offer our warmest congratulations. The standard of physical fitness attained by the members of the above crews, will, we trust, be a lesson to all active oarsmen in the Club.

The trips by Parlour Coach to Country Regattas have been well supported and those fortunate enough to participate have spoken in glowing terms of the hospitable manner in which they were entertained. At Christmas and the New Year, the Club attended the ever-popular Nagambie, Rutherglen and Yarrawonga Regattas, spending an enjoyable five days at the last-mentioned town. Mildura and Wentworth were the venue for the Easter Regattas. These trips are of undoubted value to the Club, and we heartily commend the regattas at country centres as an unforgettable holiday.

A disconcerting feature of the Season's results was the lack of Maiden crews the Club was able to boat during the latter part of the season. The fact that it has been impossible for the Selectors to boat a Maiden eight since the Upper Yarra and Albert Park Regattas is regrettable for a Club the size of Mercantile. The Committee asks your co-operation in attracting likely young men to the sport, with a view to supplementing future Maiden Crews. The assistance of men with regatta experience for the coaching of these Novices would be greatly appreciated.

The King's Cup, rowed this year at Murray Bridge, South Australia, resulted in a splendid win for the New South Wales crew. By their victory, this crew has earned the right, subject to alterations in the crew by the N.S.W. Selector, to represent Australia at the Empire Games in New Zealand early next year.

An event of major interest to sportsmen throughout the world was the Olympic Games conducted in London during July and August of last year. In the rowing events Australia was represented by a Four and a Sculler. The opposition encountered by the Four proved too strong and they failed to survive their heats. However, the New South Wales sculler, M. T. Wood, after winning the Diamond Sculls at the Royal Henly Regatta, was successful at the Games. To M. T. Wood, we extend our congratulations on his magnificent performance.

Your Club's social activities for the year under review were successful and much appreciated. The thanks of all Members are due to the Social Committee for the efficient manner in which they have conducted this side of the Club's activities.

A more detailed account of the Club's activities for the season is submitted for your review.

Financial

It has been noticeable during the past season that it is becoming increasingly difficult to set aside adequate funds to provide for the replacement of boats and oars. The principal cause of this is that the cost of boats is approximately three times that of pre-war years; in addition, expenditure has risen in respect of boat and oar repairs, the purchase of new oars and other general expenses.

Once again many Members have come to the Club's assistance with generous donations, and these will materially assist in the payment of the new boats now on order. However, it must be realised that such an expedient is not a permanent solution to the financial problems confronting your Committee, and that a more liberal policy of fleet replacement is impossible whilst the Club is handicapped by such difficulties.

The Committee wishes to draw your attention to the amount of money spent in repair work, and to stress the fact that it is in your own interests to take particular care of your Club's property. Even after taking into consideration the age of the fleet, which necessitates the spending of a considerable sum on repairs to keep the boats in order, these accounts would be greatly reduced if Members were a little more mindful of the preservation of boats and oars.

Executive and Committee

Up to the time of this Report being placed in the hands of the printer, eleven regular meetings of the Committee have been held.

The attendances were as follows:—

N. W. Cairnes	9	D. J. Morgan ..	11	J. G. Sprigg ..	7
D. J. Crichton	9	W. T. Morrison	11	D. S. Stirling ..	10
A. L. Dobbie .	6	J. S. Neill . . .	7	R. W. Thursfield	10
E. Kenny . . .	4	J. N. Robertson	11	E. K. L. Varcoe	9
A. G. Lindblade	3	H. P. Shears ..	11		
L. L. B. Moll ..	11	J. D. Shears ..	11		

Membership

Thirty-nine new members were elected during the year and the membership now stands at:—

Life Members	7
Senior Members	177
Junior Members	39
Honorary Members	17
Country Members	12
Associate Members	23

Total	274
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Donations

The Club desires to place on record its appreciation of material assistance from the following gentlemen, to whom we convey your sincere thanks:—

Mr. J. Blair-Holt, Dr. R. A. Cooper, Messrs. A. L. Dobbie, S. Guinn, C. N. McKay, D. R. Morell, R. T. Morell, J. L. Mounsey, G. R. B. Patterson, J. H. Picken, J. G. Sprigg, M. S. Williams, and the Harlequin Club, D. Morgan, E. K. Varcoe, M. Bailey.

Boats and Oars

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

RACING BOATS.	PRACTICE BOATS.	TUB BOATS.
Best & Best.	S. C. Macrae .. 8	S. Guinn 4
S. J. Morell .. 8	C. F. Raven .. 8	H. Rush 4
R. W. Thursfield 4	J. L. Mounsey .. 8	J. H. Picken .. 2
A. L. Dobbie .. 4	C. J. Nicholls .. 8	A. G. Lindblade 2
G. T. Hastie .. 2	G. J. Horder .. 8	J. Watson 2
Lawrie Moll, Scull.	V. F. Mason .. 4	Scull No. 1.
	A. P. Miller .. 4	Scull No. 2.
	H. G. Taylor .. 4	
	Clinker.	
J. H. Bailey .. 8	E. Kenny 8	L. B. Weire .. . 4
J. G. Sprigg .. 8	A. R. Shannon . 8	R. A. Cooper .. 2

It will be noted that the Best and Best eight "R. V. Gregg" has disappeared from the list of the Club's fleet; this boat was sold during the season to the Dimboola Rowing Club.

Although no new boats have been added to the fleet since the last report, a number of new boats are on order. Due to unavoidable delay, delivery of the Racing Eight and Four on order from Messrs. Geo. Towns & Sons have not yet been effected. However, it is hoped that these will be available for the commencement of the 1949/50 Regatta Season. During the year, orders were placed for an additional Racing Eight and for two Tub Fours. Delivery of the Eight, which is on order from Mr. G. Green, of New South Wales, is expected during the latter part of next year, and at least one of the Fours, which are on order from an Adelaide firm, will be available before the end of the year.

The work of converting the fleet to swivels has been continued and, with the conversion of the "J. G. Sprigg" at the commencement of the season, the Club was in the fortunate position of having its entire racing fleet swivel rigged.

Coaching

The Club is indebted to the following gentlemen, who have rendered valuable service as coaches throughout the season:—

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, K. Bilney, F. R. Browne, N. W. Cairnes, K. Connolly, D. J. Crichton, J. M. Ferguson, G. Hiller, G. B. Johnson, A. G. Lindblade, D. J. Morgan, G. A. Robertson, R. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, C. Saleh, H. P. Shears, T. W. Shears, J. South, D. S. Stirling, J. G. Sprigg. To these members 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 have their able assistance in the future.

Particularly, we would like to thank those members who, during the season, have given time to the coaching of Novices, and at the same time regret that they are so few in number. The importance of this activity cannot be overstressed, 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.

At the commencement of the season, a conference of coaches was held to lay down a uniform style for the coaching of crews. A copy of the notes of the style agreed on at this conference is appended at the conclusion of this report for the information of all Members.

Rowing

Australian Championships

7th May, 1949.

The Australian Eight-oared Championship for the King's Cup was rowed at Murray Bridge, South Australia, all six States competing. New South Wales had a comfortable win in this event from Western Australia, with Victoria a close third.

Victoria was represented by W. Wallace (Mercantile), Bow; H. P. Shears (Mercantile), 2; J. King (Essendon), 3; S. Thomas (Corio Bay), 4; M. Christie (Melbourne), 5; L. L. B. Moll (Mercantile), 6; T. Hoffman (Corio Bay), 7; J. Goddard (Melbourne), stroke; D. R. Salmon (Corio Bay), cox; J. Mulcahy (Melbourne), coach; with V. Davies (Melbourne) and M. Davis (Banks) as emergencies.

The Sculling Championship was held on the same day and was won by M. T. Wood (N.S.W.), with Victoria's representative, J. Williams, in second place.

We extend our congratulations to the New South Wales coach and crew for retaining the King's Cup for the second year in succession, and to M. T. Wood on his fourth successive victory in the Sculling Championship.

Your Club was represented in interstate rowing by W. Wallace (bow), H. P. Shears (2), L. L. B. Moll (6) and by J. Williams, who was Victoria's representative in the sculls; in addition, Mr. J. South, a Member of your Club, was one of Victoria's Selectors. To these gentlemen we extend our heartiest congratulations.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Champion Eights.—This event was rowed on the Lower Yarra course on 19th February, 1949, and attracted an entry of five crews. The event was won by Melbourne, from Corio Bay, with Mercantile in third place. Your Club was represented by: W. Wallace (bow), H. Shears (2), H. Duncan (3), J. Morton (4), I. Holyman (5), R. Aitken (6), L. Moll (7), J. Ferguson (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach).

Champion Fours.—This event was conducted on the Lower Yarra on 18th December, 1948, Mercantile winning from Melbourne, with Corio Bay in third place. This was the first occasion since the 1929/30 Season on which your Club had been successful in this event. The Club's crew was as follows: W. Wallace (bow), R. Aitken (2), L. Moll (3), H. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach).

Champion Pairs.—The race was rowed at Nagambie on 27th December, 1948, and attracted an entry of seven crews. Mercantile were successful in this event for the first time since 1906/7 Season, defeating South Melbourne, with Albert Park in third place. Your representatives were: W. Wallace (bow), H. Shears (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), C. Saleh (coach).

Champion Sculls.—This 2½ mile event was rowed downstream on the Lower Yarra on 19th February, 1949, and resulted in an easy win for your representative, J. Williams, who was the first Mercantile sculler to win this event since the late P. C. Ivens was successful in Season 1909/10.

2000 Metre Sculling Championship.—Rowed downstream on the Lower Yarra and, after a close race, resulted in a narrow win for J. Williams (Mercantile), from J. Webster (South Melbourne).

Champion Junior Eights.—Rowed over a 2-mile course on the Lower Yarra on 26th March, 1949, attracted an entry of four crews. The Essendon crew was successful from Mercantile and Corio Bay. Your Club was represented by: G. Hyett (bow), R. Mounsey (2), H. Burke (3), J. Peterson (4), H. Duncan (5), P. Macpherson (6), I. Holyman (7), J. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), W. Shears (coach).

Champion Lightweight Junior Eights.—This race was rowed over the 1½-mile course on the Lower Yarra on 26th March, 1949, and resulted in a narrow win for Banks from Corio Bay. Your Club was not represented.

Champion Junior Lightweight Fours.—This event was conducted on the Lower Yarra on 18th December, 1948, and was rowed under atrocious weather conditions. The race was won by Melbourne, all of the other competitors having swamped during the race. Your representatives were as follows: K. Leggett (bow), A. Kohn (2), G. Robertson (3), D. Crichton (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), K. Bilney (coach).

Champion Junior Lightweight Pairs.—Rowed at Nagambie on 27th December, 1948, and resulted in a narrow win for South Melbourne from Mercantile. Your representatives were: K. Leggett (bow), A. Kohn (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), W. Shears (coach).

Regattas

Melbourne Regatta

13th November, 1948.

Senior Four.—W. Wallace (bow), R. Aitken (2), L. Moll (3), H. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach), won this event in fine style.

Junior Eight.—W. Morrison (bow), J. Fletcher (2), J. Carr (3), R. Mounsey (4), I. Holyman (5), P. Macpherson (6), J. Neill (7), J. Shears (stroke), J. Murphy (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), were defeated.

Junior Pair.—B. Johnson (bow), K. Bilney (stroke), I. Flannery (cox), H. Shears (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight No. 1.—W. Shears (bow), H. Mahoney (2), G. McKinley (3), R. Benjamin (4), J. Kidd (5), R. McKaige (6), N. Daniel (7), N. Spalding (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), J. Ferguson (coach), won the final of this event by a narrow margin.

Maiden Eight No. 2.—A. Poynter (bow), D. Roach (2), I. Warner (3), D. Mason (4), H. Burke (5), J. Peterson (6), S. Smith (7), S. McKechnie (stroke), A. Connolly (cox), K. Connolly (coach) were defeated.

Maiden Four.—G. Bade (bow), R. Richardson (2), G. Hyett (3), J. Morton (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), G. Hiller (coach), won their heat, but were defeated in the semi-final.

Lightweight Junior Four.—K. Leggett (bow), D. Brown (2), A. Kohn (3), D. Crichton (stroke), I. Flannery (cox), G. Robertson (coach), were successful in the heat but narrowly defeated in the final.

Lightweight Maiden Four.—K. Peterson (bow), J. Mortimer (2), R. Anderson (3), F. Brettell (stroke), I. Flannery (cox), D. Stirling (coach), were unsuccessful.

Handicap Sculls.—J. Williams was defeated.

Henley Regatta

20th November, 1948.

Your Club was represented by the same crews as at the V.R.A. Regatta, with the following results:—

Senior Four.—The crew won their heat and, after an exciting race, dead-heated in the final. The race was re-rowed the following morning, and your representatives won by 1½ lengths.

Silver Sculls.—J. Williams was defeated.

Junior Eights.—The crew was unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight No. 1.—Your winning crew of the previous week were defeated in their heat by the ultimate winners of this event.

Maiden Eight No. 2.—The crew won their heat but were defeated in the semi-final.

Maiden Four No. 1.—G. Bade (bow), R. Richardson (2), G. Hyett (3), J. Morton (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), G. Hiller (coach), won the heat, semi-final and final of this event in good style.

Maiden Four No. 2.—Your Lightweight Junior Four of the previous week won their heat of this event, but unfortunately met with a mishap to their boat in the semi-final.

Nagambie Regatta

27th December, 1948.

Senior Fours.—W. Wallace (bow), R. Aitken (2), L. Moll (3), H. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach), scored a fine win.

Junior Eights.—W. Morrison (bow), R. Mounsey (2), J. Carr (3), G. Hyett (4), I. Holyman (5), P. Macpherson (6), B. Johnson (7), J. Shears (stroke), J. Murphy (cox), N. Cairnes (coach), were successful in this event.

Junior Four.—B. Johnson (bow), G. Hyett (2), I. Holyman (3), P. Macpherson (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), G. Hiller (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—W. Morrison (bow), J. Shears (stroke), J. Murphy (cox), H. Shears (coach), were defeated.

Maiden Eight.—R. Anderson (bow), J. Martin (2), G. Cohen (3), F. Brettell (4), H. Burke (5), J. Peterson (6), J. Robertson (7), A. Kohn (stroke), J. Murphy (cox), D. Morgan (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—V. Moll (bow), S. Downes (2), J. Carr (3), R. Mounsey (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), N. Cairnes (coach), were defeated.

Maiden Pair.—K. Leggett (bow), A. Kohn (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), W. Shears (coach), were unsuccessful.

Yarrawonga Regatta

30th December, 1948.

Senior Four.—Your representatives at Nagambie were narrowly defeated in this event.

Senior Pair.—W. Wallace (bow), H. Shears (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), C. Saleh (coach), won this event easily.

Junior Four.—W. Morrison (bow), D. Mounsey (2), W. Shears (3), J. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), H. Shears (coach), were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Nagambie dead-heated for first place in this event, but were defeated in the re-row.

Maiden Four.—The crew of the previous Regatta was again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—Your representatives were unsuccessful.

Rutherglen Regatta

1st January, 1949.

Senior Four.—Your representatives at the previous Regattas were narrowly defeated.

Senior Pair.—This crew was again successful, and completed a fine treble.

Junior Eight.—Your representatives at Nagambie completed a winning double.

Junior Four.—Your Nagambie representatives were successful in this event.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—Your crew which competed at Nagambie won this event after an exciting race by the narrow margin of 1 foot.

Maiden Four.—The crew was unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—The crew were defeated.

Upper Yarra Regatta

29th January, 1949.

Senior Eight.—W. Wallace (bow), H. Shears (2), H. Duncan (3), P. Macpherson (4), I. Holyman (5), R. Aitken (6), L. Moll (7), J. Ferguson (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach), were unsuccessful.

Junior Eight.—W. Shears (bow), R. Mounsey (2), J. Carr (3), J. Farmer (4), H. Burke (5), J. Morton (6), G. Hyett (7), J. Shears (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), won their heat. but were defeated in the final.

Junior Pair.—J. Robertson (bow), W. Morrison (stroke), M. Lee (cox), K. Bilney (coach), were defeated.

Maiden Eight.—G. Richardson (bow), S. Smith (2), A. Poynter (3), D. Mason (4), W. Rogers (5), D. Roach (6), G. Robertson (7), D. Brown (stroke), B. O'Halloran (cox), D. Morgan (coach), won the heat but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Four.—K. Leggett (bow), F. Brettell (2), S. Downes (3), J. Peterson (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), K. Connolly (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—V. Moll (bow), M. Naylor (stroke), P. Yunghanns (cox), K. Bilney (coach), were defeated.

Lightweight Maiden Pair.—O. Broughton (bow), L. Poore (stroke), P. Yunghanns (cox), R. Richardson (coach), were unsuccessful.

Albert Park Regatta

31st January, 1949.

The crews that represented your Club at Upper Yarra Regatta competed again unsuccessfully at this Regatta.

Ballarat Regatta

26th February, 1949.

Senior Eight.—W. Wallace (bow), H. Shears (2), H. Duncan (3), J. Morton (4), I. Holyman (5), J. Ferguson (6), L. Moll (7), R. Aitken (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach), were unsuccessful.

Senior Four.—W. Wallace (bow), R. Aitken (2), L. Moll (3), H. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), C. Saleh (coach), won this event comfortably.

Junior Eight.—W. Shears (bow), R. Smith (2), J. Carr (3), J. Peterson (4), H. Burke (5), D. Mounsey (6), G. Hyett (7), J. Shears (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), after an exciting race finished third, half a length behind the winning crew.

Junior Pair.—W. Morrison (bow), G. Epstein (stroke), M. Lee (cox), K. Bilney (coach), were defeated.

Junior Sculls.—D. Williams scored a fine win in this event.

Maiden Four.—S. Smith (bow), F. Brettell (2), W. Shears (3), A. Kohn (stroke), B. O'Halloran (cox), D. Crichton (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—S. Smith (bow), A. Kohn (stroke), M. Lee (cox), D. Crichton (coach), were defeated.

Barwon Regatta

5th March, 1949.

Senior Eight.—Your representatives at Ballarat were narrowly defeated in their heat.

Junior Eight.—The crew was unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Lightweight Junior Eight.—E. C. White (bow), R. Anderson (2), G. Richardson (3), F. Brettell (4), S. Smith (5), D. Brown (6), G. Robertson (7), A. Kohn (stroke), B. O'Halloran (cox), J. South (coach), were defeated.

Mildura Regatta

16th April, 1949.

Senior Four.—I. Holyman (bow), P. Macpherson (2), J. Ferguson (3), R. Aitken (stroke), A. Connolly (cox), C. Saleh (coach), scored a fine win.

Senior Pair.—J. Ferguson (bow), R. Aitken (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), C. Saleh (coach), won in fine style.

Open Eight.—G. Bade (bow), J. Peterson (2), J. Carr (3), H. Burke (4), H. Duncan (5), R. Mounsey (6), W. Morrison (7), J. Shears (stroke), W. Shears (cox), W. Shears (coach), were unsuccessful.

Open Four.—Your representatives in the Senior Fours were also successful in this event.

Junior Eight.—The crew which rowed as an open Eight were defeated by the narrow margin of three feet in this event.

Junior Pairs.—W. Shears (bow), J. Shears (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), won this event easily.

Maiden Four.—K. Leggett (bow), D. Crichton (2), G. Robertson (3), A. Kohn (stroke), A. Connolly (cox), R. Aitken (coach), won their heat but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Pair.—J. Martin (bow), W. Bradshaw (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), were unsuccessful.

Novice Four.—E. Rogers (bow), M. Yunghanns (2), J. Pearce (3), P. Roach (stroke), P. Yunghanns (cox), G. Richardson (coach), were defeated.

Wentworth Regatta

18th April, 1949.

Your Club was represented at this Regatta by the same crews as at Mildura, with the addition of a further Maiden Pair. The results were as follows:—

Senior Four.—Completed a winning double.

Senior Pair.—Were again successful.

Open Eight.—Were defeated.

Open Four.—Completed the double.

Junior Eight.—Won this event by half a length after a close race.

Junior Pair.—Completed a winning double.

Maiden Four.—Won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Pair No. 1.—A. Kohn (bow), D. Crichton (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), R. Aitken (coach), won the heat and final of this event in fine style.

Maiden Pair No. 2.—Your Mildura representatives were unsuccessful.

Novice Four.—The crew was defeated.

Metropolitan Spring Regatta

18th September, 1948.

Novice Eight.—A. Poynter (bow), K. Summerfield (2), L. Poole (3), D. Roach (4), I. Warner (5), J. Peterson (6), S. Smith (7), S. McKechnie (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), K. Connolly (coach), were defeated.

Novice Four.—G. Cohen (bow), F. Noble (2), H. Burke (3), D. Mason (stroke), J. Murphy (cox), G. Richardson (coach), were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair.—O. Broughton (bow), W. Bradshaw (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), D. S. Stirling (coach), were defeated.

Novice Regatta

21st May, 1949.

Novice Four.—E. Rogers (bow), J. Pearce (2), F. Noble (3), D. Roach (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), W. Shears (coach), were defeated.

Novice Scull.—J. Shears was unsuccessful.

Premierships

PREMIERSHIP POINTS.

Senior.

Melbourne	52	Banks	8
Mercantile	48	South Melbourne	8
Corio Bay	40	Ballarat City	2
Albert Park	8	Wahgunyah	2

Your congratulations are extended to Melbourne Rowing Club on their fine performance in winning the Senior Championship.

Junior.

Mercantile	64	Richmond	12
Corio Bay	40	Yarra Yarra	12
Preston	38	Hawthorn	10
Essendon	36	Dimboola	8
Wendouree	32	Sale	8
Albert Park	24	University (Mildura)	8
Warrnambool	24	Cardross	4
Mildura	20	Ballarat	2
Melbourne	16	Corowa	2
Banks	12	South Melbourne	2

Lightweight.

Corio Bay	52	Albert Park	8
Banks	32	South Melbourne	8
Ballarat	22	Warrnambool	8
Nagambie	12	Barwon	4
Melbourne	10	Sale	4
Richmond	10	Wendouree	4
		Mercantile	2

To Corio Bay Rowing Club, the winners of the Lightweight Pennant, we extend your congratulations.

Head of the River

Your congratulations are extended to Melbourne Grammar School on their fine win in this event. Mr. Charles Saleh, a Member of your Club, was once again coach of the Scotch College crew.

It is interesting to note that three of the six coxswains who steered the crews in this race, have steered for the Club. We congratulate these lads on gaining representation for their Schools.

Thanks to the co-operation of the Captain of Boats and Mr. Mitchell, with the Club Executive, your Club's happy association with Scotch College was continued.

Club Races

PRESIDENT'S FOURS — 28th AUGUST, 1948.

This event, once again conducted in conjunction with Ladies' Day, attracted an entry of 12 crews for trophies donated by the President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie; the successful crew was: A. Poynter (bow), F. Brettel (2), W. Shears (3), H. Shears (stroke), J. Murphy (cox).

MORELL COMBINATION EIGHTS — 27th NOVEMBER, 1948.

The family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, once more generously donated trophies for this popular fixture. Sixteen crews entered and proceeds from the event were donated, by the Club, to the Victorian Rowing Association. The winning crew was: A. Poynter (Merces.), bow; P. McLennan (Haw.), 2; G. Holmes (Rich.), 3; A. D. Vale (Banks), 4; G. McMahon (Merces.), 5; B. Davie (Haw.), 6; R. Rae (Haw.), 7; R. White (A.P.), stroke; D. Greig (Haw.), cox.

S. GUINN CLUB PAIRS — 28th MAY, 1949.

An entry of fifteen crews was received for this event. The trophies were presented by Mr. Stan. Guinn, and the successful crew was: L. Fairbairn (bow), J. Shears (stroke), P. Yunghanns (cox).

A. B. SLOAN FOURS — 4th JUNE, 1949.

The trophies for this event were donated by Mr. C. N. McKay, the race being named in honour of the late Mr. A. B. Sloan, who was for many years a successful oarsman, coach and member of the Club Executive. The event attracted an entry of nine crews, the successful crew being: E. White (bow), J. Martin (2), W. Wallace (3), D. Brown (stroke), P. Harrison (cox).

PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS — 25th JUNE, 1949.

Once again the Club is indebted to these two esteemed Members who generously donated the trophies for this event, which attracted an entry of five crews. The race was won by: G. Richardson (bow), J. Pearce (2), C. Ward (3), D. Seal (4), H. Duncan (5), A. Atkins (6), W. Morrison (7), J. Shears (stroke), P. Yunghanns (cox).

ALEX CLARKE CLUB FOURS — 16th JULY, 1949.

This race is listed as the concluding event of the season's programme, and will be raced for trophies presented by the Club as a memorial to the late Mr. C. A. R. Clarke, for many years Treasurer and a Committeeman of the Club.

SPRIGG TIME TRIAL.

This popular winter season event has again been conducted for trophies donated by Mr. J. G. Sprigg. Once again the time trial has been raced over the seven-mile course. As this event does not terminate until the day of the Annual Meeting, the names of the winning crew cannot be included in this Report. The successful crew last year was: W. Morrison (bow), S. McKechnie (2), S. Smith (3), G. Epstein (4), L. Moll (5), H. Shears (6), W. Shears (7), J. Shears (stroke), B. Jeffery (cox), with the good time of 44 min. 38 sec.

HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL.

The Harlequin Club, whose members have been associated with Mercantile for a number of years, have generously donated trophies for a Time Trial event. This event is for Four-oared crews, the course being from the Club House to Spencer Street Bridge and return. As this event also does not terminate until the day of the Annual Meeting, it is not possible to name the winning crew in this Report.

Points Competition

The Captain's Trophy.—The Captain, Mr. Deane Morgan, has presented a trophy for competition among members. Only a few points separate the leading competitors, and the results will not be known until completion of the Time Trial events on the day of the Annual Meeting. Last year the trophy, also donated by Mr. Morgan, was won by Mr. Herb Shears, by a narrow margin from Mr. W. Wallace.

Coxswain's Trophy.—The competition for the shield, presented by Mr. M. Bailey, for the Champion Coxswain of the Club, resulted in a dead heat between Masters P. Harrison and B. Jeffery, with six wins each.

The trophy for the most improved coxswain, donated by Mr. E. K. Varcoe, was won by Master P. Yunghanns.

Once again your thanks are extended to the lads who, while they were not successful in either of the above competitions, have rendered great service to the Club during the season, and we would particularly like to thank Master B. Jeffery, who, due to increasing weight and pressure of studies, has been forced to retire as a coxswain after a number of years with the Club,

Ceremonies

Ladies' Day on 28th August was marked by two impressive ceremonies. During the afternoon, following an impressive address, your President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie, placed the Book of Remembrance on the Honour Board. We were pleased to welcome the parents of many of the Members whose names are contained in this record.

The Captain, Mr. D. Morgan, after speaking of the esteem in which he was held by all Members, unveiled a photo. of our late Treasurer, Mr. C. A. R. Clarke.

On Anzac Day, following a short, dignified ceremony, Major G. Horder, who served in both World War I and World War II, placed a wreath on the Club's Honour Board.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day.—This popular function was once again well attended; afternoon tea was provided in the Gymnasium, and good racing was witnessed in the President's Fours.

Annual Dinner.—The Annual Dinner was held at the Federal Hotel on the 3rd December, and was attended by approximately 90 past and present Members. During the evening, Mr. W. R. B. Todd, coach of the Australian Four at the Olympic Games, gave a very interesting talk on his trip to England.

Dances.—"The Dorchester" was the scene of several cabaret dances during the year, and proved very popular with all Members. Mr. Geoff. Bade was responsible for the success of these functions.

General

Once again the thanks of all members are due to Messrs. Laurie Moll, Herb. Shears, Jack Shears, Harry Duncan and other Members who have done such a fine job in keeping the fleet in service. In addition, the Club has again been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Ron. Roberts for major repair work.

Early in the season, we were pleased to welcome back to Australia, Mr. J. G. Sprigg, after a period overseas on business. Mr. Sprigg's services to the Club in past years have been invaluable, and Members who regularly attend the Club do not need to be reminded of the great work he is doing for the Club with the coaching of Novice oarsmen.

Masters W. Bailey, A. Connolly, I. Flannery, P. Harrison, B. Jeffery, M. Lee, B. O'Halloran and P. Yunghanns have rendered great service as coxswains during the year.

Best wishes for future happiness and prosperity are conveyed to Messrs. J. Blair-Holt, W. Craddock, W. Gray, F. Noble, D. S. Stirling and G. Webster, who were married during the year.

Our congratulations are extended to Messrs. D. M. Calder, J. Mitchell and W. Trickett and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Messrs. J. Chitty, J. M. Ferguson, B. F. Kain, J. G. Sprigg, J. M. Macfarlane, W. Potter, W. A. Trickett and P. M. Wade, who suffered bereavements during the past year.

Members were shocked to learn of the tragic death of Ernest Bushby, of Dimboola Rowing Club, who was drowned in the Yarra whilst using one of the Club's sculls, during a visit to Melbourne. Your sympathy was conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Les. Bushby.

Our congratulations to Alan Kohn who, during the season, competed, with considerable success, in the Herald Shield for scullers.

It is with pleasure that we record the re-appearance at the Club House of Barry Johnson after a very serious illness, and of John Neill after the accident in which he broke his legs.

Your congratulations are accorded to Mr. N. W. Cairnes, who has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association.

Early in the season, the Melbourne Rowing Club, had the misfortune to suffer a serious fire, which destroyed practically their entire fleet and equipment, and seriously damaged their boathouse. Under these circumstances, Melbourne have done particularly well to win the Senior Premiership, and your Club extends to them its best wishes for early re-establishment in their own Shed.

Your sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Jim Mortimer, who is suffering a severe illness. Jim is in The Alfred Hospital, and would welcome any Members who are able to visit him.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. J. M. Ferguson on his fine performance in coaching to success the Queen's College crew in the University Boat Race. Congratulations are also accorded to Mr. C. Saleh on his appointment as coach to the crew which represented Melbourne University at the Universities' Inter-state Boat Race in Brisbane.

We would like to thank the representatives of the Press for the manner in which the various rowing activities were reported throughout the year, the presentation and accuracy of which were very gratifying.

During the past season, we have been pleased to extend the hospitality of the Club House to the various country Clubs who competed at Metropolitan Regattas. As in previous years, the Club House was made available to the organisers of "Carols by Candlelight" on Christmas Eve, and to the "Herald Learn to Swim Campaign" for their diving display.

Our congratulations to the Maiden Eight, which represented the Club in Sydney at the inaugural Metropolitan Regatta last December. This crew, seated as follows:—W. Shears (bow), H. Mahoney (2), G. McKinley (3), R. Benjamin (4), J. Kidd (5), R. McKaige (6), N. Daniel (7), N. Spalding (stroke), W. Bailey (cox), J. Ferguson (coach), were defeated by only 2 feet, by a crew which was reported to be one of the best Maiden Eights seen in Sydney for a number of years.

Last year Food Parcels were despatched to the Thames Rowing Club for distribution to British Olympic oarsmen. The Thames Rowing Club has kindly forwarded a journal containing the activities of their Club. In addition, we have also received a pennant of their Club colours which occupies an honoured position in our Club House.

It is pleasing to note the loyal manner in which the older Members maintain their interest in the activities of the Club. This is particularly noticeable on Sunday mornings, when there are often 60 or more enjoying a constitutional paddle.

Our thanks are due to Brien's Coaches for the manner in which they have co-operated in transporting boats and Members to Country Regattas during the season. The service they have rendered has left nothing to be desired.

Our thanks are due to Mr. S. O. Sanderson, who arranged for repairs to be carried out to the hot water system.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. J. T. Mitchell and W. L. Gray for providing lunch for ex-Service members of the Club, who wished to march on Anzac Day. This meal was much appreciated by the Members who participated.

During the year a number of Members have made regular visits to the Heidelberg Military Hospital, where they have made donations to the Blood Bank. Messrs. G. Richardson and J. Neill are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have organised these visits.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the retiring Committee wishes to thank members for the assistance given during the Season, and hopes that the same co-operation and support may be relied on by the incoming Committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

W. T. MORRISON, Hon. Secretary.

Addendum

A perusal of the foregoing Report and Balance Sheet must bring home to Members the splendid services which have been rendered to the Club by its chief Executive officers and Committee during the past season, and to them are due our sincere thanks for the time and energy which they have devoted to maintaining its high prestige.

The fact that the Club was successful in winning the Junior Premiership, and was only just defeated in the Senior division of the last regatta of the season, indicates the amount of organisation involved in bringing about such a satisfactory result. This was only rendered possible by the strict attention of crews to their training and especially to the enthusiasm of those Members who devoted so much time to coaching.

The Social activities of the Club, which are so important, have been well maintained, and in this connection we are indebted especially to Mr. G. Bade, who has done most excellent work.

A. L. DOBBIE, President.

Obituary

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. T. W. (Tom) Marsh, a Member of 35 years' standing. While Mr. Marsh was not well known by our younger Members, he was held in high esteem by his contemporaries, both in the Mercantile, and in other rowing clubs.

A man of particularly kindly nature, he enjoyed the friendship of kindred spirits in all walks of life, and the large attendance at his funeral was evidence of this.

He was a great supporter of this Club until ill-health limited his activities, but he always had its interests at heart. Perhaps a better tribute to him could not be made than by saying that his memory will live in this Club just as actively as that of his contemporary and close friend, the late Jim Watson, whose name is so frequently heard when older members are recalling events of bygone days.

Synopsis of Style

1. **The Seat:** Sit on the buttocks (not on the "Tail") in an upright, comfortable position, adjust the stretcher so that when the slide is full forward it will just touch the front chocks, giving full use of the slide. When the slide is back, the legs should be hard down at the finish. Sit square, plant the feet square, and set the hands square.

2. **The Grip of the Oar:** The hands should be a hand's space apart, with the inside hand gripping firmly but not rigidly, and the outside hand only a light grip, the inside being the controlling hand throughout the stroke.

3. **The Position of the Catch:** When the slide is right forward there must be no over-reaching or lunging down over the toes or stretcher. The bodies should be firmly braced—not rigid—with the head erect. Keep the knees just outside the upper part of the arms. The blade of the oar should be rowed into the water well ahead of the poppet or swivel. *Feet braced firmly on the stretcher.*

4. **The Catch and Drive:** A quick grip of the water with an instantaneous drive from the stretcher which combines both body and legs, this drive being continued throughout the stroke so that the blade comes through in one piece.

5. **The Finish:** Begin to bend the arms just before you finish the swing back, rip the hands home to the body as firmly and as fast as you can, the root of the thumb against the ribs, *with hands, body and legs finishing together*. The elbows should pass close to the sides of the body, which should pass the perpendicular. Finish by bringing hands to the body, not body to hands.

6. **The Recovery:** Holding the legs down firmly, drive the hands down and out over the knees with a smooth action. Bring the shoulders over smartly, following the hands, until the shoulders are just past the perpendicular.

The shoulders having been brought into the right position, the slide forward is commenced. Continue to swing the body forward from the hips, controlling both slide and body on the recovery—

- (1) By keeping the feet pressed against the stretcher.
- (2) By pressing the button of the oar against the poppet.
- (3) Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the steady forward.

It is essential to take the last part of the slide forward and the body swing very slowly in order to build up for the hard catch and drive. Raise the hands gradually while swinging forward, keeping the blade of the oar close to the water. Turn off the feather gradually when nearing the end of the swing forward. Throughout the recovery keep the body relaxed but upright, particularly when about to take the catch. The body should swing from the hips straight forward and backwards along the line of the keel. The moment the slide touches the front chocks, spring back off the stretcher.

GENERAL: Perfect timing is essential—in together and out together. Aim to keep the blade perfectly square and just covered from the catch to finish.

The drive should follow the catch so quickly that only one movement is apparent, otherwise there will be a break in the stroke. At the finish, the dropping of the hands down and out, and the shoulder action up past the perpendicular should be blended so as to appear as one movement and the body recovery a natural easy motion without any conscious effort and must be free and easy. The length of the stroke forward should be as long as possible without over-reaching.

At the finish avoid swinging so far back that it is a decided effort to bring the shoulders up again to the perpendicular.

The first requirement of a good crew is *Condition*, and it is the responsibility of each man in the crew to attain the high standard of physical fitness required to win races. It is essential that you pay particular attention to your conduct out of the boat when in training.

List of Members, 1948-9

LIFE MEMBERS

Dobbie, A. L.	Mounsey, J. L.	Sprigg, J. G.
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Duncan, A. R.	Mollard, K. F.	

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Beatty, J. W.	Nelson, H. E.	Tibbitts, I. D.
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Dennis, C. F.	Peterson, C. W.	Ward, L. R.
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Grant, W. G.	Smith, U. R.	

REVENUE ACCOUNT for 12 months ending 30th June, 1949.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Subscriptions	£657 10 6	Repairs to Boats, Oars and Shed	£187 7 5
Less V.R.A. Capitation Fee	64 0 0	Depreciation	75 11 0
	<u>£593 10 6</u>	General Expenses	129 15 3
Donations	31 13 6	Lighting, General and Water Rates	57 5 2
Interest	18 10 7	Insurance	71 18 11
Entrance Fees, Club Races	9 2 0	Telephone	21 2 2
Balance transferred to Capital Account	65 18 11	Trophies, Club Races	24 2 1
		Freight to Country Regattas	117 12 0
		Entrance Fees, Regatta Races	21 15 6
		Upper Yarra Rowing Association	4 4 0
		Amateur Sculling Association	0 10 6
		Metropolitan Rowing Association	2 2 0
		Coxswains' Expenses, Country Regattas	3 7 6
		Boat Staging	2 2 0
	<u>£718 15 6</u>		<u>£718 15 6</u>

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

J. N. ROBERTSON,
Hon. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	£9 12 6	Boat House	£2,082 1 1
Boat Building Reserve	7 14 8	Boats and Sculls	£607 0 0
Capital as at 30th June, 1948	£3,866 12 1	Less Disposals	31 0 0
Less Balance from Revenue this Period	£65 18 11		
	<u>3,800 13 2</u>	Less Depreciation	£576 0 0
			96 3 0
		Oars, at Valuation	479 17 0
		Deposit on "Four" on Order	305 7 0
		Club Fittings	50 0 0
		War Bonds	72 10 0
		Subscriptions Outstanding	500 0 0
		Singlets on Hand	87 11 0
		Bank of New South Wales	11 9 0
		State Savings Bank	£12 9 11
			216 15 4
	<u>£3,818 0 4</u>		<u>229 5 3</u>
			£3,818 0 4

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