

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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73rd Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,

Melbourne,

10th June, 1953.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventy-third ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY, 27th JUNE, 1953, at 8 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. Presentation of Trophies.
5. General.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close at the Club House at 4 p.m., Saturday, 20th June, 1953.

By order of the Committee,

W. T. MORRISON,
Hon. Secretary.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club:

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the 73rd Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th April, 1953.

In reviewing the activities of the Club for the past year, it is gratifying to be able to report that, so far as regatta racing is concerned, the season has been the most successful in the history of the Club. A number of records have been established during the year, the most outstanding of these being the winning of all three Premierships conducted by the Victorian Rowing Association. This is the first occasion in the history of the Association that a Club has achieved this distinction.

Another performance of note was your Senior Eight's third consecutive victory in the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley. This event has not previously been won more than two years in a row by any one Club. Your Senior Eight went through the season undefeated for the second year in succession, winning on each occasion from Melbourne University, which was a new combination at the beginning of the season and improved consistently throughout. The races won by your eight included the Victorian Eight-Oared Championship, when the Norwich Shield was taken for the third successive year. At the conclusion of the season, Senior Eights representing your Club, had won thirteen races in a row, breaking the record of successive wins established by the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club in the latter part of the last century, and equalled by Mercantile in Seasons 1921-23.

In other divisions also, crews representing the Club met with unprecedented success. The calibre and enthusiasm of crews racing is indicated by the fact that during the season, from eighty-seven crews started at regattas in all events, ranging from Novice to Senior races, no less than forty-six crews were successful.

At Melbourne and Henley Regattas, the most important on the rowing calendar, your Club recorded five and four wins respectively and thus almost equalled the performance of the previous season, when five crews were successful at each of these regattas. In addition to the Senior Eight double, your Club at these regattas, won the Senior Fours, Junior Eights and Lightweights Fours on both days, whilst the Maiden Eight was successful at Melbourne Regatta and only defeated by a narrow margin at Henley. During the year, the Club was successful in winning the Champion Eights, Champion Fours, Champion Junior Eights and Champion Lightweight Fours.

With the success of so many crews in all divisions, your Club may look forward with confidence to further success in Junior and Senior ranks during the forthcoming season. However, if the Club is to maintain a prominent position in Victorian Rowing, it is necessary to build up the Maiden Division, whose ranks have become seriously depleted by the success of so many crews during recent seasons. Your Committee appeals to all members to assist in this direction by introducing new recruits to the Club. It is today's Novice and Maiden Oarsmen who will form the nucleus of future Senior crews.

During the year, Country Regattas have continued to maintain their popularity with both oarsmen and supporters. All members who attended the Christmas and New Year Regattas at Nagambie, Yarrowonga and Rutherglen reported a most enjoyable trip. Similar reports were received from members who competed at the Easter Regattas at Mildura and Wentworth.

The season was concluded in a most satisfactory manner for the Club and Victorian Rowing when, in Perth, the Victorian crew retained The King's Cup for the second successive year. This crew, which was one of the best ever to represent this State, gave an outstanding performance to defeat New South Wales by one and a half lengths. Once again, your Club was particularly well represented in the crew.

An event of major interest to sportsmen throughout the world was the holding of the Olympic Games at Helsinki in July last. In the rowing section of the Games, Australian oarsmen proved themselves to be in world class by finishing third in the eights, second in the single sculls and acquitting themselves well in the only other two events in which they competed.

The thanks of all members are again due to the Social Committee, and in particular Mr. Deane Morgan, for conducting this side of the Club's activities so successfully during the past season. The greatly increased attendance at the Annual Dinner was most gratifying to the organisers.

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

Financial

The Club's finances have again caused your Committee much concern during the past season. As shown in the Balance Sheet, the high cost of maintenance of the Club House, boats and oars, and the increase in price of new equipment is the principal reason for the shortage of funds.

Since 1939, the price of a racing eight has risen from £120 to £525 today, as against this and corresponding increases in the cost of other new equipment, the subscription for a Senior Member has risen only 33 per cent. over the same period. Your Committee however, was reluctant to recommend an increase in subscriptions, and it was decided instead to charge a fee of 10/- per season to all members using a locker in the Club House. In this manner it is hoped to avoid, at least temporarily, an increase in subscriptions, which would involve members, who do not actively use the Club House, in extra expense.

Early in the coming season it will be necessary to meet the cost of the new racing eight purchased from Messrs. Geo. Towns

& Sons and also the cost of the re-build of the practice eight, "S. C. Macrae", which is at present being carried out. It is estimated that the expenditure on these two items will approximate £750, over and above the normal expenses of running the Club. To assist in meeting these expenses, it would be appreciated if all members would endeavour to pay their subscriptions at an early date.

Committee and Executive

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

The attendances were as follows:—

R. R. Aitken ..	11	D. J. Morgan .	10	J. D. Shears ..	10
N. W. Cairnes .	10	W. T. Morrison	11	J. G. Sprigg ..	9
J. P. Carr . . .	11	R. H. Richard-		R. W. Thurs-	
A. L. Dobbie ..	7	son	11	field	9
B. J. Doyle ..	10	J. S. Rowe . . .	10	E. C. White ..	11
E. Kenny . . .	3	H. P. Shears ..	11		

Membership

Thirty new members were elected during the season, twenty resignations were received, resulting in a net increase of ten members on last season's total membership.

The present membership of the Club, compared with last season and 1939, is as follows:—

	1953	1952	1939
Life Members	9	8	10
Senior Members	151	142	169
Junior Members	29	36	31
Country Members	17	14	8
Honorary Members	30	28	11
Associate Members	17	15	7
	253	243	236

Donations

The Club is indebted for material assistance from the following, to whom we record our appreciation and convey your sincere thanks:— The families of the late F. R. Browne, and the late Sir Stephen Morell, the Harlequin Club, Mrs. M. K. Olliff, Sir Thomas Nettlefold, Dr. R. A. Cooper, Messrs. R. R. Aitken, G. F. Bade, J. W. Beattie, D. Ball, N. W. Cairnes, A. L. Dobbie, J. T. Dunstan, R. V. Gregg, S. Guinn, E. Kenny, A. G. Lindblade, L. G. Montgomery, D. J. Morgan, J. L. Mounsey, J. H. Picken, J. H. O'Reilly, G. R. B. Patterson, J. G. Sprigg, E. K. Varcoe, J. B. White, M. S. Williams and J. Williams.

Boats and Oars

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

RACING BOATS	PRACTICE BOATS	TUB BOATS
J. T. Dunstan .. 8	S. C. Macrae .. 8	N. W. Cairnes .. 4
Deane Morgan .. 8	C. F. Raven .. 8	M. S. Williams .. 4
R. R. Aitken .. 4	J. L. Mounsey .. 8	E. K. Varcoe .. 4
R. W. Thursfield . 4	C. J. Nicholls .. 8	F. R. Browne .. 2
H. P. Shears .. 2	G. J. Horder .. 8	W. T. Morrison . 2
G. T. Hastie .. 2	V. F. Mason .. 4	S. G. Richardson . 2
Lawrie Moll .. Scull		Scull

CLINKER RACING.

J. H. Bailey .. 8	J. G. Sprigg .. 8	L. B. Weire 4
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It will be noted that two boats have disappeared from the list of Club's fleet during the year. The racing four, "A. L. Dobbie", which was nearing the end of its useful life, was donated to Lake Colac Rowing Club, following the loss by that Club of its entire fleet by fire in January last. Members will be interested to learn that this boat, after an extensive overhaul, was used with success by Colac at the Ballarat and Barwon Regattas. The tub pair, "A. G. Lindblade", was sold to the Colac High School during the season.

Two new boats have been added to the fleet since the last report. A best and best racing four was acquired from Messrs. Geo. Towns and Sons just prior to the Melbourne and Henley Regattas. Christened the "R. R. Aitken", this boat proved a most satisfactory and welcome addition to the Club's fleet, winning numerous races during the season.

The other new craft, a racing eight, was also built by Messrs. Geo. Towns and Sons. Unfortunately, this boat was not delivered until early May, and therefore it was not possible to make use of it at regatta races during the year. However, this craft, which will be christened "J. T. Dunstan", will undoubtedly be a most valuable acquisition during the coming season.

With these two latest additions to the fleet, your Club is in the fortunate position of having a first-class racing fleet, consisting of two pairs, two fours and two eights, all of which have been built in the post-war years.

With the position regarding tub boats also satisfactory, your Committee has been giving consideration to replacing some of the older practice eights in the fleet. Accordingly, an order has been placed with Messrs. Geo. Towns and Sons for a practice eight. Delivery of this boat is expected during July, 1954. In addition, the practice eight, "S. C. Macrae", has been placed in the hands of Mr. A. Sykes, of Geelong, for an extensive rebuild. It is hoped that when this is completed, the boat will be the equivalent of a new craft.

The Committee has been greatly concerned at the amount and the seriousness of damage occurring to boats and oars during the past season. Whilst a certain amount of this damage has been unavoidable, most of it has been due to carelessness on the part of members using the equipment. Your Committee requests all members to exercise more care in the handling of boats and oars in the future

and so avoid costly repair bills, which the Club can ill afford at the present time.

Coaching

The outstanding success of the Club's crews during the past season has been made possible only by the fine work of the Club's coaches.

Whilst all coaches have done an excellent job, special mention must be made of Messrs. N. W. Cairnes and H. P. Shears. Throughout the year, both of these gentlemen have devoted practically all of their leisure time to the coaching of crews. In 1952, Mr. Cairnes successfully coached the Victorian crew to victory in the King's Cup race at Penrith, and this year Mr. Shears has emulated this feat by being in charge of the Victorian crew which was successful in Perth. The Club has indeed been fortunate in having available the services of two men, possessing the skill required to coach crews to victory in the King's Cup.

Other members who have rendered valuable service as coaches are: Messrs. D. J. Crichton, D. A. Calder, R. G. Day, J. G. Farmer, J. Hiscock, A. B. Kohn, B. Lochtenberg, D. J. Morgan, R. J. Oliver, G. A. Robertson, J. N. Robertson, J. D. Shears, and T. W. Shears. To all of these gentlemen, we offer our congratulation on the excellent results they have achieved during the season, and trust that they will be able to continue with their valuable assistance during the coming year.

To members who, during the year, have given time to the teaching of Novices, we extend our thanks. In this regard, particular mention must be made of Mr. A. G. Lindblade, who for many years has always been ready to give the benefit of his experience to new members.

Rowing

XVth Olympiad — Helsinki

The principal sporting event of the year was the Olympic Games, held at Helsinki, in July, 1952. At the majority of sports at which her athletes competed, Australia had reason to be proud of her representatives' performances. This particularly applies to rowing, as whilst no crew was successful in winning a coveted gold medal, Australian oarsmen returned with one silver medal and nine bronze medals.

In the eight-oared event, the Australian crew, despite an injury to a member of the crew which severely hampered them throughout their races, finished an excellent third to U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. Australia's representatives were substantially the same crew as the New South Wales crew, which the Victorians convincingly defeated at Penrith in May of last year.

In the Single Sculls, M. T. Wood reached the final despite an injured arm, but finished second to the Russian representative. In the Coxswainless Pairs and the Double Sculls events, Australia's representatives were defeated in the repechage after creditable performances.

Australian Championships

18th April, 1953.

The Australian Eight-Oared Championship for the King's Cup was rowed at Perth. With the exception of Queensland, all States were represented. The race was won by Victoria, who led for most of the

race and finished magnificently to defeat New South Wales by one and a half lengths. Western Australia were six lengths further back in third place, with Tasmania and South Australia following in that order.

Victoria was represented by: W. L. Wallace (Mercantile), bow; B. J. Doyle (Mercantile), 2; J. Hall (University), 3; W. O. Granowski (Mercantile), 4; P. N. Everist (University), 5; N. Howell (Preston), 6; A. G. Barrett (Mercantile), 7; R. R. Aitken (Mercantile), stroke; W. M. Bailey (Mercantile), cox; H. P. Shears (Mercantile), coach; J. S. Rowe (Mercantile) and J. Harwood (Footscray City), emergencies; and D. J. Morgan (Mercantile), manager.

On the same day the Sculling Championship for the President's Cup was held; this event resulted in a win for P. Evatt, of New South Wales, with R. V. Rawlins (Victoria) in second place.

Your congratulations are conveyed to the successful Victorian crew, who won the Championship for the second successive year, and to P. Evatt on his victory in the President's Cup at his first attempt.

It will be noted that your Club was again particularly well represented in Interstate rowing by W. L. Wallace (bow), B. J. Doyle (2), W. O. Granowski (4), A. G. Barrett (7), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), J. S. Rowe (emergency) and D. J. Morgan (manager). To these gentlemen we extend our heartiest congratulations on well-merited selection and a magnificent victory.

State Championship Events

Champion Eights.—This event was rowed on the Lower Yarra Course on 21st February, 1953, attracting an entry of four crews. Your Club was successful in this event for the third successive year when, after a close race in the early stages, your representatives defeated Melbourne University by five lengths, with Albert Park in third place. The Club's crew was as follows: W. L. Wallace (bow); W. O. Granowski (2), K. Fulton (3), D. Olliff (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), B. J. Doyle (6), A. G. Barrett (7), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach).

Champion Fours—This race was rowed over the 2,000 metre course on the Lower Yarra on 13th December, 1952, three crews competing. Your Club was successful in this event, defeating Albert Park by two lengths, with Preston in third place. Your representatives were: W. L. Wallace (bow), B. J. Doyle (2), A. G. Barrett (3), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach).

Champion Pairs.—Rowed at Colac on 1st January, 1953, resulted in a win for Albert Park from Melbourne. Your Club was not represented in this event.

Champion Sculls.—This 24-mile event was rowed downstream on 21st February, 1953, resulting in a comfortable win for the titleholder, R. V. Rawlins (Melbourne). Your Club was represented by R. Williams, who was unplaced.

2,000 Metre Sculling Championship.—Rowed downstream on the Lower Yarra on 21st March, 1953, resulted in a win for D. Tucker (Melbourne) from D. Dudgeon (Richmond). Your Club was not represented in this event.

Champion Junior Eights.—This race was rowed over the 2,000 metre course on the Lower Yarra on 21st March, 1953, five crews

competing. After a gruelling race, your representatives went to the front in the last few strokes to win by two feet from Power House, with Banks in third place. The Club's crew was: C. D. Lewis (bow), J. Pizzey (2), C. Greenwood (3), K. A. H. Levi (4), J. D. Beecham (5), C. B. Dawes (6), R. Baenziger (7), R. J. Oliver (stroke), P. Boykett (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach).

Champion Junior Fours.—This event was rowed over the 2,000 metre course on the Lower Yarra on 13th December, 1952. Nine crews faced the starter, Banks winning from Footscray City, with Mercantile in third place. Your Club was represented by: S. M. Smith (bow), C. B. Dawes (2), J. Morganti (3), A. B. Kohn (stroke), P. Boykett (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach).

Champion Junior Pairs.—This event was rowed at Colac on 1st January, 1953, resulting in a win for Lake Colac. Your Club was not represented.

Champion Lightweight Eights.—Rowed on the Lower Yarra course on Saturday, 21st March, 1953, attracting an entry of three crews. This event resulted in a comfortable win for Barwon from Ballarat, with Banks in third place. Your Club was not represented.

Champion Lightweight Fours.—Seven crews entered for this event, rowed on the Lower Yarra on 13th December, 1952, over the 2,000 metre course. After an exciting race, your representatives went to the front 300 yards from the finish, going on to defeat Banks by four lengths with Ballarat in third place. Your Club was represented by A. Batiste (bow), V. Sharp (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach).

Champion Lightweight Pairs.—Rowed at Colac on 1st January, 1953, resulted in a win for Banks. Your Club was not represented in this event.

Regattas

Melbourne Regatta

15th November, 1952.

Senior Eight.—W. L. Wallace (bow), J. S. Rowe (2), H. D. Duncan (3), W. O. Granowski (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), B. J. Doyle (6), A. G. Barrett (7), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), won the heat and final of this event in fine style.

Senior Four.—B. Lochtenberg (bow), D. Olliff (2), K. Fulton (3), J. Robin (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), D. A. Calder and R. G. Day (coaches), scored a meritorious win in this event.

Junior Eight.—N. Ashkanasy (bow), D. J. Scales (2), K. A. H. Levi (3), J. D. Beecham (4), J. Morganti (5), C. B. Dawes (6), S. M. Smith (7), A. B. Kohn (stroke), P. Boykett (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), were successful in the heat and final of this event.

Maiden Eight.—B. F. Hyland (bow), J. Pell (2), C. Greenwood (3), P. Gordon (4), M. Ackland (5), J. Pizzey (6), R. Baenziger (7), D. J. Crichton (stroke), R. Walker (cox), J. G. Farmer (coach), were successful.

Maiden Four.—D. Marley (bow), W. Rowan (2), L. Duclos (3), J. B. Doherty (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), R. J. Oliver (coach), were defeated.

Lightweight Four.—A. Batiste (bow), V. Sharp (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), W. Smith (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), were untroubled to win the heat and final of this event.

In again recording five wins your Club repeated its success at this Regatta the previous year.

Henley Regatta

22nd November, 1952.

Senior Eight.—W. L. Wallace (bow), J. S. Rowe (2), H. D. Duncan (3), W. O. Granowski (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), B. J. Doyle (6), A. G. Barrett (7), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), completed the double and won the Grand Challenge Cup for the third successive year when they won the heat and final of this event in impressive style.

Senior Four.—B. Lochtenberg (bow), D. Olliff (2), K. Fulton (3), J. Robin (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), D. A. Calder and R. G. Day (coaches), again scored convincing wins in the heat and final of this event.

Junior Eight.—N. Ashkanasy (bow), D. J. Scales (2), K. A. H. Levi (3), J. D. Beecham (4), J. Morganti (5), C. B. Dawes (6), S. M. Smith (7), A. B. Kohn (stroke), P. Boykett (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), narrowly won their heat and final after exciting races to complete the double.

Maiden Eight.—The crew of the previous Regatta won their heat, but were narrowly defeated in the final after an excellent race.

Maiden Four.—Your representatives at the Melbourne Regatta were again defeated.

Lightweight Four.—A. Batiste (bow), V. Sharp (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), W. Smith (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), by winning their heat and final in easy style, this crew became the fourth crew representing the Club to complete the double at Melbourne and Henley Regattas.

Nagambie Regatta

26th December, 1952.

Senior Pair.—W. L. Wallace (bow), R. R. Aitken (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), were unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—J. D. Beecham (bow), C. B. Dawes (2), J. Morganti (3), R. J. Oliver (stroke), R. Walker (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), were defeated.

Junior Pair.—N. Ashkanasy (bow), C. B. Dawes (stroke), R. Walker (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), were successful.

Maiden Four No. 1.—M. Ackland (bow), J. Pizzey (2), C. Greenwood (3), R. Baenziger (stroke), R. Walker (cox), D. J. Crichton (coach), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four No. 2.—B. F. Hyland (bow), H. Walker, (2), G. Geroe (3), J. Pell (stroke), W. Smith (cox), were defeated.

Lightweight Four.—J. N. Robertson (bow), A. B. Kohn (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), W. Smith (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), won this event convincingly.

Lightweight Pair.—C. D. Lewis (bow), R. H. Richardson (stroke), W. Smith (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), were successful.

Yarrowonga Regatta

27th December, 1952.

Senior Four.—W. L. Wallace (bow), J. S. Rowe (2), G. O. V. Manton (3), R. R. Aitken (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), won this event.

Senior Pair.—Your representatives at Nagambie were successful on this occasion.

Junior Four.—The crew of the previous Regatta won this event after an exciting race.

Junior Pair.—Your Nagambie representatives were successful.

Maiden Four No. 1.—The crew which represented your Club at Nagambie was defeated.

Maiden Four No. 2.—This crew was again unsuccessful.

Lightweight Four.—The crew of the previous Regatta won this event.

Lightweight Pair.—Your Nagambie representatives again won this event easily.

Rutherglen Regatta

1st January, 1953.

Senior Four.—The crew which represented your club at Yarrowonga was again successful. However, as the only other crew in the race was not eligible to compete, no points were awarded.

Senior Pair.—Your representatives at the previous Regattas were successful.

Junior Four.—This crew was again successful after another good race.

Junior Pair.—The Club's representatives at the previous Regattas again won this event, completing the treble.

Maiden Four.—Your No. 1 crew did not start at this Regatta, your No. 2 crew were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—G. Geroe (bow), H. Walker (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), A. B. Kohn (coach), were defeated.

Lightweight Four.—This crew was again successful, completing the treble.

Lightweight Pair.—Your representatives at the previous Regattas won this event, and also completed the treble.

Upper Yarra Regatta

24th January, 1953.

Senior Eight.—W. L. Wallace (bow), W. O. Granowski (2), K. Fulton (3), D. Olliff (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), B. J. Doyle (6), J. S. Rowe (7), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), scored a convincing win from University and Corio Bay.

Junior Four.—N. Ashkanasy (bow), D. J. Scales (2), C. B. Dawes (3), R. J. Oliver (stroke), R. Southby (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), won their heat of this event but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Four.—M. Ackland (bow), J. Pizzey (2), C. Greenwood (3), R. Baenziger (stroke), R. Walker (cox), D. J. Crichton (coach), were successful in this event.

Maiden Pair.—G. Geroe (bow), H. Walker (stroke), W. Smith (cox), T. W. Shears (coach), were defeated.

Lightweight Four.—B. F. Hyland (bow), L. Duclos (2), C. D. Lewis (3), V. Sharp (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), were untroubled to win the heat and final of this event.

Lightweight Pair.—A. Batiste (bow), R. H. Richardson (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), J. D. Shears (coach), won this event in good style.

Novice Four.—P. Nicholson (bow), P. Ranken (2), R. Proctor (3), R. Shaw (stroke), R. Walker (cox), B. Lochtenberg (coach), were defeated.

Albert Park Regatta

26th January, 1953.

Senior Eight.—W. L. Wallace (bow), W. O. Granowski (2), K. Fulton (3), D. Olliff (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), B. J. Doyle (6), J. S. Rowe (7), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox), H. P. Shears (coach), were again successful, scoring the eleventh successive win for the Club in this class of event, thus breaking the Victorian record established by the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club over 60 years ago.

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

Maiden Four.—M. Ackland (bow), J. Pizzey (2), C. Greenwood (3), R. Baenziger (stroke), R. Walker (cox), D. J. Crichton (coach), scored a good win completing the double.

Maiden Pair.—Your representatives at the previous Regatta were again defeated.

Lightweight Four.—B. F. Hyland (bow), L. Duclos (2), C. D. Lewis (3), V. Sharp (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), were again successful.

Lightweight Pair.—Your representatives at Upper Yarra won their heat of this event, but were defeated in the final by the narrow margin of 3 feet.

Ballarat Regatta

28th February, 1953.

Senior Pair.—B. Lochtenberg (bow), J. S. Rowe (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), were defeated.

Junior Eight.—N. Ashkanasy (bow), D. J. Scales (2), J. D. Beecham (3), J. Pizzey (4), C. Greenwood (5), C. B. Dawes (6), R. Baenziger (7), R. J. Oliver (stroke), P. Boykett (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), won the heat and final of this event convincingly.

Junior Four.—A. B. Kohn (bow), V. Sharp (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), were defeated after reaching the final of this event.

Maiden Four.—G. Geroe (bow), R. Shaw (2), A. W. Mayer (3), P. Gordon (stroke), R. Walker (cox), J. Hiscock (coach), reached the final of this event, but were forced to withdraw owing to the illness of a member of the crew.

Maiden Pair No. 1.—J. W. Dartnell (bow), D. Boykett (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), J. D. Shears (coach), were untroubled to win their heat and final.

Maiden Pair No. 2.—P. Nicholson (bow), P. Ranken (stroke), W. Smith (cox), D. J. Morgan (coach), were unsuccessful.

Barwon Regatta

7th March, 1953.

Senior Pair.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again defeated.

Junior Eight.—The crew of the previous Regatta won their heat of this event, but were defeated in the final.

Junior Four.—Your Ballarat representatives were defeated in the heat on this occasion.

Junior Pair.—M. Ackland (bow), K. A. H. Levi (stroke), W. Smith (cox), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair No. 1.—J. W. Dartnell (bow), D. Boykett (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), J. D. Shears (coach), were untroubled to win the heat and final of this event and complete the double.

Maiden Pair No. 2.—Your Ballarat representatives were defeated in their heat on this occasion.

Lightweight Eight.—W. T. Morrison (bow), L. Duclos (2), B. F. Hyland (3), R. H. Richardson (4), E. C. White (5), V. Sharp (6), C. D. Lewis (7), D. J. Crichton (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), T. W. Shears (coach), were successful in this event by the narrow margin of three feet after an exciting race.

Yea Regatta

9th March, 1953.

Junior Four.—A. B. Kohn (bow), V. Sharp (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), scored a fine win in this event.

Junior Pair.—M. Ackland (bow), C. B. Dawes (stroke), W. Smith (cox), were defeated.

Maiden Pair.—C. D. Lewis (bow), P. Ranken (stroke), W. Smith (cox), were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Pair.—V. Sharp (bow), R. H. Richardson (stroke), P. Wilson (cox), were defeated.

Mildura Regatta

4th April, 1953.

Junior Eight.—J. N. Robertson (bow), A. B. Kohn (2), M. Ackland (3), J. Pizzev (4), K. A. H. Levi (5), C. B. Dawes (6), C. D. Lewis (7), R. H. Richardson (stroke), R. Walker (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), were successful in this event.

Junior Four.—K. A. H. Levi (bow), C. B. Dawes (2), C. D. Lewis (3), R. H. Richardson (stroke), R. Walker (cox), were defeated.

Junior Pair.—M. Ackland (bow), R. J. Oliver (stroke), R. Walker (cox), were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—P. Gordon (bow), A. Mayer (2), J. W. Dartnell (3), D. Boykett (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), J. D. Shears (coach), won the heat and final of this event convincingly.

Maiden Pair.—B. Hyland (bow), L. Duclos (stroke), R. Walker (cox), were defeated.

Novice Four.—P. Nicholson (bow), P. Ranken (2), R. Proctor (3), R. Shaw (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), J. N. Robertson (coach), won their heat of this event but were defeated in the final.

Wentworth Regatta

6th April, 1953.

Junior Eight.—Your Mildura representatives were again successful, completing the double.

Junior Four.—Your representatives at the previous Regatta were successful on this occasion.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Mildura were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—This crew was again successful in their heat and final.

Maiden Pair.—Your Mildura representatives won their heat on this occasion, but were defeated in the final.

Novice Four.—This crew again won their heat, but were unsuccessful in the final.

Metropolitan Novice Regatta

20th September, 1952.

Novice Four.—B. J. Doherty (bow), J. Baker (2), M. Ackland (3), D. Marley (stroke), P. Boykett (cox), J. G. Farmer (coach), were unsuccessful.

Beginners' Four.—J. Pell (bow), L. Duclos (2), C. Greenwood (3), W. Rowan (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), G. A. Robertson (coach), won the heat and final of this event convincingly.

Metropolitan Novice Regatta

16th May, 1953.

Novice Four.—R. Proctor (bow), D. Marley (2), P. Nicholson (3), H. Walker (stroke), P. Harrison (cox), D. J. Crichton (coach), were defeated in the heat of this event by the ultimate winners.

Double Sculls.—R. Williams combined with D. Tucker (Melbourne) to win the heat and final of this event convincingly.

Premierships

PREMIERSHIP POINTS.

Senior.

Mercantile	72	Preston	5
Albert Park	46	South Melbourne	5
Melbourne	10	Footscray City	4
University	8	Wentworth	4

Junior.

Mercantile	106	Barwon	8
Footscray City	44	Bendigo	8
Lake Colac	40	Hawthorn	8
Banks	34	Wahgunyah	6
Melbourne	16	Wentworth	6
Yarrawonga	16	Corio Bay	4
Albert Park	16	Sale	4
Power House	16	Dimboola	4
Yarra Yarra	16	South Melbourne	2
Richmond	14	Essendon	2
Rutherglen	12	Ballarat	2
Wendouree	10		

Lightweight.

Mercantile	52	Ballarat	14
Barwon	34	Ballarat City	4
Banks	28	Footscray City	4
Yarra Yarra	16	Albert Park	2

With the annexing by your Club of all three Premierships conducted by the Victorian Rowing Association, it is of interest to quote some facts and figures pertaining to this unique feat.

Whilst Mercantile, with over 250 members, is numerically the largest in the State, only 52 members, or slightly more than 20 per cent. of the total membership, competed in Regatta races of all descriptions during the Season. Throughout the year the Club was represented by eighty-seven crews in all types of races and sculling events. Of these no less than forty-six crews, or 53 per cent. of crews started, were successful.

In the winning of the Senior Premiership, twelve oarsmen represented the Club during the Season, all of whom were successful in winning races. In Junior and Maiden races twenty-four oarsmen were responsible for all races won in the Junior Division; of these seven members also won Lightweight events. A total of eleven men rowed in Lightweight races, all winning at least one race during the season.

It will be seen therefore that a total of only forty oarsmen were responsible for races won by the Club in all Divisions during the Season.

Head of the River

Your congratulations are extended to Geelong Grammar School on their fine win in this event.

Mr. Chas. Saleh, a member of your Club, was again coach of the Scotch College crew. Prior to the race Mr. Saleh announced that this year would be his last as coach of Scotch College, and this opportunity is taken of extending to him your congratulations on his success as a coach of Club and School crews over a period of many years. Few coaches have done as much for Victorian Rowing as Mr. Saleh, and the benefits of his coaching of Mercantile crews, in the immediate post-war years, are still being felt by the Club.

Mr. R. G. Day, also a member of Mercantile, had his first year in charge of the Melbourne Grammar School crew. Your congratulations are conveyed to him on his appointment as coach and the fine performance of the first crew under his charge.

Masters P. Boykett and R. Southby, both of whom coxed Mercantile crews during the past year, steered the Scotch College and Geelong Grammar School crews, respectively.

The relationship between the Club and Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School, both of whom trained from the Club House, continued on the same happy level as in previous years.

Combination Races

PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS—4th OCTOBER, 1952.

The Club is again indebted to two of its Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. H. Picken and M. S. Williams for generously donating trophies for this event. For the first occasion, this event was rowed as a Combination race, and invitations extended to members of all clubs to participate. A good entry of eleven crews resulted, the successful crew being: C. D. Lewis (Mercantile), bow; J. G. Farmer (Mercantile), 2; H. Frederico (University), 3; R. Williams (Mercantile), 4; J. N. Robertson (Mercantile), 5; J. D. Beecham (Mercantile) 6; D. Faulkner (Richmond), 7; R. V. Rawlins (Melbourne), stroke; I. Lambert (Richmond) cox.

MORELL EIGHTS—29th NOVEMBER, 1952.

Fifteen crews competed for handsome trophies donated by the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, who was for many years President of the Club. The winning crew was as follows: A. Batiste (Mercantile), bow; R. Bulmer (Yarra Yarra), 2; W. Shepherd (Albert Park) 3; J. Hiscock (Mercantile), 4; L. Epstein (Yarra Yarra), 5; D. Christie (Albert Park), 6; K. Fulton (Mercantile), 7; B. J. Doyle (Mercantile), stroke; R. Walker (Mercantile), cox.

Club Races

PRESIDENT'S FOURS—30th AUGUST, 1952.

Your President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie, again donated trophies for this annual event which was conducted in conjunction with Ladies' Day. Eight crews competed, the successful crew being: W. L. Wallace (bow), W. O. Granowski (2), N. Ashkanasy (3), J. Shears (stroke), P. Harrison (cox).

GUINN PAIRS—2nd MAY, 1953.

Mr. Stan Guinn once again donated trophies for this annual event. Twelve crews competed, the successful crew being: C. Greenwood (bow), A. Mayer (stroke), P. Harrison (cox).

ALEX CLARKE FOURS.

This event for trophies donated in memory of the late Mr. Alex Clarke, was scheduled to be held on Saturday, 23rd May. However, owing to bad weather it was postponed until 6th June. As this report was placed in the hands of the printer before the event was held, it is not possible to include the results.

SPRIGG TIME TRIAL.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. J. G. Sprigg for donating trophies for this event. The time trial will terminate on the night of the Annual Meeting and is being rowed to the Dock Head and return. The winners of this event last year were: B. Hyland (bow), D. Marley (2), J. Morganti (3), R. Mounsey (4), H. Duncan (5), F. Noble (6), S. M. Smith (7), H. Shears (stroke), P. Harrison (cox); time—28 minutes 58 seconds.

HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL.

The Harlequin Club have once more donated trophies for a time trial event for four-oared crews; the course is again to Spencer Street Bridge and return. A number of crews have already completed the course and, as the event does not terminate until the day of the Annual Meeting, it is not possible to name the winning crew in this report. The winners of the event last year were: A. B. Kohn (bow), R. H. Richardson (2), J. N. Robertson (3), R. R. Aitken (stroke), W. M. Bailey (cox); time—11 minutes 40-3/5 seconds.

TROPHIES

Captain's Trophy—The Captain, Mr. R. R. Aitken, has again donated a handsome trophy to the member who has competed in and won most regatta and club races, on the basis of one point per entry and one point per win. The competition this year resolved itself into a struggle between two Lightweight oarsmen, Messrs. C. D. Lewis and R. H. Richardson, last year's winner. Mr. Lewis won by a narrow margin.

J. W. Beattie Trophy—Mr. Beattie again provided this trophy for the member gaining most points in regatta racing during the season. This trophy was also won by Mr. C. D. Lewis from R. H. Richardson.

F. R. Browne Memorial Shield—The family of the late Mr. F. R. Browne, a former Life Member and for many years Auditor of the Club, has presented a handsome shield as a perpetual trophy in his memory. Because of the late Mr. Browne's interest in novice oarsmen, it was decided that the shield should be awarded to the most improved novice each season. The first winner of this trophy is Mr. C. Greenwood, who won a Beginners' Four at the commencement of the season and five further races during the year, including the Champion Junior Eight. Mr. Greenwood, and future winners of this shield, will receive a cup to retain permanently.

Coxswain's Trophies—The competition for a cup donated for the Champion Coxswain of the Club, was won by Master P. Harrison. The trophy for the most improved coxswain, donated by Mr. E. K. Varcoe, was won by Master R. Walker.

Boat Christenings

On Ladies' Day, 30th August, 1952, the three new craft added to the Club's fleet at the end of the previous season were named. The tub pair purchased from Mr. H. Lounder, was christened "S. G. Richardson" by Mr. Richardson's mother, Mrs. M. B. Richardson; the tub four, also built by Mr. Lounder, was named "M. S. Williams" by Mrs. M. S. Williams, and the racing pair, purchased from Mr. A. Sykes, was named "H. P. Shears" by Mr. Shears' mother, Mrs. W. E. Shears.

On Sunday morning, 23rd November, 1952, the morning after Henley, the new racing four acquired two weeks previously from Messrs. Geo. Towns and Sons, was christened "R. R. Aitken". The ceremony was carried out by Mrs. Philip Aitken, mother of the Captain.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day—This popular function, held on Saturday, 30th August, 1952, drew a large attendance. 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 Wentworth Cafe on 28th November, 1952. The attendance of eighty members showed a considerable improvement on that of previous years, and a most enjoyable evening was had by all present. Your thanks are due to Messrs. N. W. Cairnes, E. C. White and J. P. Carr for so successfully organising this function.

President's Birthday—A function was held in the Club House on Saturday, 2nd May, 1953, for the dual purpose of celebrating the 70th birthday of our esteemed President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie, and the winning of the Treble Premiership. Approximately seventy-five members were present and a most enjoyable evening resulted. During the night the presentation of a standard lamp and hall table were made to Mr. Dobbie by the Captain, Mr. R. R. Aitken, on behalf of members of the Club.

Football Match—The football match, played annually against the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club, took place at Warrandyte on Sunday, 23rd August, 1952. Unfortunately, heavy rain made conditions most unpleasant for both players and spectators. However, your team played good wet weather football and ran out easy winners.

Dances—The series of Cabaret Dances, held at the Dorchester, were again a feature of the Club's social activities and proved most popular with members. Your thanks are due to Mr. Deane Morgan, assisted by Mr. J. N. Robertson, for the excellent organisation of these functions.

General

On Anzac Day a number of members attended the Club House to pay respect to the memory of fellow-members, who gave their lives during the World Wars. The President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie, gave an

impressive address, and introduced Mr. Stan Guinn, who placed a wreath on the Honour Board. Unfortunately, circumstances prevented the holding of the usual reunion on this occasion.

Members will be pleased to learn that the Rev. Donald Macrae, a former oarsman of this Club, has returned to Australia and has been appointed Chaplain of the University of Melbourne. Unfortunately, soon after his return, Donald had his leg broken in an accident. Your best wishes are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

Harry Duncan, who for many years has been a staunch member of the Club and a successful Senior oarsman, has taken leave of us to go on the land in Western Australia. Forty-five members attended a gathering in the Club House on Friday, 16th January, 1953, to wish Harry well in his new venture.

Your thanks are due to Mr. Deane Morgan for carrying out repairs to the front of the Club House. Thanks are also conveyed to Mr. Alex McLeish, President of Albert Park Rowing Club, for the loan of equipment which made these repairs possible.

During September and October a special effort was conducted to raise funds to send the Victorian crew to Perth. A percentage of each ticket sold was made available to the Club whose member sold the ticket. From this effort, the funds of your Club were augmented by £36/12/-. During the year, Mr. D. J. Morgan did sterling work, organising this and other efforts to raise funds to send the Victorian crew to Perth.

Over the past two years we have received much assistance from Mr. O. Granowski, whose engineering works were made available for the construction of the boat frame, and for many other essential repairs. Mr. W. O. Granowski has, on many occasions, rendered valuable assistance in carrying out repairs at short notice.

It was with great regret that members learnt of the disastrous fire which destroyed the Boat House and contents of Lake Colac Rowing Club, during January last. In addition to donating to Lake Colac the racing four, "A. L. Dobbie", your Club has loaned a set of four oars to assist them through a most difficult period. Your sympathy has been extended to Lake Colac, with the hope that they will soon be re-established in their own Club House.

The thanks of all members are due to Mr. Jack Coghlan for his ready assistance and co-operation in transporting boats to country regattas.

Messrs. Roy Thursfield and Norman Cairnes, as Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary, respectively, of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association (Henley), are to be congratulated on their organisation of last Henley, the first full-scale Regatta under their control.

Your sincere sympathy is extended to Messrs. J. H. and M. Bailey and K. Bilney, who suffered bereavements during the year.

Your good wishes for future happiness and prosperity are conveyed to Messrs. A. G. Barrett, A. Batiste, G. I. Holyman, D. C. Marley, R. J. Mounsey, J. W. Pearce, T. J. Robinson and R. T. Smith, who were married during the year.

Our congratulations are extended to Messrs. G. F. Bade, J. Blair-Holt, G. S. Hyett, D. J. Morgan, and P. M. Wade, Jnr. and their wives, on the occasion of additions to their families.

Mr. Norman Cairnes, Assistant Honorary Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association, has done excellent work while acting as

Secretary of the Association during the absence of Mr. Harry Butler. All members will be sorry to learn that Mr. Butler has not been in the best of health. He will shortly be leaving for Queensland, and your best wishes are extended to him for a complete and speedy recovery.

Masters W. M. Bailey, J. Chappleton, P. Boykett, N. Hewitt, P. Harrison, W. Smith, R. Southby, R. Walker and P. Wilson have rendered the Club grand service as coxswains during the year. Unfortunately, increasing weight has forced the retirement of our Senior coxswain, Master W. M. Bailey, as from the end of the season. Bill has had an outstanding career as a coxswain with the Club, winning numerous senior races and steering the last three Victorian crews. However, his services will not be lost to Mercantile, as he has joined the Club as a Junior member and we feel sure that much will be heard from him as an oarsman.

The table tennis table installed in the Club House has proved most popular. Your thanks are due to Mr. C. B. Dawes for making this table available on loan.

Your thanks are conveyed to those members who, during the winter months, have devoted so much time carrying out repairs to the Club's fleet. The work of this small band of members has done much to keep down the cost of boat repairs. Working bees are again being held on Wednesday evenings and the attendance of all members is invited.

In March last, we were pleased to welcome to the Club House a former member, Mr. G. R. B. Patterson, until recently Government Trade Commissioner in South Africa. Mr. Patterson was on his way to take up a new appointment in the United Kingdom.

A number of members have formed a Square Dance Club and the evenings held have resulted in Club funds being augmented by the proceeds. Messrs. Deane Morgan, Jack South and Bill Bradshaw have been responsible for the organisation and all members attending have reported the Club a success. In this connection, members attending the dances, desire to express their appreciation to Mrs. E. Bradshaw, whose hospitality has done much to make these evenings a success.

To those members who attended to the cleanliness of the Club House, your thanks are conveyed. In this regard, special mention must be made of Messrs. Albert Lindblade and Graham Richardson, whose work in this direction is untiring.

In the return to Western Australia of Ben Lochtenberg, the Club has lost the services of a valuable member. During the six months he was in Victoria Mr. Lochtenberg rowed in a number of Senior crews and won races at Melbourne and Henley Regattas.

To the rowing correspondents of the daily newspapers, the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the various commercial radio stations, your thanks are conveyed for the fine publicity they have given the sport during the season.

We have been pleased to extend the hospitality of the Club House to various interstate and country crews who have competed at metropolitan regattas. Unfortunately, due to the number of school boats accommodated in the boat shed, it has not always been possible to house the boats of as many of the visiting Clubs as we would wish.

The Club House was again made available to the organisers of "Carols by Candlelight" on Christmas Eve.

Conclusion

In conclusion the retiring Committee wish to thank members for the assistance given during the season, and feel sure 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

The foregoing report covers all the activities of the Club so thoroughly that there is little which can be referred to in this Addendum. Our Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are to be highly commended on the manner in which it has been prepared. The amount of work involved in compiling it has been very great, and members should fully appreciate this.

The very successful season recorded has been the result of careful attention to every detail of the management of the Club, and the sincere thanks of the members is due to your executive officers, who have been so ably headed by your Captain, Mr. R. R. Aitken.

While the Club continues to have the services of such a capable Executive there is every reason to anticipate that the coming season will be again a successful one, but to accomplish this it is necessary that every member should give them the fullest support.

In conclusion, special reference should be made to the splendid work done by those members who have been responsible for the coaching of our crews. They have devoted a great deal of their leisure time to this task, and it is very satisfactory to know that their efforts have been so well rewarded.

A. L. DOBBIE, President.

List of Members, 1952-53

LIFE MEMBERS.

Cairnes, N. W.	Kenny, E.	Picken, J. H.
Dobbie, A. L.	Lindblade, A. G.	Sprigg, J. G.
Guinn, S.	Mounsey, J. L.	Potter, W.

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Abramwich, A.	Fletcher, J. M.	Oberhansli, W.
Ackland, L. R.	Fogarty, F.	O'Connor, F.
Ackland, M. R.	Fosdick, L. V.	Oliver, R. J.
Ainslie, J. B.	Fulton, P. J.	Peterson, J. W.
Aitken, R. R.	Galvin, V. C.	Pitt, W. G.
Appleby, J. P.	Geroe, G. A.	Pizzey, J. B.
Ashkanasy, N.	Gordon, P. J.	Pope, J.
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Bade, G. F.	Gray, W. L.	Purves, A. H.
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Bell, D. F.	Hyett, G. S.	Roach, D. F.
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Blair-Holt, J. A.	Johnson, G. B.	Robertson, J. N.
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Brooke, D. C.	Kidd, J. D. S.	Rogers, L. W.
Broughton, O. S.	Kohn, A. B.	Rorke, A. T.
Browning, N. G.	Lemaire, J. E.	Rowan, W. F.
Calder, D. A.	Lennon, R. J.	Rush, R. T.
Carr, J. P.	Lewis, C. D.	Sajo, Z.
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Clarke, J. H. P.	McMahon, G. F.	Sharp, V. A.
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Cooper, K. N.	MacFarlane, J. M.	Shears, J. D.
Cooper, R. A.	Macpherson, P. M.	Shears, T. W.
Corteen, L. K.	Mahoney, H.	Smith, G., jnr.
Crichton, D. J.	Marley, D. C.	Smith, R. T.
Daniel, N. F.	Miller, A. P.	Smith, G. W.
Davies, M. H.	Mitchell, J.	Smith, S. M.
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Wheatland, W.		

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Bowak, D. C. E.	Manton, G.	Shugg, A. N.
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Kelly, J. D.	Oliver, M. G.	Williams, R.

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Duncan, A. R.	Neill, J. S.	Ross, W. G.
Gregg, R. V.	Newport, F.	Stubley, J. L.
Hidcock, C. W.	Pearce, J. W.	

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
(For Year Ended 30th April, 1953.)

(Figures adjusted to nearest £.)

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
To Boat Staging	£5	By Subscriptions	£809
" Coxswain's Expenses	15	" Entrance Fees—	
" Depreciation on Boats, Oars and Fittings	186	Club Races	£7
" Donations	4	Combination Races	20
" Entrance Fees—Regattas	16	" Donations	27
" Fire Protection Expenses	23	" Interests—	377
" Freight—Country Regattas	24	Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	16
" General Expenses	35	State Savings Bank of Victoria	2
" Insurances	125	Hiring Receipts	18
" Lighting, General and Water Rates	83	" Sundry Income	2
" Postages	16		
" Printing and Stationery	53		
" Repairs to Boats, Oars and Shed	253		
" Telephone	31		
" Trophies	32		
" V.R.A. Capitation Fee	74		
" Balance Transferred to Accumulated Funds	276		
	£1,251		£1,251

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BALANCE SHEET

(As at 30th April, 1953.)

(Figures adjusted to nearest £.)

ACCUMULATED FUNDS:		
Balance, as at 1st May, 1952	£4,670	
<i>Add—</i>		
Balance transferred from Income and Expenditure Account . .	£276	
Capital Profit on sale of Boat . .	6	282
		<u>£4,889</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne . .	£106	
DEDUCT:		
Balance at State Savings Bank of Victoria	21	85
		<u>85</u>
		<u>£4,974</u>
FIXED ASSETS:		
Boat House		£2,472
Club Fittings		69
Boats and Sculls:		
Balance as at 1/5/52		£1,233
<i>Plus</i> Purchases		361
		<u>£1,594</u>
<i>Less—</i>		
Depreciation	£80	
Donation	11	
Sales	5	96
		<u>1,498</u>
Oars at Valuation		280
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Subscriptions Outstanding		68
Stocks of Singlets, at Valuation		25
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds, at Cost		500
State Savings Bank of Victoria, F. R. Browne Trophy Account		25
Sundry Debtors		37
		<u>£4,974</u>

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