



MERCANTILE
ROWING CLUB
MELBOURNE

75th
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1954-55

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Mr. R. WILLIAMS.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
Melbourne,
10th June, 1955.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventy-fifth ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY, 25th JUNE, 1955, 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. Presentation of Trophies.
5. General.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the Boat-house at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 18th June, 1955.

By order of the Committee,

C. D. LEWIS,
Hon. Secretary.



The late
Mr. A. L. DOBBIE

THE death of the late Mr. A. L. Dobbie on 29th December, 1954, has been felt very deeply not only by all members of our Club, but also by everyone connected with rowing, and many beyond it, for Mr. Dobbie was a man who had interests in many walks of life and such were his character and ability that no one who was connected with him in the many phases of his activities can fail to regret his passing or be the poorer for it.

Mr. Dobbie joined the Club at the age of 19 in 1902. He was immediately prominent in active rowing winning Maiden Eights and Fours in the season 1903-4 and being selected, as a Maiden Oarsman, to row in the Victorian Crew at Brisbane in 1904. From then on he represented the Club in Senior Crews until he retired from competitive rowing in 1908. This did not, however, end Mr. Dobbie's active participation in the sport for he was prominent as a Coach for the Club and also for Scotch College for many years. He achieved the distinction of winning the Warehousemen's Challenge Races every year from 1903 to 1914 and until quite recently was to be seen on the river in the "President's" Four on Sunday mornings.

During these years Mr. Dobbie filled with distinction all executive offices of the Club and took a continuous and active part in the administration of the Club from 1904 until the time of his death. He was Secretary from 1904-6, on the Committee from 1906-7, Vice-Captain 1907-8, Captain 1908-19, Committee 1919-22, Vice-President 1923-33, and President from 1933.

Mr. Dobbie was prominent also in the administration of the Rowing Association and other bodies connected with the Sport. He represented Mercantile as a Delegate from 1905 to 1907 when he became an Elected Member. He held this position until 1937 when he was elected Vice-President and in 1954, shortly before his death, he was honoured by being elected President. Besides holding these various offices Mr. Dobbie was on the Executive Committee from 1929 to 1950 when he retired in order to make way for a younger man.

Mr. Dobbie's assistance and advice were available also to the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association and from 1934 to 1954 he was on the Executive Committee of this Association which conducts the Melbourne Henley. He held also the office of President of the Old Oarsmen's Association, being elected to that position at the inaugural meeting in September, 1937, and holding office until his death.

Few men, if any, have given such long and valuable service to the Club and to rowing as did Mr. Dobbie and his services in the administrative sphere have earned him unqualified admiration and respect. But it is not for that reason that his loss is most deeply felt at Mercantile. To many members he was a staunch and life-long friend, and there was no member too new or too young to claim his interest and encouragement. None who knew him, even if only as "The President", could fail to appreciate his genial and kindly nature or to value his friendship and advice. With his passing the Club has lost a very valuable officer and all its members a loyal friend.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH 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 75th Annual Report and the Balance Sheet and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1955.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death during the season of Mr. A. L. Dobbie who has been President of the Club for the past 21 years. Mr. Dobbie's services to rowing generally and in particular to your Club are well known to all members and are referred to more fully elsewhere in this report.

In exercise of the powers accorded to it under the Constitution, your Committee asked Mr. J. G. Sprigg to accept the office of President until the elections at the Annual General Meeting, being confident that the ability and enthusiastic leadership which he has shown as a member and executive official of the Club in the past qualified him well to hold the position so ably occupied for many years by Mr. Dobbie.

Your Club has again had a very successful season, winning the Junior and Lightweight Premierships and sharing with the Albert Park Rowing Club the honour of winning the Senior Premiership. Your congratulations have been extended to the Albert Park Rowing Club on this fine achievement with so small a number of members.

The closeness of competition for the Senior Premiership may be judged after considering that this pennant was in doubt until the Easter Regattas and only the defeat of the Albert Park four by your own crew at the Mildura and Wentworth regattas enabled the Club to secure the points necessary to share the Premiership. In the Junior and Lightweight classes, your Club managed to retain these pennants quite comfortably, but it must be noted that early in the season your Club lay second in all premierships.

While there has been very keen racing in four and pair oared senior events during the season, competition in the Senior Eights division has not been strong. At the Victorian Rowing Association Regatta your Club's crew was unopposed and at Henley, in November, retained the Grand Challenge Cup competing against a crew from Buckingham in Tasmania. The first Victorian competition was provided by the Albert Park Rowing Club at the Albert Park Regatta when your crew was successful by the narrow margin of one foot after a thrilling race. In subsequent races your crew showed the benefit of keener competition and improved steadily with convincing victories at Ballarat, Barwon and Henley, in March.

Your Club was also represented by a Senior Eight at the Mildura and Wentworth Easter Regattas, but was there defeated by Renmark

Rowing Club from South Australia. This defeat ended the Club's run of 26 consecutive victories in Senior Eights, an achievement upon which the members may look back with pride and satisfaction, and which, it is hoped, will be an example to the Club's senior crews in coming seasons.

While your Club predominated in eight-oared senior events, your crews were unsuccessful in four-oared races throughout the season and the Albert Park Rowing Club is to be congratulated on its continued success in these events.

In Championship events this year your Club was unsuccessful in pair and four-oared races, but was able to secure the three eight-oared events by convincing margins. These latter races were particularly thrilling in the middle distance where not more than a length separated the competing crews in each division at any time and it was only during the last quarter mile that your representatives were able to draw away from the opposition.

This season saw the running of two Melbourne-Henley Regattas, the latter in conjunction with the Moomba festival in early March at which time the regatta will be held in the future. The undoubted success of this change will, your Committee feels, help to popularise the sport. In both Henley Regattas, Mercantile had a number of successes and in the second regatta secured the Senior, Junior and Lightweight Eights and Maiden Fours. By their victory in the Senior Eights, the Club retained the Grand Challenge Cup for the sixth successive occasion.

Your Club's lightweights again made the trip to Sydney for the Metropolitan Regatta, but were unsuccessful in their efforts in the four-oared event entered. Those members who attended the Regatta were overwhelmed by the hospitality extended and trust that Mercantile will have the opportunity to reciprocate during the coming season.

The Australian Championships were held this year in Adelaide and resulted in a fine win for Western Australia. Your congratulations are extended to the Victorian crew which, though unsuccessful in retaining the King's Cup, rowed extremely well to finish second. Members will be proud to learn that Mercantile was again strongly represented in the crew.

During the season under review the British Empire Games were held in Canada. Australia was represented in the single and double sculls, coxswainless pairs, and fours, the last entry being a combination of the scullers and pair. It is pleasing to be able to record that Australia won all events except the single sculls. Although all competing oarsmen came from New South Wales, Victoria and your own Club were represented by Mr. R. W. Thursfield as manager of the rowing section and Mr. E. Kenny as assistant manager of the whole team. We heartily congratulate the team on its excellent performance.

Your Committee was pleased to extend to Mr. M. S. Williams your best wishes and congratulations on his appointment as President of the V.R.A. to succeed the late Mr. Dobbie.

It is gratifying to see the interest this year displayed by schools in their entry in competitive rowing for the first time in many years. This is a healthy sign and your Committee has endeavoured, where possible, to assist this move by making available boats, particularly for use at the High Schools Annual Regatta.

At Henley, in March, your Club was not able to enter a crew in the Lightweight Fours to compete for the Ladies' Challenge Cup, a trophy which has been held by the Club since it was first awarded

for this race four years ago. However, by winning the Lightweight Eight at the same regatta, your representatives became the first holders of the Perpetual Cup presented by The Old Oarsmen's Association for this event.

The Club's social activities for the year were again well patronised and much credit is due to the Social Committee, under the excellent direction of Mr. Deane Morgan, for the smooth organisation of these events.

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

Financial

This season your Club's finances have caused your Committee much concern. As shown in the Income and Expenditure Account we have completed the season with a surplus of £7, compared with £359 in the previous year. This is due in part to a substantial rise in expenses, particularly under the heading of repairs to boathouse and fleet and in part to a reduction in donations.

During the season the new practice eight "A. L. Dobbie" was delivered, the practice eight "S. C. Macrae" was completely overhauled and the front part of the shed was re-blocked. These expenses, amounting in all to £868, have proved a severe drain on the Club's finances.

A disappointing feature of the Balance Sheet is the large amount of £128 for subscriptions outstanding. Your Committee feels strongly that those members in arrears are treating too lightly their obligations to the Club.

In order to maintain the Club's practice and racing fleet at its present high standard, heavy expenditure on new boats is inevitable over the next few years. Already several of the racing boats have seen a great deal of service. Although your Committee is reluctant to increase the subscriptions it must be apparent to all members on looking through the Balance Sheet that this may be necessary in the near future.

Members will notice the Trophy Order account appearing in the statement for the first time. The procedure now is that all trophies won by members are paid through the Victorian Rowing Association to the Club for distribution by the Club in the form of Trophy Orders.

Once again our thanks are due to those members who have assisted us by their generous donations, also to the small band of workers who have attended the working bees during the winter months and saved considerable expense for repairs.

Executive and Committee

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

R. R. Aitken .. 10	E. Kenny 2	J. L. Mounsey .. 1
N. W. Cairnes .. 10	C. D. Lewis 10	W. J. Pell 10
Dr. R. A. Cooper 1	J. G. Sprigg .. 9	R. H. Richardson 10
A. L. Dobbie .. 1	G. O. V. Manton 7	J. S. Rowe 9
B. J. Doyle 8	D. J. Morgan .. 8	H. P. Shears 9
W. O. Granowski 9	W. T. Morrison . 10	M. S. Williams . 2
S. Guinn 1		

Membership

The membership now stands:—

	1955	1954	1939
Life Members	8	9	10
Senior	154	140	169
Junior	27	35	31
Honorary	26	27	11
Country	28	26	8
Associate	19	17	7
	262	254	236

Of the total membership of 262 which shows an increase of 8 members over the previous year and 26 on our 1939 figures.

Efforts are now being made by the Victorian Rowing Association to produce plans to popularise the sport, but it is your Committee's opinion that the success of the sport rests mainly with the Clubs and you are strongly urged to ensure that the strength of your own Club is maintained by bringing in new and suitable active members at every opportunity.

The coaching of new members always presents a problem and those who are prepared to help in this direction will be rendering great assistance to your Committee and a most important service to the Club.

Donations

The Club conveys your sincere thanks to the following, whose assistance through the year has been so greatly appreciated by the Committee:—

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, D. Ball, J. W. Beattie, the Family of the late F. R. Browne, Dr. R. A. Cooper, Mr. N. W. Cairnes, the late Mr. A. L. Dobbie, Messrs. R. V. Gregg, S. Guinn, The Harlequin Rugby Club, Messrs. A. Lindblade, P. MacPherson, D. J. R. Morgan, the Family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, Messrs. W. T. Morrison, J. L. Mounsey, A. McIlwain, G. Patterson, J. H. Picken, J. H. O'Reilly, J. Sprigg, J. Williams and M. S. Williams.

Boats and Oars

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

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

CLINKER RACING

J. H. Bailey 8	J. G. Sprigg 8	L. B. Weire 4
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The only change to our fleet this year is the addition of the A. L. Dobbie, a practice eight purchased from Geo. Towns. This craft has already proved useful for the initial training of our Senior and Junior crews and has also been used by our Maiden and Lightweight eights for racing.

It should be noted that the "S. C. Macrae" is not as yet completely ready for rowing, but your Committee has this matter in hand now and the craft should be available very shortly.

The Club sadly lacks a tub scull of any reasonable worth at the moment, but, unfortunately, the financial situation of the Club prevents your Committee from taking any practical steps in this direction.

Your Committee made the "Deane Morgan" available to the V.R.A. for the use of the Victorian crew in Adelaide this year and also hired the racing pair, "H. P. Shears", to Tasmania for the Champion Australian Pairs.

At this juncture it seems appropriate to repeat the request that members use the utmost care when handling our present fleet, as the cost of replacement and repair places a great financial strain upon the Club.

Coaching

The successes which your Club has had this season are to no small extent due to the untiring efforts of our coaches. On your behalf and particularly that of our rowing members, your thanks are extended to the following:—

R. R. Aitken, A. Batiste, N. W. Cairnes, B. Collinson, D. J. Crichton, C. D. Lewis, J. Lemaire, K. Pope, R. H. Richardson, G. A. Robertson, H. P. Shears, V. A. Sharp.

This year many Junior and Senior oarsmen have assisted in the coaching of Novice oarsmen, but your Committee strongly urges that as many members as can see their way clear should take an interest in this important part of the Club's activities during the coming year.

Rowing

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

7th May, 1955.

The Australian Eight-oared Championship for the King's Cup was rowed at Port Adelaide on the morning of Saturday, 7th May. Conditions were perfect and a large crowd attended to see the events. All States were represented and the race resulted in a win for Western Australia by 2½ lengths from Victoria with New South Wales 3 lengths away third. Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia followed in that order. The race was rowed in the fast time of 15 minutes 40 seconds.

Victoria was represented by D. Christie (Albert Park), Bow; M. T. Shaw (Albert Park), 2; J. W. Dartnell (Merc.), 3; W. O. Granowski (Merc.), 4; G. O. V. Manton (Merc.), 5; W. N. Howell (Banks), 6; A. C. Monger (Univ.), 7; B. J. Doyle (Merc.), Stroke; N. Hewitt (Merc.), Cox; N. W. Cairnes (Merc.), Coach; and C. B. Dawes (Merc.), Emergency. To the crew and coach we extend our warmest congratulations on a very creditable performance.

The Sculling Race for the President's Cup resulted in a convincing win for M. T. Wood, of New South Wales, from B. Green, of Queensland, and G. Hubbard, of Western Australia. Victoria was represented by D. Dudgeon, of Richmond Rowing Club.

We have also to congratulate Victoria's representatives in the Australian Pair-oared Championship on their comfortable win in this event. This crew, which came from the Albert Park Rowing Club, was R. B. Duncan (Bow), B. Dickson (Stroke), R. Trezise (Cox) and H. D. Duncan (Coach).

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

(Norwich Shield and Sir Thomas Nettlefold Trophies)

Champion Eights.—This event was rowed on the Lower Yarra course on February 19, 1955, and resulted in a win for Mercantile by 1½ lengths from Albert Park with University ½ length away in 3rd position. The Club's crew was: H. Frederico (Bow), D. Boykett (2), J. Morganti (3), C. B. Dawes (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), W. O. Granowski (6), J. Dartnell (7), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach). This was the fourth win in succession for the Club.

Champion Fours.—This event was held on December 11, 1954, and your representatives, J. S. Rowe (Bow), C. B. Dawes (2), J. Dartnell (3), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach), were unsuccessful, being defeated by Albert Park.

Champion Pairs.—Rowed at Lake Colac on January 1, 1955, and resulted in a win for Albert Park. Your Club was not represented.

Champion Sculls.—Your Club was not represented in this event rowed upstream on the Lower Yarra on February 19, 1955. The race resulted in a win for D. Dudgeon, of Richmond.

2,000 Metre Sculling Championship.—D. Dudgeon, of Richmond, successfully defended his title in this event rowed upstream on March 26, 1955. Your Club was represented by N. Chiakoumis.

Champion Junior Eight.—This race was held on March 26, 1955, over the 2,000 metre Lower Yarra course, three crews competing for the title. Your representatives, C. D. Lewis (Bow), D. A. Oliver (2), W. S. Arnold (3), W. I. Wilson (4), C. De Guingand (5), H. J. Walker (6), S. M. Smith (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), G. Laurence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach), were successful in annexing this event for the Club by the margin of 1½ lengths from Hawthorn with Banks third.

Champion Lightweight Eights.—There were only two crews entered in this event rowed on the Lower Yarra on March 26, 1955. Your Club's representatives, J. South (Bow), P. White (2), J. Spark (3), D. Ball (4), R. McCubbery (5), W. J. Pell (6), E. P. Leggett (7), V. A. Sharpe (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach), convincingly defeated Banks in this event.

Champion Junior Fours.—This event was rowed on the Lower Yarra course on December 11, 1954, and was won by Wendouree. Your representatives were H. Frederico (Bow), H. J. Walker (2), W. I. Wilson (3), D. K. Boykett (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach).

Champion Lightweight Fours.—Rowed on the Lower Yarra on December 11, 1954, this event was won by a convincing margin by

South Melbourne from your representatives, R. McCubbery (Bow), D. Ball (2), C. D. Lewis (3), W. J. Pell (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach).

Champion Junior Pairs.—Lake Colac was the scene of this event held on January 1, 1955, and Albert Park succeeded in winning the event. Your Club was not represented.

Champion Lightweight Pairs.—This event was conducted at Lake Colac on January 1, 1955, and again your Club was not represented. The race was won by South Melbourne.

Regattas

20th November, 1954.

V.R.A. MELBOURNE REGATTA

This regatta was conducted under extremely wet and windy conditions on a flooded river adding considerably to the task of competing oarsmen.

Senior Eights.—W. L. Wallace (Bow), L. S. Williams (2), J. Morganti (3), C. B. Dawes (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), W. O. Granowski (6), J. S. Rowe (7), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) retained the Gilbey Cup, their only opposition being our own Junior Eight which raced as a second Senior Eight.

Senior Fours.—Your Senior Eight was broken into two fours for this event and they were defeated by Albert Park and the M.U.B.C. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths each in their respective heats. No. 1 Crew.—W. L. Wallace (Bow), W. O. Granowski (2), J. S. Rowe (3), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach). No. 2 Crew.—J. Morganti (Bow), L. S. Williams (2), G. O. V. Manton (3), C. B. Dawes (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach).

Senior Sculls.—Your representative, J. M. Dowrie, was unsuccessful in this event.

Junior Eight.—Your crew, H. Frederico (Bow), H. J. Walker (2), C. De Guingand (3), G. Ansell (4), W. I. Wilson (5), D. Boykett (6), J. Dartnell (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach), were successful in retaining the H. E. Butler Cup by 1 length from Corio Bay and North Esk.

Junior Fours.—E. P. Leggett (Bow), J. Hawes (2), R. Blyth (3), R. J. D. Oliver (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), H. P. Shears (Coach) were defeated in their heat after a clash with Hawthorn under the Swan Street bridge.

Junior Pairs.—W. S. Arnold (Bow), P. S. Nicholson (Stroke), J. Duggan (Cox), V. A. Sharp (Coach) were unsuccessful in the heat of this event.

Lightweight Fours.—A convincing win of four lengths was recorded by R. McCubbery (Bow), D. Ball (2), C. D. Lewis (3), W. J. Pell (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) in this event.

Maiden Eight.—P. Boykett (Bow), R. Thyer (2), B. Collinson (3), A. Bram (4), B. Richardson (5), J. Read (6), J. Spark (7), D. Oliver (Stroke), P. Moran (Cox), V. A. Sharp (Coach) were successful in their heat but were defeated by 3 feet in the final by Banks after an exciting race.

Maiden Pairs.—D. Shawcross (Bow), P. White (Stroke), G. Deutsch (Cox), J. Lemaire (Coach), were unsuccessful in their heat of this event.

HENLEY REGATTA

27th November, 1954.

The Henley Regatta, in 1954, was held under ideal conditions and a large crowd attended the well-organised function.

Senior Eights.—For the fifth successive time your Club, represented by W. Wallace (Bow), L. S. Williams (2), J. Morganti (3), C. B. Dawes (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), W. O. Granowski (6), J. S. Rowe (7), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. W. Cairness (Coach), was successful in winning the Grand Challenge Cup.

Senior Fours.—Your Senior Eight was again broken into two fours, the No. 1 Crew—W. L. Wallace (Bow), W. O. Granowski (2), J. S. Rowe (3), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach)—were unsuccessful in their heat.

No. 2 Crew—J. Morganti (Bow), L. Williams (2), G. O. V. Manton (3), C. B. Dawes (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach)—won their heat but were defeated by Albert Park in the final.

Junior Eight.—H. Frederico (Bow), H. J. Walker (2), C. DeGuinand (3), G. Ansell (4), I. Wilson (5), D. K. Boykett (6), J. W. A. Dartnell (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) won their heat and then decisively defeated a Sydney crew in the final.

Junior Four.—E. P. Leggett (Bow), G. Hawes (2), R. Blyth (3), R. J. D. Oliver (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), H. P. Shears (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—W. A. Arnold (Bow), P. Nicholson (Stroke), J. Duggan (Cox), V. A. Sharp (Coach) were successful in their heat but were defeated in the final.

Lightweight Fours.—R. J. McCubbery (Bow), D. G. Ball (2), C. D. Lewis (3), W. J. Pell (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) won their heat and final convincingly.

Maiden Eights.—P. Boykett (Bow), R. A. Thyer (2), B. Collinson (3), A. Bram (4), B. A. Richardson (5), J. S. Read (6), J. Spark (7), D. A. Oliver (Stroke), P. Moran (Cox), V. A. Sharp (Coach) were unsuccessful in their heat.

Maiden Pairs.—D. Shawcross (Bow), P. White (Stroke), G. Deutsch (Cox), J. Lemaire (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Senior Sculls.—Your representative in this event, J. M. Dowrie, was unsuccessful.

NAGAMBIE REGATTA

28th December, 1954 — Boxing Day.

Senior Four.—J. Morganti (Bow), D. K. Boykett (2), J. W. A. Dartnell (3), G. N. J. Anderson (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. Cairnes (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Senior Pair.—J. W. A. Dartnell (Bow), D. K. Boykett (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Eight.—C. D. Lewis (Bow), P. Nicholson (2), R. J. McCubbery (3), G. Ansell (4), C. J. DeGuinand (5), D. K. Boykett

(6), J. W. A. Dartnell (7), G. N. J. Anderson (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were successful in defeating Banks.

Junior Four.—C. D. Lewis (Bow), H. J. Walker (2), C. DeGuingand (3), G. Ansell (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were defeated after a good race.

Lightweight Fours.—P. Boykett (Bow), W. J. Pell (2), R. McCubbery (3), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Pair.—R. Thyer (Bow), A. Bram (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were defeated.

Maiden Four.—R. Thyer (Bow), B. Collinson (2), E. P. Leggett (3), D. A. Oliver (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), V. A. Sharp (Coach) were defeated.

Maiden Pair.—R. B. Hatherly (Bow), J. Moran (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), H. P. Shears (Coach) were defeated.

YARRAWONGA REGATTA

28th December, 1954.

Senior Four.—The crew of the previous regatta were again defeated.

Senior Pair.—Your representatives at Nagambie were again unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—This crew reversed the decision of the Nagambie regatta, winning in grand style.

Junior Pair.—C. D. Lewis (Bow), P. Nicholson (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) rowed brilliantly to win this event.

Lightweight Four.—Your representatives in this race were again unsuccessful.

Lightweight Pair.—Crew No. 1—R. Thyer (Bow), A. Bram (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach)—were unsuccessful.

Crew No. 2—R. McCubbery (Bow), W. J. Pell (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach)—were successful in this race.

Maiden Fours.—The crew of the previous regatta rowed exceedingly well to win this event.

Maiden Pairs.—R. Hatherly (Bow), J. Moran (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), H. P. Shears (Coach) scored a comfortable win in this event.

RUTHERGLEN REGATTA

New Year's Day, 1955.

Junior Eight.—V. A. Sharp (Bow), P. Nicholson (2), R. McCubbery (3), H. J. Walker (4), C. DeGuingand (5), G. Ansell (6), C. D. Lewis (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were successful.

Junior Four.—Your crew of the previous regattas was successful.

Junior Pair.—Your Yarrowonga representatives were again successful.

Lightweight Four.—W. J. Pell (Bow), A. Bram (2), R. McCubbery (3), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Pairs.—Your crews No. 1 and 2 of the previous regatta were unsuccessful.

Maiden Fours.—Your representatives in this event were defeated.

YEA REGATTA

29th January, 1955.

Senior Eight.—J. S. Rowe (Bow), D. K. Boykett (2), C. B. Dawes (3), L. S. Williams (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), W. O. Granowski (6), J. W. Dartnell (7), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) convincingly won this event.

Senior Four.—J. S. Rowe (Bow), W. O. Granowski (2), J. W. Dartnell (3), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were unsuccessful in this event.

Junior Eight.—G. A. Robertson (Bow), R. S. Thyer (2), B. Collinson (3), P. White (4), B. A. Richardson (5), B. Smyth (6), J. Spark (7), D. A. Oliver (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—H. Frederico (Bow), I. Wilson (2), C. DeGuinand (3), H. J. Walker (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), D. J. Crichton (Coach) rowed magnificently to defeat Hawthorn No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in heat and final.

Junior Pair.—R. Baenziger (Bow), R. J. D. Oliver (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), R. H. Richardson (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—J. South (Bow), R. S. Thyer (2), B. Collinson (3), P. White (4), B. A. Richardson (5), B. Smyth (6), J. Spark (7), D. A. Oliver (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were successful in this event.

Lightweight Four.—E. P. Leggett (Bow), W. J. Pell (2), C. D. Lewis (3), V. A. Sharp (Stroke), L. Butterfield (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were successful.

Lightweight Pair.—R. McCubbery (Bow), D. G. Ball (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were defeated in this event.

ALBERT PARK AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Senior Eight.—The crew which represented you at Yea was again successful, defeating Albert Park by one foot.

Senior Four.—Your crew of the last regatta was again unsuccessful.

Junior Eight.—The crew of the previous regatta were defeated.

Junior Four.—Your Yea representatives were again successful.

Junior Pair.—This crew was again unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—Your crew was again successful.

Lightweight Four.—The crew of the previous regatta was again successful.

Lightweight Pairs.—Your representatives were unsuccessful.

BALLARAT REGATTA

26th February, 1955.

Senior Eights.—H. Frederico (Bow), D. K. Boykett (2), J. Morganti (3), C. B. Daves (4), G. O. V. Manton (5), W. O. Granowski (6), J. W. Dartnell (7), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) won this event in comfortable style from University and Albert Park.

Senior Four.—H. Frederico (Bow), W. O. Granowski (2), J. W. Dartnell (3), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were defeated in this event.

Junior Eight.—C. D. Lewis (Bow), D. A. Oliver (2), W. S. Arnold (3), W. I. Wilson (4), C. DeGuingand (5), H. J. Walker (6), S. M. Smith (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) won this event from Hawthorn in a close race.

Junior Four.—P. Nicholson (Bow), G. Hawes (2), B. Collinson (3), R. J. D. Oliver (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), D. J. Crichton (Coach) were eliminated in their heat of this event.

Lightweight Eight.—J. South (Bow), P. White (2), J. Spark (3), R. S. Thyer (4), R. J. McCubbery (5), W. J. Pell (6), E. P. Leggett (7), V. A. Sharp (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were successful in this event.

Lightweight Four.—J. Spark (Bow), R. S. Thyer (2), E. P. Leggett (3), V. A. Sharp (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), G. A. Robertson (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four, No. 1.—A. Bram (Bow), D. Thyer (2), B. A. Richardson (3), J. Reed (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), H. H. Shears (Coach) were defeated in this event.

Maiden Four No. 2.—W. Pechan (Bow), B. Smyth (2), R. Hatherley (3), G. Tilley (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), K. Pope (Coach) were late at the start and disqualified.

BARWON REGATTA

5th March, 1955.

Senior Eight.—Your representatives of the previous regatta were again successful.

Junior Eight.—This crew again rowed well to win their heat and final of this event.

Junior Four.—Your Ballarat representatives were again unsuccessful.

Lightweight Eight.—The crew which represented your Club at Ballarat was again successful.

Maiden Four.—B. A. Richardson (Bow), D. Thyer (2), R. Hatherley (3), G. Tilley (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), K. Pope (Coach) convincingly won their heat and final of this event.

HENLEY ON THE YARRA

12th March, 1955.

Senior Eights.—Your representatives of the previous regattas were successful in this event, winning the Grand Challenge Cup for the sixth successive time.

Senior Four.—H. Frederico (Bow), W. O. Granowski (2), J. W. Dartnell (3), B. J. Doyle (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were unsuccessful in this event.

Junior Eights.—Your representatives were again successful and retained the Founder's Challenge Cup for your Club.

Junior Fours.—This crew was again unsuccessful.

Maiden Fours.—Your crew of the previous regatta again won in convincing style.

Lightweight Eight.—Your representatives of the previous regattas were again successful.

METROPOLITAN REGATTA — SYDNEY

19th March, 1955.

Lightweight Four.—R. J. McCubbery (Bow), W. J. Pell (2), E. P. Leggett (3), V. A. Sharp (Stroke), W. McMahan (S.R.C. Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Henley on the Murray

MILDURA REGATTA

9th April, 1955.

Senior Eights.—W. L. Wallace (Bow), H. P. Shears (2), J. Morganti (3), L. Williams (4), L. L. B. Moll (5), D. K. Boykett (6), H. Frederico (7), R. R. Aitken (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were defeated in this event.

Senior Four.—H. Frederico (Bow), D. K. Boykett (2), J. Morganti (3), R. R. Aitken (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were successful in this event.

Junior Eight.—J. Spark (Bow), P. White (2), B. Collinson (3), V. A. Sharp (4), C. DeGuingand (5), D. A. Oliver (6), E. P. Leggett (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were successful.

Junior Four.—B. Collinson (Bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. DeGuingand (3), V. A. Sharp (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were defeated in this event.

Junior Pair.—E. P. Leggett (Bow), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—I. Marshall (Bow), W. Pechan (2), F. Robertson (3), G. Young (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), A. Batiste (Coach) were successful in this race.

Maiden Pair.—B. Collinson (Bow), G. Tilley (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), C. D. Lewis (Coach) were defeated in this event.

Henley on the Darling

WENTWORTH REGATTA

11th April, 1955.

Senior Eight, No. 1.—W. L. Wallace (Bow), H. P. Shears (2), J. Morganti (3), L. Williams (4), L. L. B. Moll (5), D. K. Boykett (6), H. Frederico (7), R. R. Aitken (Stroke), G. Lawrence (Cox), N. W. Cairnes (Coach) were successful in this event.

Senior Eight, No. 2.—J. Spark (Bow), P. White (2), B. Collinson (3), V. A. Sharp (4), C. DeGuingand (5), D. A. Oliver (6), E. P. Leggett (7), R. H. Richardson (Stroke), P. Harrison (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were unsuccessful.

Senior Fours.—Your representatives of the previous regatta were again successful.

Junior Eights.—Your crew of the previous regatta were defeated in this event.

Maiden Fours.—This crew was again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—Your Mildura representatives were again unsuccessful.

METROPOLITAN NOVICE REGATTA

21st May, 1955.

Novice Four.—Your Club was represented by G. Young (Bow), F. Robertson (2), I. Marshall (3), B. Paul (Stroke), R. Sprigg (Cox), B. Collinson (Coach), who were unsuccessful in this event.

Premierships

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Senior

Albert Park	76	Yarra	4
Mercantile	76	Melbourne	2
Lake Colac	14	Banks	1
Essendon	8	South Melbourne	1
Richmond	5		

Junior

Mercantile	124	Melbourne	6
Banks	70	Barwon	4
Hawthorn	42	Nagambie	4
Yarra Yarra	28	South Melbourne	4
Albert Park	20	Warrnambool	4
Footscray City	20	Essendon	4
Wendouree	16	Ballarat City	4
Lake Colac	16	Bairnsdale	4
Richmond	12	Sale	4
Wentworth	12	Corio Bay	2
Nestanglo	6	Mildura	2
Preston	6	Yarrawonga	2
Yea	6		

Lightweight

Mercantile	62	Lake Colac	4
Ballarat City	42	Albert Park	2
South Melbourne	30	Ballarat	2
Hawthorn	8	Nestanglo	2
Barwon	8	Mildura	2
Yarra Yarra	6		

Country

Ballarat City	46	Nagambie	4
Lake Colac	34	Warrnambool	4
Wendouree	16	Sale	4
Barwon	12	Bairnsdale	4
Wentworth	12	Corio Bay	2
Nestanglo	8	Ballarat	2
Yea	6	Yarrawonga	2
Mildura	4		

Head of the River

Your congratulations are extended to Geelong College and their Coach, Mr. A. B. Bell, on their fine win in this event.

Once again the Club enjoyed a happy association with Scotch College, and your Committee greatly appreciates the co-operation and assistance during the year of Mr. L. H. Christie, Coach of the First Eight and M. T. Edgar, Captain of Boats.

V.R.A. MAIDEN PLATES — 3rd JULY, 1954.

Series No. 1.—J. Spark (Bow), D. A. Oliver (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were unsuccessful.

17th JULY, 1954.

Series No. 2.—The crew of the previous regatta were again defeated.

31st JULY, 1954.

Series No. 3.—Your representatives of the previous regattas were again unsuccessful.

7th AUGUST, 1954.

Series No. 4.—Your crew of the previous regattas were successful in their heat but failed to win the final.

21st AUGUST, 1954.

Series No. 5.—E. P. Leggett (Bow), D. A. Oliver (Stroke), R. Young (Cox), R. R. Aitken (Coach) were successful in this event, winning by a comfortable margin.

Combination Races

PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS — 2nd OCTOBER, 1954.

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, the successful crew being:— L. Blackshaw (Yarra Yarra) (Bow), D. Naylor (Mercantile) (2), W. T. Morrison (Mercantile) (3), R. Hailes (Mercantile) (4), C. DeGuingand (Mercantile) (5), D. K. Boykett (Mercantile) (6), G. Endicott (Hawthorn) (7), G. N. J. Anderson (Mercantile) (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Mercantile) (Cox).

MORELL EIGHTS — 4th DECEMBER, 1954.

Seventeen crews competed for handsome trophies donated by the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell. The winning crew was as follows:— J. Matthews (Yarra Yarra) (Bow), L. Murray (M.G.S.) (2), R. Richards (M.G.S.) (3), G. Ansell (Mercantile) (4), W. Jones (Albert Park) (5), A. T. Smith (University) (6), C. D. Lewis (Mercantile) (7), S. Bulmer (Yarra Yarra) (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Mercantile) (Cox).

Club Races

PRESIDENT'S FOURS — 28th AUGUST, 1954.

Your late President, Mr. A. L. Dobbie, donated handsome trophies for this race, which was held in conjunction with Ladies' Day. Eight crews competed, the successful crew being:— E. P. Leggett (Bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. D. Lewis (3), J. D. Shears (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox).

GUINN PAIRS — COMMITTEE FOURS

This year we are once again indebted to Mr. Stanley Guinn and to the members of the Committee for donating trophies for combination pair and four events respectively. The continued interest of Mr. Guinn in Club affairs is most encouraging to younger members and very much appreciated by the Committee.

The event will be conducted on 28th May and 18th June.

SPRIGG TIME TRIAL

This popular winter season event has been again conducted for trophies donated by Mr. J. G. Sprigg. 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 P. Boykett (Bow), H. J. Walker (2), C. D. Lewis (3), D. K. Boykett (4), J. Morganti (5), W. O. Granowski (6), J. W. Dartnell (7), J. D. Shears (Stroke), N. Hewitt (Cox). Nine crews competed, the winning time being 28 mins. 55-2/5 secs.

HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL

Once again members of the Harlequin Rugby Club donated trophies for a time trial event for four-oared crews over the Spencer Street Bridge course. 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 C. D. Lewis (Bow), D. K. Boykett (2), J. W. Dartnell (3), J. D. Shears (Stroke), L. Butterfield (Cox). Eleven crews competed, the winning time being 11 mins. 40-3/5 secs.

TROPHIES

Captain's Trophy.—The Captain, Mr. R. R. Aitken, has again donated a trophy for competition amongst the Club's members. This year the trophy has been hotly contested throughout the season, and after the end of competitive rowing, C. DeGuingand and C. D. Lewis were level. The result now depends on the completion of the two time trials and the remaining Club races, so that the winner cannot be announced until the Annual Meeting.

J. W. Beattie Trophy.—This trophy, generously provided by Mr. J. W. Beattie, for the member gaining most points in regatta racing during the season resulted in a dead heat between C. DeGuingand and D. Boykett.

Coxswain's Trophies.—The competition for this shield, donated by Mr. M. Bailey, 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 Richard Young.

F. R. Browne Memorial Shield.—The family of the late Mr. F. R. Browne, who have provided a perpetual trophy for the season's most improved novice oarsman, have this year presented the trophy to Mr. J. Spark.

Boat Christenings

After the Champion Junior and Lightweight Eights on March 26, 1955, Mrs. A. L. Dobbie christened the Club's new practice eight built by Geo. Towns & Sons Pty. Ltd. This craft was named in honour of our late President and already has had several successes. The function was well attended, particularly by the older members, and members and their guests were later entertained at afternoon tea in the gymnasium.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day.—The President's Fours provided excellent entertainment for the twenty-five ladies who attended this function. Afternoon tea was provided in the gymnasium and, together with the mild weather, helped to pass a most enjoyable afternoon.

Annual Dinner.—This function was again held at the Clubhouse, approximately 80 members attending. The catering was excellent and all present spent a most enjoyable evening despite the extremely wet conditions outside the shed.

Dances.—The "Dorchester" was again the scene of several successful cabaret style dances through the year, and our thanks are due to Mr. Deane Morgan and his willing helpers — Messrs. W. Bradshaw, J. N. Robertson, V. A. Sharp and H. J. Walker for the excellent organisation of these functions.

General

The running of the Melbourne Henley-on-Yarra Regatta, in conjunction with the recently inaugurated Moomba Festival, proved to be a great success. However, no small measure of this success is due to Mr. R. W. Thursfield, the Secretary of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association and his assistants, Mr. Deane Morgan and Mr. J. McBean, whose hard work and excellent organisation of the Regatta brought so much credit to the rowing world of Melbourne.

During the year two scullers have represented the Club in competitive rowing, Mr. J. M. Dowrie and Mr. N. Chiakoumis. Both these members have come to us from other clubs, the former from Queensland and the latter from Greece, where he was the Champion Sculler of that nation. Mr. Chiakoumis has not as yet been able to acquire a suitable scull but when he does the Club should be able to look forward with some confidence to his success in sculling events.

During the winter months a number of members spent their Wednesday nights at the shed carrying out necessary repairs on the fleet and clubhouse. Furthermore, Mr. R. Roberts, of Scotch College, has provided much material assistance. To these gentlemen we extend your gratitude for a job well done and request that during the coming winter as many members as possible come down to the shed to assist in this necessary activity.

The cleanliness of the shed has again fallen to a few members and to these, particularly Mr. S. G. Richardson, we extend our thanks.

Anzac Day saw the usual memorial service at the Clubhouse and we are indebted to Mr. J. L. Mounsey and Mr. S. Guinn for the fine service they conducted. Mr. D. A. Calder is thanked, on your behalf, for the refreshments provided for those marching during the afternoon.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Messrs. A. W. Dobbie, G. Epstein, J. P. Hoppe and the Rev. D. M. McCrae who suffered bereavements during the season.

Your good wishes for future happiness and prosperity are conveyed to Messrs. J. D. Beecham, W. Cody-Parker, A. B. Kohn, R. J. D. Oliver, R. Shaw and J. Williams who were married during the year and your congratulations are extended to Messrs. N. Browning, A. G. Barrett, R. G. Duncan, Rev. D. M. McCrae and Mr. F. Raven and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

The Club is again indebted to its Coxswains and to the following are extended the thanks of the members for services well rendered: Masters L. Butterfield, J. Duggan, G. Deutsch, P. Harrison, N. Hewitt, G. Laurence, P. Moran, R. Sprigg and R. Young.

Your congratulations are extended to Dr. L. S. Williams on his appointment as coach of the Melbourne University Boat Club crew to race in Brisbane on June 4.

During the year the front of the shed was lifted and the whole structure strengthened. This extremely necessary action was taken by your Committee and in due course further action will be taken to repair the floor of the shed. Mr. N. W. Cairnes is thanked for his services in obtaining the filling used in the front of the shed. This filling will be allowed to settle before being covered.

Your Club has much pleasure in extending to Mr. N. W. Cairnes, the Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association, and to Messrs. C. E. James and S. Jeffrey, the Treasurer and Assistant-Secretary, its congratulations on another successful season.

The Harlequin Club has again made use of the Clubhouse during the year and our best wishes are extended to them for success in their branch of the sporting world.

During the year two of our members went overseas to New Zealand. The first was Mr. A. Gordon, an ex-captain of the Club, and to him we wish every success in his new home. The second, Mr. G. Ansell, returned to his home in New Zealand after a short but energetic season with the Club.

Your Club was pleased to welcome and entertain at Henley, in November, representatives from Sydney Rowing Club and the North Esk Rowing Club, of Launceston.

Your thanks are conveyed to all rowing correspondents and to the various radio stations for their good work in publicising rowing and reporting on the various rowing events.

To all kindred Clubs your thanks and appreciation are conveyed for their co-operation during the season.

Conclusion

In conclusion the retiring Committee wish to thank members for the assistance given during the season, and hope that the same co-operation may be relied on for the incoming Committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

C. D. LEWIS,

Hon. Secretary.

List of Members, 1954-55

LIFE MEMBERS

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

SENIOR MEMBERS

Ackland, M. G.	Duncan, R. G.	Nixon, H. B.
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Allen, K. B.	Ferguson, J. M.	Noble, F.
Appleby, J. P.	Fogarty, F.	Oliver, D. A.
Arnold, W. S.	Fosdick, L. V.	Oliver, R. J. D.
Atkins, A. H. C.	Frederico, H. R.	Olliff, D.
Ashkanasy, N.	Fulton, K. J.	(Leave of Absence)
Baenziger, E. R.	Galvin, V. C.	Pechan, W. F.
Bailey, W. M.	Gerrard, J.	Pell, W. J.
Baker, J. H.	Gordon, P. J.	Penner-Wilson, I.
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Barrett, A. G.	Gray, W. L.	Pitt, W. G.
Batiste, A.	Greenwood, C.	Pizzey, J. B.
Beattie, J. W.	Hansen, M. E.	Pope, K.
Beecham, J. D.	Henfrey, K. J.	Proctor, R. H.
Berkery, J. R.	Herron, B. F.	Purves, A. H.
Blair-Holt, J. A.	Hiller, G. L.	(Leave of Absence)
Bolton, R. S.	Hiscock, J. D.	Rankin, P. G.
Bourke, B. F.	Hyett, G. S.	Read, J. R.
Bradshaw, J. W.	Jones, J. McD.	Richardson, R. H.
Bram, A.	Kerrigan, N.	Richardson, S. G.
Brooke, D. C.	Koch, A. H.	Ritchie, C. K.
Broughton, O. S.	Leggett, E. P.	Roach, D. F.
Browning, N. G.	Lemaire, J. E.	Robertson, F. W. A.
Budge, K. C. S.	Levi, K. H. A.	Robertson, G. A.
(Leave of Absence)	Lewis, C. D.	Robertson, J. N.
Calder, D. A.	Mahoney, H.	Robinson, T. J.
Carr, J. P.	Manton, G. O. V.	Rogers, L. W.
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Cooper, R. A.	Morrison, W. T.	Shawcross, D.
Corteen, L. K.	Mounsey, R. J.	Shears, H. P.
Crane, R.	Macartney, J.	Shears, J. D.
Crichton, D. F.	McCubbery, R. J.	Shears, T. W.
Daniel, N. F.	MacFarlane, J. M.	Smith, G.
Davies, M. H.	McKay, C. N.	Smith, G. W.
Dawes, C. B.	MacKinnon, G. A.	Smith, S. M.
Day, R. G.	McMahon, G. F.	Smyth, B. R.
Dobbie, A. W.	McNiff, T. F.	Soward, R. S.
Doherty, J. B.	Naylor, D. H. L.	Spark, J. M.
Dowd, M. C.	Newport, F.	Spencer, H. T.
Doyle, B. J.	Nicholson, P. S.	Stirling, D. S.

Tamis, L. G.	Varcoe, E. K. L.	White, P. A.
Thomas, J. C.	Walker, H. J. R.	Williams, J. G.
Thursfield, R. W.	Wallace, W. L.	Williams, L. S.
Thyer, R. S.	Wheatland, W.	Williams, M. S.
Trehearne, A. G.	(Leave of Absence)	Williams, R.
Turnbull, W. R.	White, E. C.	Young, G. J.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Anderson, G. N. J.	Duclos, J. A.	Murphy, D. J.
Armstrong, P. T.	Fewster, R. V.	McEacharn, I. M.
Bailey, W. M.	Hails, R. M.	McIlwain, A. F.
Barry, B. K.	Hatherly, R. B.	Richardson, B. A.
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de Guingand, C. J.	Moran, J. D.	Wilson, W. I.

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Duncan, H. D.	Naylor, M. C. L.	Taylor, B. A.
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Bregg, R. V.		

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Kerr, B.		

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th April, 1955.

(Figures adjusted to nearest £.)

1954	1955	1954	1955
To Boat Staging	£5	To Boat Staging	£5
" Coxswain's and Driver's Expenses	25	" Coxswain's and Driver's Expenses	25
" Depreciation—		" Depreciation—	
Boats	£234	Boats	£234
Club Fittings	3	Club Fittings	3
Oars	44	Oars	44
200	281	200	281
" Donations		" Donations	
" Entrance Fees—Regattas	33	" Entrance Fees—Regattas	33
" Fire Protection Expenses	26	" Fire Protection Expenses	26
" Freight—Country Regattas	80	" Freight—Country Regattas	80
" General Expenses	15	" General Expenses	15
" Insurances	140	" Insurances	140
" Lighting, Gas Licence and Water Rates	89	" Lighting, Gas Licence and Water Rates	89
" Postages	18	" Postages	18
" Printing and Stationery	62	" Printing and Stationery	62
" Repairs and Maintenance—		" Repairs and Maintenance—	
Boats	£73	Boats	£73
Sheds, etc.	212	Sheds, etc.	212
121	285	121	285
" Telephone	12	" Telephone	12
" Trophies for Club Races	35	" Trophies for Club Races	35
" V.R.A. Dues and Fees	109	" V.R.A. Dues and Fees	109
" V.R.A. Seat Fees	50	" V.R.A. Seat Fees	50
" Surplus transferred to Accumulated Funds	7	" Surplus transferred to Accumulated Funds	7
359	673	359	673
£1,319	£1,272	£1,319	£1,272
TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT			
To Trophy Orders Paid	£44	By Balance brought forward	£83
" Balance carried forward	256	" Amounts Received for Trophies Awarded	217
	£300		£300

Audited and found correct.

A. H. G. CLARK, F.C.A.,

Chartered Accountant (Aust.),

Hon. Auditor.

R. H. RICHARDSON,

Hon. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th April, 1955.

(Figures adjusted to nearest £.)

1954	1955	1954	1955
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:			
	Balance, 1st May, 1954	£2,472	£5,224
	Add: Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account	69	7
£5,224		—	£5,231
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
83	Trophy Orders Account		£256
3	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	1,858	7
—	Sundry Creditors	267	46
—	Bank of New South Wales		£58
	DEDUCT:		
	State Savings Bank of Victoria—		
	Building Account		£22
	F. R. Browne Trophy Account		48
287	At Bank	£4,666	319
£5,023		£5,023	£5,550
FIXED ASSETS:			
	Boat House, at Cost		£2,472
	Club Fittings, at Cost, less Depreciation		66
	Boats at written down value, 1/5/54		£1,858
	Add: Renovations "McCrae"		50
	Additions to fleet		568
	DEDUCT: Depreciation		£2,476
			234
	Oars at Valuation		2,242
			284
			£5,064
INVESTMENTS:			
	Commonwealth Loan, at Face Value	200	200
CURRENT ASSETS:			
	Subscriptions Outstanding	103	£128
	Stock of Singlets	46	80
	Sundry Debtors	36	98
	Cash on Hand	2	10
			286
£5,023		£5,023	£5,550

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