



MERCANTILE
ROWING CLUB
MELBOURNE

78th
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1957-58

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Elected Member:

Mr. L. S. WILLIAMS.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
Melbourne.

12th June, 1958.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Seventy-eighth ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB** will be held at the **CLUB HOUSE** on **SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1958, at 8 p.m.** (The **Annual Smoke Night** will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.)

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To consider the following Notice of Motion passed by the Committee:—
"The the Club constitution be amended as follows:—
 - (a) Delete section 17, and substitute the following:—
There shall be a Committee consisting of Officers (other than the Honorary Solicitor and Honorary Auditor), an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer and not more than seven members. The Committee, other than the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year. An Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer may be appointed by the Committee and shall hold office during the pleasure of the majority of the Committee or until he resigns.
 - (b) Amend section 29 as follows:—
DELETE 'signed by the Captain and Treasurer conjointly';
and INSERT 'signed by the Captain and either the Treasurer or Secretary conjointly.'
 - (c) Delete the third paragraph of section 34 entirely, and substitute the following:—
'A quorum at a General Meeting shall be at least 30 financial members of the Club, present in person or by proxy.'
4. To consider a recommendation of the Committee:—
"That Mr. D. J. R. Morgan be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club."
5. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
6. Presentation of Trophies.
7. General Business.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the Club House on Saturday, 21st June, 1958, at 4 p.m.

By order of the Committee,

J. W. BRADSHAW,
Hon. Secretary.

THE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club:

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 78th Annual Report of the Club and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1958.

We are pleased to report that this year we have recorded better success than last year in all rowing activities, and we are particularly gratified with the results obtained by our senior oarsmen, who were successful in gaining the Senior Premiership for the season.

The opposition from other Clubs in senior class rowing was keen throughout the season, and since many of our present senior oarsmen graduated from the junior ranks during the past eighteen months, we consider that the result achieved by them is one of which we can be justly proud. Your congratulations are extended to all members who competed during the year, and your best wishes for better successes during the coming season. Your congratulations are also extended to Mr. W. I. Wilson, who after commencing the season as a novice sculler, competed throughout the year with considerable success both in Victoria and Adelaide.

We were unable to obtain sufficient successes in the Junior and Lightweight classifications to gain enough points to win either premiership, although throughout most of the season we were keen contestants for the Junior title. However, the opposition during the latter part of the season proved too strong, and we are pleased to congratulate Essendon Rowing Club, who won the title by a very small margin. In the lightweight class it is disappointing to note that we have very few members who are eligible to compete in regattas. All members are therefore urged to endeavour to obtain more lightweight oarsmen to join our ranks.

We are pleased to report that the total membership for this year has shown considerable increase on 1956-57, and in particular, that most of the increase has been recorded in the ranks of Junior members. Many of these members were novice oarsmen when they joined the Club, and are still eligible to compete in Novice and Maiden events. We hope, therefore, that with the assistance of our coaches, and the experience they have already gained, we shall be able to record victories in both the Junior and Lightweight Premierships next season.

Early in 1958 test races for the Empire Games, to be held in Cardiff, Wales, were contested. Mr. L. S. Williams was appointed coach of the Victorian eight which rowed at Ballarat in this event, and several of our senior oarsmen were selected in the crew. Unfortunately this crew was not successful, but your congratulations are extended to Mr. Williams and those members who gained selection. Full details of these test races have been recorded further on in this report.

A fitting conclusion to a successful season in senior rowing was the selection of Mr. R. R. Aitken as coach of the King's Cup crew, Messrs. G. M. Taylor,

D. H. Boykett, J. Morganti, H. R. Frederico, W. S. Arnold as members of the crew, and Rodney Davies as coxswain. This crew was successful in retaining the Cup for Victoria at Penrith on 3rd May.

In conjunction with the King's Cup race, the Australian Four-oared Lightweight Championship was contested this year. This is the first time that an Australian Championship for lightweight oarsmen has been held, and naturally we were anxious that Victoria should record the first victory. The Victorian Rowing Association decided that a test race for lightweight fours should be held, and crews from various Clubs competed in this race over 2,000 metres, on the same day as the Victorian Eight-oared Championship. Our Club entered a crew for this event, but South Melbourne recorded a victory, and the crew was ultimately selected unchanged to represent Victoria. Your congratulations are extended to these gentlemen. Full details, including results, of all Australian Championship events are recorded later in this report.

It is interesting to note that Stuart McKenzie, Australia's single scull representative in the last Olympic Games and in the forthcoming Empire Games, won the Diamond Sculls at London Henley, and also the European Championship in 1957. This is the first time that an Australian oarsman has been successful in the European Championship.

Your Committee has effected a number of major repairs to the Clubhouse during the year, the largest being the replacing of the recesses and floor covering in the shower room. In addition, we are considering a long range repair plan for the entire building, which we anticipate will continue for some four or five years.

The regatta season this year saw the re-introduction of a full scale regatta conducted by the Footscray City Rowing Club, and run as a treble with the Yea and Albert Park regattas. We congratulate Footscray City on their organisation of this regatta, and hope that it will now be a permanent fixture in the annual regatta programme.

Hawthorn Rowing Club again conducted the "Head of the Yarra" time trial from Princes Bridge to the Hawthorn Club House. Entries showed some increase on the previous year, and once again your Club was successful in gaining the perpetual trophy for this event.

During the year your Club was well represented at all metropolitan and country regattas, and to all our hosts your appreciation is extended for the assistance and hospitality extended to us when we visited their territories. In particular your thanks are extended to Mr. Ian Menzies, of Yarrowonga Rowing Club, and the Yarrowonga Agricultural Society, who respectively arranged and provided camping accommodation for some of our junior members during the Christmas period.

The activities of the Social Committee have been continued during the year, and our thanks are particularly extended to Norm Cairnes, Hugh Frederico, Paul Harding, Deane Morgan and Ian Wilson, whose assistance and co-operation have so much ensured the success of these functions.

In conclusion, we wish to place on record your thanks to Mr. R. H. Richardson, who retired as Treasurer during the year, for the excellent service which he gave the Club during his six and a half years in that important executive position. We also take this opportunity of welcoming our new Treasurer, Mr. D. A. Oliver, whom, we are sure, can look forward to your assistance and co-operation in the performance of his duties.

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

Financial

The Income and Expenditure Account discloses a surplus of £69, after allowing £381 for depreciation of boats and oars. This compares with a surplus of £189 last year.

Expenditure for the year did not show any marked variation from that of the previous year. The most substantial item was again the cost of repairs to the fleet and boat house, and there is currently outstanding in addition to the items disclosed in the accounts a liability for approximately £150 for plumbing repairs to the Shower Room. Due to the increase in membership subscriptions were higher by £112, and the Club again received substantial donations from a number of its members.

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, your Committee has in hand further repairs to the boat house, and it is a matter of great concern to the Committee that, after meeting the cost of these repairs, there will not be sufficient funds in hand to provide for new boats and oars as they may be required.

All members are therefore urged to support the Club and the social functions organised for its benefit in every way possible, and in particular to assist the Committee by ensuring that subscriptions are promptly paid.

Executive and Committee

Up to the time of this report being placed in the hands of the printers, ten (10) regular meetings of the Committee have been held, at which the attendances have been as follows:—

R. R. Aitken	9	P. Harding	10	V. A. Sharp	8
W. S. Arnold	8	A. G. Lindblade	1	J. G. Sprigg	9
D. H. Boykett	8	A. P. Miller	4	R. W. Thursfield	2
J. W. Bradshaw	10	D. J. R. Morgan	9	L. S. Williams	6
N. W. Cairnes	8	J. L. Mounsey	4	W. I. Wilson	8
C. J. DeGuinand	10	D. A. Oliver	5		
H. R. Frederico	8	R. H. Richardson	5		

Membership

The membership now stands:—

	1958	1957	1956
Life Members	7	7	7
Senior Members	143	140	164
Junior Members	75	61	42
Honorary Members	29	27	26
Country Members	20	22	25
Associate Members	11	12	18
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Donations

The Club is again indebted to those persons who have so generously given material assistance to our finances throughout the year. Your thanks have already been conveyed to the following:—Messrs. R. R. Aitken, J. W. Beattie, D. H. Boykett, K. H. Boykett, the family of the late F. R. Browne, Mr. N. W. Cairnes, Dr. R. A. Cooper, the family of the late A. L. Dobbie, the Frankston and Peninsula Kennel Club, Mr. S. Guinn, the estate of the late R. V. Gregg, the Harlequin

Rugby Club Mr. A. G. Lindblade, the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, Messrs. D. J. R. Morgan, J. L. Mounsey, J. O'Reilly, W. Pechan, J. H. Picken, V. A. Sharp, G. W. Smith (Snr.), K. A. D. Smith, H. T. Spencer, J. G. Sprigg, the Victorian Gun Dog Club, and Mr. 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. G. Sprigg 8	A. L. Dobbie 8	N. W. Cairnes 4
J. T. Dunstan 8	S. C. MacRae 8	M. S. Williams 4
Deane Morgan 8	V. F. Mason 4	E. K. Varcoe 4
J. H. Picken 4	L. B. Weire 4	F. R. Browne 2
R. R. Aitken 4		W. T. Morrison 2
R. W. Thursfield 4		S. G. Richardson 2
R. H. Richardson 2		
H. P. Shears 2		
G. T. Hastie 2		

Scull

CLINKER RACING

J. H. Bailey 8

Our previous indication that additional boats were being purchased this year materialised when we took delivery of a racing four and racing pair, which were named J. H. Picken and R. H. Richardson respectively. We have scrapped the practice eight C. F. Raven, because the cost of maintaining this boat had become uneconomic.

In addition, your Committee has undertaken to purchase a set of Racing Oars before the season commences, and is considering purchasing a Tub Scull and, possibly, a Racing Eight later in the year. We consider that these purchases will be necessary to maintain our racing fleet in first-class condition and complete our practice fleet.

Members are again reminded that damage to boats is not always being reported as soon as it occurs, and faults found in boats are seldom brought to the attention of any committee member. Naturally, we are anxious to keep our maintenance costs as low as possible, but this can only be achieved if all members who use the equipment will report damage when it occurs, and faults as soon as they are found.

Coaching

The important task of coaching crews for Championship and Regatta races has again been undertaken by a few members. The importance of this work cannot be over emphasised, and as many members as possible are requested to assist. The time involved in coaching does prevent some members from participating, but your Committee feels that more members could have made their services available.

On behalf of those members who contested in qualifying races throughout the year, and the Committee, your thanks are extended to the following members:—Messrs. R. R. Aitken, W. S. Arnold, N. W. Cairnes, C. J. DeGuingand, H. R. Frederico, W. O. Granowski, A. H. Koch, G. O. V. Manton, D. A. Oliver, K. Pope, S. G. Richardson, V. A. Sharp, G. W. Smith, H. T. Spencer, G. M. Taylor, W. L. Wallace, L. S. Williams and M. Williams.

Undoubtedly the experience and team spirit displayed by these members has largely contributed to the success we have had during the season, and we look forward to receiving their assistance again during the coming season.

Your Committee has also been asked to assist in sponsoring rowing in several of the new Public Schools and in one or two of the High Schools. Any member who can find time to assist in this very essential work, either in coaching or administration, is asked to communicate at once with the Captain.

Head of the River

Your congratulations are extended to Melbourne Grammar and their coaches, Messrs. G. Sargood and A. J. Smith, on their excellent win in this race, which was held on their Barwon River on Saturday, 19th April, 1958. The coxswain of this crew was Rodney Davies, who has successfully coxed a number of our own senior crews, and also the Victorian King's Cup crew. Melbourne Grammar recorded their last victory in 1949.

Once again the Club enjoyed the happy association with Scotch College, which has now continued for over 50 years. Your Committee greatly appreciates the co-operation and assistance of Mr. L. H. Christie (coach of the First Eight), Fergus MacPherson (Captain of Boats) and Mr. R. Roberts, who attends to the maintenance of the Scotch College fleet.

Australian Championships

The Australian Eight-Oared and Sculling Championships were rowed on the Nepean River, Penrith, N.S.W., over the 3-mile course on Saturday, 3rd May, 1958, and in conjunction with these races, the Lightweight Four-Oared Championship of Australia was contested over 2,000 metres. All three races were, as usual, rowed as first and final, and details of each are shown hereunder:—

KING'S CUP.—The Victorian crew took the lead early in the race, which it maintained throughout the whole distance, and recorded a victory by one and a half lengths from Western Australia, with New South Wales in third position. The crew comprised H. R. Frederico (Mercantile), bow; D. H. Boykett (Mercantile), 2; J. Morganti (Mercantile), 3; T. R. Davies (M.U.B.C.), 4; K. M. Jelbart (M.U.B.C.), 5; R. L. Simpson (M.U.B.C.), 6; I. E. Douglas (M.U.B.C.), 7; G. M. Taylor (Mercantile), stroke; R. C. Davies (Mercantile), cox; R. R. Aitken (Mercantile), coach. Emergencies were W. S. Arnold (Mercantile) and K. McMahon (Albert Park). Your congratulations are extended to all members.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.—Victoria was represented by D. R. Dudgeon (Richmond), who was unsuccessful in this event. Your congratulations are extended to S. Rolls (New South Wales), who won the event from Tasmania and Western Australia, second and third respectively.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOURS.—This event proved to be the closest race of the day, and Victoria again recorded a victory from New South Wales, with Queensland in third place. The winning margin for this race was a quarter of a length. The representatives from this State, to whom your congratulations are extended, were R. Tanner (South Melbourne), bow; H. Stevens (South Melbourne), 2; G. Taylor (South Melbourne), 3; L. Gallagher (South Melbourne), stroke; E. Jones (Ballarat City), cox; W. Graham (South Melbourne), coach. The emergency was S. Bulmer (Yarra Yarra).

State Championships

EIGHT-OARED

The Victorian Championship for Senior Eights was contested on Saturday, 15th February, 1958, over the 2½ mile Lower Yarra Course. Three crews competed, and a close contest with Melbourne University resulted in a win for your representatives. Your crew comprised H. R. Frederico (bow), M. R. Keeley (2), R. Lee (3), G. McCall (4), J. Morganti (5), D. H. Boykett (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach). The winning margin was three-quarters of a length.

The Victorian Junior Eight-Oared Championship was contested on 29th March, 1958, over the 2,000 metre Lower Yarra Course. Unpleasant conditions, caused principally by the wash of a tug, made rowing difficult for all crews, and your crew unfortunately broke a swivel when only about half way over the course. However, the crew completed the course with only seven men rowing, but were unsuccessful. Your congratulations have been extended to the Banks Rowing

Club, the winners of this event. Your crew comprised A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), D. M. Bruce (3), C. C. Grant (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), G. H. Elliott (6), A. M. Walker (7), N. Courtney (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach).

The Victorian Lightweight Championship Eights was contested over the same course, and in conjunction with the Champion Junior Eights. Your Club was not represented in this race, but your congratulations have been passed on to Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, the winners of the event.

FOUR-OARED

The Victorian Four-Oared Championship was contested over 2,000 metres on the Barwon River on Saturday, 14th December, 1957, instead of the Lower Yarra, which in the past has been the usual venue for this event. Contestants rowed in heats first, the first and second placings from which went on to the final of each event. Competition was keen in all classifications, and all who witnessed the regatta voted it an excellent afternoon's racing.

Senior.—Your representatives were R. Lee (bow), G. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach), who succeeded in defeating Corio Bay by the very small margin of one canvas.

Junior.—Your crew convincingly defeated Mildura by two lengths, the contestants being A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), S. H. Newcombe (3), C. C. Grant (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach).

Lightweight.—Your representatives, K. Graham (bow), P. Watkin (2), D. Gibson (3), P. Harding (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox) and V. A. Sharp (coach), were unsuccessful in their heat. Your congratulations have been passed on to Barwon, the winners of the final.

PAIR-OARED

This year the Victorian pair-oared Championship was contested at Lake Colac on Wednesday, 1st January, 1958. Your Club was not represented in this series, but your congratulations are extended to Yarra Yarra, Melbourne and South Melbourne Rowing Clubs, whose crews were successful in the Senior, Junior and Lightweight classifications respectively.

SCULLING

The 2,000-metre Sculling Championship was contested at Geelong in conjunction with the Victorian Four-Oared Championship. Your representative, W. I. Wilson, was successful in the final of the event, but was disqualified at the conclusion of the race for erratic steering. Your congratulations are extended to G. Pratt (Essendon), who was declared the winner.

The State Championship was held on Saturday, 15th February, 1958, over the two and a quarter mile Lower Yarra course, in conjunction with the Senior Eight-Oared Championship. Your representative, W. I. Wilson, was unsuccessful, the winner being D. Dudgeon from Richmond Rowing Club. Your congratulations have already been passed on to the successful contestant.

Test Races — Empire Games

Test races for the Empire Games at Cardiff this year were held at Ballarat on 18th January, 1958, and in New South Wales on the following Saturday, 25th January.

The races at Ballarat were for Double Sculls and Eight-oars with coxswains, and were contested over the 2,000 metres Olympic Games course. Both events were won by representatives from New South Wales. In the eight-oared event Victoria was represented by a crew from Melbourne University Boat Club, which finished third, and a composite crew, which finished second. The following personnel rowed in the composite eight:—H. R. Frederico (Mercantile, bow; D. H. Boykett (Mercantile), 2; J. Morganti (Mercantile), 3; R. L. Simpson (M.U.B.C.), 4; J. A. Hunt (M.U.B.C.), 5; W. N. Howell (Banks), 6; D. M. Christie (Albert Park),

7; I. E. Douglas (M.U.B.C.), stroke; H. N. Hewitt (Mercantile), cox; L. S. Williams (Mercantile), coach. The emergencies were J. B. Ward (M.U.B.C.) and K. McMahon (Albert Park).

The races in New South Wales on the following Saturday for pairs and fours were all won by New South Wales representatives.

Australian Four-Oared Lightweight Championship

In conjunction with the Victorian Eight-Oared and Sculling Championships held on 15th February, 1958, a test race over the Lower Yarra 2,000 metres course was conducted for lightweight fours. Your Club was represented by D. Gibson (bow), P. K. Watkin (2), A. M. Walker (3), P. Harding (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox) and W. L. Wallace (coach), who finished third in the event. The race was won by South Melbourne, to whom your congratulations have been extended. Following the result of this race, the crew from South Melbourne which was successful, was selected without change to represent Victoria at Penrith.

Regattas

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES No. 1 — 18th MAY, 1957

Novice Four.—G. Grinblat (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (2), A. Walker (3), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), K. Betts (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were successful.

Novice Pair, No. 1.—D. Gibson (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were successful in their heat, but lost the final by one foot.

Novice Pair, No. 2.—A. Walker (bow), G. Grinblat (stroke), K. Betts (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful in their heat.

Beginners' Pair.—R. J. Ashby (bow), V. Beynon (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were successful.

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES, No. 2 — 22nd JUNE, 1957

Maiden Pair.—D. S. Cowling (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were successful in their heat, but were defeated in the final of this event.

Novice Four.—R. J. Ashby (bow), V. Beynon (2), D. Gibson (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were successful in this event.

Novice Pair, No. 1.—R. S. Sprigg (bow), H. J. Allen (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 2.—A. Walker (bow), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), M. Rose (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) were successful.

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES, No. 3 — 20th JULY, 1957

Maiden Pair, No. 1.—D. S. Cowling (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), H. R. Frederico (Coach) were successful.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—A. Walker (bow), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Four.—R. Cunningham (bow), H. J. Allen (2), D. M. Rees (3), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), C. J. DeGuingand and D. A. Oliver (coaches) were successful in this event.

Novice Pair, No. 1.—D. M. Rees (bow), V. Beynon (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), M. Williams (coach) were successful in their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Novice Pair, No. 2.—D. Gibson (bcw), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), G. M. Taylor (coach) were successful.

Beginners' Four.—G. Wheeler (bow), B. Phillips (2), I. Harper (3), R. Cleeland (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), S. G. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES, No. 4 — 17th AUGUST, 1957

Maiden Four.—D. S. Cowling (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (2), D. Gibson (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), C. J. De Guingand and D. A. Oliver (coaches) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—A. Walker (bow), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 1.—D. M. Rees (bow), V. Beynon (stroke), H. Cordell (cox), W. S. Arnold (coach) were successful in this event.

Novice Pair, No. 2.—R. Cunningham (bow), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), H. Cordell (cox), G. M. Taylor (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 3.—R. Ashby (bow), I. G. Smith (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), G. W. Smith (coach) were successful in their heat, but were defeated in the final by our No. 1 crew.

METROPOLITAN NOVICE REGATTA — 21st SEPTEMBER, 1957

Maiden Four.—D. S. Cowling (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (2), D. Gibson (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) won their heat by one foot, but were unsuccessful in the final.

Maiden Pair, No. 1.—A. Walker (bow), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), T. Beynon (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—D. S. Cowling (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were also unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 1.—I. G. Smith (bow), D. C. Dunstan (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), G. W. Smith (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 2.—R. Ashby (bow), G. Grinblat (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 3.—R. Cunningham (bow), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), H. Cordell (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were also unsuccessful.

Novice Scull.—W. I. Wilson won this event easily.

Beginners' Four.—P. Wood (bow), P. L. Morant (2), I. Harper (3), R. Cleland (stroke), H. Cordell (cox), S. G. Richardson (coach) won their heat, but were unsuccessful in the final of this event.

PRESTON REGATTA — 28th SEPTEMBER, 1957

Maiden Pair, No. 1.—Your representatives at the Metropolitan Regatta were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—Your representatives at the Metropolitan Regatta were again unsuccessful.

Novice Pair, No. 2.—Your representatives at the Metropolitan Regatta were again unsuccessful.

Beginners' Four.—Your representatives at the Metropolitan Regatta were again unsuccessful.

Beginners' Pair.—I. Harper (bow), R. Cleland (stroke), H. Cordell (cox), S. G. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

V.R.A. MELBOURNE REGATTA — 16th NOVEMBER, 1957

Senior Eight.—H. R. Frederico (bow), G. M. Taylor (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), M. R. Keeley (4), W. S. Arnold (5), G. McCall (6), J. Morganti (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were unsuccessful.

Senior Scull.—W. I. Wilson won this event easily.

Junior Eight.—R. J. McCubbery (bow), P. Watkin (2), A. Cordell (3), G. Elliott (4), S. H. Newcombe (5), H. Wallace-Mitchell (6), R. Lee (7), C. C. Grant (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—D. S. Cowling (bow), V. P. Voytenkoff (2), J. Coe (3), J. R. Read (4), D. Gibson (5), M. R. Tomanovits (6), A. Walker (7), P. Harding (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were successful in this event.

Maiden Scull.—W. I. Wilson was also successful in this event.

Lightweight Four.—D. Devonport (bow), V. Beynon (2), R. J. Ashby (3), P. J. Rendle (stroke), T. Beynon (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) won their heat, but were unsuccessful in the final.

UPPER YARRA REGATTA — 23rd NOVEMBER, 1957

Senior Eight.—Your representatives at the V.R.A. Melbourne Regatta were successful on this occasion.

Senior Scull.—W. I. Wilson, your V.R.A. Melbourne Regatta representative, was again successful.

Junior Eight.—Your representatives at the V.R.A. Melbourne Regatta were successful on this occasion. Twice on 23rd November this crew and a Junior Eight from Banks Rowing Club rowed over the course; both times the result was a dead-heat. However, your crew won convincingly when the race was re-rowed on the following morning.

Maiden Eight.—Your representatives at the V.R.A. Melbourne Regatta were again successful.

Lightweight Four.—D. Devenport (bow), C. D. Lewis (2), R. J. Ashly (3), P. J. Rendle (stroke), T. Beynon (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Four.—P. Wood (bow), R. Beveridge (2), I. Harer (3), A. Donaldson (stroke), H. T. Spencer (cox), S. G. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

NAGAMBIE REGATTA — 26th DECEMBER, 1957

Senior Four.—W. L. Wallace (bow), M. R. Keeley (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—R. McCubbery (bow), G. Elliott (2), A. Cordell (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—A. Cordell (bow), G. Elliott (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—G. Grinblat (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (2), A. Walker (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair.—A. Walker (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Pair.—R. Ashby (bow), V. Beynon (stroke), T. Beynon (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair.—R. Cunningham (bow), H. J. Allen (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), A. H. Koch (coach) won their heat, but were unsuccessful in the final of this event.

YARRAWONGA REGATTA — 28th DECEMBER, 1957

Junior Four.—Your representatives at Nagambie were successful on this occasion. Conditions were very heavy, and this crew swamped just after passing the Judge.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Nagambie were again unsuccessful. This crew held a commanding lead until 150 yards from the finish, but unfortunately sank, again due to the very rough conditions which existed.

Maiden Pair, No. 1. — Your representatives at Nagambie were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—D. Gibson (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), T. Beynon (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

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

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

RUTHERGLEN REGATTA — 1st JANUARY, 1958

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

Maiden Four.—Your representatives at Nagambie won their heat, but were unsuccessful in the final of this race.

Maiden Pair, No. 1.—Your representatives at Nagambie were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—Your representatives at Yarrowonga were again unsuccessful.

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

YEA REGATTA — 25th JANUARY, 1958

Senior Four.—R. Lee (bow), G. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), G. Marks (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were successful.

Maiden Four.—G. C. Grinblat (bow), J. R. Read (2), D. S. Cowling (3), M. R. Tomanovits (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair.—R. Cunningham (bow), W. Sengleman (stroke), D. Cunningham (cox), H. T. Spencer (coach) were unsuccessful.

ALBERT PARK REGATTA — 27th JANUARY, 1958

Senior Four.—Your representatives at Yea were again successful. On this occasion the coxswain was R. Davies.

Senior Scull.—W. I. Wilson won this event.

Junior Pair.—A. Cordell (bow), G. H. Elliott (stroke), R. Davies (cox), L. S. Williams (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four, No. 1.—G. C. Grinblat (bow), J. R. Read (2), R. Hyett (3), M. R. Tomanovits (stroke), G. Marks (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four, No. 2.—R. J. Ashby (bow), P. R. Carroll (2), D. S. Cowling (3), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), K. Pope (coach) were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Four.—D. Gibson (bcw), P. K. Watkin (2), A. M. Walker (3), P. Harding (stroke), G. Marks (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were successful.

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA — 1st FEBRUARY, 1958

Senior Four.—H. R. Frederico (bcw), G. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were successful.

Senior Pair.—R. Lee (bow), D. A. Oliver (stroke), G. Marks (cox), L. S. Williams (coach) were unsuccessful.

Senior Scull.—W. I. Wilson, your representative at Albert Park, was again successful.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Albert Park were again unsuccessful. On this occasion the coxswain was R. S. Sprigg.

Maiden Four, No. 1.—G. C. Grinblat (bow), M. R. Tomanovits (2), R. Hyett (3), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), R. Davies (cox), V. A. Sharp (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four, No. 2.—R. J. Ashby (bow), P. R. Carroll (2), D. S. Cowling (3), J. R. Read (stroke), M. Gibson (cox), K. Pope (coach) were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Four.—Your representatives at Albert Park were again successful. The coxswain on this occasion was R. S. Sprigg.

BALLARAT REGATTA — 22nd FEBRUARY, 1958

Senior Eight.—R. Lee (bow), M. R. Keeley (2), J. Morganti (3), G. McCall (4), W. S. Arnold (5), D. H. Boylett (6), H. R. Frederico (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were successful in defeating Melbourne University by a quarter of a length.

Senior Four.—R. Lee (bow), G. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were successful.

Junior Four.—D. M. Bruce (bow), C. C. Grant (2), S. H. Newcombe (3), N. Courtney (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), G. O. V. Manton and W. O. Granowski (coaches) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—A. Cordell (bow), G. H. Elliott (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), C. J. DeGuinand (coach) were defeated by Dimboola by half a length only.

Maiden Four, No. 1.—D. S. Cowling (bow), J. V. Culka (2), G. C. Grinblat (3), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), K. Pope (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four, No. 2.—G. W. Richardson (bow), D. Gibson (2), A. M. Walker (3), P. Harding (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were successful.

BARWON REGATTA — 1st MARCH, 1958

Senior Eight.—Your representatives at Ballarat were defeated by Melbourne University. On this occasion the winning margin was one-third of a length.

Senior Four.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again successful.

Junior Four.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again unsuccessful. On this occasion your crew was defeated by Barwon, the winning margin being one foot.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again successful on this occasion.

Maiden Four, No. 1.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again unsuccessful on this occasion.

Maiden Four, No. 2.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again successful on this occasion.

Maiden Pair.—N. Stubbs (bow), H. Dickenson (stroke), D. Russell (cox) were unsuccessful.

HENLEY REGATTA — 8th MARCH, 1958

Senior Eight (Grand Challenge Cup).—Your representatives at Ballarat were again unsuccessful.

Senior Four (Stewards' Challenge Cup).—Your representatives at Ballarat were again successful.

Senior Scull (Yarra Challenge Cup).—W. I. Wilson was defeated in this event.

Junior Four (Elswick Challenge Cup).—Your representatives at Ballarat were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Four, No. 1.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again unsuccessful. On this occasion the coxswain was T. Beynon.

Maiden Four, No. 2.—Your representatives at Ballarat were again successful.

MILDURA REGATTA — 5th APRIL, 1958

Senior Pair.—C. J. DeGuingand (bow), G. McCall (stroke), G. Marks (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) won this event easily.

Junior Eight.—G. W. Richardson (bow), D. Gibson (2), A. Cordell (3), H. Dickenson (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), J. C. C. Macaulay (6), A. M. Walker (7), P. Harding (stroke), G. Marks (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—A. M. Walker (bow), D. Gibson (2), S. H. Newcombe (3), P. Harding (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—G. W. Richardson (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Pair, No. 1.—N. Stubbs (bow), H. Dickenson (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were unsuccessful in their heat.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—D. S. Cowling (bow), J. V. Culka (stroke), G. Marks (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) won their heat, but were unsuccessful in the final.

Open Eight.—A. Cordell (bow), H. Dickenson (2), N. Stubbs (3), D. A. Oliver (4), C. J. DeGuingand (5), G. McCall (6), A. M. Walker (7), P. Harding (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox) were defeated by half a length.

Open Four.—A. Cordell (bow), G. McCall (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox) were unsuccessful.

WENTWORTH REGATTA — 7th APRIL, 1958

Senior Pair.—Your representatives at Mildura were again successful. On this occasion the coxswain was N. Faulkner.

Junior Eight.—Your representatives at Mildura were again unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—A. Cordell (bow), D. Gibson (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), P. Harding (stroke), G. Marks (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Mildura were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Pair, No. 1.—Your representatives at Mildura won their heat on this occasion, but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—Your representatives at Mildura were unsuccessful in their heat.

Open Four.—N. Stubbs (bow), G. McCall (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox) were defeated by three-quarters of a length.

Non-Qualifying Regattas

"HERALD" SHIELD

W. I. Wilson competed in this event, and after the first heat, in which he was defeated off four seconds, was put back off scratch for all other heats. Your representative was unsuccessful when the final assessment of the race was made.

QUARTER-MILE BEST BOAT SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

W. I. Wilson was defeated in this event by D. Dudgeon, of Richmond.

HAWTHORN HEAD OF THE RIVER — 15th MARCH, 1958

Once again this race was contested on a time trial basis over the 5½ mile course from Princes Bridge to Hawthorn Bridge. Your Club was represented by three crews, the No. 1 crew being successful in obtaining the perpetual trophy for the second year in succession. The winning time was 32 min. 49.4 secs. The crews which competed were as follows:—

No. 1 Crew.—W. L. Wallace (bow), M. R. Keeley (2), N. Stubbs (3), H. Dickens (4), C. J. DeGuingand (5), G. McCall (6), R. Lee (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), G. Forrest (cox).

No. 2 Crew.—D. S. Cowling (bow), D. G. Ball (2), G. W. Richardson (3), V. Beynon (4), J. V. Culka (5), V. P. Yoytenkoff (6), G. C. Grinblat (7), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox).

No. 3 Crew.—A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), D. M. Bruce (3), G. H. Elliott (4), S. H. Newcombe (5), C. C. Grant (6), A. M. Walker (7), N. Courtney (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox).

Your No. 3 crew, which started in fifth position, came third in this event.

Premiership Points

Senior.—Mercantile, 78; Melbourne University, 24; Melbourne, 20; Corio Bay, 16; Albert Park, 14; Yarra Yarra, 13; Footscray City, 2; Preston, 2; Richmond, 2; Essendon, 2.

Junior.—Essendon, 104; Banks, 98; Mercantile, 76; Mildura, 44; Dimboola, 42; Albert Park, 32; Corio Bay, 28; Richmond, 26; Yarra Yarra, 21; Hawthorn, 20; Barwon, 20; Wendoree, 18; Corowa, 18; Preston, 12; Yea, 10; Wentworth, 8; Melbourne University, 8; Footscray City, 8; Power House, 8; Nagambie, 4; Bairnsdale, 4; Melbourne, 4; South Melbourne, 4; Rutherglen Lake, 4; Ballarat City, 4; Ballarat, 4; Bendigo, 2; Lake Colac, 2.

Lightweight.—Yarra Yarra, 52; South Melbourne, 36; Barwon, 32; Dimboola, 10; Mercantile, 8; Banks, 6; Richmond, 4; Ballarat, 4; Albert Park, 2; Wendoree, 2.

Country.—Barwon, 52; Dimboola, 52; Corio Bay, 44; Mildura, 44; Wendoree, 20; Corowa, 18; Yea, 10; Wentworth, 8; Ballarat, 8; Nagambie, 4; Bairnsdale, 4; Rutherglen Lake, 4; Ballarat City, 4; Lake Colac, 2; Bendigo, 2.

Your congratulations are extended to Essendon and Yarra Yarra Rowing Clubs, the winners of the Junior and Lightweight Premierihsps respectively; and also to Barwon and Dimboola Rowing Clubs, the joint winners of the Country Premiership. It is interesting to note that this year is the first time that Essendon Rowing Club has won the Junior Premiership for 25 years.

Your Club's positions in the Junior and Lightweight Premierihsps were third and fifth respectively.

Trophies

Captain's Trophy.—This trophy, presented to the oarsman who has entered and won the most regatta and club races during the season, has been jointly won by two members this year. The result of this competition gives some indication of the enthusiasm which has existed between members throughout the year, and we are pleased to congratulate Graham McCall and Tony Walker, the joint winners.

J. W. Beattie Trophy.—This trophy, presented by Jack Beattie to the oarsman winning the highest number of premiership points for the Club, has been won by Graham McCall this year.

F. R. Browne Trophy.—The perpetual shield and trophy donated by the family of the late F. R. Browne for presentation to the most improved novice oarsman for the season has been awarded by the selectors to Geoff Richardson.

Coxswain's Trophies.—The Max Bailey perpetual shield and trophy, presented to the champion coxswain for the season, has been won by Bob Sprigg.

The trophy presented by Norm. Cairnes to the most improved coxswain for the season, has been awarded by the selectors to Christopher Newman.

Club Races

GUINN PAIRS — 9th JUNE, 1957

We are again indebted to our Vice-President, Mr. S. Guinn, who presented trophies for this event. Thirteen crews competed, the winning crew being H. R. Frederico (bow), D. A. Oliver (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox). The winning margin was one and a half lengths.

A. L. DOBBIE MEMORIAL FOURS — 31st AUGUST, 1957

Once again the family of the late A. L. Dobbie presented trophies for this event, which was held in conjunction with Ladies' Day. Nine crews competed, the winners being J. C. C. Macaulay (bow), A. T. Baird (2), M. R. Tomanovits (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), N. Faulkner (cox) who won the final by two lengths.

J. G. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL

We are again indebted to our President, Mr. J. G. Sprigg, who presented trophies for this event, which was contested over the five-mile Lower Yarra course. The race was keenly contested, and last year was won by K. Graham (bow), P. Watkin (2), G. Richardson (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (4), C. J. DeGuinand (5), G. McCall (6), D. M. Bruce (7), D. A. Oliver (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox). Six crews competed, the winning time being 26 mins. 48 secs.

HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL

Our thanks are again extended to the Harlequin Rugby Club, who have made trophies available for this race over the two-mile Spencer Street Bridge course. The race was contested during the winter period, and concluded on 31st August, 1957. The trial was won by G. Richardson (bow), P. Watkin (2), A. Walker (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), H. Cordell (cox). Seven crews entered, the winning time being 12 mins. 7 secs.

Combination Races

PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS

Six crews, comprising members from your own and other Clubs, competed in this event for trophies presented by two of our Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. H. Picken and M. S. Williams, to whom your thanks for this continued generosity in making this presentation, have already been conveyed. The winning crew comprised P. Edwards (Melbourne), bow; D. Mitchell (Yarra Yarra), 2; J. Holt (Yarra Yarra), 3; V. Beynon (Mercantile), 4; B. Frederickson (Richmond), 5; R. McMahon (Banks), 6; K. Graham (Mercantile), 7; D. A. Oliver (Mercantile), stroke; K. Sharp (Banks), cox. The following visiting Clubs competed:—Banks, Melbourne, M.U.B.C., Preston, Richmond and Yarra Yarra.

MORELL EIGHTS

We are again indebted to the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, who donated trophies for this event. Twelve crews competed, and the winning crew comprised:—A. Clark (Preston), bow; R. Hemming (Banks), 2; A. Brooks (Banks), 3; V. Beynon (Mercantile), 4; B. Lewis (Yarra Yarra), 5; M. R. Tomanovits (Mercantile), 6; M. Kane (Richmond), 7; M. R. Keeley (Mercantile), stroke; T. Beynon (Mercantile), cox. Contestants comprised members from the following visiting Clubs:—Banks, Essendon, Footscray City, Hawthorn, Melbourne, M.U.B.C., Preston, Richmond and Yarra Yarra.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day.—This function was again well attended, and after watching the racing in the A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours, members' lady guests were entertained at afternoon tea in the gymnasium.

Annual Dinner.—This year the Annual Dinner was held at the Dennis Banquet Hall, and, although the attendance was not as good as we at first anticipated, all those who did attend voted it an excellent night's entertainment and social gathering. We were pleased, also, to welcome Crs. Brens and Norman from the Melbourne City Council, and Messrs. C. E. James and S. R. Jeffery, who accepted our invitations to attend this function. All members are asked to give the Social Committee better support for the dinner next season.

Dances.—A number of successful dances were held during the year, and your thanks are extended to Paul Harding, Ian Wilson and Deane Morgan for their organisation, also the Management of "The Dorchester," whose co-operation assured the success of these evenings.

Barbecues.—Your Social Committee also conducted a number of successful barbecues during the year, and your thanks are extended to our President, Mr. J. G. Sprigg, and Mr. Coe, who so generously made their homes available for the conducting of these functions. Your thanks are also extended to Mrs. Sprigg, who assisted in the financial success of these events by conducting a raffle during the evening.

General

Henley on the Yarra was again conducted in conjunction with the opening of the Moomba Festival, and all who attended voted it an excellent day's racing. On this occasion the Henley Committee conducted the Regatta only; all carnival events were taken over by the Moomba Committee. Your thanks and congratulations are extended to Roy Thursfield (Secretary), Jack McBean and Deane Morgan (Assistant Secretaries) and Allan Smith (Treasurer), whose untiring work assured the success of the Regatta.

Once again a small, enthusiastic band of workers headed by Vic. Sharp and Bill Wallace carried out the task of effecting fleet repairs throughout the winter period on Wednesday evenings. All members, particularly those engaged in competitive rowing, are urged to attend these working bees during the winter, so that our fleet will always be in good condition and our operating costs kept at a minimum. Your thanks are extended to all members who assisted, and in particular Peter Watkin, David Gibson, David Oliver, David Boykett and BHI Arnold for their regular attendances on these occasions.

During the past year the shower room floor has been reconditioned, and spouting on the west side of the shed has been replaced. Your Committee considered that these repairs were necessary, and further major repairs are being planned during the coming year. Whilst outside assistance must be obtained for some Club-house maintenance operations, we feel that in many instances costs could be reduced if members took a little more care, and gave more assistance to those members who are continually concerned with this function. Your thanks are extended to Deane Morgan, Chris. DeGuingand, Vic. Sharp, David Boykett and the small band of willing workers who so ably assisted them in effecting repairs.

The cleanliness of the Club has again been the responsibility of a few. All members are asked to assist those members who, throughout the year, have willingly attended to this necessary operation.

The usual Anzac Day Service was conducted at the Club-house by the Rev. Donald Macrae, and concluded with the laying of a wreath by Stanley Guinn. A good attendance was recorded, and after the ceremony refreshments and a light meal were provided for the marchers. Your thanks are extended to Norman Cairnes and Paul Harding, who catered for this important function.

The V.R.A. again had a successful year, and your congratulations and thanks

are extended to Nogn. Cairnes (Secretary), Stan. Jeffrey (Assistant Secretary) and Cotter James (Treasurer) for their continued assistance throughout the year.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Aaron Sassoon, who was accidentally killed during the year; and also to Bill Arnold, Bill Bradshaw, Jack Mounsey, Jack Berkery and Andrew Donaldson, who suffered losses in their families during the year.

Our good wishes for future happiness and prosperity are conveyed to Harry Walker, Bill Shears, Brian Doyle, Paul Leggett and Herb. Shears, who were married during the year.

Our congratulations are extended to David Crichton, Martyn Keeley, Bill Shears, John Rowe, Deane Morgan, John Robertson, Dick Oliver and Derek Marley and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

The Harlequin Rugby Club again used the Club-house during the training period. Your congratulations are extended to them, and best wishes for this season.

The Club is again indebted to its coxswains, and to the following the thanks of members are extended:—Ken Bétts, Trevor Beynon, Graham Boykett, Hayden Cordell, David Cunningham, Rodney Davies, Norman Faulkner, Graham Forrest, Michael Gibson, Niel Hewitt, Garth Marks, Chris Newman, Peter Newman, Michael Rose and Bob Sprigg. The number of coxswains who have assisted this year shows some increase on last year, and we look forward to having their assistance again during the coming season.

Our thanks are again extended to Jack Coghlan, and his driver Bob Fraser, who provided transport for our boats and equipment to all country regattas during the year. We look forward to receiving the assistance and guidance of both these gentlemen during the coming season.

During the year the Committee of Banks Rowing Club and your Committee continued the practice of meeting for a social night at the river.

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

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Norman Cairnes and Mr. Garth Manton were present at London Henley during the year, where Mrs. Cairnes renewed her contact with Mr. Gaston Mulegg, President of the International Rowing Federation. In addition, your Committee has been in contact with two other Olympic officials—Dr. Walter Wulfing (President of the German Rowing Association, who sent us each monthly issue of "Rudersport" during 1957) and Lt.-Col. O. A. Dell Acqua (President of the Uruguayan Rowing Association, who wrote to Mr. J. G. Sprigg).

During the year Mrs. J. G. Sprigg, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. J. H. Picken christened new boats for the Club.

Towards the latter part of the season our Captain, Mr. V. A. Sharp, was called overseas on business, and during his absence Mr. D. H. Boykett, our Vice-Captain, assumed the responsibility of Club management.

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 the members for the assistance given by them during the season, and hope that the same co-operation may be relied upon for the incoming Committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. W. BRADSHAW,
Hon. Secretary.

Obituary

It is with regret that we record the passing of **Aaron Sassoon**, which occurred in the Federal Capital Territory of Canberra as the result of a tragic motor accident during September, 1957.

Aaron was one of our younger members, and represented the Club on a number of occasions in the lightweight division.

Although he was a member for only a short period, he was one of our most enthusiastic young members, and the Club is the poorer for his passing.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1957-58

LIFE MEMBERS

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

SENIOR MEMBERS

Ackland, M. G.	Frederico, H. R.	Pizzey, J. B.
Aitken, R. R.	Galvin, V. C.	Pope, K.
Andrews, G. M.	Gerrard, J.	Proctor, R. H.
Appleby, J. P.	Granowski, W. O.	Rankin, R. V.
Arnold, W. S.	Gray, W. L.	Read, J. R.
Ashkanasy, N.	Griffith, E. DeB.	Richardson, B. A.
Atkins, A. H. C.	Harding, P.	Richardson, R. H.
Baenziger, E. R.	Hyett, G. S.	Richardson, S. G.
Baird, A. T.	Jones, J. McD.	Robertson, F. W. A.
Ball, D. G.	Kamis, P.	Robertson, G. A.
Barrett, A. G.	Keeley, M. R.	Rogers, L. W.
Batiste, A.	Kerrigan, N.	Rorke, A. T.
Beattie, J. W.	Koch, A. H.	Rush, R. T.
Beecham, J. D.	Kohn, A. B.	Sharp, V. A.
Berkery, J. R.	Leggett, E. P.	Shears, H. P.
Bolton, R. S.	Lewis, C. D.	Shears, J. D.
Bourke, B. F.	Mahoney, H.	Shears, T. W.
Boykett, D. H.	Manton, G. O. V.	Smith, G.
Bradshaw, J. W.	Marley, D. C.	Smith, G. W.
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