



MERCANTILE
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79th
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1958-59

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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
Melbourne, S.C.1
June, 1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Seventy-ninth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB** will be held at the **CLUB-HOUSE** on **SATURDAY, 27th JUNE, 1959, 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:—
"That the following be added to Section 17 of the Club constitution—
'No member shall be appointed to the Committee unless he is of two (2) years financial standing'."
4. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
5. To discuss the following Notice of Motion from Mr. C. D. Lewis:—
"That the Committee consider the possibility of converting the present Gymnasium into a Squash Court."
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, 20th June, 1959, at 4 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

J. W. BRADSHAW,
Honorary Secretary.

(Proxy forms are available from the Honorary Secretary on application.)

The
SEVENTY-NINTH 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 79th Annual Report of the Club and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1959.

We are pleased to report that this season has brought us considerable success in our activities, in that we have again won the Senior Premiership, and were keen contestants for the Junior Premiership. Unfortunately we were unable to achieve this goal, and were narrowly defeated for the Premiership at the last regatta series for the season.

Throughout the season competition in Senior rowing from other Clubs maintained its usual high standard, and we were fortunate that a large percentage of our oarsmen had been rowing in senior class for all or portion of the previous season. In addition some of our members who were successful in senior races this season rose from the maiden and junior ranks either since the end of last season or during the early part of this one, and for this reason we consider that the result is all the more gratifying. We anticipate that next season will bring more of our junior oarsmen into the senior class, and therefore consider that we should be able to maintain our position in senior rowing.

It is essential that our group of senior oarsmen be increased, because early next year the test races for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome will be conducted, and we are hopeful that some of our members will gain selection in the squad. This factor further emphasises the necessity for more oarsmen to rise to the senior ranks if we are to achieve our aim, that is, success in the Senior Premiership next year.

A fitting and gratifying conclusion to a successful senior rowing season materialised when Mr. R. R. Aitken was selected as coach of the Victorian King's Cup crew, and the following members were included in the squad—Messrs. W. S. Arnold, D. H. Boykett, H. R. Frederico, G. A. McCall, and G. M. Taylor. Unfortunately, the crew was unsuccessful in retaining the Cup for this State; full details of the race are given later in this report.

Although we did not succeed in winning the Junior Premiership, we did gain quite a few successes in this classification, and were narrowly defeated by Richmond Rowing Club to whom our congratulations have already been extended. Some of our successful junior oarsmen were novices at the commencement of the season, others were admitted as members during the season, and we consider that in gaining second place in the premiership they have not only shown the effectiveness of co-ordinated effort, but achieved a standard which will undoubtedly prove beneficial during the coming season. We again emphasise the need for more novice and maiden oarsmen, because some of the junior men will be required to supplement the senior ranks.

In the lightweight class the number of eligible competitors was disappointingly low, and most of them competed in maiden and junior races during the season. Consequently, the final result in the premiership was not very satisfactory, and we look forward to considerable improvement next season.

Finally, an overall survey indicates that the rowing season has been quite successful for us, and we thank and congratulate all members who participated in rowing and coaching activities.

During the year the usual regattas were conducted, and in addition a full scale qualifying regatta was conducted by this Club and Scotch College, and was known as the "Scotch/Mercantile Regatta." Support from both Clubs and Schools was excellent, and we anticipate that this regatta will be a permanent fixture in the rowing season. Full details of the event are given later in this report.

Hawthorn Rowing Club again conducted the Head of the Yarra time trial regatta, for which a record entry was received. Our congratulations are extended to those Hawthorn members who arranged and conducted this regatta, and we hope that it will continue for many future seasons.

Your Club was represented in Sydney this season after a break of several years, when a four comprising H. R. Frederico (Bow), G. A. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (Stroke), C. J. Newman (Cox) and R. R. Aitken (Coach) competed in the Senior fours at Mosman regatta in December, 1958. Our entry was defeated by three feet by Sydney Rowing Club. We are indebted to Haberfield Rowing Club for providing a racing four, to Mosman Rowing Club for the entertainment of our crew on the regatta day, and particularly to our old friends Sydney Rowing Club for their usual generosity in arranging the trip, the entertainment and the accommodation of the crew. We were again pleased to be able, at Henley, to return to Sydney Rowing Club in some measure the hospitality extended to our members, and your Committee hopes that these visits will continue to be a regular feature of our racing season.

During the year quite an amount has been spent on repairs to the clubhouse, and repairs and additions to the fleet, details of which are included in the itemised section of this report.

The social activities of the Club have again been competently cared for by Paul Harding, Hubert Frederico, Norman Cairnes and Bill Wallace, and although the attendances of members to some functions has been disappointing, all fixtures have filled the need for members to meet outside the limits of the Club. We thank those members who have arranged these functions, and ask all members to support them in their efforts.

Finally, your Club was well represented at all metropolitan and country regattas during the season, and to all our hosts your appreciation is extended for the co-operation and hospitality given to us when we visited their territories. Your thanks are also extended to those members of the Yarra-wonga, Mildura and Wentworth Clubs who, as in the past, assisted us in arranging accommodation, etc., for our visiting members.

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

Financial

The statements of account for the year disclose that after allowing £523 for depreciation, our income for the year just balances our expenditure, compared with a small surplus in the previous years.

Expenditure during the year on the normal running of the Club showed little variation, but owing to the purchase of new equipment during the year the amount allowed for depreciation is substantially higher.

Income from Subscriptions is lower despite the fact that our membership is fairly constant. This is due mainly to the writing off of a considerable amount of arrears of subscription, the bulk of which had accumulated over several seasons and was due by members who had left the Club for some time but had not notified their resignation. The fall in subscriptions was offset by an increase in donations which include profits realised from social functions over the past few seasons.

All members will note the great increase in cost of new boats. The new eight recently delivered cost approximately £670 delivered in Melbourne, and each set of oars approximately £100. It is apparent that the task facing your Committee in maintaining the fleet at its present standard on the Club's present budget is a formidable one, and all members are urged to assist in this task by supporting the Club and its functions at every opportunity.

Executive and Committee

Up to the time of placing this report in the hands of the printers, ten (10) regular meetings of the Committee have been held. Attendances have been as follows:—

R. R. Aitken	8	H. R. Frederico	7	V. A. Sharp	8
W. S. Arnold	6	P. Harding	9	J. G. Sprigg	10
D. H. Boykett	8	A. P. Miller	2	G. M. Taylor	5
J. W. Bradshaw	10	D. J. R. Morgan	9	W. L. Wallace	10
C. J. DeGuingand	10	D. A. Oliver	9	P. K. Watkin	7

Membership

The membership now stands:—

	1959	1958	1957
Life Members	8	7	7
Senior Members	137	143	140
Junior Members	69	75	61
Honorary Members	28	29	27
Country Members	26	20	22
Associate Members	9	11	12
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	277	285	269
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Of this total, 58 competed in regatta races during the season just completed.

During the year we admitted a total of 39 new members, 30 of whom have been juniors. Unfortunately, however, the overall total shows a decrease of eight (8) when compared with the previous year.

These new members, together with our older competitive oarsmen, have brought us a good deal of success in all rowing classifications, and many of them have quickly risen to the Junior ranks. Whilst this provides us with our future Senior oarsmen, it does leave a gap in the Maiden class, and all members are urged to be on the look-out for new recruits.

Donations

We are again indebted to those persons and organisations who have given material assistance to our finances throughout the year. Our thanks have already been conveyed to the following:—

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, W. S. Arnold, W. M. Bailey, D. G. Ball, D. H. Boykett and K. H. Boykett, the family of the late F. R. Browne, Mr. N. W. Cairnes, Dr. R. A. Cooper, Messrs. A. Cordell, E. M. Davidson, C. C. Davies and C. J. DeGuinand, the family of the late A. L. Dobbie, Mr. S. Guinn, the Harlequin Rugby Club, Messrs. R. E. Lee, A. G. Lindblade and A. P. Miller, the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, Messrs. D. J. R. Morgan, J. L. Mounsey, G. A. McCall, J. MacFarlane, C. N. McKay, S. H. Newcomb, J. O'Reilly, W. J. Pell and J. H. Picken, the Sorrento-Portsea Life Saving Club, Messrs. H. T. Spencer, J. G. Sprigg, R. W. Thursfield and M. S. Williams.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

This regatta was introduced for the first time this season, for the purpose of giving the Public and High Schools crews more opportunity of racing in open competition before their respective regattas, and also of providing an additional qualifying regatta for Club crews. The regatta was held on Saturday, 4th April, 1959.

A sub-committee was formed to handle all details of the regatta, and comprised Messrs. R. R. Aitken, D. H. Boykett, C. J. DeGuinand and D. J. R. Morgan for this Club, and Messrs. E. M. Davidson, J. Collingwood and G. Speed for Scotch College, with Mr. J. W. Bradshaw as regatta secretary.

Entries were received for Open eight and scull, Senior four and pair, Junior eight, four and pair, Maiden eight, four and pair, Lightweight four and pair, Novice eight and four, and non-qualifying School eight and four; the two last mentioned were run off in divisions rather than the usual heats and finals. Twenty-nine clubs and schools submitted entries for the various events, and in total the entry was as follows:—

	No. of Crews	No. of Oarsmen
Scullers	4	4
Novice crews	23	152
School crews	31	196
All other	79	342
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	137	694
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The following Clubs and Schools were represented—Albert Park, Ballarat, Ballarat City, Banks, Barwon, Brighton Grammar School, Camberwell High School, Caulfield Grammar School, Essendon, Essendon High School, Footscray City, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Melbourne Grammar School, Melbourne High School, Melbourne University, Mercantile, Mildura, Nestles, Newman College, Power House, Richmond, St. Kevin's College, Scotch College, South Melbourne, University High School, Wesley College, Xavier College and Yarra Yarra, and are classified hereunder:—

Metropolitan Clubs	12
Country Clubs	5
Metropolitan Public Schools	7
Metropolitan High Schools	4
University Colleges	1
	—
	29
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We were particularly pleased to note that Caulfield Grammar, Brighton Grammar and St. Kevin's College, all of whom have only recently commenced rowing, were represented. Our thanks are extended to all who entered.

In conclusion, we wish to thank those members of this and other Clubs who readily gave their time to act as officials during the afternoon, and also the boys from Scotch College who sold programmes and provided our inter-communication system by means of radio telephone equipment. As previously mentioned, we anticipate that this regatta will be a permanent fixture every season, and we look forward to receiving their support again next year.

Boats and Oars

Racing Boats		Practice Boats		Tub Boats	
The Morrell	8	A. L. Dobbie	8	N. W. Cairnes	4
J. G. Sprigg	8	S. C. Macrae	8	M. S. Williams	4
J. T. Dunstan	8	L. B. Weire	4	E. K. Varcoe	4
J. H. Picken	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				Scull
H. P. Shears	2				
G. T. Hastie	2				

Since our last report, some changes have been made to our fleet, the most prominent being the purchase of a new racing eight which arrived very late in the season, and has been named but not yet christened "The Morell." In addition we have sold two boats, the racing eight "Dean Morgan" and the clinker racing eight "J. H. Bailey." The practice four "V. F. Mason" was given to Frankston High School.

During the year we also purchased two sets of racing oars, but recently one set was sold to the Victorian Rowing Association, and therefore will have to be replaced before the commencement of the new season.

Future commitments for equipment include a racing four which we have ordered for delivery during the 1959/60 season, a new set of racing oars and replacement of portion of the Tub fleet and possibly the practice eight "S. C. Macrae." Naturally, the prime factor which will govern the materialisation of this plan is the availability of finance.

We regret that we must again remind you that members do not pay sufficient attention to the condition of the fleet, and request that all damage or spare parts requirements be reported to either the Captain or Vice-Captain before taking remedial action.

Coaching

We are again indebted to the small enthusiastic band of members who have attended to the task of coaching crews for regattas throughout the season, and on behalf of all members who raced and the Committee, our thanks and congratulations are extended to—Bob Aitken, Norman Cairnes, Keith Cannon, Jack Cooper, Chris. DeGuingond, Deane (Fungus) Morgan, David Oliver, Ron Richardson, Bert Spencer, Geoff Taylor, Tony Walker, Bill Wallace and Peter Watkin.

Unfortunately, the above list shows some decline in number when compared with last year, and we hope that more members will make their services available during the coming season.

Boat House

In last year's report we indicated that a major repair programme extending over the next four years had been planned. Progress is, to some extent, slow, but this year we have concreted the floor in the South-West corner of the shed, and thanks to Deane Morgan, erected a permanent Vice-Presidential seat along the Western wall. Further plans for relining and redecorating this area have been formulated and are expected to materialise during the winter. In addition, the spouting and guttering along the Eastern side has been replaced. Our thanks are extended to Deane Morgan, Paul Harding, Peter Watkin, Bill Arnold, Bill Wallace and David Boykett who attended to the work already done, and also cleaned and repainted all the boat racks.

We again remind you that the cleanliness of the shed is left in the hands of a few, and our thanks are extended to Jack Mounsey, David Sterling, Bob Lee, Simon Newcomb and their small band of willing assistants. All members are asked to ensure that rubbish is placed in the bins provided, rather than left scattered throughout the shed.

Head of the River

Your congratulations are extended to Geelong College and their coach Mr. A. Bell on their convincing victory in this race, which was held on the Barwon River on Saturday, 18th April, 1959.

Our long and happy association with Scotch College has been continued, and our thanks are extended to Laurie Christie (Coach of the First Eight), Geoff Speed (Captain of Boats) and Ron Roberts who have at all times co-operated with your Committee and other members.

Australian Championships

In conjunction with the West Australian Head of the River, the Australian Championships were held on the Swan River, Perth, W.A., on Saturday, 18th April, 1959. Fine weather and calm conditions ensured the success of the regatta, details of which are as follows:—

KING'S CUP (3 miles).—Victoria lead for the first mile of the race, and at that point held an advantage of approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. However, they were gradually overtaken by a strong crew from New South Wales who ultimately won by four (4) lengths, with Victoria and Western Australia in second and third places respectively. The Victorian crew comprised: H. R. Frederico (Mercantile), bow; J. G. Howden (M.U.B.C.), 2; D. H. Boykett (Mercantile), 3; G. A. McCall (Mercantile), 4; J. Hunt (M.U.B.C.), 5; W. N. Howell (Banks), 6; W. S. Arnold (Mercantile), 7; G. M. Taylor (Mercantile), stroke; J. Cockbill (M.U.B.C.), cox; R. R. Aitken (Mercantile), coach. The emergencies were I. E. Douglas (M.U.B.C.) and P. Guest (M.U.B.C.), and the manager was Mr. T. Rodda (Bendigo). Your congratulations have been extended to the winners.

PRESIDENT'S CUP ($2\frac{1}{2}$ miles).—Victoria was represented by N. Smith (Corio Bay) who was unsuccessful. The race was won by W. Hatfield (N.S.W.), to whom your congratulations have been extended, with Tasmania and Western Australia in second and third positions respectively.

PENRITH CUP (2,000 metres).—Your congratulations have been extended to Western Australia who won this lightweight four-oared event from New South Wales and Victoria in second and third positions. The Victorian crew comprised: R. Tanner (South Melbourne), bow; D. Dunn (Essendon), 2; G. Taylor (South Melbourne), 3; L. Gallagher (South Melbourne), stroke; E. Jones (Ballarat City), cox; W. Graham (South Melbourne), coach. The emergency was C. Strobe (Essendon).

State Championships

EIGHT-OARED

Senior.—The Victorian senior eight-oared Championship was rowed on the 2½ mile Lower Yarra Course on Saturday, February 14, 1959. Although only two crews competed, an excellent race between Melbourne University and ourselves was witnessed in fine weather. Your crew comprising H. R. Frederico (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (2), R. E. Lee (3), C. C. Grant (4), D. H. Boykett (5), G. A. McCall (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) lead over the whole distance, and finally defeated University by 2½ lengths.

Junior.—The Victorian Junior Championship was held on Saturday, 21st March, 1959, on the Lower Yarra over 1½ miles. Seven crews competed, and one of the best Junior Championship races for a number of years was witnessed, resulting in a victory for Melbourne Grammar School by three feet. Your crew came second and comprised—N. M. Stubbs (bow), K. M. Hume (2), A. F. Sinn (3), J. V. Culka (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), F. MaPherson (6), A. Cordell (7), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach). Our congratulations are extended to the winners.

Lightweight.—The eight-oared Lightweight Championship was conducted in conjunction with the Junior championship, and our congratulations are extended to Essendon Rowing Club who won by five lengths. Your Club was not represented.

FOUR-OARED

The Victorian Four-Oared Championships were again conducted on the 2,000 metre Barwon River course on 13th December, 1958, and last year's procedure of first and second placings from the heats qualifying for the finals was again adopted.

Competition in all classifications was keen, and every race provided excellent spectator interest from start to finish. We were able to record two victories, and are pleased to congratulate the winners of the Lightweight classification, South Melbourne Rowing Club, and those other Clubs which recorded minor placings. Details of each event are as follows:—

Senior.—Five crews competed, your representatives being H. R. Frederico (bow), G. A. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox) and R. R. Aitken (coach). This crew won by three lengths, from Melbourne University Boat Club.

Junior.—Your representatives A. Cordell (bow), P. Humphris (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were successful in defeating Dimboola Rowing Club by three-quarters of a length.

Lightweight.—Your crew comprising G. C. Grinblat (bow), P. K. Watkin (2), A. M. Walker (3), K. M. Hume (stroke), G. Morgan (cox), R. H. Richardson (coach) came second in their heat, but were unable to record a placing in the final. It is interesting to note that the winners, South Melbourne, were the same crew which won the Australian Lightweight Championship at Penrith last season.

PAIR-OARED

This year the Victorian Pair-Oared Championships were conducted on Lake Moodemere in conjunction with the Annual Rutherglen Regatta on

Thursday, 1st January, 1959. Competitors in the Senior and Lightweight events rowed their races as a first and final, but because of the large number of entries for the Junior class, two heats were contested, and first and second placings qualified for the final.

This is the first time that a championship event has been held at Rutherglen, and our congratulations have been extended to the Committees of the Murray Rowing Association and Rutherglen Rowing Club for the excellent manner in which they conducted the regatta. Details of the races are as follows:—

Senior.—Six crews from Metropolitan and Country Clubs competed, but your Club was not represented. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Melbourne University Boat Club.

Junior.—A. Cordell (bow), K. M. Hume (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful in their heat. Your congratulations have been passed on to Richmond Rowing Club, the winners of this race, who recorded their first pair-oared title victory for 96 years.

Lightweight.—Your congratulations have been extended to South Melbourne Rowing Club who won this event: your Club was not represented.

SCULLING

The Victorian 2,000-metre Sculling Championship was conducted in conjunction with the Four-Oared Championships on the Barwon river course on Saturday, 13th December, 1958. We were not represented in this event, but your congratulations are extended to N. Smith (Corio Bay), who was successful.

The State Championship was conducted over 2½ miles on the Lower Yarra in conjunction with the Senior Eight-Oared Championship, and was won by N. Smith (Corio Bay). Your Club was not represented in this race.

Junior.—The Junior Sculling Championship over 1½ miles was held on the same day as the Junior Eight-Oared Championship. Your Club was not represented, but our congratulations are extended to the winner, J. Sykes from Corio Bay Rowing Club.

Test Races

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR

The test race for four-oared lightweight crews was conducted on the Lower Yarra over 2,000 metres on the same day as the Senior Eight-Oared Championship. This race was held to enable the State Selectors to name the squad for the Australian Championship in Perth, and was won by South Melbourne, to whom your congratulations have been extended. Your Club was represented by the following crew:—N. M. Stubbs (bow), K. M. Hume (2), A. M. Walker (3), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach).

Regattas

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES No. 1 — 17th MAY, 1958

Beginners' Pair.—T. Valmorbida (bow), K. Godsall (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), H. T. Spencer (coach) won their heat but were unsuccessful in the final.

Novice Pair.—R. A. Cunningham (bow), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), N. Falkiner (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) were unsuccessful.

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES No. 2 — 21st JUNE, 1958

Novice Four.—M. R. Searle (bow), K. Godsall (2), G. H. Block (3), R. J. Gleeland (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair.—G. C. Grinblat (bow), J. V. Culka (stroke), N. Falkiner (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) lost their heat.

Beginners' Pair No. 1.—J. Pennells (bow), P. J. MacMillan (stroke), N. Falkiner (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach), lost their heat.

Beginners' Pair No. 2.—M. R. Searle (bow), K. Godsall (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) won their heat but were unsuccessful in the final.

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES No. 3 — 19th JULY, 1958

Maiden Pair.—M. J. Polinelli (bow), V. P. Voytenkoff (stroke), G. Desmond (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) lost their heat.

Novice Pair.—R. A. Cunningham (bow), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), G. Desmond (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) were successful.

Beginners' Four.—J. Pennells (bow), P. J. MacMillan (2), T. Valmorbidia (3), M. R. Searle (stroke), R. S. Sprigg (cox), G. M. Taylor (coach) lost their heat.

V.R.A. WINTER SERIES No. 4 — 16th AUGUST, 1958

Maiden Pair.—G. C. Grinblat (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were unsuccessful.

Novice Pair.—R. J. Ashby (bow), H. J. Allen (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) won their heat but were defeated in the final.

Beginners' Four.—J. Pennells (bow), P. J. MacMillan (2), T. Valmorbidia (3), M. R. Searle (stroke), G. Desmond (cox), G. M. Taylor (coach) were unsuccessful.

METROPOLITAN NOVICE REGATTA — 20th SEPTEMBER, 1958

Novice Four.—T. Valmorbidia (bow), P. J. MacMillan (2), M. R. Searle (3), J. Turnbull (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), G. M. Taylor (coach) were unsuccessful.

Beginners' Pair.—K. Ruffin (bow), G. Harper (stroke), P. Green (cox), C. J. DeGuingand (coach) were unsuccessful.

V.R.A. (MELBOURNE) REGATTA — 15th NOVEMBER, 1958

Senior Eight.—R. E. Lee (bow), H. R. Frederico (2), J. Morganti (3), C. C. Grant (4), D. H. Boykett (5), G. A. McCall (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were successful.

Senior Four.—N. C. W. Courtney (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), P. Cox (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) won by half a canvas.

Junior Eight.—A. M. Walker (bow), P. K. Watkin (2), B. Merton (3), K. M. Hume (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), P. Humphris (6), A. Cordell (7), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were successful.

Maiden Eight.—T. Valmorbidia (bow), P. J. MacMillan (2), D. C. Dunstan (3), M. R. Wood (4), M. R. Searle (5), J. Turnbull (6), J. Pennells (7), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), R. Umphelby (cox), K. J. Cannon (coach) were unsuccessful.

Lightweight Pair.—R. S. Sprigg (bow), H. N. Hewitt (stroke), P. Green (cox), R. H. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

UPPER YARRA REGATTA — 22nd NOVEMBER, 1958

Senior Eight and Senior Four.—Your representatives at V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta were again successful.

Junior Eight.—Your representatives at V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta were again successful. On this occasion, D. Gibson replaced A. M. Walker in the bow seat.

Maiden Eight and Lightweight Pair.—Your representatives at V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta were again unsuccessful.

NAGAMBIE REGATTA — 26th DECEMBER, 1958

SENIOR FOUR.—D. H. Boykett (bow), C. C. Grant (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), G. Morgan (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were unsuccessful.

JUNIOR FOUR.—D. Gibson (bow), P. K. Watkin (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), K. M. Hume (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

Junior Pair.—A. Cordell (bow), K. M. Hume (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—D. C. Dunstan (bow), W. R. Sengleman (2), M. R. Searle (3), G. C. Grinblat (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), R. H. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

YARRAWONGA REGATTA — 27th DECEMBER, 1958

Senior Four.—R. E. Lee (bow), C. C. Grant (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), D. H. Boykett (stroke), G. Morgan (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were successful on this occasion.

Junior Four, Junior Pair and Maiden Four.—Your representatives at Nagambie were again unsuccessful in these events.

RUTHERGLEN REGATTA — 1st JANUARY, 1959

Senior Four.—Your representatives at Yarrowonga were again successful. On this occasion W. L. Wallace replaced R. E. Lee in the bow seat.

Senior Pair.—C. J. DeGuingand (bow), D. H. Boykett (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—Your representatives at Nagambie were again unsuccessful.

YEA REGATTA — 24th JANUARY, 1959

Maiden Eight.—T. Valmorbida (bow), P. J. MacMillan (2), N. M. Stubbs (3), M. R. Searle (4), G. C. Grinblat (5), J. Turnbull (6), G. W. Richardson (7), W. R. Sengleman (stroke), G. Morgan (cox), D. J. R. Morgan (coach) won by two-and-a-half lengths.

Maiden Four.—D. C. Dunstan (bow), P. Hose (2), R. Cunningham (3), R. McLean (stroke), G. Morgan (cox), P. K. Watkin (coach) were unsuccessful.

ALBERT PARK REGATTA — 26th JANUARY, 1959

Senior Eight.—H. R. Frederico (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (2), R. E. Lee (3), C. C. Grant (4), D. H. Boykett (5), G. McGall (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) defeated Melbourne University by one-and-a-half lengths.

Senior Four.—A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), P. Cox (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Four.—D. M. Bruce (bow), I. Law (2), G. McEwen (3), F. McPherson (stroke), G. Morgan (cox), R. H. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—Your representatives at Yea were again successful.

Maiden Four.—Your representatives at Yea were again unsuccessful. On this occasion the coxswain was T. E. Marks.

Lightweight Four.—J. Pennells (bow), K. M. Hume (2), A. M. Walker (3), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) won by one canvas.

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA — 31st JANUARY, 1959

Senior Eight.—Your representatives at Albert Park were again successful.

Senior Four and Junior Four.—Your representatives at Albert Park were again unsuccessful. On this occasion P. Humphris rowed in the 3 seat and P. Green was coxswain in the Junior Four.

Maiden Eight.—Your representative at Yea were again successful.

Maiden Four.—Your representatives at Yea were again unsuccessful. This time J. Couzens replaced R. Cunningham, and P. Green was coxswain.

Lightweight Four.—Your representatives at Albert Park were unsuccessful on this occasion.

BALLARAT REGATTA — 21st FEBRUARY, 1959

Senior Eight.—H. R. Frederico (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (2), R. E. Lee (3), C. C. Grant (4), D. H. Boykett (5), G. A. McCall (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach) defeated Melbourne University by two-thirds of a length.

Senior Four.—A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), P. R. Cox (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—P. Jones (bow), A. R. McLean (2), D. C. Dunstan (3), I. F. Gillespie (4), J. V. Culka (5), N. Bailey (6), A. F. Sinn (7), F. McPherson (stroke), A. Coveny (cox), R. H. Richardson (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—T. Valmorbida (bow), M. E. Searle (2), G. C. Grinblat (3), W. R. Engelman (stroke), P. Green (cox), D. J. R. Morgan (coach) were defeated.

BARWON REGATTA — 28th FEBRUARY, 1959

Senior Eight.—A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), C. C. Grant (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), M. G. Tomanovits (6), R. E. Lee (7), P. R. Cox (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were defeated by Melbourne University by three feet.

Junior Eight.—N. M. Stubbs (bow), P. J. MacMillan (2), D. M. Bruce (3), I. R. Law (4), G. W. Richardson (5), P. Humphris (6), A. M. Walker (7), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight.—Your representatives at Ballarat were successful on this occasion. The winning margin was one canvas.

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

HENLEY ON THE YARRA — 7th MARCH, 1959

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

Junior Eight (Founders' Challenge Cup).—Your representatives at Barwon were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Eight (Lord Mayor's Challenge Cup).—Your representatives at Ballarat were again successful.

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

MILDURA REGATTA — 28th MARCH, 1959

Open Eight.—N. M. Stubbs (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (2), D. Gibson (3), J. V. Culka (4), C. J. DeGuingand (5), M. G. Tomanovits (6), A. Cordell (7), D. A. Oliver (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox) won by one canvas.

Open Four.—P. L. V. Jones (bow), D. Gibson (2), G. C. Grinblat (3), W. R. Sengelman (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox) were unsuccessful.

Senior Four.—A. Cordell (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were successful.

Senior Pair.—C. J. DeGuingand (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) lost their heat.

Junior Eight.—N. M. Stubbs (bow), A. R. McLean (2), A. F. Sinn (3), J. V. Culka (4), G. W. Richardson (5), F. McPherson (6), A. M. Walker (7), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) won by one-and-a-quarter lengths.

Junior Four.—G. W. Richardson (bow), F. McPherson (2), A. M. Walker (3), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Junior Pair.—A. F. Sinn (bow), P. K. Watkin (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—P. L. V. Jones (bow), M. E. Searle (2), G. C. Grinblat (3), W. R. Sengelman (stroke), P. Green (cox), D. J. R. Morgan (coach) lost their heat.

Maiden Pair.—T. Valmorbidia (bow), M. E. Sarle (stroke), P. Green (cox), D. J. R. Morgan (coach) was successful.

WENTWORTH REGATTA — 30th MARCH, 1959

Open Eight.—N. M. Stubbs (bow), M. E. Searle (2), D. Gibson (3), J. V. Culka (4), C. J. DeGuinand (5), M. G. Tomanovits (6), A. Cordell (7), D. A. Oliver (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox) won by two feet.

Senior Four.—A. Cordell (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were successful.

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

Senior Pair, Junior Four and Junior Pair.—Your representatives at Mildura were again unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—P. L. Jones (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (2), G. C. Gringlat (3), W. R. Sengelman (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), D. J. R. Morgan (coach) won their heat but were unsuccessful in the final.

Maiden Pair.—Your representatives at Mildura were unsuccessful on this occasion.

SCOTCH/MERCANTILE REGATTA — 4th APRIL, 1959

Open Eight.—A. Cordell (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. J. DeGuinand (3), P. R. Cox (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), M. G. Tomavits (6), R. E. Lee (7), C. C. Grant (stroke), A. Coveny (cox) were defeated in their heat.

Senior Four.—Your representatives at Wentworth were unsuccessful on this occasion.

Junior Eight.—T. Valmorbidia (bow), J. C. C. Macaulay (2), N. M. Stubbs (3), D. Gibson (4), A. M. Walker (5), P. Humphris (6), G. W. Richardson (7), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) won their heat but were unsuccessful in the final.

Junior Four.—A. F. Sinn (bow), F. McPherson (2), J. Culka (3), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

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

Non-Qualifying Regattas

HEAD OF THE YARRA — 14th MARCH, 1959

The Head of the Yarra 5½-mile time trial from Princes Bridge to Hawthorn Rowing Club was conducted on Saturday, 14th March, 1959. This year the race was divided into three sections, Open, Intermediate and School, and your Club was represented by three crews in the open section. The winning crews were:—

Fastest time and outright winner—Scotch College First Eight, time 31 min. 24.7 sec.

Winner Open Section—Mercantile No. 2, time 32 min. 2.2 sec.

Winner intermediate section—Scotch College First Eight.

Winner School section—Melbourne High School First Eight, time 32 min. 53 sec.

Our congratulations are extended to Scotch College, the winners of the perpetual trophy, and Melbourne High School.

Your crews were:—

No. 1 Crew.—N. M. Stubbs (bow), K. M. Hume (2), A. F. Sinn (3), J. V. Culka (4), W. L. Wallace (5), F. McPherson (6), A. Cordell (7), P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), time 32 min. 26.4 sec.

No. 2 Crew.—N. C. W. Courtney (bow), D. A. Oliver (2), C. J. DeGuinand (3), C. C. Grant (4), J. Morganti (5), M. G. Tomanovits (6), R. E. Lee (7), P. R. Cox (stroke), H. N. Hewitt (cox).

No. 3 Crew.—T. Valmorbidia (bow), A. R. McLean (2), J. Rinaldi (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (4), M. E. Searle (5), P. Humphris (6), G. C. Grinblat (7), W. R. Sengelman (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox), time 34 min. 43 sec.

Premiership Points

Senior.—Mercantile, 84; Melbourne University, 32; Yarra Yarra, 23; Corio Bay, 15; Banks, 8; South Melbourne, 8; Essendon, 8; Melbourne, 7; Albert Park, 6; Richmond, 3; Footscray City, 2.

Junior.—Richmond, 107; Mercantile, 92; Dimboola, 64; Banks, 54; Power House, 48; Essendon, 44; Yarra Yarra, 43; Melbourne, 32; Mildura, 30; Corio Bay, 28; Lake Colac, 20; Corowa, 18; Albert Park, 16; Rutherglen Lake, 14; Yarrowonga, 12; Ballarat City, 12; Hawthorn, 10; Wahgunyah, 10; Preston, 6; Ballarat, 6; Wendouree, 6; Nagambie, 4; Wentworth District, 4; Footscray City, 2.

Lightweight.—Essendon, 56; Barwon, 30; Yarra Yarra, 16; Banks, 12; South Melbourne, 12; Dimboola, 12; Nestles, 8; Mercantile, 4; Wendouree, 2; Mildura, 2.

Country.—Dimboola, 76; Corio Bay, 43; Mildura, 32; Barwon, 30; Lake Colac, 20; Corowa, 18; Rutherglen Lake, 14; Yarrowonga, 12; Ballarat City, 12; Wahgunyah, 10; Nestles, 8; Wendouree, 8; Ballarat, 6; Nagambie, 4; Wentworth District, 4.

Your congratulations are extended to Richmond, Essendon and Dimboola Rowing Clubs, the winners of the Junior, Lightweight and Country Premierships respectively.

Your Club's positions in the Junior and Lightweight Premierships were second and eighth respectively.

Trophies

Captain's Trophy.—This trophy, presented to the oarsman winning the highest number of points in regatta and club races throughout the season has been won by Mark Searle this year. Competition throughout the whole season has been keen, and it was not until the latter part of the regatta season that any indication of the likely winner could be obtained. Our congratulations are extended to the winner, and our thanks to David Boykett for the trophy.

Late J. W. Beattie Trophy.—We are indebted to Roy Thursfield who has undertaken to perpetuate the name of Jack Beattie by giving this trophy to the oarsman winning the highest number of premiership points for the Club during the season. Our congratulations are extended to the joint winners, Bill Arnold, Hubert Frederico, Graeme McCall and Geoff Taylor, and our thanks to Mr. Thursfield.

Late 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 Mark Searle, to whom our congratulations are extended.

Max Bailey Trophy.—The perpetual shield and trophy for the champion coxswain for the season has been won by Chris. Newman this year.

N. W. Cairnes Trophy.—Our thanks are again extended to Norman Cairnes who has made this trophy available for the most improved coxswain for the season. This year the Selectors have awarded the trophy to David Palfreyman, whom we congratulate.

Club Races

GUINN PAIRS — 8th JUNE, 1958

Your thanks are again extended to Mr. S. Guinn, one of our Vice-Presidents, who presented trophies for this event which was rowed over the $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile Princes Bridge Course on Sunday, 8th June. Thirteen crews competed, and all who were present agreed that the standard of rowing was particularly high. The members of the successful crew were:—A. Cordell (bow), D. H. Boykett (stroke), T. E. Marks (cox). The crew won by three feet.

A. L. DOBBIE MEMORIAL FOURS — 30th AUGUST, 1958

Mr. A. W. Dobbie again presented trophies for this event which was held on the Princes Bridge Course in conjunction with Ladies Day. This year the weather was better than usual, and we were pleased to see a large gathering of members and ladies. Your thanks are extended to the Dobbie family for their continued generosity in making these trophies available. The members of the successful crew which won by two lengths were:—S. H. Newcomb (bow), P. K. Watkin (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), J. Turnbull (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox). Eight crews competed.

Time Trials

J. G. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL

We are again indebted to our President, Mr. J. G. Sprigg, who presented trophies for this eight-oared event which was, as usual, conducted over the 5-mile Lower Yarra Course, and concluded on Saturday, 28th June, 1958. We were pleased to note that the number of crews which entered had increased, and are hopeful that even better entries will be obtained next time. Last year the winning crew comprised:—G. W. Richardson (bow), P. K. Watkin (2), D. Gibson (3), J. C. C. Macaulay (4), G. C. Grinblat (5), G. A. McCall (6), C. J. DeGuingand (7), P. Harding (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox). Six crews competed, the winning time being 26 min. 25 sec.

HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL

The growing popularity of time trial races after the regatta season is evidenced by the record number of 13 crews which entered this four-oared event over the 2-mile Spencer Street Bridge Course, and your thanks are again extended to the Harlequin Rugby Club who have donated the trophies. The trial was, as usual, concluded on Ladies Day, 30th August, 1958, and was won by G. C. Grinblat (bow), G. A. McCall (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), D. A. Oliver (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox). The winning time was 11 min. 18 sec.

Combination Races

PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS — 4th OCTOBER, 1958

Our thanks have been extended to our Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. H. Picken and M. S. Williams, who presented trophies for this event conducted over one-third mile on the Princes Bridge Course. Nine crews comprising members from your own and other Clubs and some Public School Students competed, and your congratulations are extended to the successful crew which won by two lengths. The winning crew comprised T. Valmorbidia (Mercantile), bow; H. N. Hewitt (Mercantile), 2; W. Marshall (Scotch College), 3; J. Penfold (Scotch College), 4; P. Humphris (Mercantile), 5; H. R. Frederico (Mercantile), 6; W. S. Arnold (Mercantile), 7; P. K. Watkin (Mercantile), stroke; S. Saunders (Yarra Yarra), cox. Oarsmen and coxswains from the following Clubs competed:—Banks, Preston, Richmond, Scotch College, South Melbourne and Yarra Yarra.

MORELL EIGHTS — 29th NOVEMBER, 1958

We are again indebted to the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell who donated trophies for this event. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the Morell family were unable to be present, and one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. M. S. Williams, presented the trophies to the successful crew. Nine crews comprising members of your own and visiting Clubs competed, and winning margins in all races were particularly small. The winning crew which won the final by half a length and their heat by only half a canvas comprised:— D. Harrison (Preston), bow; W. Couchman (Mercantile), 2; M. R. Searle (Mercantile), 3; M. Savage (Banks), 4; H. Sinclair (Banks), 5; C. Harrison (Preston), 6; W. S. Arnold (Mercantile), 7; D. A. Oliver (Mercantile), stroke; D. Palfreyman (Mercantile), cox. Oarsmen and coxswains from the following visiting Clubs competed:—Banks, Essendon, Hawthorn, Preston, Richmond, Scotch College, South Australian Railways, South Melbourne, University High School and Yarra Yarra. Mr. J. G. Sprigg welcomed the two visitors from South Australia, Messrs. B. Hannaford and D. Mensford.

Social Activities

Ladies Day.—The usual practice of inviting members' lady guests to the Club to witness the A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours was continued, and after the racing the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea in the gymnasium. This function was well attended, and our thanks are extended to those who provided the refreshments.

Annual Dinner.—This year the Annual Dinner was held at Scott's Hotel, and was not well attended; in fact from a Club viewpoint it was both a social and financial failure. However, those who did attend, many of whom were Junior Members, voted it a good night.

The Committee has given this function careful consideration, and unless we can rely on the support of members, we will be forced to remove it from our Annual Social Activities. We feel that this action would be most undesirable, and members are asked to give it their full support next year.

Dances.—A number of dances were held throughout the winter period, and our thanks are extended to Paul Harding, Hubert Frederico, Deane Morgan and the Management of "The Dorchester," without whose help these functions could not have succeeded. It is noticeable, however, that the number of members who patronise our dances is gradually declining.

Barbecues.—A number of barbecues and other social gatherings were conducted at various members private homes throughout the year, all of which were highly successful. Your Social Committee considers that these functions are the best type of Club social gathering that we can provide, and are continuously exploring means of increasing them in number. Our thanks are extended to the following members who lent their properties:—Jim Sprigg, Gavin Elliott, David Boykett, Simon and Bill Bradshaw.

General

Henley on the Yarra was again conducted in conjunction with the opening of the Moomba Festival, and again this year, the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association was only responsible for the rowing events. Unfortunately, adverse weather conditions made the day uncomfortable for spectators, but an excellent day's racing was recorded. Our thanks and congratulations are extended to Roy Thursfield (Secretary), Jack McBean and Deane Morgan (Assistant Secretaries) and Allan Smith (Treasurer), whose continuous efforts ensured that the regatta was successful.

The Victorian Rowing Association has again recorded a successful year, and for their continued co-operation and assistance our thanks are extended to Norman Cairnes (Secretary), Stan Jeffery (Assistant Secretary) and Cotter James (Treasurer).

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Jack Beattie who died suddenly during the year, and also to Jack Mitchell and Neil Hewitt who suffered losses in their families during the year.

Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness and prosperity are extended to Hubert Frederico, Colin Lewis, Keith Godsall, Ian Wilson, John Pell, Paul Cox and Geoff McMahon who were married during the year.

Our congratulations are also extended to Brian Doyle, Vic. Sharp, Herb Shears, Paul Leggett, Alan Kohn and Martyn Keeley and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

We are pleased to note that Roger Day who unfortunately was involved in a serious road accident some 15 months ago is now well on the road to recovery and is visiting the Clubs along the river bank.

The Club is again indebted to its coxswains, and on behalf of all oarsmen and the Committee, our thanks are extended to Hayden Cordell, Allen Coveney, Graham Desmond, Norman Falkiner, Neil Hewitt, Garth Marks, Garry Morgan, Chris Newman, David Palfreyman, Bob Sprigg and Richard Umphelby. Our thanks are also extended to Bert Spencer and Bert Koch who invariably attended to the "Sunday morning Specials."

The usual Anzac Day service was conducted at the Clubhouse 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 task of effecting fleet repairs at the Winter Working Bees on Wednesday evenings was again left to a few members, and our thanks are extended to all who attended. It is essential that these gatherings be regularly attended by a team of enthusiastic workers, otherwise the cost of maintaining our fleet will exceed our available finance. All active members are requested to ensure that they attend, so that our fleet can be maintained at its present high standard.

The Harlequin Rugby Club again used the Clubhouse during their training season, and our best wishes are extended to them for this season.

Our thanks are extended to Jack Coghlan and Bob Fraser, his driver, who provided transport for our boats and equipment to country regattas throughout the season, and we look forward to receiving their assistance again 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.

We are pleased to report that Bob Aitken was nominated and elected as the Victorian delegate on the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, and will hold that position for three years.

Another nomination which we are also pleased to report is that of Mick Williams as the Australian delegate on the Federation Internationale Des Societes D'Aviron, and is due for election to that body later this year. Early in May, Mick and his wife left Melbourne for a six months trip overseas, and we take this opportunity of wishing both of them a pleasant journey, and a safe return to Australia.

Our best wishes for a pleasant journey and safe return are also extended to Joe Dunstan and his family who, at the time of writing this report, were on an overseas visit.

Our thanks are conveyed to all rowing correspondents, and the various Radio and Television stations for their work in publicising rowing, and reporting on the various rowing events.

To all kindred Clubs and the Public and High Schools our thanks and appreciation are conveyed for their co-operation during the season.

Conclusion

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

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. W. BRADSHAW,
Honorary Secretary.

Addendum

Members were pleased to notice in the recent Birthday Honours List that Her Majesty the Queen had awarded an O.B.E. to our Vice-President, Mr. R. T. Rush. This meritorious award was in the sporting section of the Honours List, and is undoubtedly a fitting tribute to a leading athlete in his day, who has spent a lifetime in sporting administration. Well done, Bob! Your football and rowing friends are proud of you. Bob now joins our small but select list of members who have been honoured by reigning monarchs.

A new regatta in the racing calendar was the Scotch-Mercantile regatta held in April. This event broke all Victorian and possibly Australian records for the number of oarsmen competing, and the number of races during the afternoon. The arrangements for, and the organisation of this regatta, were in the very capable hands of Mr. E. M. Davidson of Scotch College, and our Secretary, Mr. J. W. Bradshaw. The great success of this event must be very gratifying to these gentlemen, particularly when it is recalled that racing started and finished on schedule. The very large entry received from the Public and High Schools could ultimately have a very beneficial effect on rowing in this State.

J. G. SPRIGG.

Obituary

We regret having to record the death of Jack Beattie who was an enthusiastic and generous supporter of our Club for approximately ten years.

In his younger days, Jack was a successful oarsmen with Ballarat City, and represented the State in a King's Cup race at Perth during the nineteen twenties.

He became interested in the administrative side of the sport, and for many years represented his old Club at the Victorian Rowing Association meetings.

Ballarat City, Mercantile and Victorian Rowing have lost a keen and generous supporter by his passing.

J. G. SPRIGG.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1958-59

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Cairnes, N. W.
Guinn, S.
Lindblade, A. G.

Morgan, D. J. R.
Mounsey, J. L.
Picken, J. H.

Potter, W.
Sprigg, J. G.

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Berkery, J. R.
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DeGuingand, C. J.
Devenport, D.
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Doherty, J. B.
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Marley, D. C.
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Naylor, D. H. L.
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Oliver, R. J. D.
Olliff, D.
Osborne, Rev. E. F.
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Richardson, R. H.
Richardson, S. G.
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Smith, K. A. D.
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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April, 1959

(Figures adjusted to nearest £)

		1959	1958		1959	1958
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:					
1958	Balance, 1st May, 1958		£5384		£2472	£2472
	Add: Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	7	£5377		66	60
£5384						
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
571	Trophy Orders Account	£749				
19	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	47				
6	Sundry Creditors	5				
4	E. Kenny Fund	4		2491		2595
66	Bank of New South Wales	805		260		320
				£5289		£5508
	INVESTMENTS:					
	Commonwealth Loan, at cost			200		199
	CURRENT ASSETS:					
	Subscriptions Outstanding			324		£307
	Stock of Singlets and Pennants			47		69
	Sundry Debtors			138		51
	Cash on Hand			1		1
	Bank of New South Wales			—		18
	State Savings Bank—					
	Building Account			23		—
	F. R. Browne—Trophy Account			28		29
				£6182		475
				£6050		£6182

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have audited the books and accounts of the Mercantile Rowing Club for the year ended 30th April, 1959, and that, in my opinion, the foregoing accounts and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the Club's affairs as at 30th April, 1959, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Melbourne, 9th June, 1959.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year ended 30th April, 1959

(Figures adjusted to nearest £)

	1958		1959		1959
To Boat Staging	£11		£10	By Subscriptions	£1113
" Coxswains and Drivers' Expenses and Deposits for Hotel Accommodation	19		41	Less Amounts written off	134
" Depreciation—					
Boats	367			Locker Fees	87
Oars	14	£383		Entrance Fees—	
Fittings	—	134		Club Races	£6
		6		Combination Races	14
" Donations	8		523		
" Entrance Fees—Regattas	9		—	Donations—General	£203
" Fire Protection Expenses	31		14	Social Fund	200
" Freight—Country Regattas	76		31	Interest—	
" General Expenses	58		40	Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	£6
" Insurances	97		24	State Savings Bank	2
" Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates	165		136	Bank of New South Wales	13
" Postages	73		143		
" Printing and Stationery	23		11	" Sundry Income—V.R.A. Special Effort ...	£16
" Repairs and Maintenance	255		128	Sundries	—
" Social Functions	17		205		
" Telephone	25		44	" Profit on Sale of Boats	—
" Trophies—Club Races	44		18	" Deficit transferred from Accumulated Funds	73
			£18		7
			6		
V.R.A. Dues and Fees	107		24		
Losses—Singles Account and Track Suits	27		119		
Pennants Account	6				
" Transport new equipment	—		17		
" Scotch—Mercantile Regatta Expenses	—		43		
" Seat Fee written off	—		25		
" Surplus transferred to Accumulated Funds	69		10		
			—		
£1501		£1606		£1501	£1606

TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT

£38	To Trophy Orders Paid			By Balance brought forward	£571
571	" Balance carried forward	749		" Amounts Received for Trophies Awarded ...	178
£609		£749		£609	£749