



MERCANTILE  
ROWING CLUB  
MELBOURNE

81st  
*Annual Report*  
and  
*Balance Sheet*

SEASON 1960-61

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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Princes Bridge,  
Melbourne, S.C.1.  
17th June, 1961

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **81st ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB** will be held at the **CLUB HOUSE** on **SATURDAY, 24th JUNE, 1961, 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 elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
4. Presentation of trophies.
5. General Business.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the Club House on Saturday, 17th June, 1961, at 4 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

C. De GUINGAND,  
Honorary Secretary.

**THE**  
**EIGHTYFIRST ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**

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**To the Members:**

Gentlemen,

Your committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 81st Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1961.

The past season has been one of outstanding success for the club as we won all three premierships outright. Only once before in 1951-52 have we won this coveted treble.

This success was achieved in the face of strong opposition in all three divisions. Corio Bay provided a fine Senior Eight which beat your crew at Footscray and came very close on other occasions; their Senior Four continued to dominate four oared rowing.

In the junior ranks strong opposition came from many clubs, Corio Bay, Melbourne and Yarra Yarra proving very strong in junior races, with Hawthorn, Melbourne and Barwon producing some excellent maiden crews. The new rules in this division enabled the development of some fine crews and the standard of all Junior events was much higher than in the past. This was emphasised by a junior oarsman from Yarra Yarra gaining selection in the State squad.

The struggle with Hawthorn for the lightweight premiership provided one of the highlights of the season, the issue being in doubt until the last regatta.

In the championship events, details of which appear later in the report, we won the Senior Eights and Lightweight Fours. These races together with the Junior Fours, were held at Ballarat in February. The Junior Eights, Lightweight Eights and Senior Four Championships were conducted on the Barwon in December and resulted in victories for Corio Bay in all races.

In the selection of Victorian crews, members from your club were selected for five seats, cox and coach for the King's Cup, and for two seats, cox and coach for the Penrith Cup. The success of these crews at Adelaide is well known and a summary of their events appears later in this report.

Another gratifying feature of the season was the large number of members competing at all regattas. Out of the seventeen major qualifying regattas over forty members competed at six and over thirty at a further seven. A record which has not been equalled in the history of the club. The consistent results of your club were of course the basis of the success. Our best day was at Henley where your club recorded five victories. Only in the last three regattas did your crews fail, with the notable exception of the Lightweight eight at Mildura. This lag at the end of the season is attributed to the loss of oarsmen to the State squads and University college crews.

Your Senior Eight which raced and won a double before Christmas was re-formed in the New Year. It met with the strong challenge from Corio Bay mentioned earlier and turned the defeat at Footscray into

victories by two feet at Albert Park, half a length at the Championships, one and a half lengths at Henley and back to two feet at Barwon. The Junior Eight which won four races in the latter half of the season never had a winning margin of more than a canvas and had four decisions measured in feet. Your Lightweight four, which had a convincing win in the Championships, showed its best form at Henley, coming from a length behind at Swan St. on the North course to win by half a length.

The most successful of junior crews was the maiden four which recorded seven consecutive wins in the latter half of the season.

Whilst we must view with pride the achievements of our crews in the past season it is now time to consolidate for next season when the all important trials for the Empire Games take place. It is not only to those who competed during the last season that we look, to repeat successes next year, but to the new and young members who must fill the gaps that will inevitably appear in the competing ranks, to the older members for assistance in coaching and to all members to help and support the club in whatever manner they can.

In the past two seasons there have been substantial increases in competing members and this has taken a heavy toll of equipment. To meet this difficulty the committee has planned a fleet renewal programme which would replace boats before their useful life is over, thus providing first class equipment at all times and obtaining better resale values. The committee feels that this programme is essential to provide a fleet capable of meeting the club's requirements; however, it is in danger of postponement because of the strain it will place on the limited financial resources of the club.

Once again the matter of the future of the Boatsheds at Princes Bridge has come under discussion, particularly with the additional schools training for the Head of the River. At present we house both Scotch College and Brighton Grammar School during the training season and it may be added that both associations have proved highly satisfactory. However, this has placed serious demands on our available space. A small committee has been formed to look into and recommend on what action we must take to improve our facilities by rebuilding or moving. Meanwhile in an endeavour to maintain our present facilities in the best condition possible, considerable work was undertaken in the past season, details of which are shown in the general section of the report.

A more detailed account of the club's activities is now submitted from your review:

### Executive and Committee

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

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| R. R. Aitken .... 5   | K. Hume .... 3         |
| (leave of absence)    | R. E. Lee .... 6       |
| W. S. Arnold .... 6   | D. J. R. Morgan .... 8 |
| D. H. Boykett .... 6  | J. L. Mounsey .... 2   |
| (leave of absence)    | S. H. Newcombe .. 10   |
| J. W. Bradshaw .... 7 | D. A. Oliver .... 10   |
| N. W. Cairnes .... 6  | J. G. Sprigg .... 10   |
| Dr. R. A. Cooper .. 3 | R. W. Thursfield .. 3  |
| C. J. de Guingand 10  | W. L. Wallace .... 10  |
| P. Harding .... 7     | L. S. Williams .... 9  |
| N. H. Hewitt .... 8   | J. J. Wylie .... 3     |

## Membership

The membership now stands:—

|                         | 1961 | 1960 | 1959 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Life Members .....      | 9    | 8    | 8    |
| Senior Members .....    | 187  | 145  | 137  |
| Junior Members .....    | 78   | 85   | 69   |
| Honorary Members .....  | 26   | 27   | 28   |
| Country Members .....   | 24   | 24   | 26   |
| Associate Members ..... | 14   | 12   | 9    |
|                         | 338  | 301  | 277  |

Of these members, 72 competed in regatta races during the season.

## Financial

The Statements of Account attached to this report disclose a surplus for the year of £70 after allowing £449 for depreciation of the Club's fleet, oars and equipment.

The annual cost of maintaining and running the Club increased from approximately £1200 to £1600. The main reason for this increase was the very substantial expenditure on repairs to both fleet and Clubhouse, and it is difficult to see how any reduction in repairs or in general running expenses can be achieved if the fleet and Clubhouse are to be maintained in a condition satisfactory to the members. Indeed, as the Clubhouse becomes older and costs generally rise, the reverse is likely to take place.

It is fortunate that during the year the higher expenses were matched by an increase in revenue particularly in donations from members and in profit on sale of boats. However, we must once again draw attention to the fact that a large amount of subscriptions, mostly relating to the season just ended, are still outstanding. Some of these are due by members who have not used the Club over the year, but whose support we are most anxious to retain. A proportion however is due by members who have made, and are still making, use of the Club's facilities and who are apparently determined to do this for as long as possible at the expense of their fellow-members.

It cannot be too greatly stressed that the Committee's programme for improving the Clubhouse and regular fleet replacement requires the prompt and wholehearted support of every member.

## Donations

Our club is greatly indebted to the following members for their very generous donations, which form such a large and important part of our revenue:

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, W. S. Arnold, W. M. Bailey, D. H. Boykett, K. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, R. A. Cooper, G. F. Crowe, J. R. Harvey, A. G. Lindblade, A. P. Miller, D. J. R. Morgan, J. L. Mounsey, J. H. O'Reilly, D. B. Palfreyman, J. H. Picken, R. H. Richardson, J. G. Sprigg, R. W. Thursfield, W. L. Wallace, M. S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. Joan Bates, the family of the late A. L. Dobbie, the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, and the Harlequin Rugby Club.

## Boats and Oars

Set out below is a schedule of your fleet. Dates of purchase are shown in brackets.

| Eights              | Fours                      | Pairs               |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Racing              | J. W. Beattie (1959)       | R. H. Richardson    |
| Morell (1960)       | J. H. Picken (1957)        | (1957)              |
| J. G. Sprigg (1956) | R. W. Thursfield<br>(1948) | H. P. Shears (1951) |
|                     | Tubs                       |                     |
| Practice            | E. R. Varcoe (1951)        | Unnamed (1961)      |
| Unnamed (1961)      | N. W. Cairnes (1951)       | Unnamed (1961)      |
| A. L. Dobbie (1955) |                            | F. R. Browne (1950) |
|                     | 1 tub Scull (pre 1945)     |                     |

In pursuance of the Committee's policy already mentioned considerable changes were made to our fleet in the past year. A racing eight (J. T. Dunstan), a practice eight (S. Macrae), a tub four and two tub pairs were sold. The racing eight was replaced by a dual purpose practice and racing eight and since the season ended we have taken delivery of two bondwood tub pairs from Messrs. Sargent and Burton, our first boats from this builder.

We are endeavouring to sell our oldest racing four as we are expecting a new boat from Geo. Towns and Sons to replace it. Also on order for delivery before the end of the coming season are a racing eight, another racing four, a tub four and a tub scull. However delivery is dependent on our ability to meet the cost.

In the past season we have received two new sets of oars. The first received were a set from Geo. Towns and Sons and were donated by the Morell family; the second set are oars of standard American design and were made by Messrs. George Pocock and Sons of Seattle.

Members will realise how important it is to treat all equipment with the utmost care when it is pointed out that racing eights cost £660, racing fours £420 and tub pairs £270.

### Coaching

The success of your club in the past season reflects the time, skill and energy given to the crews by their coaches. This task is one which requires patience and perseverance. However, in order to maintain the success of the past season into the next, your committee urges that as many as can afford the time, offer their services to the selectors in the coming season.

We thank the following members who coached crews in the past season: Messrs. W. S. Arnold, K. Bilney, N. W. Cairnes, C. de Guingand, J. Foley, W. Hidcock, R. E. Lee, S. H. Newcomb, D. A. Oliver, K. Pope, R. Rawlins, S. G. Richardson, J. G. Sprigg, D. Stirling, W. L. Wallace.

### Rowing

#### OLYMPIC GAMES, ROME 1960

Two members of this club, Messrs. R. R. Aitken and D. H. Boykett, saw the Olympic Games. They reported that the rowing was of a very high standard and that the organisation and course were superb. The superiority of the European crews and the German crews in particular, was attributed to their supreme fitness and long periods of training. In small boats their crews had an advantage of lighter equipment.

Set out below are some details of results:

Eights—Germany 1, Canada 2. Australia defeated in heats.

Fours (w/cox)—Germany 1, France 2. Australia fifth in final.

Fours (w/o cox)—U.S.A. 1, Italy 2. Australia defeated in heats.

Pairs (w/cox)—Germany 1, Russia 2. Australia defeated in heats.

Pairs (w/o cox)—Russia 1, Austria 2. Australia defeated in semi-final.

Double Sculls—Czechoslovakia 1, Russia 2. Australia defeated in heat.

Single Scull—Russia (Ivanov) 1, Germany (Hill) 2. S. McKenzie was unable to compete.

#### AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1961

These were held on the Port River at Adelaide on Saturday, 6th May. Conditions were perfect for all events, with a slight assistance from wind and tide.

In the Penrith Cup for Lightweight Fours the Victorian crew performed very well, leading at certain points during the race and finishing three quarters of a length behind the winner, New South Wales. West Australia finished a close second.

Victoria's representative in the President's Cup for single sculls performed very well to finish third behind R. Ninham from West Australia, who won the event, and G. Squires from Tasmania, who finished second for the sixth consecutive time.

The crews for the King's Cup race all got off to a perfect start, the Victorian crew getting to the front in the first 500 metres. They pulled away to a length lead at the 1000 metre mark, and despite a series of desperate challenges by New South Wales they held on to win by three quarters of a length from New South Wales, with West Australia a length away third, followed by South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania in that order. The ratings of the Victorian crew were 43 at the start, 37 over the course and 39 at the finish. The time was 5 minutes 52 seconds.

The Victorian crews were:

**Lightweight Four.**—G. Taylor (South Melb.), bow; K. Hume (Merc.), 2; A. Walker (Merc.), 3; R. Moore (Yarra Yarra), stroke; Cox P. Green (Merc.); Coach K. Bilney (Merc.); R. Gladman (Hawthorn), emergency.

**Scull.**—J. Sykes (Corio Bay).

**Senior Eights.**—J. Castles (Yarra Yarra), bow; D. Caithness (Corio Bay), 2; S. Newcomb (Merc.), 3; M. Tomanovits (Merc.), 4; W. Arnold (Merc.), 5; G. McCall (Merc.), 6; D. Norwood (Corio Bay), 7; D. Boykett (Merc.), stroke; D. Palfreyman (Merc.), cox; N. W. Cairnes (Merc.), coach; D. Stankovitch (Bank), emergency.

Your congratulations have been extended to the crew and coach for their magnificent win in the King's Cup and to the Four and the Sculler for their excellent showings in their events.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships for Eight-oared and Four-oared crews during the past season were divided between the Barwon and Ballarat courses: the Senior Fours, Junior Eights, and Lightweight Eights were held at Barwon on Saturday, December 19th, and the Senior Eights, Junior Fours and Lightweight Fours at Ballarat on Saturday, February 11th.

At Barwon conditions were unpleasant with a very strong headwind which put crews on the North and North centre courses at a very definite disadvantage. There was, however, some excellent racing with Corio Bay emerging as victors in all three events.

The weather at Ballarat was more clement and the racing was particularly good with one of the best displays of eight-oared racing seen here since the Olympic Games.

## EIGHT-OARED

**Senior.**—Your representatives were A. Cordell (bow), G. Speed (2), S. Newcomb (3), M. Tomanovits (4), W. Arnold (5), G. McCall (6), A. Monger (7), D. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach), who were successful in defeating Corio Bay, after a tightly fought race, by half a length.

**Junior.**—Your representatives G. Grinblat (bow), M. Searle (2), R. Negri (3), J. Spensley (4), D. Yunghanns (5), F. McPherson (6), A. Sinn (7), G. Speed (stroke), N. Hewitt (cox), W. Wallace (coach) won their heat but came third in the final. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Corio Bay.



**Lightweight.**—Your representatives M. Corben (bow), R. McLean (2), D. Cowling (3), P. Watkin (4), D. Hume (5), K. Hume (6), A. Walker (7), J. Wylie (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach), came second to Corio Bay. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners.

#### FOUR-OARED

**Senior.**—Your representatives S. Newcomb (bow), M. Tomanovits (2), W. Arnold (3), D. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) came third in the final. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Corio Bay.

**Junior.**—Your representatives A. Sinn (bow), C. Eggleston (2), S. Forster (3), F. McPherson (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), H. Frederico (coach) were unsuccessful. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Wendouree.

**Lightweight.**—Your representatives J. Pennells (bow), K. Hume (2), A. Walker (3), J. Wylie (stroke) were successful in winning this event by three quarters of a length.

#### PAIR-OARED

The Pair-Oared Championships were held on Albert Park Lake on Monday, January 30th.

**Senior.**—Your Club was not represented in this event. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Banks.

**Junior.**—Your representatives A. Adams (bow), J. Spensley (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Nagambie.

**Lightweight.**—Your representatives D. Hume (bow), K. Hume (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were unsuccessful. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Hawthorn.

#### REGATTAS

##### WINTER SERIES No. 1

**Novice Four No. 1.**—J. Bostock (bow), J. Leahy (2), A. O'Brien (3), N. Hewitt (stroke), R. Sprigg (cox), S. Newcombe (coach) were defeated.

##### WINTER SERIES No. 2

**Novice Four No. 1.**—P. Lewis (bow), A. O'Brien (2), M. McKenzie (3), J. Pearce (stroke), P. Marshall (cox), S. Newcomb (coach) were defeated.

**Novice Four No. 2.**—J. Bostock (bow), G. Green (2), R. West (3), H. Allen (stroke), P. Green (cox), R. Lee (coach) were defeated.

**Novice Pair.**—S. Shrimpton (bow), R. Garrard (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), C. de Guingand (coach) were also defeated.

##### WINTER SERIES No. 3

Our representatives, as at the previous regatta, were all unsuccessful.

#### METROPOLITAN NOVICE REGATTA

17th September, 1960

**Novice Eight.**—G. Stynes (bow), G. Smith (2), P. Lewis (3), M. Read (4), H. Allen (5), J. Pearce (6), A. O'Brien (7), M. McKenna (stroke), P. Green (cox), R. Lee (coach) were defeated.

**Novice Pair.**—J. Bostock (bow), J. Leahy (stroke), P. Green (cox), R. Lee (coach) were defeated.

## PRESTON NOVICE REGATTA

24th September, 1960

**Novice Four.**—P. Lewis (bow), J. Pearce (2), A. O'Brien (3), M. McKenna (stroke), P. Green (cox), R. Lee (coach) won this event.

**Beginners' Four.**—M. Corben (bow), G. Smith (2), G. Stynes (3), M. Read (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) won this event.

**Novice Pair No. 1.**—R. Walker (bow), H. Allen (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Arnold (coach) were defeated.

**Novice Pair No. 2.**—J. Bostock (bow), R. West (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox) were defeated in the final.

## V.R.A. (MELBOURNE) REGATTA

19th November, 1960

**Senior Eight.**—R. Lee (bow), D. Oliver (2), M. Tomanovits (3), C. Grant (4), W. Arnold (5), G. McCall (6), A. Monger (7), S. Newcomb (stroke), N. Hewitt (cox), N. Cairnes (coach) won this event.

**Senior Four No. 1.**—A. Cordell (bow), L. Koekoek (2), C. DeGuingand (3), D. Boykett (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), R. Rawlins (coach) were defeated.

**Senior Four No. 2.**—H. Frederico (bow), J. Howden (2), G. Manton (3), B. Doyle (stroke), P. Saleh (cox), B. Dawes (coach) were defeated.

**Junior Eight.**—J. Spark (bow), M. Searle (2), R. Negri (3), J. Spensley (4), D. Yunghanns (5), I. Patterson (6), A. Sinn (7), G. Speed (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Junior Four.**—T. Valmorbidia (bow), R. McLean (2), G. Grinblat (3), F. McPherson (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated in the final.

**Junior Pair.**—D. Hume (bow), K. Hume (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Four.**—J. Pennells (bow), J. Wylie (2), A. Walker (3), P. Watkin (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) won this event.

**Maiden Eight.**—M. Corben (bow), G. Smith (2), R. West (3), M. Read (4), C. Rowe (5), R. Rosenbrook (6), P. Lewis (7), J. Pearce (stroke), R. Umphelby (cox), J. Foley (coach) were successful.

**Maiden Four.**—R. Walker (bow), D. Cowling (2), J. Bostock (3), D. Dunstan (stroke), P. Marshall (cox), W. Hidgcock (coach) were defeated.

**Novice Four.**—P. Fitzsimon (bow), M. Graham (2), H. Weinmann (3), P. Ryan (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), G. Richardson (coach) were defeated.

## UPPER YARRA REGATTA

26th November, 1960

Your representatives were as at the V.R.A. Regatta with the exception as noted.

**Senior Eight.**—Won this event.

**Senior Fours Nos. 1 and 2** were defeated.

**Junior Eight.**—Your crew reversed the decision at V.R.A., winning by a good margin.

**Junior Four and Junior Pair** were defeated.

**Lightweight Four** were narrowly defeated by Power House.

**Maiden Eight** were again successful. On this occasion, M. McKenna replaced P. Lewis (7).

**Maiden Four and Novice Four** were defeated.

## NAGAMBIE REGATTA

26th December, 1960

**Senior Four.**—R. Lee (bow), S. Newcomb (2), C. DeGuingand (3), D. Oliver (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. Cairnes (coach) won by two lengths.

**Senior Pair.**—R. Lee (bow), S. Newcomb (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. Cairnes (coach) were defeated.

**Junior Eight.**—G. Grinblat (bow), R. McLean (2), R. Negri (3), J. Spensley (4), D. Yunghanns (5), C. Penfold (6), A. Sinn (7), G. Speed (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. Wallace (coach) won by three lengths.

**Junior Four.**—D. Yunghanns (bow), C. Penfold (2), A. Sinn (3), F. McPherson (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Junior Pair.**—R. Negri (bow), J. Spensley (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were successful.

**Lightweight Four.**—N. Stubbs (bow), R. McLean (2), D. Hume (3), K. Hume (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) took no part in the race. The rudder strings became entangled at the start and the coxswain was pulled from the boat.

**Lightweight Pair.**—J. Corrie (bow), J. O'Hara (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were unsuccessful.

**Maiden Eight.**—M. Corben (bow), G. Smith (2), J. Bostock (3), J. Pearce (4), M. McKenna (5), M. Read (6), C. Rowe (7), R. Rosenbrook (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), J. Foley (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—M. Corben (bow), R. Rosenbrook (2), C. Rowe (3), J. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), J. Foley (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Pair.**—K. Duncan (bow), M. McKenna (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), J. Foley (coach) were unsuccessful.

**Novice Four No. 1.**—P. Fitzsimon (bow), M. Graham (2), H. Weinmann (3), P. Ryan (stroke), P. Green (cox), G. Richardson (coach) were defeated.

## YARRAWONGA REGATTA

31st December, 1960

Your representatives were as at the Nagambie Regatta with the exceptions as noted.

**Senior Four.**—M. Tomanovits replaced C. DeGuingand (3). Your crew won this event.

**Senior Pair** were defeated.

**Junior Eight.**—Won by two lengths. On this occasion J. Wylie replaced G. Speed (stroke).

**Junior Four.**—Were defeated in the re-row as all competitors in the first race sank before the finishing line.

**Junior Pair.**—Were defeated in a close race.

**Lightweight Four** won this event.

**Lightweight Pair** were defeated.

**Maiden Eight, Maiden Pair, Novice Four No. 1** were defeated.

**Novice Four No. 2.**—A. Evans (bow), K. Duncan (2), J. Cox (3), G. Morgan (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), R. Lee (coach) were also defeated.

## RUTHERGLEN REGATTA

2nd January, 1961

Your representatives were the same as at the Yarrawonga Regatta with the exception as noted.

**Senior Four.**—Did not row as there was no opposition.

**Senior Pair** were defeated.

**Junior Eight** won convincingly.

**Junior Four.**—Won this event in an exciting race.

**Junior Pair.**—Were defeated in a close race.

**Lightweight Four.**—Were again successful.

**Lightweight Pair** were defeated.

**Maiden Eight** were defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—M. Read replaced R. Rosenbrook (2). The other members were as at the Nagambie Regatta. The crew were unsuccessful.

**Maiden Pair, Novice Four No. 1 and Novice Four No. 2** were defeated.

## FOOTSCRAY REGATTA

21st January, 1961

**Senior Eight.**—A. Cordell (bow), G. Speed (2), S. Newcomb (3), M. Tomanovits (4), W. Arnold (5), G. McCall (6), A. Monger (7), D. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. Cairnes (coach) were narrowly defeated by Corio Bay, the margin being a canvas.

**Junior Four.**—A. Sinn (bow), C. Penfold (2), D. Yunghanns (3), F. McPherson (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Junior Pair.**—A. Adams (bow), J. Spensley (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

**Lightweight Four.**—M. Corben (bow), R. McLean (2), D. Hume (3), J. Wylie (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were unsuccessful in the final.

**Lightweight Pair.**—A. Walker (bow), K. Hume (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), K. Bilney (coach) won this event.

**Maiden Four.**—M. McKenna (bow), M. Read (2), C. Rowe (3), J. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won this race.

## YEA REGATTA

28th January, 1961

Your representatives in the crews that competed were the same as at the Footscray Regatta.

**Junior Pair** were unsuccessful.

**Lightweight Four** were unsuccessful.

**Lightweight Pair** won this event.

**Maiden Eight.**—J. Bostock (bow), G. Morgan (2), J. Corrie (3), P. Ryan (4), M. McKenzie (5), R. Lachal (6), R. Lachal (7), J. O'Hara (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), J. Sprigg (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Four** won this event.

## ALBERT PARK LAKE REGATTA

30th January, 1961

Your representatives were as at the previous two regattas, except where otherwise shown.

**Senior Eight.**—Won this event after an extremely close race with Corio Bay. The winning margin was half a canvas.

**Senior Four.**—H. Frederico (bow), G. McCall (2), W. Arnold (3), G. Taylor (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. Cairnes (coach) were defeated.

**Junior Eight.**—T. Valmorbidia (bow), M. Searle (2), M. Corben (3), J. Spensley (4), D. Yunghanns (5), C. Penfold (6), A. Adams (7), R. Rosenbrook (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were unsuccessful.

**Junior Four.**—N. Stubbs (bow), C. Penfold (2), A. Sinn (3), R. Rosenbrook (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Four.**—Were successful at this regatta.

**Maiden Eight.**—Were defeated in their heat.

**Maiden Four.**—Were again successful.

### LAKE COLAC REGATTA

18th February, 1961

**Senior Eight.**—Our crew at the previous regatta were again successful.

**Junior Eight.**—T. Valmorbidia (bow), R. Rosenbrook (2), R. Negri (3), J. Spensley (4), D. Yunghanns (5), C. Penfold (6), A. Adams (7), M. Searle (stroke), R. Sprigg (cox), W. Wallace (coach) won this race by three feet.

**Junior Pair.**—D. Johnson (bow), H. Wallace-Mitchell (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), L. S. Williams (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Eight.**—J. Pennells (bow), A. O'Brien (2), A. Evans (3), R. McLean (4), N. Stubbs (5), K. Hume (6), A. Walker (7), J. Wylie (stroke), R. Sprigg (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Four.**—J. Pennells (bow), K. Hume (2), A. Walker (3), J. Wylie (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Eight.**—J. Bostock (bow), J. O'Hara (2), J. Corrie (3), P. Ryan (4), M. McKenzie (5), R. Lachal (6), R. Lachal (7), A. McArthur (stroke), R. Umphelby (cox), J. Foley (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—Your representatives at the Footscray Regatta were successful.

### BALLARAT REGATTA

25th February, 1961

**Senior Eight.**—Were again victorious.

**Junior Eight.**—Your crew which raced at Lake Colac won this race by two feet.

**Junior Four.**—Your crew which raced at Colac was again defeated.

**Lightweight Eight.**—J. Pennells (bow), M. Graham (2), A. Evans (3), R. McLean (4), N. Stubbs (5), K. Hume (6), J. Wylie (7), P. Harding (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Four.**—J. Pennells (bow), G. Smith (2), J. Wylie (3), P. Harding (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Eight.**—Your crew which competed at Colac was again defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—Your representatives at the Footscray Regatta were again successful.

### HENLEY ON THE YARRA

4th March, 1961

Your crews were as at Lake Colac with the changes as noted.

**Senior Eight (Grand Challenge Cup).**—Won in convincing style from Corio Bay.

**Junior Eight (Founders Challenge Cup).**—Our crew won this race by one foot, after thrilling victories in the heat and semi-final.

**Lightweight Eight (Old Oarsmen's Challenge Cup).**—J. Pennells (bow), M. Graham (2), A. Evans (3), R. McLean (4), A. Walker (5), K. Hume (6), J. Wylie (7), P. Harding (stroke), R. Sprigg (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were successful.

**Lightweight Four (Ladies' Challenge Cup).**—Were successful in winning with a magnificent sprint over the last quarter mile.

**Maiden Eight** were defeated.

**Maiden Four** were again successful.

### BARWON REGATTA

11th March, 1961

Your representatives were as at Henley-on-Yarra with the exception as noted.

**Senior Eight.**—This crew was again successful.

**Junior Eight.**—Were defeated.

**Lightweight Eight.**—Were again successful.

**Lightweight Pair.**—M. Corben (bow), K. Hume (stroke), P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Eight.**—Were defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—Had their seventh consecutive victory.

### SCOTCH-MERCANTILE REGATTA

25th March, 1961

**Junior Eight.**—T. Valmorbidia (bow), W. Sengelman (2), J. McEwan (3), R. Rosenbrook (4), D. Yunghanns (5), J. Spensley (6), J. Wylie (7), M. Searle (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Four.**—J. Pennells (bow), G. Smith (2), J. Wylie (3), P. Harding (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated by one foot in their heat.

**Lightweight Pair.**—M. Corben (bow), R. McLean (stroke), C. Fordyce (cox) were defeated in their heat.

**Maiden Four.**—Our representatives at the Footscray Regatta were disqualified after colliding with another crew.

### MILDURA REGATTA

1st April, 1961

**Open Eight.**—M. Corben (bow), G. Smith (2), R. Lachal (3), M. Johnson (4), D. Yunghanns (5), R. Lachal (6), G. Richardson (7), H. Frederico (stroke), P. Green (cox) were unsuccessful.

**Open Four.**—T. Valmorbidia (bow), A. MacArthur (2), C. DeGuinand (3), M. Searle (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox) were defeated.

**Junior Four.**—G. Richardson (bow), M. Johnson (2), D. Yunghanns (3), M. Searle (stroke), P. Koekoek (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Eight.**—J. Pennells (bow), M. Graham (2), J. Corrie (3), J. O'Hara (4), D. Hume (5), R. McLean (6), J. Wylie (7), P. Harding (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) won this event.

**Lightweight Four.**—J. Pennells (bow), J. Wylie (2), D. Hume (3), P. Harding (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Pair.**—M. Corben (bow), G. Smith (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox) were defeated in their heat.

**Maiden Eight.**—J. Bostock (bow), J. O'Hara (2), J. Corrie (3), A. O'Brien (4), M. McKenzie (5), R. Lachal (6), R. Lachal (7), A. MacArthur (stroke), J. Foley (coach) were defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—P. Jones (bow), M. Read (2), M. McKenna (3), J. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won their heat but were defeated in the final.

## WENTWORTH REGATTA

3rd April, 1961

**Junior Four.**—Our crew as at Mildura Regatta were unsuccessful.

**Lightweight Eight.**—M. Corben (bow), M. Graham (2), J. Corrie (3), J. O'Hara (4), A. O'Brien (5), R. McLean (6), J. Pennells (7), J. Wylie (stroke), P. Green (cox), W. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

**Lightweight Four.**—J. Pennells (bow), C. Smith (2), A. O'Brien (3), J. Wylie (stroke) were defeated.

**Lightweight Pair.**—Your crew as at the Mildura Regatta were defeated in the heat.

**Maiden Eight.**—Your crew as at the Mildura Regatta were defeated.

**Maiden Four.**—The crew which raced at the Mildura Regatta was defeated.

## PREMIERSHIP POINTS

**Senior.**—Mercantile, 80; Corio Bay, 51; Banks, 10; Essendon, 8; Nagambie, 8; Albert Park, 6; Wendouree, 6; Melbourne, 4; Dimboola, 2.

**Junior.**—Mercantile, 110; Melbourne, 84; Mildura, 68; Barwon, 58; Yarra Yarra 57; Corio Bay, 46; Hawthorn, 42; Power House, 32; Wendouree, 28; Wentworth, 28; Banks, 24; Nagambie, 18; Ballarat, 12; Yarrowonga, 12; Ballarat City, 10; Footscray City, 8; Dimboola, 6; Nestles, 6; Richmond, 6; Rutherglen, 6; Bendigo, 2; Essendon, 2; Preston, 2.

**Lightweight.**—Mercantile, 64; Hawthorn, 56; Corio Bay, 16; Wentworth, 14; Power House, 8; South Melbourne, 8; Barwon, 4; Dimboola, 4; Yarra Yarra, 2.

**Country.**—Corio Bay, 129; Mildura, 70; Wentworth, 68; Barwon, 62; Wendouree, 34; Nagambie, 30; Dimboola, 16; Ballarat, 12; Yarrowonga, 12; Ballarat City, 10; Nestles, 6; Rutherglen, 6; Bendigo, 2.

## NON-QUALIFYING REGATTA

### HAWTHORN HEAD OF THE YARRA — MARCH, 1961

This race, which is now established as a favorite event in the season, was competed for by 33 crews from metropolitan clubs and schools. This year the event was divided into three divisions — Open, Intermediate and School.

Your club entered three crews:

**No. 1 Crew.**—W. L. Wallace (bow), P. Harding (2), T. Valmorbidia (3), J. Wylie (4), C. de Guingand (5), M. Searle (6), A. Adams (7), G. Taylor (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox) — in the Open division.

**No. 2 Crew.**—J. Bostock (bow), J. O'Hara (2), J. Corrie (3), P. Ryan (4), M. McKenzie (5), R. Lachal (6), R. Lachal (7), A. McArthur (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox) — in the Intermediate division.

**No. 3 Crew.**—J. Pennells (bow), R. McLean (2), J. Was (3), M. Graham (4), P. Jones (5), M. Read (6), M. McKenna (7), J. Pearce (stroke), P. Green (cox) — in the Intermediate division.

No crew was successful in winning; however, all obtained improved placings which will give better starting positions next season.

## SCOTCH-MERCANTILE REGATTA

The third annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was held on the Henley course on Saturday, 25th March, 1961, and again a large entry was received. The eighty event programme again included races for school and novice crews, and at the conclusion of the rowing, trophies were presented to all successful oarsmen and coxswains outside the clubhouse.

Arrangements for the regatta were again carried out by a sub-committee which comprised Mr. R. R. Aitken (Chairman); Messrs. D. J. R. Morgan, D. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes and W. L. Wallace (Mercantile); Messrs. E. M. Davidson, L. H. Christie, I. C. Watkins and D. K. Bowden (Scotch College) with Mr. J. W. Bradshaw as regatta Secretary. During the afternoon a number of members of this and other Clubs carried out the various official duties necessary for the conduct of this regatta, and to these members and the Committee our thanks are extended. Our thanks are also extended to the following who donated trophies for the regatta — Messrs. R. R. Aitken and K. H. Boykett, R. E. Lee, the family of the late W. S. Littlejohn, Messrs. J. MacFarlane, C. N. McKay, S. H. Newcomb and T. Rodda.

A summary of the entry and comparison with last year is as follows:

|                                   | 1960/61 | 1959/60 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Metropolitan Clubs .....          | 12      | 9       |
| Country Clubs .....               | 13      | 8       |
| Metropolitan Public Schools ..... | 8       | 8       |
| Metropolitan High Schools .....   | 3       | 3       |
| Country Colleges .....            | 1       | —       |
| University Colleges .....         | 1       | —       |
|                                   | 38      | 28      |
|                                   | —       | —       |

This year the entry increased by 117 oarsmen to a total of 783, which is a record for the regatta since it commenced three years ago. Details of the entry are:

|                     | 1960/61      |                | 1959/60      |                |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                     | No. of Crews | No. of Oarsmen | No. of Crews | No. of Oarsmen |
| Scullers .....      | 3            | 3              | —            | —              |
| Novice Events ..... | 27           | 156            | 21           | 136            |
| School Events ..... | 41           | 256            | 39           | 248            |
| Other Events .....  | 77           | 368            | 68           | 282            |
|                     | 148          | 783            | 128          | 666            |

Finally we thank Messrs. D. S. Cowling, J. MacFarlane and H. Bligh who assisted us in the preparation of the programme, and the Clubs and Schools who supported the regatta, and look forward to their support and assistance again next year.

### HEAD OF THE RIVER

Your congratulations are extended to Wesley College and their coach, Mr. A. W. Mitchell, on their excellent win in this race, which was held on the Barwon River on Saturday, 15th April, 1961.

This year was notable in being the first year that three schools, Brighton Grammar, Caulfield Grammar and St. Kevins, have competed in the race for first crews, where they all competed gamely but without great success.

Once again the club enjoyed happy associations with Scotch College and Brighton Grammar. Your committee greatly appreciates the co-operation of the coaches of both schools, Mr. R. Roberts and the boys themselves, when using the somewhat cramped facilities in our shed.



## COMBINATION RACES

### PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS — 10th SEPTEMBER, 1960

Nine crews, comprising members from your own and from other clubs, competed in this event for trophies presented by two of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. H. Picken and Mr. M. S. Williams.

The winning crew was D. Cowling (Merc.) (bow), K. Hume (Merc.) (2), P. Lewis (Merc.) (3), G. Harper (Merc.) (4), G. McCall (Footscray) (5), J. Spensley (Merc.) (6), J. Dalton (Ballarat) (7), P. Watkin (Merc.) (stroke), J. Smith (Y.Y.) (cox).

### MORELL EIGHTS — 10th DECEMBER, 1960

The club is again indebted to the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell who once more generously presented handsome trophies. Nine crews competed in the event, the winning crew being: N. Stubbs (Merc.) (bow), P. Dennis (Richmond) (2), R. Cunningham (Merc.) (3), G. Boykett (Scotch) (4), R. Bowley (Richmond) (5), B. Jean (Banks) (6), C. Rowe (Merc.) (7), J. Wylie (Merc.) (stroke), D. Palfreyman (Merc.) (cox).

## CLUB RACES

### GUINN PAIRS — 3rd JUNE, 1960

We are indebted to the late Mr. S. Guinn, who gave the trophies for this event. Twelve crews competed, the winning crew being C. de Guingand (bow), G. McCall (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox). The winning margin was three feet.

### A. L. DOBBIE MEMORIAL FOURS

Once again the family of the late A. L. Dobbie presented trophies for this event, which was held on Ladies' Day. Nine crews competed, the winners being G. Grinblat (bow), G. Taylor (2), W. Wallace (3), P. Watkin (stroke), P. Green (cox). The winning margin was one and a half 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 Upper Yarra course around Herring Island. The race was keenly contested by eleven crews and was won by P. Lewis (bow), J. Pearce (2), R. Negri (3), P. Watkin (4), G. Richardson (5), J. Spensley (6), S. Newcomb (7), D. Oliver (stroke), P. Green (cox), in a time of 30 minutes 6.4 seconds.

### HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL

The Harlequin Rugby club have again generously donated trophies for the four oared time trial which was conducted over a course around Morell Bridge. The trial was keenly contested by seven crews and won by D. Cowling (bow), J. Pearce (2), G. Richardson (3), M. Searle (stroke), P. Cosgrove (cox), in the time of 14 minutes 44 seconds.

## TROPHIES

**Captain's Trophy.**—This trophy, presented to the oarsman who has entered and won the most regattas and club races during the season, has been won by Mr. J. Pearce, stroke of the highly successful Maiden Four, by 3 points from Mr. J. Wylie.

**J. W. Beattie Trophy.**—This is presented to the oarsman gaining the most premiership points for the club, and was won by Mr. J. Wylie, stroke of the Champion Lightweight Four.

**Coxswains' Trophies.**—The Bailey family trophy and perpetual shield was won for the second year in succession by D. Palfreyman. Mr. N. W. Cairnes presented his trophy for the most improved coxswain to P. Green.

**F. R. Browne Shield.**—The perpetual trophy presented by the family of the late F. R. Browne has been awarded by the selectors to M. Corben.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Ladies' Day.**—The A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours provided excellent entertainment for the mothers, wives and lady friends of members who attended this function and enjoyed afternoon tea in the gymnasium afterwards.

**Annual Dinner.**—The clubhouse was again the venue for the dinner. The catering was excellent and the evening was made doubly enjoyable by excellent addresses on sport by Dr. E. R. Trethewie and Mr. E. Sandstrom.

**Barbecues.**—Once again the club was able to conduct two excellent barbecues. The first was held at the home of our President, Mr. J. G. Sprigg, and was an outstanding success. The second, which was run in conjunction with Yarra Yarra, was held at the home of Mr. Les Chaplin and was a most satisfactory function. To these two gentlemen your sincere thanks are extended for the use of their properties.

**Dinner Dance.**—This function was first held last year at Ciro's and was an outstanding success. A similar function is to be held on May 26 this year.

### GENERAL

The past year has seen the completion of many major repairs and renovations to the clubhouse. Briefly these were: relaying the drain in front of the shed, concreting the Western bay, relaying the shower room floor with fibre-glass, and installation of four roll-up doors. The repainting of the shed is at present in progress. Again we must thank Deane Morgan and his assistants, Simon Newcomb, David Oliver, Bill Bradshaw and Ken Hume, for their work in making these important improvements.

The working bees on the fleet were again held on week nights during the winter and important maintenance and repair work was completed. Certain members were regular in their attendance and your particular thanks are extended to your captain Bill Wallace, Bob Lee, Simon Newcomb, Bill Arnold, Jamie Pearce and John Bostock. Additional summer working bees were introduced by the Captain this season. These were held on certain Saturday mornings and they achieved a lot in cleanliness and minor repairs in and around the shed.

Invaluable help has been given to us in completing work around the shed by Mr. Les Chaplin. This and other clubs on the river bank are greatly indebted to him for his help in this regard.

Henley-on-Yarra was again run in conjunction with the Moomba Festival. The afternoon was blessed with good weather and excellent racing. Whilst thanking the joint Secretaries of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, Mr. Dean Morgan and Mr. Jack McBean (Banks) for their untiring work, which made for the success of the afternoon, we must also thank Mr. Roy Thursfield, whose work in this, and in past seasons as Secretary of this body, laid the foundations for the continued success of the regatta.

On Anzac Day Mr. J. L. Mounsey and Mr. J. G. Sprigg conducted the memorial service at the clubhouse. There was a good attendance at the service and for the refreshments provided by the social sub-committee during the afternoon.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Messrs. R. S. Bolton, J. K. Berkery, A. Evans, F. Fogarty, G. S. Hyett, A. G. Lindblade, R. J. Mounsey and R. A. O'Brien who suffered bereavements during the year.

Your good wishes for future happiness were extended to Messrs. D. H. Boykett, G. M. Crowe, C. de Guingand, P. Harding, G. O. V. Manton, B. Merton, J. Morganti and T. Valmorbida, who were married during the year; and your congratulations are extended to Messrs. E. R. Baenziger, K. Cannon, G. H. Elliott, H. R. Freberico, M. R. Keeley, E. P. Leggett, D. C. Marley, W. J. Pell, H. P. Shears, R. S. Sprigg, H. J. Walker, and I. W. Wilson and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

The club is again indebted to its coxswains for their regular attendance and your thanks are extended to the following for a job well done: Messrs. H. W. Hewitt and R. S. Sprigg, Masters P. Green, P. Koekoek, D. Palfreyman, R. Umphelby and R. Weatherhead.

Your congratulations are extended to your captain, Bill Wallace, in capping a busy and successful season by being appointed coach of the Melbourne University Boat Club crew to race in Brisbane on May 27.

This season saw the resignation from the committee of your Treasurer and past secretary, Bill Bradshaw in order that he might take up the post of assistant secretary of the Victoria Rowing Association. Your sincere thanks are extended to Bill for his sterling work for the club in the past five seasons.

Your congratulations are extended to Mr. R. R. Aitken, who has been appointed President of the Australian Rowing Council. This is a fitting tribute to the work and leadership that Bob has given to rowing in Australia in the past 12 years.

The V.R.A. had another successful season which was the result of the hard and efficient work of the officials of the Association. Your particular thanks are extended to the President, Mr. M. S. Williams, the Secretary, Mr. N. W. Cairnes, his assistants Messrs S. R. Jeffrey and J. W. Bradshaw, and the Treasurer, Mr. N. F. Wilkinson, who succeeded Mr. C. E. James, who retired during the year.

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

Your thanks are conveyed to all rowing correspondents and to the Australian Broadcasting Commission for their good work in reporting, broadcasting and televising rowing.

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

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the retiring Committee wish to thank members for the assistance given during the season and look forward to the same co-operation being given to the incoming committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

C. de GUINGAND, Hon. Secretary.

### ADDENDUM

The winning of a premiership is a notable event for any rowing club. To win three premierships in the one season is history. Our past triple premiership victories together with this season's effort have made Victorian rowing history.

We have to thank our Captain, executive officers, committee, and members of all competing crews for the excellent result of a strenuous season's racing. Our competing members no doubt feel that the sacrifices made in strictly attending to training during a lengthy season have been well worth while.

We must not, however, become complacent, and it is suggested that, after a well earned rest, you recommence training with the objective of making the coming season equal to the past.

J. G. SPRIGG.

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## OBITUARY

**Stanley Guinn** joined Mercantile Rowing Club in 1903, and it is interesting to recall he shortly afterwards introduced that great man of rowing, the late Archie Dobbie, to the Club.

Stan was a successful oarsman and among his victories was a Maiden eight at Henley 1905, Junior four Henley 1907, Junior eight Henley 1908 and he then graduated to a Senior oarsman.

On the administrative side of the Club he proved a capable treasurer between 1908 and 1914.

He enlisted in 1914 and went overseas with "Pompey" Elliott's 7th (Sportsmen's) Battalion. He landed at Anzac on 25th April, 1915, and afterwards acquired Commissioned rank. He was a gallant soldier and highly regarded by all who served under him.

For many years he enjoyed weekend rowing and was a regular attendant at all Club and social functions. Maintaining a close interest in the Club during his long membership, he, for many years generously donated trophies for the S. Guinn pairs.

Failing health during recent years made it difficult for him to visit the Club to which he had given so much, and had such happy associations.

**Cliff Lambert** rowed for many years with Sydney Rowing Club and was a New South Wales King's Cup oarsman, joining Mercantile when transferred to Victoria.

**Tom D'Arcy** a successful Tasmanian coxswain who coxed many Mercantile crews during the nineteen forties and in London in 1948 — the Olympic Games four coached by Ray Todd. A tragic accident unfortunately cut short a brilliant career.

**Marcus Burke**, Banks Rowing Club and President of the Old Oarsmen's Association; **Leyshon Williams**, President of Yarra Yarra Rowing Club; **Ray Dunn**, Richmond Rowing Club and executive member of the V.R.A.

Rowing has suffered a loss through the passing of these members and other notable oarsmen.

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# LIST OF MEMBERS, 1960-61

## LIFE MEMBERS

Cairnes, N. W.  
Lindblade, A. G.  
Morgan, D. J. R.

Mounsey, J. L.  
Picken, J. H.  
Potter, W.

Sprigg, J. G.  
Thursfield, R. W.  
Williams, M. S.

## SENIOR MEMBERS

Ackland, M. G.  
Aitken, R. R.  
Appleby, J. P.  
Arnold, W. S.  
Ashkanasy, N.  
Atkins, A. H. C.  
Baenziger, E. R.  
Bailey, A. R.  
Bailey, M. McN.  
Ball, D. G.  
Barry, J. N.  
Beecham, J. D.  
Berkery, J. R.  
Beynon, V. P.  
Blair, I. D.  
Bolton, R. S.  
Bourke, B. F.  
Boykett, D. H.  
Boykett, P. H.  
Bradshaw, J. W.  
Bram, A.  
Brooke, D. C.  
Broughton, O. S.  
Bruce, D. M.  
Cannon, Dr. K. J.  
Carr, G.  
Carr, J. P.  
Carroll, P. R.  
Clarke, A. H. G.  
Clark, J. H. P.  
Cleeland, R. J. G.  
Clemens, J. B.  
Coe, C. J.  
Collinson, B.  
Cooper, Dr. R. A.  
Cordell, A. M.  
Corben, M. H.  
Corteen, L. K.  
Courtney, N. C. W.  
Cowling, D. S.  
Cox, J. F. W.  
Crowe, G.  
Cunningham, R. A.  
Dawes, C. B.  
Day, R. G.  
De Guingand, C. J.  
Devenport, D.  
Dobbie, A. W.  
Dowd, M. C.  
Doyle, B. J.  
Dunstan, D. C.

Harding, P.  
Harper, G. K.  
Healy, J. T.  
Hecht, W.  
Hewitt, H. N.  
Hidgcock, C. W.  
Holt, E. S.  
Houston, M. J.  
Howden, J. G.  
Hume, K. M.  
Humphris, P. W.  
Hunt, D.  
Hyett, G. S.  
Jones, J. McD.  
Jones, P. L. V.  
Keeley, M. R.  
Koch, A. H.  
Koekoek, L.  
Kohn, A. B.  
Lane, B. N.  
Law, I. R.  
Lee, R. E.  
Lewis, C. D.  
Longstaff, I. G.  
Mahoney, H.  
Manton, G. O. V.  
Marley, D. C.  
Marton, G.  
Mayer, A. W.  
Merton, B.  
Miller, A. P.  
Monger, A. C.  
Morell, D. R.  
Morell, R. T.  
Morgan, R. G.  
Morganti, J.  
Morrison, W. T.  
Mounsey, R. J.  
McCall, G. A.  
Macaulay, J. C. C.  
McCubbery, R. J.  
McEwan, J. G.  
Macfarlane, J. M.  
Mackinnon, G. A.  
McMahon, G. F.  
McPherson, A. J.  
McPherson, F.  
McPherson, G.  
Naylor, D. H. L.  
Negri, R.  
Newcomb, S. H.

Pitt, W. G.  
Pizzey, J. B.  
Pope, K.  
Rankin, R. V.  
Read, J. R.  
Read, McK. R.  
Richardson, G. W.  
Richardson, R. H.  
Richardson, S. G.  
Robertson, F. W. A.  
Robson, G. S.  
Rogers, L. W.  
Rowe, C. A.  
Rush, R. T., O.B.E.  
Seammen, J. W.  
Searle, G. S.  
Searle, M. E.  
Searle, N. M.  
Sharp, V. A.  
Shears, H. P.  
Shears, J. D.  
Shears, T. W.  
Smith, G.  
Smith, G. G.  
Smith, K. A. D.  
Smith, Hon. S. M.  
Spalding, N.  
Spark, J. M.  
Spencer, H. T.  
Spensley, J. C.  
Sprigg, R. S.  
Stewart, G. E.  
Stirling, D. S.  
Stubbs, N. M.  
Stynes, G.  
Sykes, P. L.  
Taylor, G. M.  
Tilley, G. W.  
Trehearne, A. G.  
Turnbull, A. H.  
Turnbull, W. R.  
Valmorbida, T.  
Walker, A. M.  
Walker, H. J. R.  
Walker, R. E.  
Wallace, J. W.  
Wallace, W. L.  
Wallace-Mitchell, H.  
Watkin, P. K.  
Weinmann, H.  
Wertheimer, E. J.

Dunstan, J. T.  
Elliott, G. H.  
Fitzsimon, P. W.  
Frederico, H. R.  
Galvin, V. C.  
Gamble, P.  
Gerrard, J.  
Gillespie, I. F.  
Granowski, W. C.  
Grant, C. C.  
Griffith, E. DeB.  
Grinblat, G. C.

Nixon, N. V.  
Noble, F.  
Oliver, D. A.  
Oliver, R. J. D.  
Olsson, A. S.  
Olliff, D.  
Osborne, E. F.  
Patterson, I. H.  
Paul, B. S.  
Pell, W. J.  
Pennells, J. B.

Wheatland, W.  
White, E. C.  
Whitehead, P. J.  
Williams, J. G.  
Williams, L. S.  
Williams, M.  
Williams, R.  
Wilson, W. I.  
Wood, M. R.  
Yao, J.  
Yunghanns, M. W.

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Alexander, A. J.  
Allen, H. J.  
Ashby, R. J.  
Binger, W. J.  
Bostock, J. B.  
Butcher, J. E. M.  
Cleeland, J. J.  
Corrie, E. J.  
Couchman, W. H.  
Culka, J. V.  
Downing, G. R.  
Duncan, K. G. H.  
Eggleston, G. C.  
Evans, A. M.  
Fiddian, R. M.  
Fien, A. R.  
Fisher, J.  
Forster, S. W.  
Geary, B. E. J.  
Gerrard, R. J.  
Gibson, D.  
Green, G.  
Hawes, J. R.  
Hayes, J.  
Hill, M.

Hose, P.  
Howells, D. J.  
Hume, D. H.  
Hutchens, G. K.  
Johnson, M. W.  
Kent, R. A. V.  
Kyngdon, D. G. T.  
Lachal, R.  
Lachal, R.  
Lambourne, A. F.  
Leahy, J.  
Lewis, P.  
Masik, A.  
Morgan, G. C.  
Munro, D. I.  
Murdoch, I. M.  
McArthur, A. H.  
McKenna, M. J.  
McKenzie, M. D.  
McLean, A. R.  
McLennan, P. M.  
O'Brien, R. A.  
O'Donnell, B. A.  
O'Hara, J. A.  
Paterson, D. W.  
Pearce, J. M.

Penfold, C. B.  
Pickett, K.  
Pulinelle, M. J.  
Press, J. H.  
Rechner, C. J.  
Rosenbrook, R. C.  
Ryan, P.  
Sengelman, W. R.  
Shrimpton, S.  
Sinn, A. F.  
Smith, I. G. W.  
Speed, G. E.  
Staley, A. A.  
Strachan, D. I.  
Strahan, M. T.  
Tomanovits, M. G.  
Van de Graaff, P.  
Vas, S. L.  
Voss Smith, D.  
West, R.  
White, W. L.  
Wilkie, A.  
Williams, W.  
Willis, W. B.  
Wylie, J. J.  
Yunghanns, D. J.

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Bilney, K. A.  
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Burton, A. J.  
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Davey, G. H.  
Epstein, G. L.  
Evans, E. A.  
Fosdick, L. V.

Gordon, A.  
Macrae, Rev. D. M.  
Nicholls, C. J.  
Palfreyman, D. B.  
Raven, C. F.  
Robertson, J. N.  
Rork, A. T.  
Rush, H. R.  
Sanderson, S. O.

Shears, E.  
Stephenson, C. E.  
Stooke, G. F.  
Trickett, W. A.  
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Weire, L. B.  
Wilkinson, C. V. H.

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Calder, D. A.  
Cox, P. R.  
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Dickenson, H. R.  
Duncan, A. R.

Ferguson, J. M.  
Fletcher, J. M.  
Foley, F/Lt. J. E.  
Harvey, J. R.  
Holyman, G. I.  
Kerrigan, N.  
Lemaire, J. E.  
Moll, L. L. B.

MacPherson, P. A.  
Naylor, M. C. L.  
Nicholson, P. S.  
O'Reilly, J. H.  
Ross, W. G.  
Rowe, J. S.  
Spencer, F. D.  
Thomas, J. C.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Boykett, K. H.  
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Cordell, A. J.  
Hill, L.  
Hoppe, J. P.

Leggett, E. P.  
McLean, D. A.  
Newcomb, Capt. H. M.  
Nugent, P.  
Rawlins, R.  
Rodda, T.  
Strang, G. J.  
Wade, P. M.  
Wilson, I. P.

# INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year ended 30th April, 1961

(Figures adjusted to nearest £)

|  | 1960  | 1961  |   | 1960  | 1961  |
|--|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| To Boat Staging .....  | £10   | £10   | By Subscriptions .....                                  | £1144 | £1377 |
| " Coxswains and Drivers' Expenses, and Deposits<br>for Hotel Accommodation ..... | 92    | 85    | Less: Amounts written off .....                         | 73    | 73    |
| Depreciation—  |       |       | Locker Fees .....                                       | 92    | £1304 |
| Boats .....  | 377   | £338  | Entrance Fees—  | 14    | 105   |
| Oars .....   | 107   | 90    | Club Races .....  |       | £5    |
| Fittings .....   | 7     | 5     | Combination Races .....                                 |       | 13    |
| Sundry Assets .....  | 20    | 16    |   |       | 18    |
|  |       |       | Donations—Social Fund .....                             | 75    | £150  |
| Donations .....  | 15    | 449   | General .....   | 269   | 393   |
| Entrance Fees — Regattas .....   | 5     | 45    |   |       | 543   |
| Fire Protection Expenses .....   | 22    | 42    | Interest—C'wealth Treasury Bonds .....                  | 21    | 12    |
| Freight — Country Regattas .....   | 45    | 71    | Bank of New South Wales .....                           |       | 20    |
| Freight — New Equipment .....  | 29    | 41    | State Savings Bank .....                                |       | 1     |
| General Expenses .....   | 28    | 35    |   |       | 33    |
| Insurances .....   | 130   | 147   | Sundry Income—Sundries .....                            | 61    | 1     |
| Light, Gas, Rent and Water Rates .....   | 145   | 125   | Profit on Sales of Boats .....                          | —     | 144   |
| Postages .....   | 24    | 22    | Profit on Sale of Singlets, Track Tops & Pennants ..... | 21    | —     |
| Printing and Stationery .....  | 116   | 119   | Deficiency transferred to Accumulated Funds .....       | 37    | —     |
| Repairs and Maintenance .....  | 329   | 618   |   |       |       |
| Telephone .....  | 30    | 23    |   |       |       |
| Trophies — Club Races .....  | 27    | 32    |   |       |       |
| V.R.A. Fees and Dues .....   | 123   | 137   |   |       |       |
| Loss on Sale Singlets and Track Tops .....                                       | —     | 24    |   |       |       |
| " Pennants .....   | —     | 5     |   |       |       |
| Loss on Sale Boats .....   | 53    | —     |   |       |       |
| Surplus transferred to Accumulated Funds .....                                   | —     | 70    |   |       |       |
|  | £1734 | £2148 |   | £1734 | £2148 |

## TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT

|      |                                 |       |   |       |
|------|---------------------------------|-------|---|-------|
| £97  | To Trophy Orders Paid .....     | £64   | By Balance brought forward .....              | £829  |
| 829  | " Balance carried forward ..... | 949   | " Amounts received for Trophies Awarded ..... | 184   |
| £926 |                                 | £1013 |   | £1013 |

H. N. HEWITT, Honorary Treasurer.

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April, 1961**  
(Figures adjusted to nearest £)

|       |  | 1961  | 1960  | 1961 | 1960  |
|-------|--|-------|-------|------|-------|
|       | <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</b>                                |       |       |      |       |
|       | Balance 1st May, 1960 .....                              | £5340 | £2472 |      |       |
|       | Add: Surplus as per Income and Expenditure Account ..... | 70    | 54    |      |       |
| £5340 |  | £5410 |       |      |       |
|       | <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>                              |       |       |      |       |
| 829   | Trophy Orders Account .....                              | 949   |       |      |       |
| 107   | Subscriptions in Advance .....                           | 38    |       |      |       |
| 118   | Sundry Creditors .....                                   | 211   |       |      |       |
| 23    | Bank of New South Wales .....                            | —     |       |      |       |
|       |  | 1198  |       |      |       |
|       | <b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>                                     |       |       |      |       |
|       | Boathouse, at cost .....                                 |       |       |      | £2472 |
|       | Club Fitting at cost, less depreciation .....            |       |       |      | 49    |
|       | Boats at written down value, 1/5/60 .....                |       |       |      | £2396 |
|       | Add: Cost of New Boat .....                              |       |       |      | 670   |
|       |  |       |       |      | £3066 |
|       | Deduct: Depreciation .....                               |       |       |      | £338  |
|       | Boats sold .....   |       |       |      | 296   |
|       |  |       |       |      | 634   |
|       |  |       |       |      | 2432  |
|       | Oars at Valuation .....                                  |       |       |      | 424   |
|       | Sundry Assets .....                                      |       |       |      | 68    |
|       |  |       |       |      | £5445 |
|       | <b>INVESTMENTS:</b>                                      |       |       |      |       |
|       | Commonwealth Loan, at cost .....                         |       |       |      | 299   |
|       | <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                                   |       |       |      |       |
|       | Subscriptions outstanding .....                          |       |       |      | £437  |
|       | Stock of Singlets and Pennants, at cost .....            |       |       |      | 150   |
|       | Sundry Debtors .....                                     |       |       |      | 223   |
|       | State Savings Bank—                                      |       |       |      |       |
|       | F. R. Browne Trophy Account .....                        |       |       |      | 30    |
|       | Bank of New South Wales .....                            |       |       |      | 24    |
|       |  |       |       |      | 864   |
|       |  |       |       |      | £6608 |

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I report that I have audited the books and accounts of the Mercantile Rowing Club for the year ended 30th April, 1961, 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, 1961, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Melbourne, 7th June, 1961.  
A. H. G. CLARKE, Chartered Accountant (Aust.).