



MERCANTILE
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MELBOURNE

82nd
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1961-62

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Mercantile Rowing Club

Princes Bridge,
Melbourne, S.C.1,
16th June, 1962.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 82nd ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY, 30th JUNE, 1962, 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, 23rd June, 1962, at 4 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

J. J. WYLIE,

Honorary Secretary.

The Eighty-Second Annual Report

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members :

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 82nd Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1962.

The past season has been one of considerable success for the Club, as we won the Junior and Lightweight Premierships outright and finished third in the Senior Premiership. We were unable to equal the record set last year in winning all three Premierships.

During the early part of the season our Senior Eight provided many interesting races in the struggle with Banks Rowing Club for the Premiership. However, the superior Banks crews defeated our representatives at the Championships and in four-oared as well as eight-oared races after Christmas. Your congratulations have been extended to Banks on their convincing victory in this Premiership.

Our Junior Crews established an early lead in their section, convincing wins being recorded by the Maiden Eight and Junior Four. Lightweight crews won the majority of races in which they were entered until the Eight-Oared Championships in February. It is regrettable to note that the Club failed to record a victory at two of the regattas held after this period. This failure may be partly attributed to the low percentage of members available to the Selectors for regular competition, causing many of our Juniors and Lightweights to be entered in two and sometimes three events at each regatta, thus prejudicing their chance of success.

A notable exception among our members entered in several events at one regatta was the effort of our Junior Four, which won the Elswick Cup at the Henley Regatta — their fifth race for the afternoon.

In Championship racing, the Club won the Junior Eight-Oared and Four-Oared and Lightweight Four-Oared races.

The King's Cup squad was selected in December, earlier than usual as the race was also to be a test race for Empire Games selection. Our members G. A. McCall and M. G. Tomanovits were selected to row in the crew, with S. H. Newcomb as emergency. Following the victory of the crew, Messrs. McCall and Tomanovits were selected to row in the Australian crew, with S. H. Newcomb as emergency and D. Palfreyman as coxswain. This is indeed an honour for these members of the Club.

The Penrith Cup squad was selected in December and January, and the efforts of Mr. K. Bilney were duly rewarded when he was selected to coach the crew. The following members of this Club were included in the crew:—Messrs. K. M. Hume, A. M. Walker, G. Xouris and D. Palfreyman as coxswain. This crew was also successful, and full details of the races appear later in the report.

Your Committee are now looking ahead with a view to gaining maximum possible representation at the Olympic Games, Tokyo, 1964, and it is from our junior ranks that the necessary support must come. While all active oarsmen are urged to make themselves available to the Selectors, it is imperative that proper coaching be available, and those who do not actively participate in racing are asked to put themselves at the disposal of the Selectors for this purpose.

Reference to the membership section of this report will also show that our junior membership must be increased if we are to maintain our successful record, and all members are urged to introduce new members.

We are pleased to report that five of our members have been included in the squad to represent Victoria in the Interstate University Eight-Oared Race to be held at Penrith, New South Wales. We congratulate Messrs. A. Troedel, J. C. B. Penfold, J. F. Gurry, A. Adams and J. F. McEncroe. At the time of writing the race had not been held, and we wish the crew every success.

In December the Club was represented in Sydney by the Senior and Maiden Eight, who both recorded convincing wins. We are indebted to the members of Sydney Rowing Club, who arranged boats, accommodation and entertainment during their stay.

Finally, our thanks are extended to the members of the various metropolitan and country regattas for their hospitality and co-operation to our visiting members.

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

Executive and Committee

Up to the time of this report being placed in the hands of the printer eleven regular meetings of the Committee have been held. Attendances have been as follows:—

R. R. Aitken	11	J. L. Mounsey	1
J. B. Bostock	11	S. H. Newcomb	9
D. H. Boykett	10	D. A. Oliver	10
J. W. Bradshaw	9	J. M. Pearce	6
N. W. Cairnes	9	G. G. Smith	6
Dr. R. A. Cooper	1	J. M. Spark	3
A. M. Evans	2	J. G. H. Sprigg	11
P. Harding	7	W. N. Wallace	10
H. N. Hewitt	6	Dr. L. S. Williams	4
K. M. Hume	8	J. J. Wylie	11
D. J. R. Morgan	7		

Membership

The membership now stands:—

	1962	1961	1960
Life Members	9	9	8
Senior Members	174	187	145
Junior Members	77	78	85
Honorary Members	25	26	27
Country Members	22	24	24
Associate Members	14	14	12
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	321	338	301

Of these members, 78 competed in regatta races during the season. However, the number who competed in four or more races was 45.

During the year 43 new members were admitted to the Club, including 11 Seniors and 28 Juniors. Despite this total membership has decreased by 17 owing to resignations and also because many members were written off for non-payment of subscriptions. The low percentage of members who competed regularly, in relation to the total membership, is a warning that our junior membership must be increased urgently. Members are asked to introduce new recruits as soon as possible.

Financial

The Statements of Account for the year to 30th April, 1962, show that the Club's operating surplus for the year was £200, the improvements over the previous year being due mainly to a reduction in expenses.

Revenue showed little variation. As a result of writing off the sum of £252 of subscriptions outstanding by members who have left the Club without meeting their obligations the income from this source showed a sharp decline, but this was largely offset by an increase in donations from members and other sources. Expenditure has received the constant attention of the Committee during the year, and the main saving resulted from reduced outlay on repairs to the Club House and fleet.

During the year the Club purchased new boats and oars to the value of £1,464. In order to finance this expenditure it became necessary to rely for the first time for some years on bank accommodation, and at 30th April we were overdrawn £266. While the Committee does not intend to repeat in this year this substantial capital outlay, members will realize only too well that quite large payments must be made annually to maintain the fleet and Club House in first-class condition. At the present time a new racing eight and a set of oars are on order. Some part of the cost has been defrayed by the generosity of individual members, but the balance must be provided from Club funds. All members are therefore urged to meet their obligations to the Club without delay.

Donations

The Club is greatly indebted to the undernamed persons, whose generous donations form such an important part of our revenue:—

Messrs. W. S. Arnold, W. M. Bailey, D. G. Ball, K. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, R. A. Cooper, A. G. Lindblade, A. P. Miller, D. J. Morgan, J. L. Mounsey, J. H. O'Reilly, J. H. Picken, K. Pope, R. H. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, M. E. Searle, H. T. Spencer, J. G. Sprigg, R. W. Thursfield, M. S. Williams, the family of the late F. R. Browne, the family of the late A. L. Dobbie, the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, the Harlequin Rugby Club, Queens College and St. Kevin's College.

Boats and Oars

A schedule of your fleet is set out below, dates of purchase being shown in brackets.

Eights	Fours	Pairs
Racing:	BILL WALLACE (1961)	R. H. RICHARDSON (1957)
THE MORELL (1960)	J. W. BEATTIE (1959)	Dr. R. A. COOPER (1961)
J. G. SPRIGG (1956)	J. H. PICKEN (1957)	
	Tubs	
Practice:	E. R. VARCOE (1951)	
R. W. THURSFIELD (1961)	M. S. WILLIAMS (1951)	PAUL HARDING (1961)
A. L. DOBBIE (1955)	DEANE MORGAN (1961)	F. R. BROWNE (1950)
	1 TUB SCULL (pre 1945)	

During this year your Committee has continued the policy of selling boats while they maintain their value, and replacing them with new equipment. The racing four "R. W. Thursfield", racing pair "H. P. Shears" and tub four "N. W. Cairnes" have been sold. While the racing four and tub four were replaced by new craft — "Bill Wallace" and "Deane Morgan" respectively — the Club remains with only one racing pair, and at this stage it can only be hoped that finance will permit the placing of an order in the near future.

Unfortunately, owing to the same lack of finance, the order for the racing eight for delivery for this past season was cancelled. This eight has now become our most urgent need, and an order has been placed with Geo. Towns & Sons Pty. Ltd. for delivery for the coming season.

At the close of the season we purchased an almost new set of 8-inch "shovel" oars from the Victorian Rowing Association, making six sets now available.

Members are urged to handle equipment with care at all times, but should a breakage occur it is imperative that it be reported to your Committee in order that repairs may be effected with a minimum of inconvenience.

Coaching

Undoubtedly the continued success of our crews during the past season is a reflection of the excellent service given by our coaches. Our congratulations and thanks are extended to the undernamed members, and in particular Mr. Keith Biiney, who has coached lightweight crews to victory in one Victorian and two Australian Championships during the season:—Messrs. R. R. Aitken, N. W. Cairnes, D. S. Cowling, D. Devenport, S. H. Newcomb, D. A. Oliver, K. Pope, R. H. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, J. M. Spark, D. S. Stirling, W. N. Wallace and L. S. Williams.

Rowing

AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1962

This year two Australian Championship Regattas were held at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.

King's Cup Regatta.—This was conducted in heats and repechages, as in 1956, on Friday, 23rd, and Saturday, 24th March. The King's Cup and President's Cup races were also test races for Australian representation at the Empire Games.

Details of the races are as follows:—

King's Cup.—Victoria won the heat on Friday by one and a half lengths, and other finalists were Western Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. Western Australia took the lead at the beginning from Victoria, both crews rating 45. Tasmania challenged at the half distance, but then dropped back. Rating 39, Victoria overhauled Western Australia shortly after 1,500 metres, and with a brilliant finishing sprint, striking 42, went away to win from Western Australia by a half length, with Tasmania heading New South Wales for third place.

President's Cup.—Victoria's representative won his heat comfortably. The final was won by I. Tutty of New South Wales, who led over the whole distance. Second for the sixth time was G. Squires of Tasmania. The Victorian representative, J. Sykes, finished in third place.

Penrith Cup.—Victoria won the heat comfortably, and other finalists were New South Wales, Western Australia and South Australia. At the start Victoria took the lead, and the further the race went the larger their lead. New South Wales maintained a high rating in an effort to keep with the leader, but could not match the Victorian crew for pace. The crew went on to win by a record margin of over four lengths.

The Victorian crews were:—

Penrith Cup.—R. Smith (Hawthorn), bow; G. Xouris (Mercantile), 2; A. M. Walker (Mercantile), 3; K. M. Hume (Mercantile), stroke; D. Palfreyman (Mercantile), cox; K. A. Biiney (Mercantile), coach; R. Gladman (Hawthorn), P. Downey (Corio Bay), emergencies.

President's Cup.—J. Sykes (Corio Bay).

King's Cup.—I. E. Douglas (Banks), bow; C. J. Lehman (Banks), 2; D. Stanovich (Banks), 3; G. A. McCall (Mercantile), 4; M. G. Tomanovits (Mercantile), 5; T. R. Davies (Banks), 6; P. Guest (Banks), 7; W. N. Howell (Banks), stroke; G. J. Norton (Banks), cox; A. N. Jacobsen (Banks), coach. The emergencies were S. H. Newcomb (Mercantile) and B. J. Vear (Banks), with Mr. W. R. B. Todd (Banks) as manager of the squad.

Our congratulations have been extended to the Eight, who will be the Australian representatives in the eight-oared race at the Empire Games, and to the Four on their magnificent victory, and to the Sculler on his excellent effort.

First Australian National Regatta and Test Races for the Empire Games.—

This regatta was conducted in heats and repechages at Easter on Saturday, 21st, and Monday, 23rd April.

The Club was represented in four races, and was victorious in the Lightweight Eight-Oared Championship of Australia. Details of crews and their races are as follows:—

Four with Cox.—S. H. Newcomb (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), W. S. Arnold (3), D. H. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach).

Four without Cox.—The above crew also contested this race, and on the Saturday won their heats in each division comfortably. In the final of the coxed event our crew finished fourth. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Corio Bay. In the final of the coxless race our crew was placed third, the race being won by Mosman (N.S.W.).

Pair without Cox.—G. G. Wills (bow), F. S. McArthur (stroke).

This crew, who train on Lake Bolac in the Western District, won their heat on the Saturday. In the final on the Monday they rowed a magnificent final 500 metres to finish one length behind the winners Mosman (N.S.W.). Our congratulations are extended to our crew for their effort, in view of the difficulties encountered in racing uncoached.

Lightweight Eight.—M. H. Corben (bow), A. R. McLean (2), G. C. Grinblat (3), J. J. Wylie (4), A. M. Evans (5), G. Xouris (6), P. Downey [Corio Bay] (7), K. M. Hume (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach).

This crew won their heat on the Saturday after P. Downey of Corio Bay replaced A. M. Walker (7), who had become ill on the morning of the race.

In the final our crew, rating 38, took the lead at the start, but after 150 metres were passed by the higher rating Sydney crew, who maintained a half length lead to 1,200 metres. Rating a controlled 34, our crew overhauled Sydney (37), and with 300 metres to race our crew had a canvas advantage. In the final sprint our crew lifted its rating and crossed the line three-quarters of a length ahead of Sydney Rowing Club, with Leichardt and Haberfield following.

Our congratulations are extended to this crew, who are the first Champion Lightweight Eight of Australia, and in particular to Peter Downey, who rowed so well at emergency notice. Our thanks are extended to Corio Bay Rowing Club for allowing his participation in the crew.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships for Eight-Oared, Four-Oared and Pair-Oared crews during the season were divided between the Ballarat, Lower Yarra and Nagambie courses. The Senior Eights, Junior Fours and Lightweight Fours were held at Ballarat on Saturday, 16th December; the Senior Fours, Junior Eights and Lightweight Eights on the Appleton Dock course, Lower Yarra, on Saturday, 10th February; and Senior, Junior and Lightweight Pair-Oared races at Nagambie on Tuesday, 26th December.

Much congestion occurred during the conduct of the Junior Eights race on the Appleton Dock course, and the race was stopped twice following clashes between crews. Conditions were boisterous on this day and starting the races proved difficult. Conditions at Nagambie and Ballarat were quite satisfactory.

EIGHT-OARED

Senior.—Our representatives were A. M. Cordell (bow), C. C. Grant (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), M. G. Tomanovits (4), W. S. Arnold (5), G. A. McCall (6), A. C. Monger (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), R. R. Aitken and N. W. Cairnes (coaches), who were defeated by the Banks Rowing Club crew, to whom your congratulations have been extended.

Junior.—Our crew, R. Lachal (bow), R. J. Garrard (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. C. B. Penfold (4), M. McKenzie (5), M. F. McKenna (6), A. J. Adams (7), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach), rowed a magnificent race to win by a canvas.

Lightweight.—M. H. Corben (bow), J. O'Harra (2), A. M. Evans (3), P. K. Watkin (4), W. N. Wallace (5), A. R. McLean (6), D. H. Hume (7), J. J. Wylie (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach). This crew was beaten by two feet after a thrilling sprint from a length behind at 1,500 metres. Your congratulations have been presented to the winners, Corio Bay.

FOUR-OARED

Senior.—H. R. Frederico (bow), C. C. Grant (2), W. S. Arnold (3), D. H. Blykett (stroke), T. Daffy (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach). This crew finished third, the race being won by Banks, to whom your congratulations have been presented.

Junior.—A. F. Sinn (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach). This crew won their race convincingly.

Lightweight.—J. J. Wylie (bow), G. Xouris (2), A. M. Walker (3), K. M. Hume (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach). This crew also had a convincing win.

PAIR-OARED

Senior.—P. W. Humphris (bow), C. C. Grant (stroke), T. Daffy (cox), were defeated. Your congratulations have been extended to the winners, Nagambie.

Junior.—A. M. Cordell (bow), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), were defeated. The winners, Yarra Yarra, have received your congratulations.

Lightweight.—J. J. Wylie (bow), G. Xouris (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach), were defeated. Your congratulations have been extended to Hawthorn, who won the race.

Regattas

WINTER SERIES No. 1 — 20th May, 1961

Maiden Pair No. 1.—M. H. Corben (bow), G. G. Smith (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Pair, No. 2.—J. B. Bostock (bow), A. H. McArthur (stroke), H. N. Hewitt (cox), S. H. Newcomb (coach), were also defeated in their heat.

WINTER SERIES No. 2 — 17th June, 1961

Novice Pair.—J. B. Bostock (bow), A. H. McArthur (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), S. H. Newcomb (coach). This crew won their heat by one quarter length, but were defeated in the final.

Novice Scull.—S. H. Newcomb was defeated in his heat.

WINTER SERIES No. 3 — 12th August, 1961

Novice Scull.—S. H. Newcomb won this race.

Novice Pair.—J. B. Bostock (bow), G. C. Morgan (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Pair.—P. M. McLennan (bow), J. M. Pearce (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), won this race comfortably.

METROPOLITAN NOVICE REGATTA — 16th September, 1961

Novice Four, No. 1.—R. E. Walker (bow), G. Irving (2), T. B. Schoeffler (3), P. Ryan (stroke), H. P. Green (cox) lost their heat.

Novice Four, No. 2.—G. Bird (bow), A. Wilkie (2), L. M. Stocchelli (3), K. Nicholas (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), also lost their heat.

Novice Pair.—J. B. Bostock (bow), Robert Lachal (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), were defeated.

Maiden Pair.—Your representatives at Winter Series No. 3 had another comfortable win.

PRESTON NOVICE REGATTA — 23rd September, 1961

Maiden Pair.—Your representatives in Winter Series No. 3 were again victorious, and completed the treble.

Novice Four.—R. J. Garrard (bow), G. Irving (2), T. B. Schoeffler (3), P. Ryan (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), were unsuccessful.

Beginners' Four.—A. Wilkie (bow), E. Johnson (2), G. Bird (3), K. Nicholas (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox) were defeated.

V.R.A. METRIC REGATTA — 14th October, 1961

Senior Eight.—A. M. Cordell (bow), S. H. Newcomb (2), D. J. Yungghans (3), M. G. Tomanovits (4), W. S. Arnold (5), G. A. McCall (6), A. C. Monger (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), R. R. Aitken and N. W. Cairnes (coaches), had a convincing win.

Senior Pair.—P. W. Humphris (bow), C. C. Grant (stroke), T. Daffy (cox) were successful.

Senior Scull.—G. Xouris was defeated.

Junior Four.—M. F. McKenna (bow), J. C. Spensley (2), R. Negri (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) were successful.

Lightweight Four.—J. B. Pennells (bow), R. O. Rowe (2), J. J. Wylie (3), K. M. Hume (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach), were successful.

Maiden Eight.—J. B. Bostock (bow), K. F. Lee (2), T. B. Schoeffler (3), D. F. Horovitz (4), M. McKenzie (5), P. Ryan (6), R. Lachal (7), R. J. Garrard (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach), were defeated in their heat.

V.R.A. METRIC REGATTA — 21st October, 1961

Senior Eight.—Our crew at the first regatta had another win.

Senior Pair.—Our crew at the first regatta were defeated.

Senior Scull.—G. Xouris was defeated.

Junior Four.—M. F. McKenna (bow), J. C. Spensley (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach), were defeated on this occasion.

Lightweight Four.—Our crew at the first regatta won this race.

Maiden Eight.—K. F. Lee (bow), D. F. Horovitz (2), N. May (3), P. Ryan (4), M. McKenzie (5), J. F. McEncroe (6), R. Lachal (7), R. J. Garrard (stroke), B. Hess (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) were defeated.

DIMBOOLA REGATTA — 11th November, 1961

Senior Pair.—Our crew at the Metric Regattas was successful on this occasion.

V.R.A. (MELBOURNE) REGATTA — 18th November, 1961

Senior Eight.—Our crew at the Metric Regattas was defeated by Banks.

Senior Pair without Cox.—P. W. Humphris (bow), C. C. Grant (stroke) were not successful.

Junior Four.—A. F. Sinn (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won their event.

Lightweight Eight.—J. B. Bostock (bow), K. Nicholas (2), A. M. Evans (3), P. K. Watkin (4), G. Xouris (5), K. M. Hume (6), J. J. Wylie (7), P. Harding (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) won their event.

Maiden Eight.—Our representatives at the second Metric Regatta were victorious on this occasion.

Maiden Four.—M. H. Corben (bow), M. W. Johnson (2), R. McK. Coombs (3), G. G. Smith (stroke), A. Carter (cox), J. M. Spark (coach) were defeated in their final.

UPPER YARRA REGATTA — 25th November, 1961

Senior Eight.—Our crew at the Metric Regattas was again defeated.

Senior Four.—J. J. Wylie (bow), G. Xouris (2), A. M. Walker (3), K. M. Hume (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) were defeated.

Junior Four.—Our crew at the V.R.A. Melbourne Regatta also won this race and completed the double.

Lightweight Eight.—Our crew at the previous regatta also won again.

Maiden Eight.—Our crew at the previous regatta was again successful.

Maiden Four.—Our crew at the previous regatta was defeated.

Novice Four, No. 1.—G. Bird (bow), B. Hill (2), J. Lawson (3), E. Johnson (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), D. S. Stirling and S. G. Richardson (coaches) were not successful.

Novice Four, No. 2.—A. Wimble (bow), I. C. Thomas (2), N. Webster (3), G. Irving (stroke), T. Daffy (cox), D. Devenport and D. S. Cowling (coaches) were unsuccessful.

METROPOLITAN REGATTA (SYDNEY) — 2nd December, 1961

Senior Eight.—A. M. Cordell (bow), C. C. Grant (2), S. H. Newlomb (3), M. G. Tomanovits (4), W. S. Arnold (5), G. A. McCall (6), A. C. Monger (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), R. R. Aitken and N. W. Cairnes (coaches) recorded a win of over three lengths.

Maiden Eight.—Our crew at the two previous regattas won their race by one and a half lengths.

NAGAMBIE REGATTA — 26th December, 1961

Senior Four.—A. M. Cordell (bow), G. A. McCall (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), C. C. Grant (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox) had a good win.

Junior Eight.—K. F. Lee (bow), McK. Read (2), R. McK. Coombes (3), G. C. Eggleston (4), C. L. Eldridge (5), M. F. McKenna (6), C. A. Rowe (7), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox) were defeated.

Junior Four.—M. F. McKenna (bow), J. C. B. Penfold (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won their event.

Lightweight Four.—G. Xouris (bow), G. C. Morgan (2), J. J. Wylie (3), K. M. Hume (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) won their race.

Maiden Eight.—A. Troedel (bow), J. O'Hara (2), P. McLennan (3), J. V. Hayes (4), M. McKenzie (5), P. Ryan (6), R. Lachal (7), R. J. Garrard (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach) won their race easily.

Maiden Four.—A. Troedel (bow), P. Ryan (2), M. McKenzie (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), D. van Woerden (cox) were defeated.

Maiden Pair.—P. McLennan (bow), R. J. Garrard (stroke), D. van Woerden (cox) were successful.

YARRAWONGA REGATTA — 30th December, 1961

Senior Pair, No. 1.—R. E. Lee (bow), G. A. McCall (stroke), A. Carter (cox) were defeated.

Senior Pair, No. 2.—S. H. Newcomb (bow), C. C. Grant (stroke), T. Daffy (cox) were also defeated.

Junior Four.—R. Lachal (bow), J. C. B. Penfold (2), M. McKenna (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won their event.

Junior Pair.—M. F. McKenna (bow), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox) were defeated in a re-row after they had dead-headed.

Lightweight Four.—J. B. Bostock (bow), G. C. Morgan (2), J. J. Wylie (3), G. Xouris (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. Bilney (coach) were defeated.

Lightweight Pair.—J. J. Wylie (bow), G. Xouris (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) were defeated.

Maiden Eight.—Our crew at Nagambie won this race.

Maiden Four and Maiden Pair.—Our crews at Nagambie were defeated.

RUTHERGLEN REGATTA — 1st January, 1962

Open Eight.—J. B. Bostock (bow), K. M. Hume (2), H. R. Frederico (3), S. H. Newcomb (4), R. E. Lee (5), G. A. McCall (6), W. N. Wallace (7), C. C. Grant (stroke) R. H. Richardson (cox) were not successful.

Senior Pair.—S. H. Newcomb (bow), J. C. B. Penfold (stroke), T. Daffy (cox) were defeated.

Junior Four.—Our crew as at Yarrowonga were defeated.

Junior Pair.—Our crew at Yarrowonga won this event.

Lightweight Four.—Our crew as at Nagambie won this race by four lengths.

Lightweight Pair.—The crew at Yarrowonga overtook the previous winners and won this race by one foot.

Maiden Four and Maiden Pair.—Our crews at Nagambie were defeated.

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA — 20th January, 1962

Senior Four.—H. R. Frederico (bow), S. H. Newcomb (2), W. S. Arnold (3), C. C. Grant (stroke), T. Daffy (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

Junior Four.—A. J. Adams (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won this race.

Lightweight Four.—W. L. White (bow), R. O. Rowe (2), J. J. Wylie (3), G. Xouris (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) won by half a length, having overcome difficulties shortly after the start when a member of the crew nearly fell out of the boat.

Lightweight Pair.—A. M. Evans (bow), P. K. Watkin (stroke), A. C. Thomas (cox) were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Four.—J. F. McEncroe (bow), K. F. Lee (2), P. McLennan (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), A. Carter (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach). This crew, rowing for the first time in a tandem-rigged boat, were untroubled to win.

YEA REGATTA — 27th January, 1962

Junior Four.—Our crew, as at Footscray, won by approximately ten or more lengths.

Lightweight Four.—Our crew at Footscray won by four lengths.

Lightweight Pair.—Our crew at Footscray was unsuccessful.

Maiden Four.—Our crew at Footscray won by more than five lengths.

Maiden Pair.—M. H. Corben (bow), J. F. McEncroe (stroke), A. Carter (cox) were defeated.

ALBERT PARK LAKE REGATTA — 29th January, 1962

Senior Four.—Our crew at Footscray rowed over the course on equal terms with Banks, but were narrowly defeated in the final sprint.

Junior Four.—Our Footscray representatives won this event and completed the treble.

Junior Pair.—J. J. Wylie (bow), G. Xouris (stroke), H. P. Green (cox) were defeated.

Lightweight Four.—Our crew at Footscray won this event and completed the treble.

Lightweight Pair.—Our crew at Footscray was defeated.

Maiden Four.—Our crew at Footscray was successful, and became the third treble winner.

LAKE COLAC REGATTA — 17th February, 1962

Senior Four.—H. R. Frederico (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), W. S. Arnold (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

Junior Eight.—K. F. Lee (bow), P. Ryan (2), C. A. Rowe (3), J. V. Hayes (4), M. McKenzie (5), J. F. McEncroe (6), R. Lachal (7), R. J. Garrard (stroke), B. Hess (cox), D. A. Oliver (coach), were defeated.

Junior Four.—K. F. Lee (bow), J. F. McEncroe (2), R. Lachal (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), B. Hess (cox) — an untrained crew, were successful

Lightweight Eight.—M. H. Corben (bow), J. O'Hara (2), A. M. Evans (3), P. K. Watkin (4), W. N. Wallace (5), A. R. McLean (6), D. H. Hume (7), J. J. Wylie (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach) were defeated.

Maiden Four.—P. McLennan (bow), J. V. Hayes (2), D. K. Bowden (3), G. H. Boykett (stroke), A. Carter (cox) were defeated.

BALLARAT REGATTA — 24th February, 1962

Senior Four.—M. F. McKenna (bow), J. M. Pearce (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), D. H. Boykett (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach) were defeated, following a last minute change in the crew.

Junior Eight.—Our crew at Colac was defeated by half a length after sprinting from third position 300 yards from the finish.

Lightweight Eight.—Our crew at Colac was disqualified for late arrival at the start and took no part in the race.

Maiden Eight.—J. B. Bostock (bow), G. C. Morgan (2), P. D. Charlton (3), I. C. Thomas (4), W. L. White (5), E. Johnson (6), D. K. Bowden (7), G. H. Boykett (stroke), A. Carter (cox) were not successful.

Maiden Four.—P. McLennan (bow), I. C. Watkins (2), D. K. Bowden (3), G. H. Boykett (stroke), A. Carter (cox) were defeated.

HENLEY ON THE YARRA — 3rd March, 1962

Senior Eight (Grand Challenge Cup).—A. F. Sinn (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), D. J. Yunghanns (3), J. C. B. Penfold (4), W. S. Arnold (5), D. H. Boykett (6), A. Adams (7), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) were defeated.

Senior Four (Stewards' Challenge Cup).—S. H. Newcomb (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), W. S. Arnold (3), D. H. Boykett (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach) won their heat but were defeated in the final.

Junior Eight (Founders' Challenge Cup).—Our crew at Colac won their heat and semi-final, but was defeated in the final.

Junior Four (Elswick Challenge Cup).—Our crew that raced at Colac — K. F. Lee (bow), J. F. McEncroe (2), R. Lachal (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), B. Hess (cox) were successful. This was the fifth race of the day for the members of this crew, who came from well behind at the half distance to win. Our congratulations are extended to this crew for their remarkable effort.

Lightweight Eight (Old Oarsmen's Challenge Cup).—M. H. Corben (bow), J. O'Hara (2), A. M. Evans (3), P. K. Watkin (4), A. O'Brien (5), A. R. McLean (6), D. H. Hume (7), J. J. Wylie (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach). This crew was obliged to make a last-minute seating change. They won their heat, but were defeated in the final.

Lightweight Four (Ladies' Challenge Cup).—M. H. Corben (bow), A. O'Brien (2), D. H. Hume (3), J. J. Wylie (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach). This crew also made a last-minute change, won their heat and lost their final.

Maiden Eight (Lord Mayor's Challenge Cup).—J. B. Bostock (bow), I. C. Thomas (2), P. D. Charlton (3), G. R. Dickinson (4), J. F. Gurry (5), E. Johnson (6), W. L. White (7), G. C. Morgan (stroke), A. C. Thomas (cox), Dr. L. S. Williams (coach) were defeated in their heat.

Maiden Four.—P. McLennan (bow), G. H. Boykett (2), D. K. Bowden (3), I. C. Watkins (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox) were defeated in their heat.

BARWON REGATTA — 10th March, 1962

Senior Eight.—Our representatives were as at Henley, but on this occasion W. S. Arnold and D. H. Boykett were 7 and stroke respectively. A. Adams and J. M. Pearce were 5 and 6. Cox was H. P. Green. The crew was defeated by three-quarters of a length.

Senior Four.—S. H. Newcomb rowed 2 in a composite crew which was narrowly defeated by Corio Bay in an exciting finish.

Junior Eight.—Our representatives at Henley were defeated in their heat by Yarra Yarra, who eventually won the final.

Junior Pair.—G. G. Wills (bow), F. S. McArthur (stroke) won their heat but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Eight.—Our crew at Henley was defeated in their heat.

SCOTCH-MERCANTILE REGATTA — 31st March, 1962

Senior Four with Cox.—S. H. Newcomb (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), W. S. Arnold (3), D. H. Boykett (stroke), H. P. Green (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were defeated.

Senior Four without Cox.—S. H. Newcomb (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), W. S. Arnold (3), D. H. Boykett (stroke), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were successful.

Junior Four.—R. Lachal (bow), J. V. Hayes (2), M. McKenzie (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), B. Hess (cox) were defeated.

Junior Pair.—A. F. Sinn (bow), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), K. Pope (coach) won their heat and semi-final, but were defeated in the final.

Lightweight Pair.—A. M. Evans (bow), J. J. Wylie (stroke), A. C. Thomas (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) won their heat but were defeated in the final.

Maiden Four.—D. K. Bowden (bow), G. H. Boykett (2), P. M. Gibbs (3), I. C. Watkins (stroke) were defeated.

Novice Eight.—P. Roe (bow), W. Hecht (2), P. D. Charlton (3), M. W. Owen (4), G. Irving (5), I. C. Thomas (6), A. R. Wimble (7), E. Johnson (stroke) were defeated.

MILDURA REGATTA — 21st April, 1962

Senior Pair.—W. N. Wallace (bow), K. Forbes (stroke) were unsuccessful.

WENTWORTH REGATTA — 23rd April, 1962

Senior Pair.—Our crew at Mildura was defeated.

Premiership Points

Senior.—Banks, 58; Corio Bay, 46; Mercantile, 38; Nagambie, 26; M.U.B.C., 7; Melbourne, 4.

Junior.—Mercantile, 129; Banks, 90; Barwon, 82; Essendon, 67; Yarra Yarra, 58; Power House, 44; Mildura, 32; Melbourne, 31; Corio Bay, 28; Hawthorn, 26; Nestles, 24; Dimboola, 16; M.U.B.C., 10; Bendigo, 8; Footscray City, 6; Yea, 6; Lake Colac, 4; Richmond, 4; Nagambie, 2; Wentworth District, 2; Ballarat City, 2.

Lightweight.—Mercantile, 62; Corio Bay, 40; Hawthorn, 20; Banks, 16; South Melbourne, 12; Yarra Yarra, 6; Ballarat City, 4; Dimboola, 4; Barwon, 4; Melbourne, 4; Mildura, 4; Richmond, 4; Wentworth District, 4.

Country.—Corio Bay, 119; Barwon, 102; Mildura, 36; Nagambie, 32; Nestles, 28; Dimboola, 20; Ballarat City, 13; Bendigo, 8; Rutherglen Lake, 6; Wentworth District, 6; Yea, 6; Lake Colac, 4; Wendouree, 2.

Your congratulations are extended to Banks Rowing Club, winners of the Senior Premiership, and to Corio Bay, winners of the Country Premiership.

Non-Qualifying Regatta

HAWTHORN HEAD OF THE YARRA — 17th March, 1962

This race was again successfully conducted by the Hawthorn Rowing Club and attracted an entry of 37 crews. The Club was represented by four crews, and was successful in the Open and Veteran Sections. The crews were:—

No. 1 Crew.—A. F. Sinn (bow), M. F. McKenna (2), D. J. Yunghanns (3), C. C. Grant (4), S. H. Newcomb (5), J. M. Pearce (6), W. S. Arnold (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), H. P. Green (cox). This crew recorded the fastest time and won the Open Section.

No. 2 Crew.—J. B. Bostock (bow), J. O'Hara (2), A. M. Evans (3), A. R. McLean (4), J. J. Wylie (5), G. H. Boykett (6), R. Lachal (7), R. J. Garrard (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox), came fourth in the Intermediate Section.

No. 3 Crew.—P. D. Charlton (bow), M. Owen (2), A. Wimble (3), I. C. Thomas (4), G. Irving (5), G. G. Smith (6), M. H. Corben (7), J. V. Hayes (stroke), A. C. Thomas (cox), competed in the Intermediate Section.

No. 4 Crew.—J. M. Spark (bow), R. H. Richardson (2), E. C. White (3), H. J. R. Walker (4), J. Morganti (5), C. B. Dawes (6), L. S. Williams (7), B. J. Doyle (stroke), H. T. Spencer (cox). It was pleasing to all members that this crew won the Veteran Section.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The fourth annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted on the Henley Course on Saturday, 31st March, 1962, and again attracted a large entry from Clubs and Schools, which we understand was a record for a Victorian regatta.

This year events for Senior Double Sculls and Coxwainless Pairs and Fours were included in the programme, each of which attracted a small entry. The Committee is of the opinion that competition in these classes should be encouraged, and intends to include similar events in the programme for 1963.

The management of the regatta was again carried out by a Sub-Committee, which comprised Mr. R. R. Aitken (Chairman), Messrs. D. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, D. J. R. Morgan, S. H. Newcomb and W. N. Wallace (Mercantile); Messrs. E. M. Davidson, L. H. Christie, J. McFarlane, D. MacMillan and C. J. Newman (Scotch College), with Mr. J. W. Bradshaw as Regatta Secretary.

The thanks of the Committee have been extended to the members of this and other Clubs who carried out the various official duties during the regatta, and through their co-operation ensured that the 104-event programme finished at the scheduled time. Particular thanks are directed to Mr. Bradshaw for the efficient manner in which he has continued to organise this regatta.

This year the total entry increased by 179 oarsmen, and for your information the following comparison with last year is presented:—

	1961-62		1960-61	
	No. Crews	No. Oarsmen	No. Crews	No. Oarsmen
SCULLERS	8	10	3	3
SCHOOL EVENTS	53	308	41	256
NOVICE EVENT	29	188	27	156
OTHER EVENTS	93	456	77	368
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	183	962	148	783
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Forty-three Clubs and Schools were represented in the regatta, which have been classified as follows:—

	1961-62	1960-61
METROPOLITAN CLUBS	15	12
COUNTRY CLUBS	11	13
METROPOLITAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	8	8
METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOLS	3	3
COUNTRY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	3	1
UNIVERSITY COLLEGES	3	1
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	43	38
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Finally, our thanks are extended to the following, who donated trophies for the regatta:—Messrs. R. R. Aitken, C. N. McKay, S. H. Newcomb, T. Rodda, R. S. Sprigg and J. McFarlane.

Head of the River

Our congratulations are again extended to the Wesley College crew and their coach, Mr. A. W. Mitchell, on their second successive win in this race, which was held on the Barwon River on Saturday, 14th April, 1962.

The happy association between the Club and Brighton Grammar School and Scotch College has continued during the year.

Combination Races

PICKEN-WILLIAMS EIGHTS — 30th September, 1961

Nine crews, consisting of members of this and seven other Clubs, competed for trophies donated by our Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. H. Picken and Mr. M. S. Williams.

The winning crew was M. Booth (Banks), bow; G. G. Smith (Mercantile), 2; R. E. Walker (Mercantile), 3; M. F. McKenna (Mercantile), 4; A. M. Walker (Mercantile), 5; R. Lachal (Mercantile), 6; H. R. Frederico (Mercantile), 7; J. M. Pearce (Mercantile), stroke; T. Martin (Footscray City), cox. The race was won by two feet.

MORELL EIGHT — 2nd December, 1961

Once again the Club is indebted to the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell for presenting these coveted trophies. Nine crews competed, the winning margin being one and a half lengths.

The winning crew was S. Bulmer (Yarra Yarra), bow; P. Harding (Mercantile), 2; G. Hayes (Essendon), 3; M. W. Johnson (Mercantile), 4; A. V. G. Rice (Yarra Yarra), 5; G. Xouris (Mercantile), 6; W. N. Wallace (Mercantile), 7; P. W. Humphris (Mercantile), stroke; A. Warner (Essendon), cox.

Club Races

GUINN PAIRS — 4th June, 1961

We are indebted to an anonymous member for donating trophies for this race in the memory of the late Mr. S. Guinn. Twelve crews competed, the winning crew being D. H. Boykett (bow), J. M. Pearce (stroke), D. Smith [Banks] (cox).

A. L. DOBBIE MEMORIAL FOURS — 26th August, 1961

The family of the late Mr. A. L. Dobbie again presented trophies for this race, which was held in conjunction with Ladies' Day.

Nine crews competed, and the winning crew was T. B. Schoeffler (bow), G. Xouris (2), W. S. Arnold (3), J. J. Yllie (stroke), H. P. Green (cox).

J. G. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL

Ten crews contested this trial over the Herring Island course. On the Wednesday prior to the conclusion, the two fastest crews had equal times. This was lowered again on Saturday, 24th June, but again there was a dead-heat. We thank Mr. Sprigg for the trophies he presented to the two winning crews, who were:—

Crew "A".—W. N. Wallace (bow), P. Ryan (2), R. Negri (3), J. C. Spensley (4), M. G. Tomanovits (5), J. C. B. Penfold (6), P. McLennan (7), N. C. W. Courtney (stroke), H. P. Green (cox).

Crew "B".—J. B. Bostock (bow), A. H. McArthur (2), M. F. McKenna (3), J. M. Pearce (4), D. J. Yunghanns (5), G. A. McCall (6), A. Adams (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), G. C. Morgan (cox).

Time: 28 mins. 55 secs.

HARLEQUIN TIME TRIAL

The Harlequin Rugby Club again generously donated trophies for the four-oared time trial conducted over a course around Morell Bridge. Nine crews contested the trial, and it was won by P. McLennan (bow), P. Ryan (2), C. J. DeGuingand (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox).

Trophies

Captain's Trophy.—This trophy is presented to the member who has entered and or won the most regatta and Club races during the season. Mr. J. M. Pearce, stroke of the Champion Junior Four and Eight has won this trophy for the second year in succession.

Late J. W. Beattie Trophy.—This trophy is donated in the memory of the late Jack Beattie, and is presented to the member who has won the most premierships points for the Club during the season. This has also been won by Mr. Pearce. We congratulate him on his double win.

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 has been awarded by the Committee to Mr. K. Nicholas, 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 Penry Green, to whom our congratulations are extended.

N. W. Cairnes Trophy.—Our thanks are extended to Mr. N. W. Cairnes, who has given this trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season. The Committee have awarded this trophy to Tom Daffy. Our congratulations are extended to him.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day.—The rowing season again opened with Ladies' Day on 26th August, 1961. In pleasant weather members' wives and lady guests witnessed the A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours and the Christening of our four new boats — the "R. W. Thursfield" by Master Geoffrey Thursfield, "Deane Morgan" by Mrs. Morgan, "Paul Harding" by Mrs. Harding, and "Dr. R. A. Cooper" by Mrs. J. G. Sprigg. Afterwards the ladies were entertained at afternoon tea in a marquee erected on the lawn besides the Clubhouse, and this proved a notable success.

Annual Dinner.—The Dinner was again held in the Clubhouse on 2nd September, 1961. The guest speaker was Mr. E. H. Fox, of the Physical Education Department, University of Melbourne, who spoke on "Conditioning for Sport". Our old friend Dr. Trethewie also spoke and brought those present up to date on his experiments, and this was particularly interesting to those who attended in 1959, when Dr. Trethewie outlined his programme of research into the physiology of the human body. The Committee were honoured that Sir Edgar Coles and Sir Bernard Evans were among the guests, and thank Mr. J. G. Williams and his staff for the excellent catering and all members who attended and made the function the most successful for many years.

Dinner Dance.—For the second year this function was held at Ciro's, and was enjoyed by all who were present.

Barbecues.—This season two barbecues have been conducted — the first on the evening of the Upper Yarra Regatta at the home of Mr. Sprigg, which proved highly successful and exciting for all oarsmen who attended. The second was at the home of Mr. Les Chaplin on the evening of the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta. Attendance at this barbecue was unsatisfactory, but those present spent a pleasant evening. The thanks of all members is extended to Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Chaplin for making their homes available for the functions, and to Paul Harding, John Spark and Bill Wallace, and the many others whose efforts made these functions a success.

General

During the year the re-painting of the Clubhouse has progressed steadily, and we thank Deane Morgan, Bill Bradshaw, Simon Newcomb, Jamie Pearce, Mike McKenna, John Bostock, Ken Hume, Pat Ryan, Tom Schoeffler and many others for their help in this direction. It is planned to complete the job early in the winter.

Working bees were held on fleet maintenance on Tuesday evenings at the beginning of the season, and several Saturday morning efforts have been held to effect repairs about the Clubhouse. Many members have been regular in their attendance, and your thanks are given to Bill Wallace, Simon Newcomb, Jamie Pearce, John Bostock, Ken Hume, John Hayes, Jeff Wylie and all others who helped when possible.

A recent innovation has been the installation of a soft drink dispenser in the Clubhouse, and under the supervision of Jamie Pearce and David Palfreyman the "machine" has proved to be a small but welcome source of revenue.

The Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association again conducted Henley on the Yarra in conjunction with the Moomba Festival. Our thanks are extended to the joint Honorary Secretaries, Deane Morgan and Jack McBean, for their continued excellent organisation of the regatta and for their help and advice to officials of the Club.

The usual Anzac Day Service was conducted in the Clubhouse by Jack Mounsey and Simon Newcomb, and concluded with the laying of a wreath by David Stirling. A good attendance was recorded, and guests included visiting oarsmen from Bundaberg, Queensland. We thank Bill Wallace, Bill Bradshaw and John Williams for the provision of refreshments during the afternoon.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Messrs. A. Bram, J. H. Green, G. O. V. Manton, J. B. Pennells, P. M. Wade (Snr.) and A. M. Walker, who suffered bereavements during the year.

Your congratulations and best wishes for future happiness have been given to Geoff Taylor, Mark Searle, Lloyd Williams, Colin Grant, Bill Wallace, Graeme McCall and Bill Bailey, who were married during the year, and to Bob Sprigg, Garth Manton, Chris DeGuingand, Mark Searle, George Crowe, Terry Valmorbidia, David Boykett, Herb Shears and Bill Shears and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

All active oarsmen join the Committee in thanking our coxswains Tony Carter, Tom Daffy, Penry Green, Barry Hess, Neil Hewitt, Gary Morgan, Dave

Palfreyman, Ron Richardson, Andrew Thomas, Rodney Weatherhead and Duncan van Woerden for the part they have played in our successes during the year. Bert Spencer has again attended to the needs of Sunday morning crews. We also thank the parents of the boys for their support of the Club in allowing them to steer crews, as this considerably inconveniences them with late hours, etc., during the training period.

We have been pleased to see the following members and ex-members from interstate on Sunday mornings:—Colin Stirling, 'Beef' Calder, Jack Berkery, Ian Holyman and Paul Cox (all from Tasmania), Jim Lemaire (Alice Springs), Harry Duncan (Western Australia), Les Johnson (who left the Club in 1928 to reside in Canberra) and Gale Ansell (New Zealand).

We have farewelled John Rowe, Paul Harding and Geoff Taylor, who have now made their homes in U.S.A., Hobart and Perth respectively.

After the Rutherglen Regatta several members of the Essendon Rowing Club were involved in a tragic motor accident, and the Captain, Kelvin Pratt, is still in a serious condition. Geoffrey Ikin, a coxswain, was killed, and our sincere sympathy is extended to his family. All members wish Kelvin a speedy recovery.

During the year your Committee and the Committee of the Banks Rowing Club have continued the usual social meetings.

The Victorian Rowing Association has again competently managed all rowing activities in the State during the year, including the highly successful King's Cup and National Regattas.

Our thanks and congratulations on the excellent conduct of all regattas are extended to Mr. M. S. Williams (President), Norman Cairnes (Honorary Secretary), Bill Bradshaw (Assistant Honorary Secretary), Noel Wilkinson (Honorary Treasurer) and all members of the Executive Committee. We were honoured that our Vice-President, Bob Aitken, has been President of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council throughout this Victorian King's Cup and National Regatta year.

We have to thank Mr. Les Chaplin for the invaluable assistance he has given to us again this year in completing work about the Clubhouse.

Our thanks are also given to David Boykett, Andrew Evans and David Yungmanns for their help in maintaining the high standard of efficiency for refreshments for various functions during the year.

Your Committee also appreciates the assistance given by Brighton Grammar School in maintenance work about the Clubhouse.

Your thanks are conveyed to the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the excellent television coverage of the Henley and King's Cup Regattas, and for their broadcasts of rowing events. Our thanks also go to all rowing correspondents for their work in publicising rowing events throughout the year.

The Harlequin Rugby Club have again used the Clubhouse for training during the winter, and some of our members have joined their ranks during the break in the rowing season. Our best wishes are extended to them in their branch of sport.

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

Conclusion

In conclusion, the retiring Committee thanks all members for the assistance given during the year, and looks forward to the same co-operation being given to the incoming Committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. J. WYLIE, Honorary Secretary.

Obituary

On 27th February, 1962, A. G. ("PADDY") BARRETT passed away suddenly. "Paddy" joined the Club from Melbourne University Boat Club in 1952, and was successful in Senior and Interstate rowing. During his short and brilliant career with the Club he made many friends, and his early death is a loss to the Club and the Sport.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1961-62

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

Aitken, R. R.
Appleby, J. P.
Arnold, W. S.
Atkins, A. H. C.
Baenziger, E. R.
Bailey, A. R.
Ball, D. G.
Beecham, J. D.
Berkery, J. R.
Bolton, R. S.
Bostock, J. B.
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, J. P.
Clarke, A. H. G.
Clark, J. H. P.
Cleeland, R. J. G.
Clemens, J. B.
Coe, C. J.
Coombes, R. McK.
Cooper, Dr. R. A.
Corben, M. H.
Cordell, A. M.
Corteen, L. K.
Courtney, N. C. W.
Cowlng, D. S.
Cox, J. F. W.
Crowe, G.
Cunningham, R. A.
Dawes, C. B.
DeGuingand, C. J.
Devenport, D.
Dickinson, G. R.
Dobbie, A. W.
Dowd, M. C.
Doyle, B. J.
Dunstan, D. C.
Dunstan, J. T.
Elliott, G. H.
Fitzsimon, P. W.
Frederico, H. R.
Galvin, V. C.
Gamble, P.
Gerrard, J.
Gibson, D.

Granowski, W. O.
Grant, C. C.
Griffiths, E. deB.
Grinblat, G. C.
Harper, G. K.
Hecht, W.
Hewitt, H. N.
Hidgecock, C. W.
Howden, J. G.
Hume, K. M.
Humphris, P. W.
Hunt, D.
Hyett, G. S.
Johnson, E.
Jones, J. McD.
Jones, P. L. V.
Keeley, M. T.
Koekoek, L.
Kohn, A. B.
Lane, B. N.
Lee, K. F.
Lee, R. E.
Lewis, C. D.
Longstaff, I. G.
Macaulay, J. C. C.
Macfarlane, J. M.
Mackinnon, G. A.
Mahoney, H.
Manton, G. O. V.
Marley, D. C.
Marton, G.
Menzies, R. I.
Merton, B.
Miller, A. P.
Monger, A. C.
Morell, D. R.
Morell, R. T.
Morgan, R. G.
Morganti, J.
Morrison, W. T.
McArthur, F. S.
McCall, G. A.
McCubbery, R. J.
McEwan, J. G.
McPherson, F.
Naylor, D. H. L.
Negri, R.
Newcomb, S. H.
Nixon, N. V.
Noble, F.
Oliver, D. A.
Oliver, R. J. D.

Olliff, D.
Patterson, I. H.
Osborne, E. F.
Paul, B. S.
Pell, W. J.
Pennells, J. B.
Perry, A.
Pitt, W. G.
Pizzey, J. B.
Pope, K.
Read, J. R.
Read, McK. R.
Richardson, G. W.
Richardson, R. H.
Richardson, S. G.
Rogers, L. W.
Rowe, C. A.
Rush, R. T. O.B.E.
Schoeffler, T. B.
Seamen, J. W.
Searle, G. S.
Searle, M. E.
Searle, N. M.
Sengelman, W. R.
Sharp, V. A.
Shears, H. P.
Shears, J. D.
Shears, T. W.
Sinn, A. F.
Smith, G.
Smith, G. G.
Smith, K. A. D.
Smith, Hon. S. M.
Spalding, N.
Spark, J. M.
Speed, G. E.
Spencer, H. T.
Spensley, J. C.
Sprigg, R. S.
Staley, A. A.
Stirling, D. S.
Stocchelli, L. M.
Stubbs, N. M.
Taylor, G. M.
Thomas, J. C.
Tomanovits, M. G.
Trehearne, A. G.
Turnbull, W. R.
Valmorbidia, T.
Walker, A. M.
Walker, H. J. R.
Walker, R. E.

Wallace, J. W.
Wallace, W. N.
Wallace-Mitchell, H.
Watkin, P. K.
Weinmann, H.
Wertheimer, E. J.

Wheatland, W.
Whitaker, R.
White, E. C.
Whitehead, P. J.
Williams, J. G.
Williams, Dr. L. S.

Williams, M.
Wills, G. G.
Wilson, W. I.
Wood, M. R.
Wylie, J. J.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Adams, A. J.
Alexander, A. J.
Allen, H. J.
Bird, G.
Bowden, D. K.
Boykett, G. H.
Charlton, P. D.
Corrie, E. J.
Couchman, W. H.
Culka, J. V.
Daffy, R. T.
Dilley, M.
Downing, G. R.
Duncan, K. G. H.
Eggleston, G. C.
Eldridge, C. L.
Evans, A. M.
Fisher, J.
Forster, S. W.
Garrard, R. J.
Gibbs, P. M.
Gillon, S. M.
Green, G.
Gurry, J. F.
Hayes, J. V.
Hill, B. N.

Horovitz, D. F.
Hose, P.
Hume, D. H.
Hutchens, G. K.
Irving, G.
Johansen, C.
Johnson, M. W.
Kent, R. A. V.
Lachal, R.
Lachal, R.
Lambourne, A. F.
Lawson, J. S.
Leahy, J.
Lees, S.
Lewis, P.
Morgan, G. C.
McArthur, A. H.
McKenna, M. F.
McKenzie, M. D.
McLean, A. R.
McLennan, P. M.
Nicholas, K.
O'Brien, R. A.
O'Donnell, B. A.
O'Hara, J. A.
Owen, M. W.

Pearce, J. M.
Penfold, J. C. B.
Polinelli, M. J.
Press, J. H.
Rowe, R. O.
Ryan, P.
Sanderson, G. N.
Sellenger, F. R.
Shrimpton, S.
Smith, I. G. W.
Strachan, D. I.
Strahan, M. T.
Tait, N.
Thomas, I. C.
Troedel, A.
Vas, S. L.
Voss Smith, D.
Watkins, I. C.
Webster, N. G.
West, R.
White, W. L.
Wilkie, A.
Wimble, A. R.
Xouris, G.
Yunghanns, D. J.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Bilney, K. A.
Blair-Holt, J. A.
Burmeister, C.
Burton, A. J.
Crichton, D. J.
Davey, G. H.
Epstein, G. L.
Evans, E. A.
Fosdick, L. V.

Gordon, A.
Macartney, G.
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.
Stooke, G. F.
Trickett, W. A.
Wade, P. M. (Snr.)
Ward, C. H. M.
Wilkinson, C. V. H.

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell, G. L.
Bailey, J. H.
Bailey, W. M.
Calder, D. A.
Cox, P. R.
Davies, R. C.
Dickenson, H. R.
Duncan, A. R.

Ferguson, J. M.
Fletcher, J. M.
Foley, F/Lt. J. E.
Harding, P.
Harvey, J. R.
Holyman, G. I.
Kerrigan, N.
Lemaire, J. E.

Moll, L. L. B.
MacPherson, P. A.
O'Reilly, J. H.
Ross, W. G.
Rowe, J. S.
Verney, J. A. R.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Boykett, K. H.
Collinson, B.
Cordell, A. J.
Green, J. H.
Hill, L.

Hoppe, J. P.
Leggett, E. P.
Leggett, R. B.
McLean, D. A.
Newcomb, Capt. H. M.

Nugent, P.
Rawlins, R.
Rodda, T.
Strang, G. J.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year ended 30th April, 1962

(Adjusted to nearest £)

	1961	1962	1961	1962
£10	85	£10	£1304	£1403
To Boat Staging			By Subscriptions	
" Coxswains' & Drivers' Expenses, and Deposits			Less Amounts written off	252
for Hotel Accommodation		31		
" Depreciation—				£1151
Boats			" Locker Fees	106
Oars	£338	£494	" Entrance Fees—	
Fittings and Sundry Assets	90		Club Races	£6
	21		Combination Races	17
	449	610		23
" Donations			" Donations—General	£265
" Entrance Fees, Regattas	45		Social Funds	154
" Fire Protection Expenses	47		Proceeds Sp. Effort, 1961	183
" Freight—Country Regattas	42			602
" Freight—New Equipment	71		" Interest—	
" General Expenses	41		Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	£14
" Insurance	36		State Savings Bank of Victoria	1
" Interest on Bank Overdraft	147		Bank of New South Wales	2
" Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates		8		17
" Postages	125	176	" Sundry Income—V.R.A. Special Effort	£14
" Printing and Stationery	22		Sundries, Boat Hire	11
" Repairs and Maintenance	119		Sales, Coca Cola	30
" Telephone	618			55
" Trophies—Club Races	23		" Profit on Sale of Boats	143
" V.R.A. Dues and Fees	32			
" Losses—Singles Account and Track Suits	137			
" Losses—Pennants Account	24			
" Surplus transferred to Accumulated Funds	5			
	70	200		
	£2148	£2097	£2148	£2097

TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT

	1961	1962	1961	1962
£64	949	£90	£829	£949
To Trophy Orders Paid			By Balance brought forward	
" Balance carried forward	949	1180	" Amounts received for Trophies Awarded	321
	£1013	£1270		£1270

J. B. BOSTOCK, Honorary Treasurer.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB — BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April, 1962

(Adjusted to nearest £)

	1961	1962	1961	1962
1961				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				
Balance—1st May, 1961	£5410	£5410	£2472	£2472
Add: Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	200	200	49	44
	£5410	£5610		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Trophy Orders Account	949	£1180	2432	561
Subscriptions paid in advance	38	10		3220
Sundry Creditors	211	51	424	450
Bank of New South Wales	—	266	68	55
		1507		
			£5445	£6241
INVESTMENTS:				
Commonwealth Loan, at cost	299		299	299
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Subscriptions Outstanding	437		437	362
Stock of Singlets and Pennants	150		150	36
Sundry Debtors	223		223	148
Bank of New South Wales	24		24	—
F. R. Browne—Trophy Account	30		30	31
				577
	£6608	£7117	£6608	£7117

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have audited the books and accounts of the Mercantile Rowing Club for the year ended 30th April, 1962, 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, 1962, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Melbourne, 31st May, 1962.

A. H. G. CLARKE, Chartered Accountant.