



MERCANTILE  
ROWING CLUB  
MELBOURNE



*84th*  
*Annual Report*  
and  
*Balance Sheet*



SEASON 1963-64

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# *Mercantile Rowing Club*

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Princes Bridge,  
Melbourne, S.C.1,  
13th June, 1964.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **84th ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB** will be held at the **CLUB HOUSE** on **SATURDAY, 27th JUNE, 1964, at 8.00 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. To confirm the recommendation of the Committee for an alteration to the Rules as follows—  
That Rule 14 be amended to read—  
"The Annual Subscription payable by Active Members shall be £7/7/-; by Honorary Members, £4/4/-; by Country Members, £2/12/6; and by Associate Members, £5/5/-, provided that in the case of  
(a) Junior Members the subscription shall be £5/5/- per annum until attaining the age of 21 years.  
(b) All Active Members joining on or after the 1st day of January in any year, the subscription for the remainder of the then current year shall be £3/13/6 for Senior Members and £2/12/6 for Junior Members."
5. Presentation of Trophies.
6. General.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the Club House on Saturday, 20th June, 1964, at 4.00 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

J. J. WYLIE,

Honorary Secretary.

# *The Eighty-Fourth Annual Report*

of the

## *Mercantile Rowing Club*

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To the Members,

Gentlemen,

Your committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 84th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1964.

The season now concluded signified the return of the Club to supremacy in Senior rowing, the Premiership being won by the easiest of margins. In the Lightweight section we were relegated to second position after holding the Premiership for three consecutive years. Third placing was gained in the Junior competition.

Senior eight-oared rowing got away to a good start with an easy victory in the Two and one Half-Mile Championships. This success was continued by convincing wins over Banks in the pre-Christmas regattas. During this period a Senior Four raced without defeat and a Senior Pair operated with some success. Unfortunately, the Senior Eight Championships brought a reversal of the record when Banks narrowly defeated our crew.

By Christmas, an unbeatable points score had been amassed and with the exception of Henley, we were unable to attract a crew to race the Senior Eight. Thereafter Senior rowing was confined to two four-oared crews who met with limited success.

In the Junior division, it is pleasing to record that for the second year wins were obtained in the Beginner and Novice classes at the Winter Regattas. Many of the competitors here later achieved success in Maiden ranks. Junior class crews themselves were a disappointment, a Junior Four recording one victory early in the season and a Junior Eight competing unsuccessfully after Christmas. We are not proud to record that from Christmas time to the conclusion of the season, only three races carrying Junior points were won, the last being the Novice Eight at Wentworth Regatta.

Lightweight rowing was highlighted by victories in the Victorian Eight-oared, Four-oared and Pair-oared Championships, by the inclusion of six members in the winning Penrith Cup squad and finally by a splendid victory in the Australian Eight-oared Championship, thus maintaining our undefeated record in that race. Our second placing in this Premiership was gained with only five wins during the season.

Following the December Championships, the King's Cup and Penrith Cup squads were selected. The Club was honoured by the inclusion of Messrs. D. H. Boykett, R. P. Lachal, G. A. McCall, D. E. Norwood and M. G. Tomanovits in the King's Cup squad and Messrs. D. Palfreyman, E. J. Smith, J. J. Wylie and G. Xouris in the Penrith Cup squad, with Mr. W. N. Wallace as Coach and Mr. C. Fordyce as Cox. The success of these crews at Penrith is well known and details of all races appear elsewhere in this report.

This year the King's Cup race was virtually a test race for Olympic selection as were several of the races held at the Australian Championships on Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, in April and May. At this latter regatta, our Senior Coxless Four elevated themselves to Championship status and gained the right to represent Australia at Tokyo. Our crew here consisted of Messrs. P. L. Gillon, S. H. Newcomb, R. J. Garrard and A. M. Walker, ably coached by Mr. K. A. Bilney. At the time of writing, the Australian Olympic Federation had not met to select the Australian team. However, we very much hope that in the Coxless Four, Mercantile will have achieved its first representative Australian crew.

With this crew and our members of the winning King's Cup crew, your Committee at this stage feel justly proud of the result of the two-year plan to have as many members as possible compete at Tokyo.

However, whilst certainly feeling proud of these results, your Committee has maintained its constant attention to the future of the Club. Having special regard to the relative failure of our Junior division oarsmen in the past season, and the ever increasing age of our active Senior oarsmen, a Recruiting Sub-committee has been formed. The main object of this Sub-committee will be to attract recruits who have previous rowing experience. In this way it is hoped to proceed to increased representation at the 1968 Olympic Games, and if possible, at the 1966 World Rowing Championships.

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

### Executive and Committee

At the time of this report being given to the printer, 11 regular meetings and one special meeting of the Committee have been held. Attendances at the regular meetings have been as follows:—

R. R. Aitken .. .. 11	R. P. Lachal .. .. 8	R. T. Rush, O.B.E. 2
J. B. Bostock .. .. 11	D. J. R. Morgan 10	J. G. Sprigg .. .. 11
D. H. Boykett .. .. 11	J. L. Mounsey .. 2	W. N. Wallace .. 10
N. W. Cairnes .. .. 11	G. McGennissen 8	J. J. Wylie .. .. 11
H. R. Frederico .. 10	M. F. McKenna .. 11	M. S. Williams .. . 1
R. J. Garrard .. .. 9	S. H. Newcomb .. 10	
J. R. Harvey .. .. 10	J. M. Pearce .. .. 9	

### Membership

The membership now stands:—

	1964	1963	1956	1936
Life Members .. ..	9	9	7	9
Senior Members .. ..	192	170	164	147
Junior Members .. ..	78	102	42	48
Honorary Members ..	27	25	26	11
Country Members ..	26	26	25	4
Associate Members ..	16	14	18	5
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	348	346	282	224

This is a further increase over last year's record membership. During the year 57 new members were admitted, in the following categories: Senior 20, Junior 34, Country 1 and Associate 2. There were also several transfers from one type of membership to another. Overall membership, however, has increased only by two following the acceptance of six resignations and the writing off of a large number of unfinancial members.

The decrease in the number of Junior members from the previous year has, of course, mainly been caused by the number who attained the age of 21 years and were transferred to the Senior list. However, only 34 Junior members were elected this year against 45 in the previous year.

Therefore, the call is again made to members to introduce as many young persons as possible to the Club in the ensuing year.

### Financial

As members will have observed from the Notice of Meeting, the Committee is recommending that the Annual Subscription be increased from the commencement of the 1965-66 season. The committee has taken this decision with great reluctance, but it is satisfied that an increase is essential in the best interests of the Club.

Although the year's accounts show a small surplus of £21, it is apparent that this has resulted partly from reduced expenditure on new boats and repairs and partly from the usual substantial receipts from social functions and members' personal donations. It is obvious that the Club's fixed running expenses will not become less, and as the age of the Boathouse increases, expenditure on maintenance of it may be expected to rise, quite apart from the increasing cost of repairs to the fleet.

More important, however, is the situation of the fleet itself. Your Committee has estimated that, with a carefully planned replacement programme, an average annual expenditure of £950 will be necessary to maintain the existing fleet in its present condition, and this is not regarded by the Committee as wholly satisfactory from the point of view of either the age of the boats or their state of repair.

In addition, the Club now enjoys the largest membership in its history, and during both the racing and winter season it has become apparent that the existing fleet of racing and tub boats is inadequate to meet our requirements. Quite apart from maintaining the existing fleet therefore, the Committee feels that it must take steps to increase it.

With this in mind, the Committee has decided that it is essential to provide an increase in the annual subscription revenue of approximately £500, which is what the higher subscription is estimated to produce after allowing for removal of the locker fee and possible loss of members.

A consideration of the latest quoted prices for racing boats and oars which is as follows:—

	1964	1934
Eight ... ..	£680	£115
Four ... ..	£500	£70
Pair ... ..	£400	£50
Set of Oars ...	£130	£18

and a comparison of the increases in these prices compared with increases in subscription over the past 30 years, should convince members of the necessity of the action now being taken by the Committee.

### Donations

The Club is most grateful to the following persons and organisations for their generous donations, which form an important part of Club revenue:—Messrs. J. H. Bailey, D. G. Ball, N. W. Cairnes, Dr. R. A. Cooper, A. Lindblade, J. L. Mounsey, F. S. McArthur, J. O'Reilly, J. H. Picken, R. H. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, T. Rodda, H. T. Spencer, J. G. Sprigg, the Swann Bros., R. W. Thursfield, M. S. Williams, the family of the late A. L. Dobbie and the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell.

## Boats and Oars

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

<b>Eights</b>	<b>Fours</b>	<b>Pairs</b>
Racing:	Bill Wallace (1961)	Unnamed (1964)
Lloyd Williams (1962)	J. W. Beattie (1959)	R. H. Richardson (1957)
The Morell (1960)	J. H. Picken (1957)	
Practice:	<b>Tubs</b>	
R. W. Thursfield (1961)	Deane Morgan (1961)	M. S. Williams (1951)
A. L. Dobbie (1955)	E. R. Varcoe (1951)	Dr. R. A. Cooper (1961)
	Paul Harding (1961)	
	<b>Scull:</b> Wal Turnbull (1962)	

We have also had a Coxless Racing Pair on hire from the Victorian Rowing Association.

In January, 1964, your Committee were pleased to make the "Lloyd Williams" available to the King's Cup crew for training and racing at an extremely low hire fee. The "J. H. Picken" was also used by the Penrith Cup crew. Following the hire of the "Lloyd Williams", the Club had insufficient craft to boat all eight-oared crews and had no alternative but to hire a boat from the Albert Park Rowing Club for a period of eight weeks.

Following the National Regatta, "The Morell" was sold to the Australian National University Boat Club. Earlier in the year the tub pair "F. R. Browne" was sold to Yarrowonga Rowing Club.

During the year two sets of oars were received, one set from Geo. Towns & Sons Pty. Ltd. and the other from Sargent & Burton Pty. Ltd. Neither set have proved satisfactory and are now incomplete. Late in the season a racing pair was received from Sargent & Burton Pty. Ltd. This boat is fitted with the coxswain's seat in the bow and has already met with racing success. The Committee have decided to call this boat "Keith Bilney".

The fleet as it stands is in good order, the newer tub boats having been completely overhauled during the latter part of the season.

Full strength of the eight-oared fleet will be regained in September next, when Messrs. Geo. Towns will deliver a racing eight. An order has also been placed with that firm for a racing four for delivery at the same time, and this will give the Selection Committee the long wanted fourth racing four.

## Coaching

We are deeply indebted to the following members for their services as coaches during the season, and trust that they have been rewarded by the efforts of their crews:—Messrs. W. S. Arnold, K. A. Bilney, D. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, M. J. Farmer, H. R. Frederico, S. G. Richardson, J. C. Thomas, W. N. Wallace, P. K. Watkin and Dr. L. S. Williams.

Of these, Messrs. K. A. Bilney, M. J. Farmer and W. N. Wallace distinguished themselves in coaching Australian Champion crews and we congratulate them on this achievement. Mr. J. C. Thomas has continued his good work in the Beginner, Novice and Maiden ranks, and already the results of his efforts are being seen in the more senior crews.

Your Selection Committee have been again forced to boat many uncoached crews during the season, and appeal to more of the retired members to interest themselves in the most rewarding work of coaching next season.

## Rowing

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1964

This year two Australian Championship Regattas were held, the first on the Nepean River, Penrith, N.S.W., and the second on Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, A.C.T.

#### King's Cup Regatta, Nepean River, Penrith

The King's Cup race was conducted in heats and repechages on Friday, 20th March, 1964, with the final of the King's Cup, President's Cup and Penrith Cup on Saturday, 21st March.

Details of the races are as follows:—

**KING'S CUP.**—The crew was B. J. Vear (Banks), bow; D. H. Boykett (Mercantile), 2; R. P. Lachal (Mercantile), 3; D. Ramage (Banks), 4; P. M. Guest (Banks), 5; G. A. McCall (Mercantile), 6; M. G. Tomanovits (Mercantile), 7; T. R. Davies (Banks), stroke; K. Wickham (Banks), (cox); A. N. Jacobsen (Banks), coach; and C. J. Lehman (Banks), emergency.

Victoria won the heat from South Australia by five lengths, recording fastest time of the day. Other finalists were New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, who had won the repechage.

At the start Victoria and New South Wales, both rating in the mid-forties, broke away from the field, and it was soon obvious the winner would come from these two. Maintaining a long stroke and a lower rating, Victoria moved away from N.S.W. and at 1,000 metres had over half a length lead. Toward 1,500 metres a three-quarter length lead was held and Victoria appeared comfortable in front of a rushed N.S.W. crew. With 300 metres to go N.S.W. increased rating to 44 strokes per minute and made a slight impression on Victoria. Then, with a well timed sprint, Victoria raised rating to 42 and sprinted home to win by three-quarters of a length from New South Wales, with Western Australia some lengths back in third position.

**PRESIDENT'S CUP.** — The Victorian representative was Mr. P. Edwards of the Melbourne Rowing Club.

This race was very close up to the 1,000 metres, with the Tasmanian sculler holding a slight lead from Victoria, with Queensland closeup. Between this point and 1,500 metres Victoria overhauled the Tasmanian and went away to a win of one and a half lengths.

**PENRITH CUP.**—The crew was P. McC. Doyle (M.U.B.C.), bow; G. Xouris (Mercantile), 2; J. J. Wylie (Mercantile), 3; D. Palfreyman (Mercantile), stroke; C. Fordyce (Mercantile), cox; W. N. Wallace (Mercantile), coach; and E. J. Smith (Mercantile), emergency.

For the first time in the history of this race all States were represented. The start, Victoria take a slight lead, rating 38 over N.S.W. and W.A. Victoria drop rating to 34 and swing out to a long stroke. N.S.W. pass at 40. At 300 metres W.A. take lead of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths from N.S.W., with one length back to Victoria. Other States falling well behind. Going to 1,000 metres, W.A. and N.S.W. maintain high ratings, with Victoria third on 35. At 1,250 metres Victoria move up. N.S.W. have caught W.A. 1,400 metres, Victoria now with N.S.W. and increase rating. W.A. now lying third. 1,500 metres, Victoria commence final sprint and at 1,900 metres have one length clear of N.S.W. Victoria now rating 39. W.A. close up. Five strokes to go Victoria falter, but hold N.S.W. (42) to win by three feet, with W.A. three-quarter length further back in third position.

This was a magnificent day for Victoria. No State had ever before won all three Australian Championships on the one day.



Our congratulations are extended to the eight and their coach, who becomes the sole Australian selector for the eight-oared crew for Tokyo; and to the Four and Sculler on their victories.

### Second Australian National Regatta and Test Races for the Olympic Games

This regatta was conducted in heats, repechages, semi-finals and finals on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 1964, on the new Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, A.C.T. The lake filled only in the week before the regatta, and the course, when calm, proved quite satisfactory.

The Club was represented by a Coxless Four, two Coxless Pairs, a Coxed Pair and a Lightweight Eight.

Details of the races are as follows:—

**COXLESS FOUR:** The crew was A. M. Walker, bow; R. J. Garrard, 2; S. H. Newcomb, 3; P. L. Gillon, stroke; K. A. Bilney, coach.

This crew impressed in their heat when they started at 49 and broke away from the field by one and a half lengths by 300 metres. In their semifinal they were defeated by Leichhardt-Colleagues but qualified for the final. In the final their high rating start assisted them to a one and a half length lead by 850 metres, where the course passed under a bridge. This bridge presented some difficulty and the lead was taken by Leichhardt-Colleagues. However, the crew were not accepting defeat and increased rating and gradually drew level about 250 metres from home. Rating 42, our crew fought out the finish with the Leichhardt crew and won by 0.3 seconds or approximately three feet.

**COXLESS PAIR No. 1.**—The crew was G. G. Willis, bow; F. S. McArthur, stroke. This crew, which trained uncoached on Lake Bolac and travelled long distances thereto, performed creditably. Unfortunately they were defeated in their heat and repechage.

**COXLESS PAIR No. 2.**—Th crew was A. Leadley, bow; G. H. Boykett, stroke; D. H. Boykett, coach.

This crew was also defeated in heat and repechage.

**COXED PAIR.**—The crew was A. Leadley, bow; G. H. Boykett, stroke; C. Gilmour, cox; D. H. Boykett, coach.

They were defeated in heat and repechage.

**LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT.**—The crew was T. Hogan, bow; H. P. Green, 2; J. P. McDavitt, 3; G. G. Smith, 4; A. Fox, 5; G. Xouris, 6; J. J. Yllie, 7; D. Palfreyman, stroke; C. Gilmour, cox; M. J. Farmer, coach.

Their race was a first and final. The crew established a lead of three-quarters of a length from a high rating Sydney Rowing Club crew prior to the 500 metres. By 1,500 metres a full length was held, and from there to the finish another length was added, the winning margin being 7 seconds.

### State Championships

The Championships for Eight-oared, Four-oared and Pair-oared Crews were in the last season divided between the Lower Yarra and Ballarat courses. The Senior Eights, Junior Fours, Lightweight Fours and Senior Sculls were held at Ballarat on Saturday, 14th December, 1963; the Senior Fours, Junior Eights and Lightweight Eights on the Lower Yarra on 15th February, 1964; and Senior, Junior and Lightweight Pairs on the Lower Yarra on Saturday, 4th April, 1964.

Conditions for all Championships were very good.

### Eight-Oared

SENIOR.—Our representatives were D. E. Norwood (bow), R. J. Garrad (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), P. Ryan (4), M. M. McKenzie (5), G. A. McCall (6), M. G. Tomanovits (7), D. H. Boykett (stroke), T. Daffy (cox), H. R. Frederico (coach). The Banks crew got away at the start and half-way through had three-quarters of a length lead. Our crew fought back, and in a thrilling finish were defeated by the narrow margin of three feet.

JUNIOR.—Our crew was I. C. Watkins (bow), G. W. Richardson (2), G. Bird (3), M. S. Lorimer (4), P. M. Gibbs (5), G. H. Boykett (6), B. B. Gross (7), B. C. Sierakowski (stroke), A. C. Thomas (cox), H. R. Frederico (coach). This crew finished in third position.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—The crew was R. Weatherhead (bow), K. Nicholas (2), T. Hogan (3), J. Davidson (4), E. J. Smith (5), G. G. Smith (6), A. Fox (7), H. P. Green (stroke), C. C. F. Tweedie (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach). This crew dead-heated with Richmond. In the re-row they asserted their superiority by one and a half lengths.

### Four-Oared

SENIOR.—A. M. Walker (bow), S. H. Newcomb (2), P. L. Gillon (3), R. J. Garrad (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) were defeated by one and a half lengths by the Yarra Yarra-M.U.B.C. crew.

JUNIOR.—R. Lachal (bow), G. J. Wilson (2), G. Bird (3), G. H. Boykett (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox), W. S. Arnold (coach) were defeated.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—J. J. Wylie (bow), D. Palfreyman (2), E. J. Smith (3), G. Xouris (stroke), C. Fordyce (cox), W. N. Wallace (coach), won their race by three-quarters of a length.

### Pair-Oared

SENIOR.—M. F. McKenna (bow), J. M. Pearce (stroke), A. C. Thomas (cox) were defeated.

JUNIOR.—G. W. Richardson (bow), I. C. Watkins (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox) were relegated to second place by only three feet.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—J. J. Wylie (bow), D. Palfreyman (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox) won their race easily.

### Premiership Points

SENIOR.—Mercantile, 88; Nagambie, 24; Banks, 18; Yarra Yarra, 16; Hawthorn, 14; M.U.B.C., 12; Corio Bay, 6; Melbourne, 5; Mildura, 4.

JUNIOR.—Essendon, 124; Banks, 100; Mercantile, 70; Richmond, 63; Wendouree, 60; Power House, 46; Yarra Yarra, 26; Corio Bay, 24; Barwon, 16; Melbourne, 16; Ballarat, 14; Rutherglen Lake, 14; Footscray City, 10; Ballarat City, 8; Mildura, 8; Dimboola, 4; Hawthorn, 2; Wahgunyah, 2; Wentworth District, 2; Yea, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Banks, 72; Mercantile, 34; Hawthorn, 26; Richmond, 16; Mildura, 8; Yarra Yarra, 8; Essendon, 8; Melbourne, 4; M.U.B.C., 4; Power House, 4; South Melbourne, 4; Ballarat City, 2; Corio Bay, 2.

COUNTRY.—Wendouree, 80; Corio Bay, 40; Nagambie, 28; Barwon, 24; Mildura, 20; Ballarat, 14; Rutherglen Lake, 14; Ballarat City, 10; Dimboola, 4; Lake Colac, 2; Wahgunyah, 2; Wentworth District, 2; Yea, 2.

Your congratulations have been extended to Essendon, Banks and Wendouree Rowing Clubs on their respective victories.

## Non-Qualifying Regattias

### Metropolitan Rowing Committee — 2½-mile Open Championship, 28th September, 1963

This event was again conducted over the course on the Lower Yarra.

Your Club entered two crews in the eight-oared event, one crew in the four-oared event and three representatives in the sculling event.

Both the Senior Eight and Senior Four won their races by long distances. The second eight-oared crew, the Novice Eight, had little chance of competing with the senior oarsmen but were by no means disgraced. The scullers all finished in the middle of a large field.

The winning crews were:—

**Open Eight:** D. E. Norwood, bow; D. H. Boykett, 2; S. H. Newcomb, 3; P. Ryan, 4; M. M. McKenzie, 5; G. A. McCall, 6; M. G. Tomanovits, 7; R. J. Garrard, stroke; T. Daffy, cox; H. R. Frederico, coach.

**Open Four:** M. F. McKenna, bow; J. V. Hayes, 2; R. P. Lachal, 3; P. L. Gillon, stroke; A. C. Thomas, cox; K. A. Bilney, coach.

### Hawthorn Head of the Yarra — 14th March, 1964

Your Club entered five crews in this event, which was again successfully conducted by the Hawthorn Rowing Club. Our No. 1 crew gained second placing in the Open Section with a time of 33 mins. 23.2 secs. In the Intermediate Section our No. 3 and No. 5 crews gained 11th and 13th placings, whilst in the Veterans' Section our representatives managed a very creditable second placings after breaking a rigger. Time, 38 mins. 10.6 secs.

## Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The sixth annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted on the Henley Course on Saturday, 21st March, 1964, and again attracted a record entry from Clubs, Schools and Interstate Clubs.

This year for the first time the number of oarsmen competing exceeded 1,000.

We are most grateful to the Regatta Secretary, Mr. J. W. Bradshaw, for his skilled organisation of this, Australia's biggest regatta. This year he was ably assisted by Mr. D. J. R. Morgan.

The Sub-Committee in charge of this year's regatta comprised:— Mr. R. R. Aitken (Chairman), Mr. J. W. Bradshaw (Honorary Secretary), Mr. M. F. McKenna (Honorary Treasurer), Messrs. D. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, D. J. R. Morgan, S. H. Newcomb, J. M. Pearce and J. J. Wylie (Mercantile); Messrs. E. M. Davidson, K. Field, D. Mac-Millan, P. H. Nicholson and W. Philp (Scotch College).

We thank them all for conducting this regatta on our behalf.

## Head of the River

Our congratulations are extended to the Melbourne Grammar School crew and their coach, Mr. Gordon Sargood, on their convincing win in the race which was held on the Barwon River, Geelong, on Saturday, 11th April, 1964.

The harmonious relationship between the Club and Brighton Grammar School has continued throughout the past year. The Club has also been pleased to assist Scotch College and St. Kevin's College with the use of facilities during the school rowing season.

## Combination Races

### Picken-Williams Eights

This event was scheduled for Saturday, 22nd September, 1963. On the day it was necessary to postpone the races owing to lack of entries. Since then, and until the time of writing, some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a suitable date, but it is hoped that the races can be conducted in the near future. We thank Mr. Picken and Mr. Williams for again donating the trophies.

### Morell Eights — 30th November, 1963

We thank the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell for their continued support of the Club and Rowing by the donation of the highly prized trophies for these races.

Seven crews competed, the winning margin being three-quarters of a length.

The winning crew comprised: M. Daffy (Mercantile), bow; W. Kempa (Footscray City), 2; M. Austen-Smith (Melbourne), 3; J. Phillips (Power House), 4; B. Dennis (Yarra Yarra), 5; W. Lydgate (Mercantile), 6; G. W. Richardson (Mercantile), 7; J. M. Pearce (Mercantile), stroke; K. Mawson (Power House), cox.

## Club Races

### S. Guinn Memorial Pairs — 10th June, 1963

We are indebted to an anonymous member for donating trophies for this race, held in memory of the late Stan Guinn. Twelve crews contested this event, and in an exciting finish the winning crew, by a margin of two feet, was:—E. J. Smith, bow; J. Walker, stroke; W. Lewis, cox.

### A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours — 24th August, 1963

We thank the family of the late Mr. A. L. Dobbie for presenting trophies for this race, which was held in conjunction with Ladies' Day.

Nine crews competed, and the winning crew was:—G. Xouris, bow; K. J. M. Holian, 2; S. H. Newcomb, 3; G. A. McCall, stroke; P. Hansen, cox.

### J. G. Sprigg Time Trial

Nine crews entered this contest for the coveted trophies donated by Mr. Sprigg. The trial was again conducted over the Herring Island course, and was won by:—E. J. Smith, bow; K. J. M. Holian, 2; G. Bird, 3; J. Walker, 4; G. Xouris, 5; G. H. Boykett, 6; S. H. Newcomb, 7; D. H. Boykett, stroke; T. Daffy, cox. Their time was 28 mins. 55.7 secs.

### Harlequin Time Trial

We thank the Harlequin Club for the magnificent trophies for this four-oared trial over the Morell Bridge course. Last year six crews covered the course, the winners being:—M. P. McKenna, bow; G. H. Boykett, 2; G. Bird, 3; R. J. Garrard, stroke; T. Daffy, cox. Time, 13 mins. 48.7 secs.

## Trophies

**Captain's Trophy.**—This trophy is presented to the member who has won the most Regatta and Club races during the season. Mr. R. J. Garrard, member of the Australian Champion Coxless Four, has won this trophy for the second year in succession by a very narrow margin from Mr. S. H. Newcomb.

**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 been

won jointly by Mr. R. J. Garrard and Mr. S. H. Newcomb, to whom our congratulations are extended.

**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. W. Hutcheons, 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 Tom Daffy and Clyde Gilmour, to whom our congratulations are extended.

**N. W. Cairnes Trophy.**—We thank Mr. N. W. Cairnes, who has given this trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season. The Committee have awarded this trophy to Simon Tulloh, and we hope he will continue his coxing activities for many years.

## Social Activities

**Supper Dance.**—This was held at "Kingsville", Ripponlea, on 31st May, 1963. One hundred and forty members and friends spent a most enjoyable evening, and we have to thank Simon Newcomb, who did the majority of the organisation for this function.

**Ladies' Day.**—The Club rowing season commenced with this function, held on Saturday, 24th August, 1963. Members' wives and lady friends observed the "A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours" races and were then entertained at afternoon tea in the Committee Room.

**Annual Dinner.**—This most popular of the Club's activities was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 7th September, 1963. About one hundred members were privileged to hear the Guest Speaker, John Landy, deliver an entertaining talk on his experiences in international running. Other guests included our friends Dr. E. R. Trethewie and Sir Bernard Evans.

**Barbecues.**—Only one official Club barbecue was held this year, and took place at the home of David Boykett on the evening of the Upper Yarra Regatta. It was well attended and enjoyed by the many members and friends present. We thank David Boykett for the use of his premises.

On the afternoon following the Henley Regatta and on the evening of the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta, Simon Newcomb and Deane Morgan respectively arranged impromptu barbecues at their homes for the entertainment of interstate visitors. We thank them for their generosity in this regard.

**Dinner Dance.**—This event, held at the Sheraton Room on Friday, 8th May, 1964, was agreed by the 118 members and guests present to have been one of the most pleasant Dinner Dances conducted by the Club. We thank David Boykett for the work he did in arranging this function. Unfortunately your Social Committee had to meet a loss on the evening. This was caused by the failure of certain members who had ordered tickets to attend the function and or pay for their tickets.

## General

During the year no major renovations were undertaken on the Clubhouse activities being confined to general maintenance work — carried out by Deane Morgan and Mike McKenna, to whom we extend our gratitude.

It is planned to paint the interior of the ground floor in the coming year.

Last year a section of this report read: "... maintenance of the fleet has again been carried out by very few of the active members." Unfortunately it is necessary to report that their ranks have diminished in the

past year. However, they have not all faded away. In particular, we thank Peter Watkin, who, although no longer competing, has given some of his time to the Club.

Jamie Pearce has again devoted much time to the soft drink department and has now obtained a more modern appliance. He has also performed most of the general cleaning work about the Club, and we thank him for his efforts here.

Our usual Anzac Day Service was conducted in the Clubhouse by Mr. Sprigg and Jamie Pearce. We were pleased to have Colonel Purcell address the meeting, which concluded with the laying of a wreath by David Stirling. Afterwards a light luncheon and refreshments were provided.

Your Committee were disappointed at the poor attendance at this most important of ceremonies. Serious consideration must be given to continuing this ceremony in the future. In the meantime, it is hoped that more members of ALL age groups will pay homage next year on the 50th Anzac Day.

Members will be pleased to know that our oldest member, Mr. Billy Potter, who first represented Victoria in the Inter-Colonial Eight-Oared Race of 1896, is still bowling along at East Camberwell. During the year he and Mrs. Potter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. We congratulate them both on this achievement and wish them all the best for the future.

Vice-President Mr. J. Harvie Picken was recently appointed President of the Victorian Chamber of Manufacturers. We congratulate him on attaining this honour.

It is always pleasing to see members from interstate and ex-members at the Club on Sunday mornings. This year we have received visits from the following—

Charlie and Don Swann, who have graciously donated trophies for a club race to be held in the near future.

Paul Harding and Paul Cox, who now reside in Hobart. Both are actively connected with rowing in that State, and Paul Cox coached the winning Australian Champion Schoolboy Eight at Canberra.

Frank Noble (Sydney), George Crow (Cooma), John Foley and Les Johnson (Canberra). John is a foundation member of the newly-formed Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association.

Tom McKay (ex-Sydney), Jack Fletcher (ex-Adelaide), Geoff Taylor (ex-Perth) and Chris DeGuingand (who had been residing in the United Kingdom) have all returned to Melbourne and are most welcome back to the Club.

Lloyd Williams and our Vice-Presidents Alby Lindblade and Doc. Cooper have all returned safely from trips abroad. Doc. Cooper distinguished himself by attending the F.I.S.A. Annual Meeting as an Australian delegate whilst he was away.

Popular Western District members Laurie Moll and "Stonk" Ross have donated trophies for an ingenious type of Handicap Time Trial, in which ALL members will be able to participate. This competition will commence in the new season, and we thank the donors for their kind gesture.

Our congratulations and best wishes for future happiness are extended to Peter McKenna, Tom McKay, John Wertheimer, Simon Newcomb and Brian Dawes, who were married during the year; and to Harry Walker, Bob Sprigg, Bill Morrison, Paul Leggett, Peter McKenna and David Boykett and their wives on the occasion of additions to their families.

Our popular President, Jim Sprigg, has maintained his enthusiastic support of the Club, and this year we thank him for his donation of equipment for the gymnasium. This was in the form of a leg-press, and we also thank Martin Tomanivits and his brother, who constructed and installed the machine.

Bill Arnold, prominent ex-Senior and King's Cup oarsman, was transferred in his employment to New Zealand during the season. We wish him well while he is there.

Three of our coxswains of one and two seasons ago have figured prominently in lightweight racing during this season. Between them Henry Green, David Palfreyman and Rod Weatherhead have now won three Australian and five Victorian Lightweight Championships, as well as many regatta races. They are a great encouragement to present and future coxswains, and we congratulate them on their success.

Your Committee are most appreciative of the care and attention given to the fleet when being transported to country regattas by Mr. Bob Fraser.

Wal Turnbull has been President of the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association throughout the year. We congratulate him on holding this office and thank him for the hospitality made available following the birth of his grandson.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. M. S. Williams, Paul and Bruce Leggett, and Mal McKenzie, who suffered bereavements during the year.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Charlie Stewart, of Sydney Rowing Club, late in 1963. Charlie had for many years looked after our members when they competed in Sydney. Your sympathy has been extended to his relatives.

Once again we have been fortunate in having an excellent group of coxswains during the season. We are most grateful to Tom Daffy, Chris Fordyce, Clyde Gilmour, Paul Hansen, Bill Lewis, Peter O'Brien, Nick Sweetland, Andrew Thomas, Ken Thomas, Simon Tulloh and Charles Tweedie. The parents of the boys have also to be thanked for their support, as the late hours during the training and racing season must be a considerable inconvenience to them. In particular, we thank Mrs. D. O'Brien, who was of considerable assistance to the Club during the season.

This year Jeff Wylie has attended to the social functions conducted at the Clubhouse, and we thank him for his services.

Your Committee has continued the usual social meetings with the Committee of Banks Rowing Club. These cordial gatherings do much to ensure and further promote the solidarity of Victorian rowing.

The Victorian Rowing Association has maintained the excellent standard of regattas during the season. Our thanks for this are given to Mr. M. S. Williams (President), Bill Bradshaw (Hon. Secretary), Noel Wilkinson (Hon. Treasurer) and the members of the Executive Committee. Of particularly worthy note was the introduction of the Licensed Officials Panel, and there is no doubt that the general standard of knowledge and conduct of both officials and competitors has improved. This work is commended to non-active members, who are invited to apply to the Club Secretary for further information.

Members who represented Victoria at Penrith were considerably encouraged by the sight of so many familiar faces on the banks. For the presence of the majority of these supporters they express their thanks to Tom Rodda and Noel Wilkinson, of the Old Oarsmen's Association of Victoria, who have continued their excellent organisation of trips to Australian Championships.

The Harlequin Club have used the Clubhouse during their playing season, and we wish them every success in their competition.

Mr. Les Chaplin retired during the year. We sincerely thank him for the valued assistance he has given to the Club during his career, and wish him good health in his retirement.

We have also to thank Mr. Geoff Harris and Mr. Phil Gartner, of Brighton Grammar School for their help to us in the past season.

Before the commencement of the season active members and coaches were privileged to be addressed by Mr. Franz Stampfl, who gave an interesting and challenging talk on physical training. We thank him for his interest.

Councillor Ferg. Ewart has continued his hospitality to Club members visiting his municipality and we are indeed grateful to him.

Behind the scenes John Williams and his capable staff have maintained their excellent standard of catering for Club functions.

The A.B.C. has continued to give rowing excellent publicity through radio and television descriptions. We thank them and also Messrs. H. Balfe, T. S. Flint and W. R. B. Todd for their endeavours per medium of the Press.

To all kindred Clubs and the Public and High Schools our thanks and appreciation are conveyed for their co-operation during the year. Those members who attended country regattas have again enjoyed a generous and hospitable welcome from the members of the country Clubs that conduct regattas, and we sincerely thank them.

### **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*

A. R. (Ron) SHANNON joined the Club from Scotch College and became a senior oarsman. He served as Vice-Captain for four years and was Captain 1929-31. His main forte was in the organisation of Club activities, although his high office in the Education Department precluded him from devoting much time to Club affairs in latter years.

GILBERT CASTIEAU was active in the Club after the First World War, and later served as Honorary Secretary.

HAROLD KENDALL joined the Club in the 1930's and was active as a Senior Member prior to the Second World War.

NORMAN S. MUIR joined the Club in 1963. However, he had devoted a lifetime to rowing and was a Life Member and ex-President of the Essendon Rowing Club. Many of the older members will recall that he was a member of the Victorian Rowing Association Executive Committee for 26 years. Norman attended all rowing functions and was looking forward to attending the 1964 Olympic Games. All will regret that he was not spared to see this event.

J. T. (Joe) DUNSTAN was a prominent member of the Club for thirty years. He was a great benefactor and gave substantial donations to Club finances.

**Rowing is the poorer for their passing.**

# LIST OF MEMBERS, 1963-64

## LIFE MEMBERS

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

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

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

## SENIOR MEMBERS

Adams, A. J.  
Aitken, R. R.  
Appleby, J. P.  
\*Arnold, W. S.  
Atkins, A. H. C.  
Baenziger, E. R.  
\*Bailey, M. McN.  
Ball, D. G.  
Beecham, J. D.  
Bolton, R. S.  
Bostock, J. B.  
Bourke, B. F.  
Bovill, E. C.  
Boykett, D. H.  
Boykett, P. H.  
Bradshaw, J. W.  
Bram, A.  
Brooke, D. C.  
Broughton, O. S.  
Bruce, D. M.  
Burton, H. R.  
Cannon, Dr. K. J.  
Carr, J. P.  
Clarke, A. H. G.  
Clarke, J. H. P.  
Cleland, R. J. G.  
Clemens, J. B.  
Coombes, R. McK.  
Cooper, Dr. R. A.  
Corben, M. H.  
Cordell, A. M.  
Corrie, E. J.  
Corteen, L. K.  
Coutts, R.  
Cowling, D. S.  
Crowe, G.  
Culka, J. V.  
Daniel, J.  
Dawes, C. B.  
\*DeGuinand, C. J.  
Denahy, R.  
De Ryk, J.  
Devenport, D.  
Dobbie, A. W.  
Dowd, M. C.  
Doyle, B. J.  
Dunstan, D. C.  
†Dunstan, J. T.  
Emsell, B.  
Estlin, E.

Evans, A. M.  
Everist, I. C.  
Frederico, H. R.  
Fuller, N.  
\*Gamble, P.  
Gibson, D.  
Gillon, P. L.  
Graham, M.  
Granowski, W. O.  
Grant, C. C.  
Griffin, A.  
Grinblat, G. C.  
Hamilton, R. T.  
Hecht, W.  
Hansen, C. W.  
Harvey, J. R.  
Hewitt, H. N.  
Hidgecock, C. W.  
Hill, J.  
Holian, K. J. M.  
Hogan, T. J.  
Howden, J. G.  
Hughan, J. R.  
Humphris, P. W.  
Hyett, G. S.  
Jervis, M.  
\*Johnson, E.  
Johnson, M. W.  
Jones, J. McD.  
Jones, O. O.  
Jones, P. L. V.  
Kearney, S. P.  
Keeley, M. R.  
Kennedy, R.  
Kohn, A. B.  
Lachal, R.  
Lachal, R. P.  
Leadley, A.  
Lee, R. E.  
Lewis, C. D.  
Macauley, C.  
Mahoney, H.  
Manton, G. O. V.  
Marley, D. C.  
Menzies, R. I.  
\*Merton, B.  
Metcalf, E.  
Miller, A. P.  
Monger, A. C.  
Morell, D. R.

Morell, R. T.  
\*Morgan, G. C.  
\*Morganti, J.  
Morrison, W. T.  
McArthur, F. S.  
McCall, G. A.  
McCubbery, R. J.  
McEncroe, Dr. J. F.  
McKenna, M. F.  
McKenzie, M. D.  
McMillan, D.  
McPherson, F.  
Macvean, D.  
Negri, Dr. R.  
Newcomb, S. H.  
Nicholas, K.  
Nixon, C. V.  
Norwood, D. E.  
O'Hara, J. A.  
Oliver, D. A.  
Olliff, D.  
Osborne, G. F.  
Owen, M. W.  
Patterson, I. H.  
Pearce, J. M.  
Pell, W. J.  
Pennells, J. B.  
Perry, A.  
Pirani, R. L.  
Pitt, W. J.  
Pizzey, J. B.  
Pope, K.  
Rawlins, R. V.  
Read, McK. R.  
\*Richardson, G. W.  
Richardson, R. H.  
Richardson, S. G.  
Roe, I. P.  
Rogers, L. W.  
Rowe, C. A.  
Rush, R. T., O.B.E.  
Ryan, P.  
Seamen, J. W.  
Searle, G. S.  
Searle, M. E.  
Searle, N. M.  
Sengleman, W. R.  
Sewell, S.  
Sharp, V. A.  
Shears, H. P.

\* Leave of absence

† Deceased

Shears, J. D.  
Shears, T. W.  
Sinn, A. F.  
Smith, G.  
Smith, G. G.  
Smith, G. H.  
Smith, I. L.  
Smith, K. A. D.  
Spalding, N.  
Spark, J. M.  
Speed, G. E.  
Spencer, H. T.  
Spensley, Dr. J. C.  
Sprigg, R. S.  
Stirling, D. S.

Angwin, A. R. C.  
Benson, P. R.  
Bird, G.  
Bolton, P.  
Boykett, G. H.  
Bryan, P. M.  
Carr, A. J.  
Carter, P. A.  
Connolly, R. W.  
Couchman, W. H.  
Coulter, P.  
Daffy, M.  
Daffy, R. Jnr.  
Davidson, J.  
Day, J. K.  
Easson, R. J.  
Fido, C.  
Finlay, M. J.  
Fox, J. A.  
Gardiner, D.  
Gardner, D. E.  
Garrard, R. J.  
Gibbs, P. M.  
Giles, A. R.  
Gillon, S. M.  
Green, G.

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

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

Thom, J. J.  
Thomas, J. C.  
Tomanovits, M. G.  
Treharne, A. G.  
Troedel, A.  
Turnbull, G.  
Walker, A. M.  
Walker, H. J. R.  
Wallace, J. W.  
Wallace, W. N.  
Wallace-Mitchell, H.  
Watkin, P. K.  
Wertheimer,  
Capt. E. J.  
Wheatland, W.

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Green, H. P.  
Gross, B. B.  
Hadaway, L.  
Hancock, B. R.  
Harbig, R. E.  
Hayes, J. V.  
Haynes, M. P.  
Heward, D. E.  
Horovitz, D. F.  
Hume, D. H.  
Hume, M. C.  
Hutchens, G. K.  
Hutchens, W.  
Hurley, G. G.  
Irving, G.  
Jamieson, D. R.  
Johnson, B. E.  
Johnson, P.  
Knappett, R.  
Lawson, G. F.  
Lawson, J. S.  
Lewis, J.  
Lydgate, W.  
Milner, A. C.  
Morell, S. D. H.  
McGennissen, C. J.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

Gordon, A.  
Macartney, G.  
Macrae, Rev. D. M.  
Nicholls, C. J.  
Noble, F.  
Oliver, R. J. D.  
Palfreyman, D. B.  
Raven, C. F.  
Robertson, J. N.

#### COUNTRY MEMBERS

Dickenson, H. R.  
Duncan, A. R.  
Ferguson, J. M.  
Fletcher, J. M.  
Foley, F/Lt. J. E.

White, E. C.  
Wignall, R. N.  
Williams, J. G.  
Williams, Dr. L. S.  
Williams, W.  
Wilson, G. J.  
Wilson, W. I.  
Wood, M. R.  
Wylie, J. J.  
Xouris, G.  
Yunghanns, D. J.  
Yunghanns, M. W.

McKenna, M. P.  
McLennan, P. M.  
Naughton, B.  
Negri, R.  
O'Brien, A.  
Palfreyman, D.  
Preece, R. J.  
Purcell, J. W.  
Renouf, P.  
Scott, A.  
Scott, M.  
Sierakowski, B. C.  
Slattery, J. B.  
Smith, E. J.  
Smith, T.  
Spillane, R.  
Thomas, I. C.  
Tolmer, D.  
Vas, S. L.  
\*Voss-Smith, D.  
Watkins, I. C.  
Weatherhead, R.  
Webster, N. G.  
White, W. L.  
Wilson, K. W.  
Wilson, R. B.

Rork, A. T.  
Rush, H. R.  
Sanderson, S. O.  
Shears, E.  
Smith, Hon. S. M.  
Stooke, G. F.  
Trickett, W. A.  
Ward, C. H. M.  
Wilkinson, C. V. H.

Harding, P.  
Hume, K. M.  
\*Holyman, G. I.  
Kerrigan, N.  
Moll, L. L. B.

\* Leave of absence

MacPherson, P. A.  
McKay, T.  
McLean, A. R.  
O'Reilly, J. H.

Ross, W. G.  
Rowe, J. S.  
Stubbs, N. M.  
Taylor, G. M.

Verney, J. A. R.  
Wills, G. G.  
Wimble, A. R.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Boykett, K. H.  
Campbell, J. F.  
Collinson, B.  
Cordell, A. J.  
Courtney, N. C. W.  
Daffy, R. Snr.

Green, J. H.  
Hill, L.  
Hoppe, J. P.  
Leggett, E. P.  
Leggett, R. B.  
†Muir, N. S.

McLean, D. A.  
Newcomb, Capt. H. M.  
Rodda, T.  
Strang, G. J.

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1964**

(Adjusted to nearest £)

1963		1964
	<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</b>	
£5610	Balance 1st May .....	£5669
57	Surplus for year transferred from Income & Expenditure Statement .....	21
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£5667		£5690
	These funds are used as under:—	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	
£233	Subscriptions Outstanding .....	£311
211	Stock of Singlets and Pennants .....	145
161	Sundry Debtors .....	176
32	F. R. Browne — Trophy Account .....	33
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£637		£665
	<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>	
£299	Commonwealth Treasury Bonds (at cost) .....	299
	(Market Value, £307)	
	<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	
2472	Boat House (at cost) .....	2472
40	Club Fittings (value 1/7/59)	
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	less Provision for Depreciation .....	36
3220	Boats at written down value, 1st May .....	£3453
862	add Cost of New Boats .....	360
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£4082		3813
629	Less Depreciation and Value of Boats Sold .....	608
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£3453		3205
404	Oars at valuation .....	579
70	Sundry Assets .....	63
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£6439		£6355
£7375	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	£7319
	<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>	
1348	Trophy Order Account .....	£1499
9	Subscriptions Paid in Advance .....	35
40	Sundry Creditors .....	74
311	Bank of New South Wales .....	21
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£1708		1629
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£5667	<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....	£5690

**A U D I T O R ' S   R E P O R T**

I report that in my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement of the Mercantile Rowing Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at the 30th April, 1964, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books and records.

Melbourne, 9th June, 1964.

A. H. G. CLARKE, Chartered Accountant.

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1964**

(Adjusted to nearest £)

1963

1964

INCOME:

£1540	Subscriptions . . . . .	£1524	
403	Less Amounts written off . . . . .	210	
£1137			£1314
117	Locker Fees . . . . .		114
	Entrance Fees—		
10	Club Races . . . . .	6	
7	Combination Races . . . . .	15	
17			21
477	Donations . . . . .		494
	Interest — Commonwealth Treasury Bonds . . . . .	14	
14	State Savings Bank of Victoria . . . . .	1	
1	Bank of New South Wales . . . . .	11	
4			26
19			
35	Sundry Income — Boat Hire, etc. . . . .	44	
	Sales of Coca Cola . . . . .	30	
45			74
40	Profit on Sale of Boats . . . . .		—
£1852	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> . . . . .		<b>£2043</b>

EXPENDITURE:

—	Boat Hire . . . . .	£61	
10	Boat Staging . . . . .	11	
10	Coxswains' and Drivers' Expenses . . . . .	33	
428	Depreciation — Boats . . . . .	£548	
76	Oars . . . . .	84	
11	Fittings . . . . .	11	
515			643
12	Entrance Fees — Regattas . . . . .	30	
48	Fire Protection Expenses . . . . .	53	
39	Freight — Country Regattas . . . . .	120	
	New Equipment . . . . .	11	
58	General Expenses . . . . .	51	
153	Insurance . . . . .	150	
4	Interest on Bank Overdraft . . . . .	2	
211	Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates . . . . .	251	
22	Postages . . . . .	19	
129	Printing and Stationery . . . . .	116	
329	Repairs and Maintenance . . . . .	205	
29	Telephone . . . . .	19	
37	Trophies — Club Races . . . . .	27	

