

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB MELBOURNE

85th Annual Report

Balance Sheet

SEASON 1964-65

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Mercantile Rowing Club

Princes Bridge, Melbourne, S.C.1. 12th June, 1965.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 85th ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY, 26th JUNE, 1965, at 8.00 p.m. The Annual Smoke Night will be held at the concclusion of the Meeting.

BUSINESS :

- 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.
- To confirm the recommendation of the Committee for an alteration to the Rules as follows—

That Rule 14 is amended to read-

"The Annual Subscription payable by Active Members shall be \$15, by Honorary Members \$9, by Country Members \$6, and by Associate Members \$11, provided that in the case of

- (a) Junior Members the subscription shall be \$11 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 \$7.50 for Senior Members and \$5.50 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, 19th June, 1965, at 4.00 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

J. R. HARVEY,

Honorary Secretary.

The Eighty-Fifth Annual Report

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members.

Gentlemen,

Your committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 85th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1965.

During the season just completed the Club has been through what can be called "rather lumpy water", but we can be pleased in reporting that early planning saw the Club through the rough going to register wins in the three State Premierships — namely Senior, Junior and Lightweight.

The late J. J. Wylie, as Club Captain, set the sights for the Club prior to the racing season, and after his unfortunate death on 1st November, 1964, crews, coaches and members carried on the plan that put the Club into the winning position.

Mr. M. F. McKenna was appointed Captain on 16th November, 1964, and Mr. K. M. Hume was appointed to fill the vacancy of Vice-Captain by the Committee on 14th December, 1964. Mr. J. B. Bostock resigned as Honorary Treasurer at the meeting of the Committee on 18th March, 1965, and Mr. R. Knappett was appointed to fill this vacancy for the balance of the season.

In rowing, our Senior Eight won all starts with the exception of Barwon and the State Championship. Two Maiden Eights qualified prior to Christmas together with the Junior Eight scoring the honours in the Junior Eight Championship. This was followed with successful crews in Eights, Fours and Pairs in the second half of the season. The Novice Eight wound up the season with a brilliant double at Mildura and Wentworth.

Again, the lightweights acquitted themselves admirably, winning the Championship Lightweight Eights and all lightweight four races, with the exception of the Championship in the second half of the season.

Prior to each individual Championship, the Senior Eight, Junior Eight and Maiden Eight each had a trip to race in Sydney for added racing experience. There is no doubt that these trips interstate are of benefit to the crews, the crew members and the Club as a whole, and similar trips can be anticipated in the future.

A "new" to the Club this season is "The Mercantilian", the Club's own journal, which in it's first two publications has told us a lot about the Club, about rowing both here and overseas and, of course, about ourselves. Our thanks go to Mr. S. H. Newcomb for his energies in the organisation and the printing of "The Mercantilian", and also to those members who suffered long, late hours of thankless toil under the relentless drive of Mr. Newcomb in assisting with the journal.

Your committee has embarked on a new and vigorous campaign for the recruitment of new members to build our ranks for even better results. They have been keenly aware of the need for recruits and have been endeavouring to attract big, experienced schoolboy oarsmen in addition to novices. The assistance of all members in this most important task would be appreciated by the incoming committee.

The Club was represented by the following members at the XVIII. Olympiad held in Tokyo in 1964:

Eight: D. H. Boykett, R. P. Lachel, G. A. McCall and M. G. Tomanovits. Coxless Four: R. J. Garrard, P. L. Gillon, S. H. Newcomb and A. M.

Walker. Mr. K. A. Bilney was Coach of this crew.

Mr. D. H. Boykett was appointed Captain of the Australian Rowing Contingent.

Although not victorious in Tokyo, members of the crew took the initiative in purchasing from the Italian crew and Italian-built section eight so that the latest ideas in European boat building and design would be in Australia.

The President and the Committee wish to thank those members who subscribed to a special appeal to pay for this boat.

The Coxless Four rowed in a new shell which was generously donated to the Club by the Management, Dealers and Staff of Caltex Oil (Australia) Pty. Ltd. To these good people we extend our grateful thanks for their practical support of our Club, the sport and, in this case, to Australian Rowing.

The Australian Championships were this season rowed on the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Course, Canning River, Perth, Western Australia, on 7th and 8th May, 1965. The Club was represented as follows:—

King's Cup Crew: P. L. Gillon and M. G. Tomanovits, with T. Daffy as coxswain and M. D. McKenzie as emergency.

Penrith Cup Crew: P. Downey and G. Xouris (also of Corio Bay), with C. Fordice as coxswain. Mr. K. A. Bilney was Coach of this crew.

It should be reported at this stage that D. C. Leach, a member of the Canadian Rowing Contingent at the Tokyo Games, rowed with the Club in the Senior Eight, but although available for selection unfortunately did not qualify for selection residentially.

Details of the Olympics and the Australian Championships will be found elsewhere in this Report.

Your Committee, looking towards the future, have given consideration to representation of the Club at the European Championships to be rowed at Bled in 1966, and then the XIX. Olympic Meeting at Mexico City in 1968.

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

Executive and Committee

At the time of this report going to press, 11 regular Committee Meetings had been held. Attendances at the regular meetings have been as follows:—

R. R. Aitken 10	K. M. Hume 4	J. M. Pearce 8
J. B. Bostock 9	W. B. Hutchins 8	G. A. Roberts 10
D. H. Boykett 8	R. Knappett 10	J. H. G. Sprigg 11
N. W. Cairnes 11	D. J. R. Morgan 7	J. C. Thomas 10
R. J. Garrard 9	M. F. McKenna 11	P. K. Watkin 10
J. R. Harvey 11	S. H. Newcomb 9	Late J. J. Wylie 4

Your Committee also held a special meeting, of which business was restricted to recruitment of new oarsmen.

Membership

The membership now stands:-

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Life Members	9	9	9	7	9
Senior Members	202	192	170	164	147
Junior Members	69	78	102	42	48
Honorary Members	25	27	25	26	11
Country Members	32	26	26	25	4
Associate Members	16	16	14	18	5
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Whilst there was an increase in Senior and Junior categories in recruitment of new members, the Committee unfortunately were responsible for the writing off of a large number of unfinancial members.

Financial

During the year which has just concluded the Club has spent approximately $\pounds 2,900$ on new equipment — more than double the amount for which provision had been made. Apart from the new racing eight and four purchased from Towns, we acquired a Coxswainless Four (for the use initially of our representatives in Tokyo) and the Italian-built eight and oars.

Naturally these purchases placed a severe strain on the Club's finances, but with the very generous assistance of Caltex Oil (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. in respect of the Coxswainless Four and of the many members who responded to the Club's "Italian Eight" appeal, combined with the co-operation of our Bank, we were able to get through. These special donations have been credited to the Club's Capital Funds, so that the Revenue Account will show a position which can be compared with that of the previous year. The results shown on the Revenue Account and the extent of the Club's overdraft at the end of the year (approximately £1,350) will indicate to members that the increase in subscription which comes into operation this year is most certainly required.

In view of our substantial overdraft, the amount of subscriptions written-off and in arrears is disturbing. A certain amount of writing-off is inevitable. Many members who race during the season are not about during the winter and are kept on the books in the hope that they will race again during the next season. A number give up the sport for a variety of reasons. They do not resign but simply fail to come to the Club again, and the Committee has no option but to write them off.

The amount shown as arreas is a different matter. Most of it is owing by members who are using or are likely to use the Club again. These members, and indeed all members, are urged to meet their commitments promptly so that the Club can in turn meet its own pressing obligations.

Members will note that a motion to amend the Constitution has been brought forward by the Committee. The only purpose of this is to adjust the various subscription rates to even figures under the new decimal currency.

Donations

The Club is extremely grateful to the following persons and organisations for their generous donations, which form an important part of the Club's revenue:—Messrs. S. G. Richardson, M. S. Williams, F. S. McArthur, R. R. Aitken, H. R. Frederico, G. G. Wills, R. W. Thursfield, Capt. H. M. Newcomb, Dr. R. A. Cooper, D. G. Ball, J. Harvie Picken, S. Jeffery, J. O'Reilly, A. G. Lindblade, R. S. Richardson, N. W. Cairns, P. K. Watkin, J. L. Mounsey, D. J. R. Morgan, G. Stooke, J. Shears, D. Crichton, J. G. H Sprigg, K H. Boykett, P. H. Boykett, C. B. Dawes, D. J. Yunghanns, J. Carr, Rev. D. M. Macrae, Dr. L. S. Williams, D. R. Morell, H. Mahoney, D. Gibson, M. F. McKenna, H. Walker, O. Broughton, H. Spencer, Caltex Oil Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., Public Schools' Association and St. Kevin's College.

Included amongst these donations are special donations made to the Club by members after an appeal by the President towards the cost of the Italian-built eight.

Boats and Oars

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

Eights	Fours	Tubs
Racing: J. G. Sprigg (1964) David Boykett (1964) Lloyd Williams (1962)	J. J. Wylie (1964 Caltex and Dealers —coxless (1964)	Deane Morgan (1961) E. R. Varcoe (1951) Paul Harding (1962) Pairs
Practice:	Bill Wallace (1961)	Keith Bilney (1964) R. H. Richardson (1957)
R. W. Thursfield (1961)	J. W. Beattie (1959)	M. S. Williams (1951)
A. L. Dobbie (1955)	J. H. Picken (1957)	Dr. R. A. Cooper (1961)

"The Morell" was sold to the Australian National University, and was replaced by the "J. G. Sprigg". The fleet was also swelled by the addition of three new boats — the Italian-built eight "David Boykett", the four "J. J. Wylie" and the coxless four "Caltex and Dealers".

Mercantile is the only Club is Victoria to own a coxless four.

The Club still finds difficulty in obtaining first-rate Australian made oars. The difficulty appears to be the inability of Australian boat builders to obtain first-class spruce.

During the season an effort has been made to ensure proper maintenance to the Club equipment. All crews are required to spend at least half an hour per week greasing, oiling, cleaning and general maintenance to the craft that they are using, however, this rule is not possible to enforce on the Tub fleet. It still requires the need for all members to excercise great care for the equipment that they use and it is imperative that all damages be reported.

Coaching

We wish to thank the following, who have given their services to the Club during the season:—R. R. Aitken, K. A. Bilney, N. W. Cairnes, D. Devenport, H. R. Frederico, J. M. Fletcher, P. Humphris, K. M. Hume, S. H. Newcomb, J. C. Thomas and P. K. Watkin.

The work of these members has helped to produce the results for the season, and the incoming Committee would be more than pleased for any other retired oarsmen who could help with the coaching of Novice and Maiden oarsmen to assist in this very important task.

Boathouse

Deane Morgan has once again kept his eye on the progress of the Boathouse Sub-Committee's programme. This committee has been led by Warwick Hutchins.

Your Committee has given considerable thought to major renovations or the re-building of the Clubhouse, and it is hoped that during the coming season a concrete decision will be reached.

XVIII. OLYMPIAD — TOKYO, 1964

SINGLE SCULLS .- V. Ivanov (Russia) ,8 mins. 22.51 secs. (Also won in 1960.)

Australia: P. Edwards, 9th overall; 4th (7.53.54) in first heat; 2nd (7.37.64) in third repechage, failed to qualify for final.

DOUBLE SCULLS .- Russia, 1st, 7 mins. 10.6 secs.; U.S.A., 2nd; Czechoslovakia, 3rd.

Australia: B. Wade, G. Pearce, 5th (7.01.21) in first heat and 4th (7.07.12) in third repechage, failed to qualify.

PAIR OARS WITHOUT COX .- Canada, 1st, 7 mins. 32.94 secs; Netherlands, 2nd; Germany, 3rd. Australia: R. Ninham, R. Shirlaw, 9th overall; 3rd (7.32.35) in first

heat and 3rd (7.39.18) in second repechage.

PAIR OARS WITH COX .- U.S.A., 1st, 8 mins. 21.33 secs.; France,

2nd; Netherlands, 3rd. Australia: B. Richardson, N. Lodding, cox W. Gammon, 9th overall; 3rd (8.09.41) in second heat and 2nd (7.37.53) in third repechage, failed to qualify for final.

FOUR OARS WITHOUT COX .- Denmark, 1st, 6 mins. 56.30 secs.; Britain, 2nd; U.S.A., 3rd.

Australia: R. Garrard, S. Newcomb, P. Gillon, A. Walker, 4th (7.03.40) in first heat and 4th (7.01.07) first repechage, failed to qualify for final.

FOUR OARS WITH COX.-Germany, 1st, 7 mins. 0.44 secs; Italy, 2nd; Netherlands, 3rd. Australia: G. Herford, A. Duval, G. Allan, J. Campbell, cox A. Grover,

10th overall; 4th (7.00.16) in first heat and 3rd (7.17.06) in third repechage.

EIGHT OARS WITH COX .- U.S.A., 1st, 6 mins. 18.23 secs.; Germany, 2nd; Czechoslovakia, 3rd.

Australia: D. Ramage, D. Boykett, T. Davies, R. Lachal, P. Guest, M. Tomanovits, B. Vear, G. McCall, cox K. Wickham, 8th overall; 5th (6.06.94) in first heat and 3rd (6.06.24) in third repechage.

All finals conducted in heavy, windy weather.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - PERTH, 1965

- PRESIDENT'S CUP Australian Amateur Sculling Championship: First Heat.—N.S.W. (G. Pearce), 9 mins. 28 secs.; Western Australia (J. Yuille), 9 mins. 38.5 secs.; Queensland (J. Pressler), 10 mins. 24 secs.
 - Second Heat.—Tasmania (J. Moore), 9 mins. 59.4 secs.; Victoria (P. F. Edwards), 10 mins. 37.9 secs.; South Australia (B. M. McKenzie), 10 mins. 58.6 secs.
 Repechage.—Queensland, 9 mins. 59.9 secs.; South Australia.

- Final.-New South Wales, 9 mins. 5.7 secs.; Tasmania, 9 mins. 9.5 secs.; Victoria, 9 mins. 31.8 secs.; Western Australia, 9 mins. 47.2 secs.; Queensland, 9 mins. 50.2 secs.
- PENRITH CUP Australian Amateur Lightweight Four Championship: New South Wales (7 mins. 34.1 secs.), South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania.

KING'S CUP — Australian Eight-Oared Championship: First Heat.—New South Wales (6 mins. 55.5 secs.), Western Australia, Tasmania.

- Second Heat.—Victoria (7 mins. 10 secs.), South Australia. Repechage.—Western Australia (7 mins. 35.2 secs.), Tasmania, South Australia.
- Final.-New South Wales (6 mins. 10.8 secs.), Victoria (6 mins. 11.2 secs.), Western Australia (6 mins. 16.5 secs.), Tasmania (6 mins. 21 secs.).

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The Seventh Annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted on the Henley Course on Saturday, 27th March, 1965. There were just under 1,000 oarsmen competing in a most successful day, which again attracted interstate and schoolboy oarsmen in addition to the local clubs.

Again, we are most grateful to the Regatta Secretary, Mr. J. W. Bradshaw, for the efficient way in which he conducted the Regatta.

The Sub-Committee in charge of this year's Regatta comprised:— Messrs. R. R. Aitken (chairman), J. W. Bradshaw (secretary), M. F. McKenna (treasurer), D. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, E. M. Davidson, J. R. Harvey, K. M. Hume, R. Knappett, D. J. R. Morgan and S. H. Newcomb. We thank them all for conducting this Regatta on our behalf.

Head of the River

Our congratulations go to Wesley College and their Coach (Mr. Allan Mitchell) for winning the 1965 Head of the River.

We are pleased to be able to report that Messrs. S. H. Newcomb, J. M. Pearce, J. Burford, P. K. Watkin, D. H. Boykett, D. Macmillan, I. Macmillan, S. Speed, K. Holian, P. Gibbs, R. Wilson and K. Bilney of our Club assisted in coaching crews of the Head-of-the-River Schools.

Combined High Schools Regatta

We congratulate H. P. Green and R. Weatherhead, who were members of the victorious Melbourne High School Crew. This crew was also coached by Keith Bilney.

Rowing

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat on 13th March in very heavy conditions. Our representatives were R. Garrard (bow), M. McKenna (2), C. Leach (3), P. Gillon (4), M. McKenzie (5), G. Boykett (6), M. Tomanovits (7), D. Boykett (stroke), T. Daffy (cox), H. Frederico (coach). The race was won by Banks, who started well. By the 1000 metres we were on even terms, but during the third quarter Banks moved away to a lead of about a length, which they were able to maintain to the finish. Time, 8mins. 42.5 secs.

JUNIOR.—Rowed on the Lower Yarra on 12th December in good conditions. Our crew — A. Fox (bow), W. Hutchins (2), J. Burford (3), R. Coutts (4), B. Gross (5), W. Roberts (6), A. Evans (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox, N. W. Cairnes (coach) — won well from Banks, with Essendon third.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Also rowed on the Lower Yarra on 12th December. The crew — T. Hogan (bow), G. Smith (2), R. Weatherhead (3), J. Davidson (4), M. Hume (5), K. Hume (6), P. Downey (7), P. Green (stroke), M. Owen (cox), P. Watkin (coach) — started well and steadily increased their lead, going on to win easily from Banks.

Four-Oared

Rowed on the Lower Yarra on 12th December.

SENIOR.—A. L. Southcott (bow), D. H. Boykett (2), M. G. Tomanovits (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), R. H. Smith (cox), H. R. Frederico (coach), finished third behind Banks and Yarra Yarra.

We were also represented in the Mercantile Composite Crew — M. F. McKenna (bow), G. W. Picard (2) [silver medallist stroke of U.S.A. coxed four at Tokyo], E. W. Clark (3) [gold medallist five man of U.S.A. eight at Tokyo], P. C. Gillon (stroke), T. C. Daffy (cox). This crew, after only a week's training, finished fourth.

Rowed on Lake Wendouree on 13th March.

JUNIOR.—G. W. Richardson (bow), W. Roberts (2), A. Evans (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Owen (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were unsuccessful.

Rowed at Ballarat on 13th March.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Our crew — R. Weatherhead (bow), M. Hume (2), P. Downey (3), P. Green (stroke), C. Fordyce (cox), K. A. Bilney (coach) - were defeated by Corio Bay and Melbourne University Boat Club.

Pair-Oared

All Pair-Oared Championships were rowed at the Albert Park Lake Regatta on 1st February, conditions being difficult through a cross wind making the lake choppy.

SENIOR .- G. Speed (bow, A. L. Southcott (stroke) were not successful. JUNIOR .- A. Evans (bow), D. Palfreyman (stroke), N. W. Cairnes (coach) were beaten by a canvas by Wendouree.

LIGHTWEIGHT .- M. Hume (bow), B. Hancock (stroke), after winning their heat, were beaten in the final by Banks.

Regattas

Third Winter Series - 15th August, 1964

MAIDEN FOURS .- R. Cummings (bow), A. Fairlie (2), S. Gillon (3), R. Knappett (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox).

Metropolitan Novice Regatta - 19th September, 1964

NOVICE FOURS .- A. Fairlie (bow), R. Cummings (2), S. Gillon (3), H. Taylor (stroke), T. Tulloh (cox).

Footscray Regatta - 14th November, 1964

SENIOR EIGHT.—M. McKenna (bow), R. Garrard (2), M. McKenzie (3), D. Yunghanns (4), R. Lachel (5), G. Boykett (6), M. Tomanovits (7), D. Boykett (stroke), T. Daffy (cox).

SENIOR FOUR.—A. Walker (bow), J. Hayes (2), L. Southcott (3), C. Leach (stroke), M. Owen (cox). The MAIDEN EIGHT was successful.

The LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT was also successful.

V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta - 21st November, 1964

SENIOR EIGHT .- The crew that rowed at Footscray was again successful, beating Banks. The MAIDEN EIGHT again won.

The LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT was once again successful.

Upper Yarra Regatta - 28th November, 1964

SENIOR EIGHT.-In this race the crew which had been successful at the two previous regattas used for the first time the Italian Racing Eight and were again successful, beating Yarra Yarra and Banks.

The MAIDEN EIGHT continued their winning run, and the LIGHT-WEIGHT EIGHT was also first home.

V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta - 21st November, 1964

SENIOR EIGHT .- The crew that rowed at Footscray was again

Upper Yarra Regatta - 28th November, 1964

SENIOR EIGHT.—In this race the crew which had been successful at the two previous Regattas, used for the first time the Italian racing eight and were again successful in beating

Nagambie Regatta - 26th December, 1964

JUNIOR FOUR.—A. Fox (bow), W. Hutchins (2), J. Burford (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox) won easily. LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—R. Weatherhead (bow), R. Cummins (2), T. Hogan (3), B. Hancock (stroke), M. Owen (cox) were successful.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—R. Easson (bow), S. Morell (2), R. Wilson (3), M. Hume (4), S. Gillon (5), J. Davidson (6), D. Gardiner (7), P. Green (stroke), M. Owen (cox), P. Watkin (coach) won well. Our other entries — Open Eight, Senior Four, Senior Pair, Junior

Pair, Maiden Four, Novice Four and Novice Pair - were not successful.

Rutherglen Regatta — 1st January, 1965

This Regatta was held on Lake Moodemere again after being held at Corowa and Yarrawonga for the past few seasons.

SENIOR FOUR.—M. F. McKenna (bow), D. C. Leach (2), S. H. Newcomb (3), R. J. Garrard (stroke), T. C. Daffy (cox) defeated Hawthorn. LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—The crew that won at Nagambie was

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—The crew that won at Nagambie was again successful.

Our Open Eight, Junior Four and Novice Four were beaten, while the Maiden Eight and Four were disqualified for faulty steering.

Yarrawonga Regatta - 2nd January, 1965

Due to rough weather this Regatta had to be run on an unsurveyed course.

SENIOR FOUR.—The crew that won at Rutherglen was again able to beat Hawthorn.

JUNIOR FOUR.-The successful crew at Nagambie won again.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—Our winning crew at Nagambie was again victorious.

Our other entries — Open Eight, Lightweight Four and Pair, Maiden Four and Novice Four — competed without success.

Yea Regatta — 30th January, 1965

JUNIOR EIGHT.—D. Lachal (bow), W. Hutchins (2), J. Burford (3), R. Coutts (4), P. Gibbs (5), M. Lorrimer (6), B. Gross (7), P. Philp (stroke), M. Owen (cox), S. Newcomb (coach) were successful in defeating Essendon.

Albert Park Lake Regatta - 1st February, 1965

SENIOR EIGHT.—R. Garrard (bow), M. McKenna (2), C. Leach (6), P. Gillon (4), M. McKenzie (5), G. Boykett (3), M. Tomanovits (7), D. Boykett (stroke), C. Gilmour (cox), H. Frederico (coach) dead-heated, and in the re-row won by two lengths from Banks.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—Our crew that was successful at Yea again defeated Essendon, this time by a canvas.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—R. Weatherhead (bow), G. Smith (2), P. Downey (3), P. Green (stroke), C. Fordice (cox), K. Bilney (coach) won from Banks by a length and a half.

We were also represented in the Pair-Oared Championships which were reported on elsewhere in this report, and in Maiden and Novice Fours, which were not successful.

Ballarat Regatta - 20th February, 1965

JUNIOR EIGHT.—R. Lachal (bow), W. Hutchins (2), J. Burford (3), O. Schellenberg (4), P. Gibbs (5), M. Lorrimer (6), B. Gross (7), P. Philp (stroke), R. Smith (cox), J. Fletcher (coach) won well from Wendouree.

(stroke), R. Smith (cox), J. Fletcher (coach) won well from Wendouree. LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—R. Weatherhead (bow), M. Hume (2), P. Downey (3), P. Green (stroke), C. Fordyce (cox), K. Bilney (coach) defeated Melbourne University by half a length.

The Club was also represented by Senior, Junior and Maiden Fours as well as a Lightweight Eight, but without success.

Henley on the Yarra - 27th February, 1965

SENIOR EIGHT (Grand Challenge Cup).—The crew that represented the Club at the Championship retained this trophy by defeating Banks by a length.

JUNIOR EIGHT (Founders' Challenge).—The successful Ballarat crew won this event by two lengths from Essendon and Sydney.

JUNIOR FOUR (Elswick Challenge).—G. Richardson (bow), W. Roberts (2), A. Evans (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Owen (cox), N. W. Cairnes (coach) won by 1[‡] lengths from Corio Bay.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR (Ladies' Challenge).—Our victorious Ballarat crew won this Cup. The Club also boated a Senior Four, a Senior Pair Without Cox, a Maiden Four and Pair, and a Lightweight Eight without success.

Barwon Regatta - 6th March, 1965

JUNIOR EIGHT.—The crew that won at Henley again scored easily. JUNIOR FOUR.—This crew also repeated its Henley victory.

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT.—R. Easson (bow), R. Cummins (2), D. McVean (3), E. Johnson (4), T. Hogan (5), J. Davidson (6), A. Fox (7), K. Hume (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox) won well.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—This crew completed the treble — Ballarat, Henley and Barwon.

MAIDEN PAIR.—S. Gillon (bow), R. Knappett (stroke), M. Caldwell (cox), P. Humphris (coach). After winning their heat narrowly, they went on to win the final well.

Unfortunately our Senior Eight, Maiden and Novice Fours were beaten.

Colac Regatta - 8th March, 1965

This Regatta had to be cancelled because the lake was unrowable.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta - 27th March, 1965

SENIOR FOUR.—M. McKenna (bow), G. Boykett (2), D. Boykett (3), R. Garrard (stroke), (cox) won easily.

JUNIOR PAIR.—R. Garrard (bow), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Owen (cox) won very easily.

(cox) won very easily. MAIDEN PAIR.—Another good win was recorded by the Barwon Regatta crew.

Our Junior Eight, Lightweight Four and Pair, Maiden Four and Novice Eight were not successful.

Mildura Regatta - 17th April, 1965

SENIOR FOUR.—M. McKenna (bow), C. Leach (2), G. Boykett (3), R. Garrard (stroke), M. Owen (cox) won from Yarra Yarra.

LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR No. 1.—R. Weatherhead (bow), P. Green (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox) won well.

NOVICE EIGHT.—A. McCann (bow), A. Thomas (2), G. Roberts (3), M. Payne (4), M. Hughes (5), W. McCardel (6), I. Nixon (7), P. Cunningham (stroke), M. Caldwell (cox), D. Davenport (coach) defeated Dimboola by a length.

We also boated the following crews without success:—Open Eight, Junior Eight, Junior Pair, Maiden Pair and Four, Lightweight Four and Pair No. 2, and Senior Pair.

Wentworth Regatta - 19th April, 1965

SENIOR FOUR .- The Mildura crew completed the double.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.—T. Hogan (bow), M. Hume (2), J. McDavit (3), G. Smith (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox), N. Cairnes (coach) won from Richmond.

LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR No. 1.—The crew that won at Mildura was again successful.

NOVICE EIGHT.-This crew also completed the double.

Crews in the Open Eight, Junior Eight, Senior Pair, Maiden Four and Pair, and Lightweight Pair No. 2 were not successful.

Head of the Yarra - 20th March, 1965

The Club entered one crew in the Open Section and three in Intermediate in a field of 48 crews.

Our Open crew put up the fastest time in this Section, but due to an error in compiling the results the trophies were awarded to another club.

Scotch College First Eight won the Intermediate Section with the fastest time (29m. 23.8s.), while our crews finished in second, fourth, twenty-eighth and thirty-ninth positions overall.

Premiership Points

SENIOR .- Mercantile, 72; Banks, 52; Hawthorn, 20; Barwon, 12; Yarra Yarra, 11; Nagambie, 8; Mildura, 6; Melbourne, 4; Wendouree, 2; Corio Bay, 1.

JUNIOR.—Mercantile, 152; Essendon, 88; Banks, 58; Richmond, 41; Wendouree, 30; Melbourne, 26; M.U.B.C., 26; Barwon, 22; Power House, 18; Yarra Yarra, 11; Rutherglen Lake, 10; Corio Bay, 8; Corowa, 4; Warrnambool, 4; Ballarat City, 4; Hawthorn, 4; Ballarat, 2; Yarrawonga, 2; Yea, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT.-Mercantile, 82; Banks, 48; Richmond, 12; Corio Bay, 8; Yarra Yarra, 4; Essendon, 4; Hawthorn, 4; M.U.B.C., 4; Barwon, 2: Wendouree, 2.

Combination Races Picken-Williams Eights

Again this event had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. It is considered that, due to the general unpopularity of combination races, consideration will be given, with the support of Messrs. Picken and Williams, to make this a straight club race.

Morell Eights - 19th December, 1964

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

After a day of very competitive rowing, the winning crew was:— W. Oakley (Yarra Yarra), bow; P. Dalton (Yarra Yarra), 2; A. Thomas (Mercantile), 3; R. Wilson (Mercantile), 4; G. Xouris (Corio and Mercantile), 5; B. Dennis (Yarra Yarra), 6; M. McKenna (Mercantile), 7; R. Garrard (Mercantile), stroke; M. Owen (Mercantile), cox.

Club Races

S. Guinn Memorial Pairs - 21st June, 1964

We are indebted to an anonymous member for donating trophies for this race, held in memory of the late Stan Guinn. Close racing was witnessed during the day, and the winning crew was J. B. Bostock (bow), J. B. Hayes (stroke), K. Thomas (cox).

A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours

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

Nine crews competed, the winning crew being J. Charles (bow), M. Taylor (2), P. Boykett (3), J. M. Pearce (stroke), S. Tolloh (cox).

J. G. Sprigg Time Trial

Eight crews entered this event to contest the magnificent trophies donated by Mr. Sprigg. The best time over the Herring Island course was 29 mins. 39.8 secs., this time being put up by J. Burford (bow), P. Boykett (2), V. Mulder (3), P. Benson (4), G. Bird (5), G. Boykett (6), A. Walker (stroke), R. Weatherhead (cox).

Harlequin Time Trial

We thank the Harlequin Club for their magnificent trophies for this four-oared trial raced over the Morell Bridge course. The winning crew was P. Boykett (bow), G. Boykett (2), R. Johnson (3), R. Garrard (stroke), G. Gilmour (cox). Time, 14 mins. 13.7 secs.

Stonk-Moose Time Trial

Messrs. L. L. B. Moli and W. G. Ross have kindly provided the trophies for this Handicap Time Trial in Tub Fours.

It was won from the 10 minute handicap from seven other crews by S. G. Richardson (bow), A. L. Dobbie (2), M. S. Williams (3), D. C. Brooke (stroke), H. P. Spencer (cox). Time, 30 mins. 53.2 secs.

Captain's Trophy.—This Trophy is presented to the member who has won most Regatta and Club races during the season. Mr. R. J. Garrard has won this Trophy for the third season in succession.

Late J. W. Beattie Trophy.—This Trophy is donated in memory of the late Jack Beattie, and is presented to the member who has won the most premiership points for the Club during the season. Mr. R. J. Garrard has won this Trophy for the second season in succession.

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 to Mr. A. Cameron to whom we extend our congratulations.

Max Bailey Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the champion coxswain has this season been won by Martin Owen.

N. W. Cairnes Trophy.—We thank Mr. N. W. Cairnes, who has given this Trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season. The award has been made to Michael Caldwell, and we hope he will continue his coxswaining activities for many years.

"The Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy"

Members of the staff of Edward Lumley & Sons (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. have graciously presented to the Club a Perpetual Shield — "The Jeff Wylie Memorial Shield" — to be awarded annually to the most improved lightweight oarsman.

The Directors of Edward Lumley & Sons (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. supported the presentation of their staff by offering an Annual Trophy to the winner of "The Jeff Wylie Memorial Shield".

For the first year of presentation we congratulate Michael Hume on gaining the award.

To the Directors and Staff of Edward Lumley & Sons (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. we extend our thanks for their thoughts.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day (29th August, 1964).—This day was a great success, good rowing being supported by the naming of three new boats — "Keith Bilney" by Mrs. Keith Bilney, "Caltex and Dealers" by Mr. E. E. Dunlop and "I'Zingari' by Mrs. K. H. Boykett. In addition to relatives and friends of members, we had pleasure in entertaining executives, members of the staff and dealers of the Caltex Oil Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., who made it possible for us to purchase the "Caltex and Dealers", which was used by our Coxless Four in Tokyo.

Annual Dinner (5th September, 1964).—Again a very enjoyable evening was spent by members. Our Guest Speaker was Mr. R. Garrard, and amongst our many guests was the Lord Mayor, Sir Leo Curtis, and our old friend Sir Bernard Evans.

Barbecues.—Deane Morgan made his home available for a most successful barbecue on the night of the Upper Yarra Regatta. David Boykett was host to a joint barbecue with Yarra Yarra after the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta, while Hugh Clarke lent his property at Gisborne for our third barbecue after Henley. To these members we extend our thanks for their generosity.

Supper Dance.—The Sheraton Room on the 4th June saw one of our most successful social functions when Simon Newcomb conducted a Supper Dance. To those who attended we feel sure that another function of this sort is awaited upon. Thank you, Simon, for a most successful night.

Olympic Fund Dances.—During the winter of 1964 Messrs. J. C. Thomas and J. B. Bostock, plus an energetic committee, conducted three dances at the Caulfield Central R.S.L. to raise funds for our Olympic oarsmen. Our congratulations go to this committee for their grand efforts.

The most notable improvement in the Club this season has been the gymnasium — the floor has been sanded and sealed, walls painted and considerable equipment has been purchased. The gymnasium will prove to be an important asset to the training programme during the winter.

Deane Morgan and Norman Cairnes have made great progress in compiling the history of the Club during the season. It is to be part of the preparation towards the Centenary of the Club, which is fast approaching.

Members of your Committee have also investigated an Honour Roll for our Olympic, Empire Games and International Representatives, and when the Club finances return to a more liquid position it is intended to proceed with this project.

Amongst those who were active on the boats and oars this season were Peter Watkin and David Boykett, who organised working bees. With the help of Jim Huon, Stephen Gillon, Mike Hume, Henry Green, Rodney Weatherhead, Chris Leach and other members the fleet was brought into racing condition for the season.

Bob Knappett showed great enthusiasm in controlling the soft drink machine.

After last season's poor attendance, we are pleased to report that the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Anzac was one of our most successful days. The service was conducted by Mr. Sprigg, with Mr. J. L. Mounsey giving the address, and Mr. D. S. Stirling laid the wreath.

It is always pleasing to see members from interstate and ex-members at the Club on Sunday mornings. This year amongst our many friends we have seen Paul Harding (who has returned to Melbourne from Hobart), Peter Humphris (who has also returned to Melbourne). Geoff Taylor (in between his shift from Perth to Launceston) and John Foley (from Sydney).

Amongst others who have returned to Melbourne are Jack Fletcher and Russell McLean (from Adelaide), Norm Bailey (from Tasmania), Bill Arnold (from New Zealand) and Geoff Richardson.

Bill Wallace has been transferred to Adelaide and Norm Spalding to Brisbane.

Lloyd Williams and Bill Morrison have returned safely from overseas trips, and at present John Bostock is showing London what a colonist can do.

There were many members supporting our crews at the Tokyo Olympics, and even a greater number went to Perth for the 1965 King's Cup Regatta. There is no doubt that this type of support is of benefit to our crews.

We congratulate Bob Aitken for representing Australia at the F.I.S.A. Meeting in Tokyo, and also thank him for his efforts as Victorian Representative to the Australian Amateur Rowing Council for the past six years. On his retirement from the latter post Norman Cairnes was appointed, and we wish to congratulate him for this.

Our congratulations go to Tony Walker, Lindsay Southcott, Dr. R. Negri, Pat Ryan, John Thom and Ken Hume, who were married during the season. To Lloyd Williams, Freddy Frederico, R. Kennedy, Ian Macmillan, Dereck Norwood, Paul Harding, C. Rowe, Geoff Taylor, John Pell and their wives we extend our congratulations on the occasion of additions to their families.

Our sympathies are extended to Messrs. J. L. Mounsey, R. Kennedy and R. Easson, who suffered bereavements during the season.

Warwick Hutchins and John Burford, who rowed as novice oarsmen at Mildura in 1964, were members of our successful Championship Junior Eight. This appears to be great encouragement to other oarsmen and new members for progress in rowing with Mercantile.

To our old friend Jack Coglin and his drivers, particularly Bob Fraser, go our thanks for the safe and efficient transport of boats during the season. The Club has again been most fortunate in having an excellent group of coxswains. We record our thanks to Tom Daffy, Chris Fordice, Ken Thomas, Martin Owen, Michael Caldwell, Tim and Roger Selleck, Clyde Gilmour, Trevor Bond and R. Smith. We look forward to seeing these coxswains again during the coming season, together with new coxswains, so that all crews may be covered.

To the parents of these boys we extend our thanks for their support and understanding, as the late hours during training and the racing season must be a considerable inconvenience to them.

Simon Newcomb and John Thomas are to be thanked and congratulated for their work in conducting the social functions.

Your Committee has continued the usual social meetings with the Committee of the 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 Messrs. M. S. Williams (President), J. W. Bradshaw (Hon. Secretary), N. W. Wilkinson (Hon. Treasurer) and members of the Executive Committee. There is little doubt that the Licensed Officials have made a great contribution to the running of regattas, and it commended to any of the Club's retired oarsmen to contact the Secretary as to further information in regard to obtaining an Official's Licence.

Mr. Wal Turnbull has continued his good work as President of the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association.

The Old Oarsmen's Association, under the efficient guidance of Tom Rodda and Noel Wilkinson, has again been active this past season. Two large ventures were the organisation of parties to travel to Tokyo and Perth.

The Harlequin Rugby Club has again used the Boathouse during their playing season, and we wish them every success during the current series.

Unfortunately we have to report that the annual football match with Hawthorn Rowing Club was not well attended, but we look forward to a full team, with plenty of emergencies, this coming August.

The Club has been happy to house crews from Caulfield Grammar, Brighton Grammar and St. Kevin's College, and appreciate the co-operation of the respective rowing coaches and rowing masters.

The A.B.C. has continued to give rowing excellent publicity through radio and television descriptions, as have the commercial stations. 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, Public and High Schools our thanks and appreciation are conveyed for their co-operation during the season. 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.

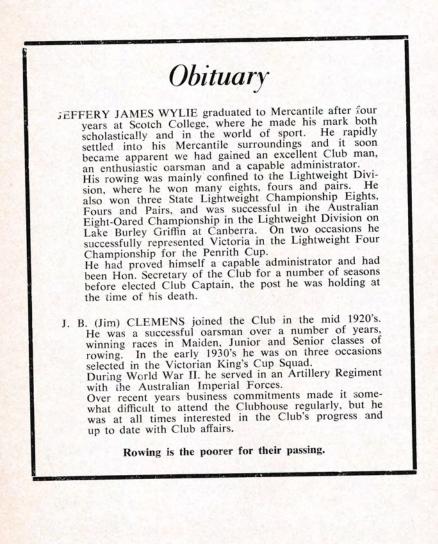
To our President, Mr. J. G. H. Sprigg, the Committee most sincerely wish to convey thanks for his unfailing encouragement and sound advice whilst administering the functions of the Club, and also for the encouragement that he continues to give with greater zest each season to the racing crews and newcomers to the Club. His support, together with that of his Vice-Presidents, is something of which Mercantile can justly be proud.

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. R. HARVEY, Honorary Secretary.



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

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* Leave of Absence.

Green, J. H. Hill, L. Hoppe, J. P. Leggett, E. P. Leggett, R. B. McLean, D. A. Newcomb, Capt. H. M. Rodda, T. Sloan, A. Strang, G. J. Wade, P. M.

† Deceased.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1965

(Adjusted to nearest £)

ACCUMULATED FUNDS: Balance 1st May	£5.732	
Surplus for year transferred from Income and Expenditure Statement	and the second	
TOTAL FUNDS		£6,057
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash on Hand		
Subscriptions Outstanding		
Stock of Singlets and Pennants		
Sundry Debtors		
Sundry Debtors		
	559	
INVESTMENT:		
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds (at cost) (Market value, £300)	299	
NON CURRENT ASSETS:		
Boat House (at cost)		
Less Provision for Depreciation 33 Boats at W.D.V. 1st May £3,238		
Add Cost of New Boats 2,703		
£5,941		
Less Depreciation and Value of Boats Sold		
4,843		
Oars at Valuation		
Sundry Assets		
	8,057	
TOTAL ASSETS	£8,915	
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Trophy Orders Account £1,472		
Subscriptions Paid in Advance 25		
Bank of New South Wales 1,361		
NET ASSETS		£6,057
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that in my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and 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, 1965, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books and records.

A. H. G. CLARKE, Chartered Accountant. Melbourne, 17th June, 1965.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1965

(Adjusted to nearest £)

INCOME: Subscriptions £1,574 Less Amounts written off 392	£1,182
Donations Locker Fees Entrance Fees Entrance Fees Interest—Commonwealth Treasury Bonds £14 State Savings Bank of Victoria 1 Bank of New South Wales 4	437 112 17 19
Sundry Income—Boat Hire Club Ties, Seat Fees, etc	37
TOTAL INCOME	£1,804
EXPENDITURE: Boat Staging	
974	
Fire Protection Expenses 75 Freight—Country Regattas 108 New Equipment 3	
General Expenses 82 Insurance 150 Interest on Overdraft and Bank Charges 37 Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates 201	
Postages 2 Printing and Stationery 111 Repairs and Maintenance 212	
Telephone 15 Trophies—Club Races 28 V.R.A. Dues and Fees 201 Losses—Singlets and Track Suits 1	
Sale of Boats	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£2,323
DEFICIENCY	£519
Less DONATIONS: Caltex Oil (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. and Dealers £520 Italian Eight Appeal	844
NET SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	£325

R. B. KNAPPETT, Hon. Treasurer.

TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	Dr.	Cr. £1,499
Amounts for Trophies Awarded Trophy Orders Paid Balance carried forward	£100	£73
	£1,572	£1,572
Balance brought forward		£1,472

R. B. KNAPPETT, Hon. Treasurer.