



MERCANTILE
ROWING CLUB
MELBOURNE

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89th
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

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SEASON 1968-69

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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
Melbourne, 3000,
9th June, 1969.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 89th ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1969, 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. Presentation of Trophies.
5. Any General Business which may be legally brought forward.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the main Notice Board at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 21st June, 1969, at 4.00 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

R. I. EASSON,

Honorary Secretary.

The Eighty-Ninth Annual Report

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members,

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 89th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30th April, 1969.

The Club has had a most successful season, despite a marked decrease in the number of races won during the season. Club crews again retained the Victorian Senior Eight and Junior Four-Oared Championships and in addition won Lightweight Eight and Junior Scull Championships.

A crew from the Club also won the New South Wales Junior Eight-Oared Championship.

The Club secured the Senior and Junior Premierships, but once again Barwon convincingly won the Lightweight Premiership. The Country Premiership was won by Corio Bay. Our congratulations go to both these clubs.

Following the Test Race rowed at Murray Bridge in May, 1968, Mercantilian David Douglas was selected in the Olympic Squad training from Sydney Rowing Club. David subsequently went on to row in the four seat of the Eight-Oared crew which won the Silver Medal for Australia at Mexico. Our congratulations go to David and the members of this crew.

Our congratulations also go to David Ramage and Paul Guest for their commendable performance in the Coxless Pairs event at Xochimilco.

The 1969 King's Cup Regatta was rowed at Bundaberg, Queensland, on 25th and 26th April.

The King's Cup was won by Victoria. Your Club was represented in the Victorian Eight by J. Shanasy (2), G. H. Boykett (stroke), S. M. Gillon (7), D. G. Douglas (6), G. Godkin (cox). The crew was coached by D. H. Boykett.

The Penrith Cup was won by New South Wales. Your Club was represented in the Victorian Lightweight Four by P. H. O'Brien (stroke), T. J. Hogan (3), R. W. Connolly (2), M. Owen (cox). The crew was coached by P. J. Downey. The President's Cup for Sculls was won by Tasmania.

Recruiting this year has been significantly lower than in previous years and a feature next season will be an intensive campaign to recruit new members to our ranks. This campaign is being organized by a small sub-committee led by your Captain.

The Committee has approved in principle a scheme for the financing and construction of alterations to the front section of the Boathouse and work will commence on these alterations immediately. Details concerning the re-building are given later in this Report.

The following sections provide a more detailed account of your Club's activities:—

Membership

The membership as at 30th April, 1969, is as follows:

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1956	1936
Life Members	10	10	9	9	7	9
Senior Members	190	182	164	174	164	147
Junior Members	116	100	112	86	42	98
Honorary Members	18	22	25	25	26	11
Country Members	24	27	28	30	25	4
Associate Members	11	13	10	11	18	5
	358	354	348	335	282	224

During this season, 49 new members have joined the Club, of which 15 are Senior Members, 33 are Junior Members, and one is an Associate Member.

Executive and Committee

At the time of this report going to press, 11 regular Committee Meetings have been held with the following attendances:

R. R. Aitken 8	R. I. Easson 10	S. H. Newcomb .. 11
D. A. Baxter 6	R. I. Griffiths 8	J. G. H. Sprigg .. 2*
D. H. Boykett 8	B. B. Gross 9	M. G. Tomanovits 11
J. Burford 9	P. Harding 8	P. V. Wood 7
N. W. Cairnes 7	M. B. Kellam 6	M. S. Williams .. 1†
P. J. Downey 9	J. McKeown 11	R. B. Wilson 10

* Absent overseas.

† In an honorary capacity.

Financial

During the past year the Club's Revenue Account showed a surplus of \$480 compared with a deficit of \$153 in the previous year. This small improvement was due almost entirely to the increase in donations which in turn was largely the result of the enthusiastic work of the recently formed Ladies' Committee. If income from such sources, totalling in all, \$1,800, is disregarded it is once again only too clear that our subscription revenue is just not sufficient at present levels to provide for running expenses and for essential replacement of the fleet.

This is a situation which in the view of your Committee cannot be allowed to continue, but proposals to increase the subscription have been deferred pending the development of a project for major renovation of the Club House to which reference was made last year. This project has now reached the stage at which it will shortly be submitted to members in detail and your Committee will be recommending to members increases in the subscription rates which will adequately cover both the maintenance of the fleet and the financing of the Club House plans.

In view of the substantial rise in the cost of all services and of new equipment these increases are inevitable. If we are to provide for present members and those who follow on a Club House and fleet of which Mercantile can be proud it cannot be done on a shoestring.

Donations

The generous support of the following donors is gratefully acknowledged: R. R. Aitken, G. L. Ansell, K. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes,

R. A. Cooper, J. De Guingand, L. M. Gillon, Harding-Newcomb Trust, Harlequins Rugby Football Club, K. M. Hume, A. B. Lindblade, Mercantile Ladies' Auxiliary, A. P. Miller, D. J. R. Morgan, J. O'Reilly, J. H. Picken, J. H. Richardson, H. P. Shears, H. T. Spencer, J. H. G. Sprigg, W. Wallace, I. Wilson.

Boats and Oars

Our fleet at the time of making this report: —

Eights	Fours
Racing: S. H. Newcomb (1966) J. G. Sprigg (1964) David Boykett (1964)	Racing: First Lady (1968) Sir Bernard Evans (1966) Caltex & Dealers (coxless) (1964) J. J. Whyllie (1964) Bill Wallace (1961) J. W. Beattie (1959)
Practice: R. W. Thursfield (1961) A. L. Dobbie (1955)	Tub Fours Deanne Morgan (1961) E. R. Varcoe (1951) M. S. Williams (1951)
Pairs Racing: Bill Bradshaw (1967) Keith Bilney (1964)	Sculls Mrs. T. L. Sprigg (practice) (1966) Wal Turnbull (tub) (1964)
Tub: Paul Harding (1962) Dr. R. A. Cooper (1961)	Motor Boat Miles and Miles (1968) inc. Mercury 20 h.p. motor.

The complete fleet is operational and generally in fair condition.

No firm orders have been placed for any new equipment prior to the commencement of the 1969/70 season, but is recommended by the Boats and Oars Sub-Committee that a new eight be purchased during the coming season in accordance with the boat-replacement program adopted by your Committee.

Additions to the fleet this season include a new racing four 'The First Lady' built by Messrs. Sargent and Burton. This boat was donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Club and to these hard working women we extend your sincere thanks.

A speedboat was completed this season mainly due to the efforts of Warwick Hutchins and materials donated by Mr. Miles Gillon. The boat seemed to be appropriately named 'Miles and Miles'.

Two sets of oars were purchased from Sargent & Burton this season, i.e.:

- 10 x 12'-2" Oars. (Construction for Lightweight Oarsmen.)
- 10 x 12'-4" Oars. (Senior Crews.)

Mr. K. H. Boykett has generously donated \$300 towards the purchase of a set of English Ayling Oars.

The Racing Eight "Lloyd Williams" was sold to a syndicate of Club Members for their Sunday morning rowing and the syndicate allows the Club the use of the boat at most other times.

Mr. Jim McKeown has been the backstay of maintenance on the fleet, and most Saturday afternoons during the season one would see Jim and

the occasional helper looking after the Club's interests in the total maintenance of our enormous fleet.

Younger members should be ashamed of their efforts in this respect during the season, and I would predict that unless all members participate in maintenance work on the fleet before the commencement of the 1969/70 season, the fleet will show a rapid permanent deterioration.

Jim has also been responsible for a re-organization of the Boathouse Store which now contains all the material, paint and hardware lines necessary for maintenance of the fleet—all the Club needs now is YOU to do the hard work.

Coaching

The Committee extends its thanks to those members who offered their services and coached crews during the season:

Messrs: D. H. Boykett, P. J. Downey, N. W. Cairnes, R. R. Aitken, G. Greenwood, S. H. Newcomb, K. McConville, P. K. Watkin, K. A. Bilney, M. Daffy, T. Daffy, R. I. Easson, R. Wilson.

Dave Stirling deserves special thanks for his coaching of novice oarsmen.

The Club urgently needs coaches for crews during the 1969/70 season, if it is to retain its position as the major club in Victoria. Members who feel they could assist in this field should contact the Captain as soon as possible.

Boathouse

Simon Newcomb chaired the Sub-Committee this year which attended to many small matters during the year.

The facade of the shed was re-painted, the shower area walls re-lined, and considerable repairs undertaken involving the tiled roofs, guttering and downpipes.

Brighton Grammar School generously donated a series of new oar-racks at a time when considerable damage was being done to oars left on the floor of the shed due to insufficient rack space.

The Club is to be fumigated against borers and rodents sometime between now and the commencement of the next season and members will be given approx. a month's notice to clear their lockers.

The major problem of cleanliness of the changing rooms appeared to be overcome by the rostering of racing crews to clean the premises each Sunday morning before rowing.

Olympic Games Results

MEXICO 1968 — OCTOBER

ROWING

SINGLE SCULLS—J. Wieneke (Netherlands) 7 min. 47.8 sec. No Australian competitor.

DOUBLE SCULLS—Russia, 1st, 6 min. 51.82 sec.; Netherlands, 2nd, 6.52.80; U.S.A., 3rd, 6.54.21. No Australian competitor.

PAIR OARS WITHOUT COX—East Germany, 1st, 7 min. 26.56 sec.; U.S.A., 2nd, 7.26.71; Denmark, 3rd, 7.31.84. Australia, 7th overall (D. Ramage, P. Guest), 7.19.49, in minor final, held prev. day to final.

PAIR OARS WITH COX — Italy, 1st, 8 min. 04.81 sec.; Netherlands, 2nd, 8.06.80; East Germany, 3rd, 8.08.22. No Australian competitors.

FOUR OARS WITHOUT COX — East Germany, 1st, 6 min. 39.18 sec.; Hungary, 2nd, 6.41.64; Italy, 3rd, 6.44.01. No Australian competitor.

FOUR OARS WITH COX — New Zealand, 1st, 6 min. 45.62 sec.; East Germany, 2nd, 6.48.20; Switzerland, 3rd, 6.49.04. No Australian competitor.

ROWING EIGHTS — West Germany, 1st, 6 min. 07.0 sec.; Australia, 2nd (A. Duval, M. Morgan, J. Fazio, P. Dickson, D. Douglas, J. Ranch, G. Pearce, R. Shirlaw, A. Grover, cox), 6.07.98; Russia, 3rd, 6.09.11.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT BUNDABERG, QUEENSLAND, on 25th and 26th April, 1969

Results were:

KING'S CUP —

Heat 1 — New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland.
Time: 5 mins. 58.7 secs. Margin 12.4 secs., 2.5 secs.

Heat 2 — Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania.
Time: 5 mins. 53.1 secs. Margin 2.0 secs., 5.1 secs.

Repechage — South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia.
Time: 5 mins. 58.7 secs. Margin 0.2 sec., 10.1 secs.

Final — Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania.
Time: 5 mins. 59.5 secs. Margin 3.4 secs., 12.0 secs, 6.7 secs.

PENRITH CUP —

Heat 1 — *New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland.
Time: 6 mins. 38.3 secs. Margin 0.7 sec., 21.2 secs.
*Crew disqualified, lodged protest, disqualification overruled.

Heat 2 — South Australia, Victoria.
Time: 6 mins. 48.5 secs. Margin 6 secs.

Repechage — New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland.
Time: 6 mins. 43.6 secs. Margin 2.6 secs, 0.6 sec.

Final — New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria.
Time: 7 mins. 0.1 sec. Margin 1.6 secs., 5.9 secs., 17.8 secs.

PRESIDENT'S CUP —

Heat 1 — Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia.
Time: 7 mins. 19.45 secs.

Heat 2 — Queensland, New South Wales.
Time: 7 mins. 36.8 secs.

Repechage — Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia.
Time: 7 mins. 0.7 sec. Margin 0.6 sec., 5.1 secs.

Final — R. Free (Tasmania), J. R. Sykes (Victoria), G. Kent (Queensland), S. MacKenzie (New South Wales).
Time: 7 mins. 50.9 secs. Margin 3.4 secs, 2.3 secs, 6.0 secs.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The Eleventh Annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted by your Club in conjunction with Scotch College on the Henley Course on Saturday, 22nd March, 1969.

With an entry well in excess of 1,150 oarsmen and schoolboys representing local and interstate clubs and schools, Mercantile may be proud of its association with the largest regatta in Australia.

Once again the clockwork precision and organization of the regatta can be attributed to Mr. J. W. Bradshaw.

This year's Regatta Committee was Messrs. R. R. Aitken (Chairman), J. W. Bradshaw (Secretary), V. G. Mulder (Treasurer), D. H. Boykett, N. W. Cairnes, R. I. Easson, M. B. Kellam, D. J. R. Morgan, S. H. Newcomb, M. G. Tomanovits, E. M. Davidson, D. R. T. MacMillan.

Head of the River

Our congratulations go to Scotch College and their Coach, Mr. D. R. T. MacMillan, for winning the 1969 Head of the River rowed on the Barwon on 12th April.

Messrs. S. H. Newcomb, J. Burford, P. K. Watkin, G. Speed, R. Easson, R. Wilson, M. Owen, of our Club assisted with coaching of crews at the Head of the River Schools.

Combined High Schools Regatta

We congratulate Melbourne High School and their Coach, Club member P. Green, for again being successful. Also assisting Melbourne High was J. Davidson.

Rowing

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight-Oared

SENIOR — Rowed at Ballarat, 15th February, 1969. Won by Mercantile: Bow, P. R. Knowles; 2, R. W. Connolly; 3, H. J. Foley; 4, R. P. Lachal; 5, J. Shanasy; 6, D. G. A. Douglas; 7, S. M. Gillon; stroke, G. H. Boykett; cox, G. Godkin; coach, D. H. Boykett.

JUNIOR — Rowed at Ballarat, 15th February, 1969. Won by M.U.B.C.: Your Club was represented by the following crew, bow, D. Johns; 2, R. Redman; 3, C. Levy; 4, J. Gumley; 5, L. Ayres; 6, R. Dawson; 7, R. Rees; stroke, R. Negri; cox, S. Tulloch; coach, P. Gibbs.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Rowed at Barwon, 14th December, 1968. Won by Mercantile: Bow, P. V. Wood; 2, A. K. Darker; 3, R. I. Griffiths; 4, R. W. Connolly; 5, R. F. Cummings; 6, G. Parke; 7, T. J. Hogan; stroke, P. H. O'Brien; cox, R. Loveless; coach, P. J. Downey.

Four-Oared

SENIOR — Rowed at Barwon, 14th December, 1968. Won by Corio Bay: Your Club was represented by bow, R. Lachal; 2, G. Boykett; 3, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, G. Godkin; coach, D. H. Boykett.

JUNIOR — Rowed at Barwon, 14th December, 1968. Won by Mercantile: Bow, W. B. Hutchins; 2, J. Shanasy; 3, R. Garnsworthy; stroke, P. R. Knowles; cox, M. Lawrence; coach, S. H. Newcomb.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Rowed at Ballarat, 15th February, 1969. Won by Barwon, your Club was represented by the following crew: Bow, G. Parke; 2, R. Griffiths; 3, T. Hogan; stroke, P. O'Brien; cox, R. Loveless; coach, P. J. Downey.

Pair-Oared

SENIOR — Rowed in conjunction with Wentworth Regatta, 7th April, 1969. Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club. The Club was not represented in this event.

JUNIOR — Won by Hawthorn Rowing Club.

The Club was represented by: Bow, V. Mulder; stroke, P. Renouf; cox, R. Loveless.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Won by Barwon. The Club was represented by two crews: Bow, G. Parke; stroke, R. Griffiths; cox, R. Loveless. Bow, R. Cumming; stroke, A. Darker; cox, M. Connolly.

Single Sculls

SENIOR — Rowed at Ballarat, 15th February, 1969. Won by Corio Bay. Your Club was represented by: K. Leech, R. Garrard.

JUNIOR — Rowed at Barwon, 14th December, 1968. Won by Mercantile: R. J. Garrard.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Rowed in conjunction with Wentworth Regatta, 7th April, 1969. Mercantile not represented.

A crew from your Club also won the N.S.W. State Championships for Junior Eights at Penrith. The crew coached by K. McConville was seated as follows: Bow, C. Levy; 2, D. Johns; 3, R. Redman; 4, W. Hutchins; 5, R. Dawson; 6, R. Negri; 7, L. Ayres; stroke, R. Rees; cox, S. Tulloch.

PREMIERSHIP RESULTS FOR 1968-69

SENIOR — Mercantile, 83; Corio Bay, 60; M.U.B.C., 16; Yarra-Yarra, 4; Essendon, 2; Barwon, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Barwon, 58; Mercantile, 40; M.U.B.C., 24; Melbourne, 16; Banks, 12; Richmond, 9; Yarrowonga, 8; Ballarat City, 4; South Melbourne, 4; Essendon, 4; Corio Bay, 8; Ballarat, 2; Monash, 2.

JUNIOR — Mercantile, 118; M.U.B.C., 88; Banks, 56; Melbourne, 40; Wendouree, 40; Power House, 36; Barwon, 34; Richmond, 26; Corio Bay, 20; Footscray City, 18; South Melbourne, 14; Dimboola, 12; Yarra-Yarra, 8; Hawthorn 12; Mildura, 8; Ballarat City, 8; Albert Park, 6; Essendon, 6; Monash, 4; Rutherglen, 2; Warrnambool, 2; Ballarat, 4.

COUNTRY — Corio Bay, 118; Barwon, 114; Wendouree, 42; Dimboola, 12; Yarrowonga, 8; Ballarat City, 12; Ballarat, 6; Rutherglen, 2; Warrnambool, 2.

Regattas

Preston Novice Regatta — 29th June, 1968

A Maiden Pair was our only entry and was successful. The crew was: Bow, C. Levy; stroke, D. Johns.

Metropolitan Novice Regatta — 13th July, 1968

No crews entered from Mercantile.

Footscray Novice Regatta — 27th July, 1968

A Maiden Pair was our only entry and won easily. The crew was: Bow, C. Levy; stroke, D. Johns.

Metropolitan Regatta — 12th October, 1968

The successful crews were:

SENIOR FOUR — Bow, B. Gross; 2, G. Boykett; 3, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn; coach, D. Boykett.

MAIDEN FOUR — Bow, R. Rees; 2, J. Gumley; 3, C. Levy; stroke, D. Johns; coach, K. McConville.

The Club was also represented by Open Sculls (3), Senior Four, Senior Pair (3), Junior Pair, Lightweight Maiden Four, Novice Eight, Novice Four.

Banks Regatta — 19th October, 1968

The Senior Four and Maiden Four were again successful. In addition:
JUNIOR PAIR — Bow, J. Shanasy; stroke, W. Hutchins.
OPEN SCULL — K. Leech.

The Club was also represented by Open Sculls (2), Senior Pair (3), Lightweight Maiden Four, Novice Eight, Novice Four.

Preston Novice Regatta — 26th October, 1968

The Maiden Four was the only successful crew. The Club was represented by an Open Pair, Lightweight Maiden Four, Maiden Scull and Novice Four (2).

Dimboola Regatta — 23rd November, 1968

The only successful crew was:

MAIDEN EIGHT — Bow, R. Redman; 2, J. Hughan; 3, P. McNamara; 4, M. Fogarty; 5, J. Gumley; 6, F. Woodhouse; 7, M. Kellam; stroke, C. Levy; cox, G. McConville, coach, K. McConville.

The Club was also represented by Open Four (2), Junior Four, Junior Pair, Lightweight Senior Pair, Lightweight Maiden Pair.

Melbourne Regatta — 30th November, 1968

Successful crews were:

SENIOR FOUR — Bow, R. Lachal; 2, G. Boykett; 3, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn; coach, D. Boykett.

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT — Bow, P. Wood; 2, T. Fox; 3, R. Griffiths; 4, R. Cummings; 5, R. Connolly; 6, G. Parke; 7, T. Hogan; stroke, P. O'Brien; cox, R. Loveless; coach, P. Downey.

SENIOR EIGHT — Bow, P. Philp; 2, B. Gross; 3, J. Burford; 4, M. MacKenzie; 5, R. Lachal; 6, G. Boykett; 7, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn; coach, D. Boykett.

JUNIOR FOUR — Bow, P. Knowles; 2, J. Shanasy; 3, R. Garnsworthy; stroke, W. Hutchins; cox, A. Maginn; coach, S. Newcomb.

The Club was also represented by Lightweight Pair, Maiden Eight, Lightweight Maiden Pair, Junior Pair (2), Senior Scull (2), Maiden Four.

Upper Yarra Regatta — 7th December, 1968

Winning crews were:

SENIOR SCULL — K. Leech.

SENIOR EIGHT — Same crew as Melbourne Regatta.

JUNIOR FOUR — Same crew as Melbourne Regatta.

SENIOR FOUR — Same crew as Melbourne Regatta.

The Club was also represented by Lightweight Pair, Maiden Eight, Lightweight Maiden Pair, Lightweight Eight, Junior Pair (2), Senior Scull, Maiden Four.

Nagambie Regatta — 25th December, 1968

Due to excessive weather conditions the Regatta was cancelled.

Yarrowonga Regatta — 28th December, 1968

Rutherglen Regatta (103rd) — 1st January, 1969

The Club had no wins at these Regattas.

The Club was represented by Senior Four, Senior Pair, Open Eight, Junior Pair, Lightweight Pair, Maiden Four, Maiden Eight, Maiden Pair, Novice Four.

Yea Regatta — 25th January, 1969

The only win was:

MAIDEN EIGHT—Bow, G. Howgate; 2, P. McCartney; 3, D. Johns; 4, M. Fogarty; 5, R. Redman; 6, J. Gumley; 7, C. Levy; stroke, R. Rees; cox, M. Coglean; coach, K. McConville.
cox, M. Coglean; coach, K. McConville.

The Club was also represented by Senior Pair, Junior Pair, Maiden Pair, Novice Fours, Senior Four.

Albert Park Regatta — 27th January, 1969

The Maiden Eight was again successful together with:

NOVICE FOUR—Bow, J. Crowe; 2, P. Davies; 3, C. Lusink; stroke, N. Wilson; cox, M. Davies; coach, P. Watkin.

JUNIOR PAIR—Bow, V. Mulder; 2, P. Renouf; cox, M. Owen; coach, R. R. Aitken.

SENIOR EIGHT—Bow, P. Knowles; 2, M. Tomanovits; 3, D. Douglas; 4, R. Lachal; 5, J. Shanasy; 6, G. Boykett; 7, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, G. Godkin; coach, D. H. Boykett.

SENIOR SCULL—K. Leech; coach, R. Rawlins.

The Club was also represented by Senior Four, Maiden Pair, Lightweight Four, Lightweight Eight, Senior Pair.

Metric (2,000 metres) Regatta — 1st February, 1969

The Senior Eight and Senior Scull were again successful.

The Lightweight Four had a win: Bow, G. Parke; 2, R. Griffiths; 3, T. Hogan; stroke, P. O'Brien; cox, R. Loveless; coach, P. J. Downey.

The Club was also represented by Junior Eight.

Footscray Regatta — 8th February, 1969

The Senior Eight was again successful.

Wins were also recorded for:

SENIOR FOUR—Bow, V. Mulder; 2, P. Renouf; 3, J. Burford; stroke, P. Philp.

JUNIOR PAIR—Bow, V. Mulder; stroke, P. Renouf; cox,

MAIDEN EIGHT—Bow, G. Howgate; 2, P. McCartney; 3, D. Johns; 4, M. Fogarty; 5, R. Redman; 6, J. Gumley; 7, C. Levy; stroke, R. Rees; cox, M. Coglean; coach, C. McConville.

The Club was also represented by Senior Pair, Junior Eight, Junior Pair, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Four, Lightweight Maiden Pair.

Ballarat Regatta — 22nd February, 1969

Wins were recorded by:

JUNIOR EIGHT—Bow, C. Levy; 2, D. Johns; 3, R. Redman; 4, R. Negri; 5, R. Dawson; 6, J. Gumley; 7, L. Ayres; stroke, R. Rees; cox, S. Tulloch; coach, K. McConville.

The Junior Pair won again.

The Club was also represented by Senior Eight, Senior Four, Senior Scull, Junior Four, Maiden Four, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Four, Lightweight Maiden Pair.

57th Australian Henley — 1st March, 1969.

Our only wins were Junior Eights (for sixth year in succession) and Junior Pair. The crews were seated as at the Ballarat Regatta.

The Club competed in the following events: Senior Eights, Senior Four, Senior Scull, Junior Four, Maiden Four, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Four, Lightweight Maiden Pair.

Barwon Regatta — 8th March, 1969

The Junior Eight was our only successful crew.

The Club was represented in the following races: Senior Eight, Senior Four, Senior Scull, Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Four, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Four, Lightweight Maiden Pair.

Colac Regatta — 10th March, 1969

The Club had no wins, but was represented by Junior Eight, Junior Four, Senior Scull.

13th Hawthorn Head of the Yarra — 15th March, 1969

Due to the river being closed between Grange Road and Hawthorn with earthworks for the South Eastern Freeway, this event unfortunately was not held this season.

11th Scotch-Mercantile Regatta — 22nd March, 1969

Our only win was Junior Pair, the crew being: Bow, J. Bourke; stroke, V. Mulder; cox, S. Tulloch.

The Club was represented by Open Eight, Lightweight Pair, Junior Eight, Maiden Four.

Mildura Regatta — 5th April

No wins — the Club was represented by a Lightweight Pair, Junior Pair, Maiden Four and Open Scull.

Wentworth Regatta — 7th April

Including Victorian Amateur Pair-Oared Championship

No wins — the Club was represented by two Lightweight Pairs, Junior Pair, Maiden Four and Open Scull.

Club Races

Guinn Memorial Pairs — 2nd June, 1968

We are indebted to an anonymous member for donating trophies for this race for tub boats held on the Princes Bridge Course.

18 crews were entered — the successful crew was: Bow, T. Hogan; stroke, R. Rees; cox, M. Coglan.

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 annually on Ladies' Day. This season the winners were: Bow, J. Draffin; 2, J. Bourke; 3, P. Knowles; stroke, P. Renouf; cox, M. Coglan.

J. G. Sprigg Time Trial

A large number of crews contested this event for the magnificent trophies donated by our President, Mr. Sprigg. The event closed at 6.00 p.m. on the evening of the 1968/69 season Annual Meeting, and at about 10.00 p.m. that evening the winning crew below were presented with these trophies by an exuberant Mr. Bert Spencer in the President's absence.

The event was contested over the Herring Island Course in the near record time of 28 mins., 24.8 secs. in a very fast Tub Four.

The winning crew was:

Bow, B. Maginn; 2, R. Negri; 3, M. Reid; 4, R. Rees; 5, M. Daffy; 6, G. Boykett; 7, S. Mollard; stroke, R. Garrard; cox, Tommy Daffy.

Harlequin Time Trial

This year was contested by only four crews (a crew must contain one novice and not more than one senior oarsman). Time trial race

from the Boathouse around the Morell Bridge and return in a Tub Four with pre-1957 oars.

The winning time was 13 mins. 44.2 secs. and the crew was: Bow, M. Daffy; 2, P. Davies; 3, S. Mollard; stroke, R. Rees; cox, M. Owen.

Unfortunately this is the last year this race will be contested since the Harlequins have ceased to train at the Dorchester and no longer are able to donate trophies for this event. The Time Trial will continue however, with the generous support of two staunch competitors, Rex Pirani and Peter Philp.

We wish the Harlequins every success in the future.

Stonk-Moose Time Trial

Six crews competed for the splendid trophies donated by Messrs. L. L. B. Moll and W. G. Ross for the fifth season this trial has been contested.

The winning crew was: Bow, P. Davies; 2, R. Rees; 3, S. Mollard; stroke, M. Daffy; cox, M. Owen. Winning time: 22 mins. 45.0 secs.

Combination Races

Picken-Williams Eights

Nine crews in two heats contested this event over the rugged Princes Bridge Course in strong headwind conditions on 6th October, 1968. The final was won by two feet from G. Dwyer's crew by the following crew in the 'Thursfield':

Bow, B. Maginn; 2, E. Kennelly; 3, J. McMahon; 4, K. Nicholas; 5, M. Reid; 6, T. Johnston; 7, R. Garnsworthy; stroke, H. O'Brien; cox, B. Morrison.

We are indeed grateful to Messrs J. Harvie-Picken and M. S. Williams for donating the trophies for this event.

Morell Eights

Nine crews in three heats contested this event in the wake of 50 or so motor launches in flotilla which arrived about starting time on the Princes Bridge Course.

The winning crew was: Bow, D. Baxter (Mercs.); 2, J. Cottrell (Mercs.); 3, J. Shanasy (Mercs.); 4, P. Shepard (Mercs.); 5, D. Naylor (Mercs.); 6, J. Gumley (Mercs.); 7, B. Dalton (South Melbourne); stroke, D. Bishop (Monash); cox, M. Cogan (Mercs.). Margin — $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

The Club is indebted to the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell for their continued support of the Club and rowing, by donation of these highly valued trophies.

Trophies

Captain's Trophy — This Trophy is presented to the member who has entered and won the most Regatta and Club races during the season. C. Levy, D. Johns won this trophy for the season.

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. C. Levy, D. Johns have won the trophy for this season.

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 R. Redman, to whom we extend our congratulations.

Max Bailey Trophy — The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for champion coxswain has been won by R. Loveless.

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 C. Jones, and we hope he will continue his coxswain 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 Director 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 fifth year of presentation, we congratulate Rob Connolly for gaining the award.

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

Social

Ladies’ Day — An enjoyable afternoon was marred by inclement weather. The racing however, was very keen, and a close finish to the “Dobbie Memorial Fours” was the highlight of the day.

Annual Dinner — A change of venue to the Amateur Sportsman’s Club did not detract from the usual tradition of this occasion. Those present were honored by the presence of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor Talbot, who delivered a most enlightening address.

Mercantile Ladies’ Auxiliary

The members of the Ladies’ Auxiliary are to be thanked for their continuing efforts in raising money for new equipment for the Club. The Auxiliary was started in September, 1967 and one year later celebrated its first birthday with a Dinner Dance at the Winston Charles after which the bank balance stood at \$1,000.00.

In October the ladies presented the Club with money for a new four-oared racing shell which was subsequently christened the “First Lady”.

Members of the Ladies’ Auxiliary — Mesdames: C. Boykett, N. Boykett, B. Batters, M. Burford, N. Bryan, C. Beech, D. Bostock, E. Burke, J. Connelly, P. Coleman, H. Downey, E. Daffy, S. Douglas, B. Frederico, T. Fox, O. Garnsworthy, G. Gillon, B. Green, M. Hutchins, E. Harte, L. Hogan, A. Hogg, J. Knowles, A. Loveless, I. Lowan, J. McCall, E. McKeown, M. McKenna, J. Mollard, D. Mulder, P. McGinn, J. Newcomb, P. Naughton, M. Owen, P. Philp, D. Potter, J. Sprigg, M. Saleh, P. Shanasy, E. Teasdale, A. Tomanovits, Y. Thompson, S. Wood, C. Widmer, R. Vautin.

General

Norm Cairnes and Deanne Morgan are to be thanked for continuing the task of compiling the history of the Club in preparation for our centennial year, 1980.

Due to the King’s Cup Regatta, the Anzac Day Service was well attended. The service was held at the Clubhouse after the march and the address given by John Thomas; the wreath was laid by Dave Stirling.

Your Committee has continued the usual social meetings with the Committee of Banks Rowing Club. These gatherings ensure and promote solidarity in Victorian Rowing.

Wal Turnbull has continued to support the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association.

Special thanks are due to Jim Harvey for his assistance and advice during the season and to his secretary for typing the minutes of Committee Meetings.

To Simon Newcomb (and Jenny), Roger Wilson and their assistants must go the complete credit for the latest fine edition of the Mercantilian.

Jim McKeown is to be thanked for his virtually 'single-handed' effort in retaining the fleet in fine shape throughout the season. Warwick Hutchins is thanked for his efforts in completing the speedboat.

High profits sustained by minimum payout would appear to be the secret of success, with David Baxter's management of the soft-drink machine.

The Club was host on a number of occasions to visiting (and sometimes even competing) country and interstate oarsmen during their visit to Melbourne.

We thank those clubs who have been host to our crews away on trips: Yarrowonga Rowing Club, Sydney Rowing Club, Mosman Rowing Club, Wendouree Rowing Club and Mildura Rowing Club.

Bill Wallace and Geoff Taylor are thanked for their continued interest in rowing in South Australia.

John Potter and Russell Roberts have returned from Europe.

Warwick Hutchins and Richard Fyffe have gone overseas.

Rob Connolly has gone to New Guinea and Keith Nicholas has returned to Port Moresby.

Michael McKenna has relinquished his seat in the Toowong Rowing Club Senior Eight and returned to Melbourne to row and coach the Monash Intersvarsity crew with Bob Aitken.

Graeme McCall, Paul Harding and John Carr have increased the size of their families.

Bob Lachal, Mal McKenzie, Peter Gibbs were married during the season and we offer them our best wishes.

To Jack Cogan and his drivers, in particular Bob Fraser (who was regarded for low flying), go our thanks for safe transport of our boats to regattas away from Melbourne.

To our coxswains, Geoff Godkin, Michael Cogan, Michael Lawrence, Michael Davies, Mark Connolly, Ricky Loveless, Gary McConville, Adrian Maginn, Bruce Morrison, Martin Owen, Clive Jones and Simon Tulloch go our thanks.

To the parents of the younger coxswains we extend our thanks for their understanding during the season.

The Victorian Rowing Association has again maintained the excellent standard of regattas during the season. Our thanks for this are given to Messrs. M. S. Williams (President), P. J. Thomson (Hon. Secretary), N. F. 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 is 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.

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

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

John Burford and Paul Harding have coped well with the task of organizing social functions and we thank them both for their efforts.

Paul Harding together with Mr. and Mrs. Sprigg have run E.M.M.A. for the second season and in doing have added approx. \$65 to Club funds. Members are encouraged to bring their empties when visiting the Clubhouse and support E.M.M.A. at a time when funds are urgently required for re-building.

The Harlequin Club have moved their training venue from the Dorchester Park and we wish them every success for the future.

This year under the guidance of Tom Rodda, Frank, Peter and Ron Richardson, a contingent of the Old Oarsmen's Association travelled to Bundaberg, Queensland for the King's Cup Regatta—apparently stocks of a certain local medicinal product plummeted to an alltime low during their fortnight's stay.

The Annual Football match with Hawthorn Rowing Club was not played this year.

Barry Gross and his hot-dogs have substantiated things considerably in the South-West corner. Barry must also be congratulated on his initiative in having Club car-transfers available for members at \$1.00 each (monies received aid the re-building).

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Sprigg returned from a triumphant world tour several months ago and once again the ". . . bone dust" rises in the South-West corner. To our President, the Committee particularly wishes to convey their thanks, for his tireless enthusiasm, encouragement and advice and also the continuing way he supports crews at regattas and promotes the Club to new and old members alike. His support, and that of his Vice-Presidents is surely the very foundation of our Club.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Committee thanks all members for their assistance during the season, and anticipates the same co-operation being given to the incoming Committee.

For and on behalf of Committee,

R. I. EASSON, Honorary Secretary.
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1968-69

LIFE MEMBERS

Aitken, R. R.
Cairnes, N. W.
Lindblade, A. G.
Mounsey, J. L.

Picken, J. H.
Potter, W.
Morgan, D. J. R.

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

SENIOR MEMBERS

Adams, A. J.
Adamson, K. N.
Appleby, J. P.
Arnold, W. S.
Ashkanasy, M.
Atkins, A. H. C.
Baird, J. R.
Ball, D. G.
Baxter, D.
Blaxland, A. W.
Bolton, R. S.
Bolton, P.
Bostock, J. B.
Bourke, B. F.
Boykett, D. H.
Boykett, G. H.
Boykett, K. H.
Boykett, P. H.
Brabham, B. L.
Bradshaw, J. W.
Bram, A.
Brooke, D. C.
Broughton, O. S.
Bruce, D.
Burford, J.
Carr, J. P.
Childs, T. W.
†Clarke, A. H. G.,
D.F.C., M.B.E.
Clarke, J. H. P.
Cleeland, R. J.
*Connolly, R. W.
Cooper, Dr. R. A.
Cordell, A. M.
Corteen, L. K.
Cowling, D. S.
Crofts, M. B.
Crosby, W. F.
Cunningham, P.
Daffy, M.
Darker, A.
Dawes, C. B.
Dean, J. C.
De Guingand, C. J.
Devonport, D.
Dobbie, A. W.
Doerner, H.
Douglas, D. G. A.
Dowd, M. C.
Downey, P. J.
Doyle, B. J.

Draffin, D. R.
Dunstan, D. C.
Easson, R. I.
Emsell, B.
Evans, A. M.
Everist, I. C.
Fletcher, J. M.
Fogarty, F.
Fox, J. A.
Frederico, H. R.
*Fyffe, R. A.
Fyfe, R. C.
Garnsworthy, R.
Garrard, R. J.
Gibson, D.
Gibbs, P. M.
Gillon, S. M.
Granowski, W. O.
Grant, C. C.
Graves, G. R.
Greenwood, G. C.
Griffiths, R. I.
Gross, B. B.
Gumley, J.
Hallam, R.
Harding, P.
Hayes, J. B.
Harvey, J. R.
Herring, C.
Hewitt, H. N.
Hidcock, C. W.
Hill, J.
Hogan, T. J.
Holian, K. J. M.
Howgate, G. W.
Huggins, M. D. L.
Hughan, J. R.
Hume, K. H.
Hume, M. C.
Humphries, P. W.
Hurley, G.
*Hutchins, W. B.
Hyett, G. S.
*Hyndes, J. M.
Jessup, R.
Johns, D. L.
Jones, J. McD.
Jones, P. L. V.
Kellam, M. B.
Kerin, M. J.
Knight, R. L.

Knappett, R.
Kohn, A. B.
Leach, K.
Lachal, R. P.
Lee, R. E.
Levy, C. W.
Lewis, J.
Lowenstern, K. A.
Luck, P. G.
Mahoney, H.
Manton, G. O. V.
Miller, A. P.
Mollard, K. F.
Morgan, E.
Morgan, G. C.
Morell, D. R.
Morell, R. T.
Morganti, J.
Morrison, B. W.
Morrison, W. T.
*Macmillan, I. W.
McCall, G. A.
McConville, K.
McCubbery, R. J.
*McDavitt, J. P.
McKenna, M. F.
McKenzie, M. D.
McKeown, J. W.
McLean, A. R.
McMahon, G.
Negri, R.
Newcombe, S. H.
Newport, S.
*Nicholas, K.
Nixon, N. V.
O'Brien, P. H.
O'Brien, R. A.
Olliff, D.
Osborne, E. F. V.
Palfreyman, D.
Parke, G.
*Patterson, I. H.
Pearce, J. M.
Peterson, H. P.
Philp, P. E. M. L.
Pirani, R. L.
Pitt, W. G.
Pope, K. B.
Ravenscroft, R.
Rawlings, R. V.
Reid, M.

Restarick, C. J.
Redman, R. J.
Renouf, P.
*Richardson, G. W.
Richardson, R. H.
Richardson, S. G.
Roberts, G. H.
Roberts, K. J.
Rowe, C. A.
Russell, P. W.
Rush, R. T., O.B.E.
*Ryan, P.
*Schellenberg, O.
Searle, N. M.
Sharp, V. A.
Shears, H. P.
Shears, J. D.

Shears, T. W.
Smith, G. G.
Sorani, E.
Spark, J. M.
Speed, G. E.
Spencer, H. T.
Spencley, Dr. J. C.
Sprigg, R. S.
Stirling, D. S.
Taylor, G. M.
Thomas, I. C.
Thomas, J. C.
Thompson, C. T.
Tomanovits, M. G.
Trehearne, A. G.
Tynan, J. D.
Turnbull, W.

Weatherhead, R.
Wertheimer, Capt. E.
Westbrook, B. L.
White, E. C.
Williams, J. G.
Wilson, R. B.
Wilson, W. I.
Winton, R.
Wood, M. R.
Wood, P. V.
Woodhouse, F. M.
Yunghanns, D. J.
Walker, H. J. R.
Wallace, W. N. L.
Watkin, P. K.
Watkin, I. C.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Alcock, G. R.
Alpass, R. G.
Ayres, L. P.
Baker, K.
Bartaska, K.
Barrett, R. J.
Batters, P.
Beech, C.
Bourke, J.
Bryant, P. M.
Burnell, M. C.
Charge, G.
Charge, W. K.
Coleman, A.
Coleman, M.
Connor, P.
Corrigan, J. D.
Cottrell, J.
Crofts, P.
Cronin, J. F.
Cummins, J.
Cummings, R. F.
Davies, P.
Dawson, R. St.L.
Dean, J. F.
Driffin, J.
Drummond, K. A.
Dwyer, G. L.
Elliot, E.
*Everett, R. J.
Farnhill, D.
Fitzpatrick, J. J.
Fogarty, M.
Gamble, P.
Gardner, D. E.

Green, H. P.
Harte, H. J.
Harrington, I.
Henry, W.
Hepworth, D. A.
Hicks, A.
Hince, M.
Hogg, W. T. W.
Howgate, D.
Huth, P. G.
Johnston, G.
Johnson, T.
Jones, C. P.
King, A.
Knight, R. G.
Keenan, J. A.
Knowles, P. R.
Kottmann, G.
Lusink, C. G.
*Locke, G. R.
Lovell, S. J. T.
Lowan, J.
Maginn, B.
Maginn, P.
Millikan, P.
Milner, A. C.
Mitchell, P. G.
Morell, S. D. H.
Mollan, J.
Mollard, J. J.
Mollard, S. M.
Mulder, V.
*McArthur, A. H.
*MacDougall, A.
McDonnell, R. A.

*McKenzie, G. K.
McNamara, P.
Naughton, B.
Noonan, P.
Oxley, R. J.
Owen, M.
Paton, M. J.
Potter, J.
Potter, S.
Reddish, B.
Rees, R.
Reid, M. R.
Reinher, J. K.
Reith, P.
Roberts, R.
Sakellaridis, C.
Saleh, B.
Shanasy, J.
Shanasy, T.
Shepherd, P. A.
Smith, M. C.
Teasdale, P. C.
Thomas, A.
Thompson, J.
Thornborrow, P. T.
Trotter, S.
*Voss-Smith, D.
*Warren, N.
Waugh, C. J.
Westbrook, R.
White, T.
Widmer, G. R.
Wilson, A. P.
Wilson, P. S.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Bilney, K. A.
Blair-Holt, J. A.
Burton, A. J.
Crichton, D. J.
Epstein, G. H.
Fosdick, L. V.

Foley, H. J.
Nicholls, C. J.
Noble, F.
Pell, W. J.
Palfreyman, D. B.
Robertson, J. M.

Sanderson, S. O.
Seammen, J.
Shears, E.
Stooke, G. F.
Ward, C. H. M.
Wilkinson, C. V. H.

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell, G. L.
Bailey, J. H.
Bailey, W. M.
Calder, D. A.
Duncan, A. R.
Ellis, J. C. S.
Farmer, M. J.
Ferguson, J. M.

Ford, J.
Foley, F/Lt. J. E.
*Holyman, G. I.
Jarvis, R.
Kerrigan, N.
Miller, P. M.
Moll, L. L. B.
Monger, A. C.

McArthur, F. S.
McKay, T.
O'Reilly, J. H.
Ross, W. G.
Rowe, J. S.
Spaulding, N.
Wills, G. G.
*Wimble, A. R.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Corben, M. H.
Cordell, A. J.
Daffy, R. Snr., O.B.E.
Fitzgibbon, C.

Green, J. H.
Hawes, M. R.
Leggett, E. P.
Newcomb, Capt. H. M.
†Deceased.

Rodda, T.
Schrader, N.
Wylie, W. J.
*Leave of Absence.

OBITUARY

SQUADRON LEADER A. H. G. CLARKE, D.F.C., M.B.E.

With the untimely death of Hugh Clarke on 7th September, 1968, at the age of forty-eight years, the Club lost one of that loyal band of members whose continuing enthusiasm and loyalty have over the years shown what the Club has meant to them and what it can mean to those who come after them.

Hugh joined the Club as a Junior Member in 1938 following in the footsteps of his father, Alex Clarke, who spent a lifetime in the Club, the last thirty years of it as Treasurer.

Hugh's rowing career, interrupted by five years of distinguished service with the R.A.A.F., culminated in his selection in the Victorian crew which won the first post war King's Cup race at Penrith in 1946.

He was active also in Club administration and served as Captain in the 1946-47 season. Upon the death of Frank Brown in 1952, he accepted the position as Auditor, in which capacity his co-operation and advice have over the years proved invaluable.

Hugh was a man of wide and varied interests not only in the accounting and commercial fields but also in charitable activities, particularly those associated with the Air Force. For these services, he was honoured in 1966 by the award of Membership of the Order of the British Empire.

Despite all these many activities, Hugh still found time for rowing, for the Club and for its members, and there are many who from time to time have had cause to be grateful for his unobtrusive assistance. Hugh was a Mercantilian and all who claim that honour have lost a staunch and loyal friend.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969

1968		1969
	INCOME:	
\$4,746	Subscriptions	\$5,309
680	Less Amounts written off	746
4,066		\$4,563
1,169	Donations and Locker Fees	1,771
—	Entrance Fees	—
26	Interest — Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	\$37
8	— State Savings Bank of Victoria	8
5	Sundry Income — Profit Sale of Ties	45
449	— Sale of Soft Drinks	4
—	— Profit on Sale of Capital Equipment	35
\$5,723	TOTAL INCOME	\$6,674

EXPENDITURE:

\$21	Boat Staging and Hire	—
1,640	Depreciation — Boats	\$1,673
415	— Oars	881
7	— Fittings	5
25	— Motor Boat and Engine	56
279	Entrance Fees — Regattas	2,615
119	Fire Protection Expenses	166
205	Freight — Country Regattas	50
73	General Expenses	205
415	Insurance	159
72	Interest on Overdraft and Bank Charges	335
645	Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates	26
98	Postages	684
368	Printing and Stationery	113
569	Repairs and Maintenance	324
83	Telephone	799
56	Trophies — Club Races	133
472	V.R.A. Dues and Fees	112
153	Donations to Overseas Travelling Crews	453
161	Loss on Sale of Assets	20
5,876	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,194
\$153 (Cr.)	SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$480

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1969

1968		1969
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:	
\$14,304	Balance 1st May, 1969	\$14,151
153 (Dr.)	Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	480 (Cr.)
<u>14,151</u>		<u>\$14,631</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
3,861	Trophy Orders A/c.— See Note 1	4,138
101	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	139
551	Sundry Creditors	385
100	Olympic Fund	100
<u>4,613</u>		<u>4,762</u>
<u>\$18,764</u>		<u>\$19,393</u>

1968		1969
CURRENT ASSETS:		
\$420 (Cr.)	Bank of New South Wales	\$587
30	Prepaid Expenses	—
919	Subscriptions Outstanding	959
97	Stock of Ties	60
1,532	Sundry Debtors	1,367
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2,158		\$2,923
INVESTMENTS (at cost):		
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds		
597	— V.R.A. Trophy Order A/c.	597
50	— F. R. Browne Trophy A/c.	50
100	— J. J. Wylie Trophy A/c.	100
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747		747
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
4,943	Boat House (at cost)	5,201
45	Club Fittings, at valuation 1/7/59	40
	(Less Provision for Depreciation)	
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		5,241
9,044	Boats at W.D.V. 1st May, 1968	9,044
786	Purchases	1,000
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		10,044
1,720	Less Depreciation and Disposals	1,683
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		8,361
1,557	Oars, at Valuation 1st May, 1968	1,618
161	Motor Boat, at W.D.V. 1st May, 1969	141
109	Sundry Assets at W.D.V. 1st May, 1969	362
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15,859		2,121
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\$18,764		\$19,393
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We report that, in our 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, 1969, according to the information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books and records.

A. H. G. CLARKE & CO., Public Accountants.

Dated: Melbourne, June, 1969.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

NOTES ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1969

Note 1:

TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1969

1968	\$	1969	
		Dr.	Cr.
\$3,344	Balance brought forward		\$3,861
674	Amounts for Trophies awarded		533
157 (Dr.)	Trophy Orders paid	\$256	
3,861	Balance carried forward	4,138	
<u>\$4,018</u>		<u>\$4,394</u>	<u>\$4,394</u>
	Balance brought forward		<u>\$4,138</u>

Note 2:

A Building Fund account of \$30 is held with the Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank. This account has not been incorporated in the accounts.