



MERCANTILE
ROWING CLUB

MELBOURNE



90th
Annual Report

and

Balance Sheet



SEASON 1969-70

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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Mr. R. I. EASSON till October, then Mr. J. H. GUMLEY.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
Melbourne, 3004.

June, 1970.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 90th ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the BANKS ROWING CLUB on SATURDAY, 27th JUNE, 1970, 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 and the Special General Meeting of 30th July, 1969.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
4. To confirm the recommendation of the Committee for an alteration to the Constitution as follows:—
That Clause 4 be amended to read: "All Members shall be bona-fide amateurs according to the definition laid down by the Victorian Rowing Association."
5. Presentation of Trophies.
6. Any General Business that may legally be brought forward.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board in the Melbourne Grammar Boat Shed on Saturday, 20th June, 1970, at 4.00 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

J. H. GUMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

The Ninetieth Annual Report of the Mercantile Rowing Club

To all Members.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 90th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30th April, 1970.

This year the Committee has approved plans and specifications for the rebuilding of certain parts of the Clubhouse, and at the time of writing a tender from Lawson & Laughlin Pty. Ltd. has been accepted by the Club. That work has actually begun is obvious as we are unable to conduct the Annual Meeting in the Clubhouse, and it will not be available to us for general use for approximately 18 weeks from May 15, 1970. Members will be pleased to know that we will still be able to make use of our facilities in the south-west corner and the Club Notice Board will be situated there.

We are indebted to Melbourne Church of England Grammar School for allowing us to use some of their rowing facilities and thus ensuring the Club's continual functioning, particularly on Sunday mornings. Scotch College, Melbourne Rowing Club, Yarra Yarra and Banks Rowing Clubs have assisted us with the storage of part of the fleet, and we thank them.

Rebuilding will cost the Club about \$33,000, which is a great deal of money, but your Committee feel that the time is ripe and that delay would only result in additional expense. It is our belief that this is one of the most significant steps that the Club has taken over the last twenty years. It will provide us with up-to-date, pleasant surroundings for rowing and, more important, we will be able to use the new facilities for social and fund-raising purposes. Every effort has been made to ensure that rebuilding the Clubhouse will not result in deterioration of the fleet and that money will be available to allow us to continue the fleet replacement plan.

From a competition point of view the Club has had a successful season, winning the Senior and Junior Premierships. Club crews won the Victorian Senior Eight and Junior Four Championships. We also won the Grand Challenge Cup and, for the seventh year in succession, the Junior Eight won the Founders' Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta.

The end of the season, however, showed that our recruiting had not been as effective as necessary, and shortages of oarsmen in the Junior and Lightweight Divisions caused the selectors many problems.

The Captain and Committee, in the coming season, will have to embark on a vigorous recruiting campaign. In this they will need the support of every member, particularly of the younger active oarsmen, who can play a significant part in recruiting by bringing down to the Club as many of their friends as possible.

This is a vital part of our organisation. Unless we maintain our active membership by an active recruiting programme we will find it difficult to boat as many Maiden and Junior crews as we would like in the coming season, and this will inevitably be reflected in the standard of our senior crews in later years.

Victoria again retained the King's Cup, which was rowed at Ballarat.

The Club was represented by D. Palfreyman (emergency), J. Shanasy (2), J. Harry (4), D. Douglas (6), S. Gillon (7), G. Boykett (stroke) and G. Godkin (cox). The crew was coached by Mr. D. H. Boykett. All except Mr. D. Palfreyman and Mr. J. Harry were included in the squad to form the Australian Eight, which Mr. Boykett is also to coach. We wish these members and the Australian crew every success overseas.

Mr. R. Richardson was team manager and Mr. T. Hogan emergency for the Lightweight Four.

The following sections give a more detailed account of the Club's activities:—

Membership

The membership as at the 30th April, 1970, is as follows:—

| | 1970 | 1969 | 1968 | 1966 | 1956 | 1936 |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| LIFE MEMBERS | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS .. . | 155 | } 190 | 182 | 174 | 164 | 147 |
| SENIOR MEMBERS | 26 | | | | | |
| JUNIOR MEMBERS | 39 | } 116 | 100 | 86 | 42 | 48 |
| SCHOOLBOY JUNIOR | 30 | | | | | |
| COUNTRY MEMBERS | 27 | } 42 | 62 | 66 | 69 | 20 |
| ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | 28 | | | | | |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE | 19 | | | | | |
| | <u>334</u> | <u>358</u> | <u>348</u> | <u>335</u> | <u>282</u> | <u>224</u> |

Due to alterations in the Constitution, it is not possible to make direct comparisons between each membership category for the proceeding years.

Executive and Committee

At the time of writing 11 regular and two Special Committee Meetings have been held, with the following attendances:—

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| R. R. Aitken .. . 11 | B. B. Gross (b) .. . 5 | J. E. Shanasy (d) .. . 2 |
| G. H. Boykett .. . 8 | J. H. Gumley (c) .. . 9 | J. G. H. Sprigg .. . 10 |
| J. Burford .. . 10 | P. Harding .. . 7 | M. G. Tomanovits 12 |
| N. W. Cairnes .. . 7 | K. McConville .. . 12 | P. K. Watkin (e) .. . 6 |
| P. J. Downey .. . 12 | D. Palfreyman .. . 12 | R. B. Wilson .. . 7 |
| R. I. Easson (a) .. . 3 | R. Rees .. . 9 | P. V. Wood (f) .. . 4 |
| R. I. Griffiths .. . 12 | | |

(a) Resigned October, 1969.

(b) Resigned January, 1970

(c) Appointed November, 1969.

(d) Appointed March, 1970

(e) Appointed February, 1970.

(f) Resigned October, 1969.

War Memorial Building Appeal

Your Committee is pleased to report that the Commissioner of Taxation has agreed that donations to the building of the War Memorial Club Room are deductible for income tax.

The amount so far received in cash or in promised donations to the Building Appeal now stands at approximately \$8,800. The following is a list of those members who have contributed to date or have promised to do so:—

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| R. R. Aitken | B. Emsell | W. T. Morrison | J. Shanasy |
| G. A. Ansell | M. Fogarty | K. McConville | J. D. Shears |
| J. P. Appleby | J. M. Fletcher | T. A. McKay | H. T. Spencer |
| W. S. Arnold | J. M. Ferguson | M. F. McKenna | J. G. Sprigg |
| A. Baird | R. Fyfe | J. McKeown | D. S. Stirling |
| J. Baird | R. Garrard | A. R. McLean | E. Sorani |
| R. Blair | P. Gibbs | G. McMahon | G. M. Taylor |
| D. H. Boykett | D. Gibson | S. H. Newcomb | R. F. Tomanovits |
| G. H. Boykett | R. G. Griffiths | N. V. Nixon | W. R. Turnbull |
| J. B. Bostock | B. Gross | P. O'Brien | R. F. Thomas |
| J. W. Bradshaw | P. Harding | R. A. O'Brien | R. W. Thursfield |
| D. C. Brooke | J. R. Harvey | J. H. O'Reilly | A. Thomas |
| C. & U.B. | J. Hill | D. Palfreyman | H. J. R. Walker |
| N. W. Cairnes | M. A. Hince | G. A. Park | W. N. Wallace |
| J. H. P. Clarke | M. Hume | K. Pope | R. S. Weatherhead |
| Dr. R. A. Cooper | G. Hurlley | D. B. Palfreyman | P. K. Watkin |
| A. M. Cordell | G. S. Hyett | R. H. Richardson | E. C. White |
| R. Cummins | S. R. Jeffrey | S. G. Richardson | P. White |
| A. Darker | P. Jones | J. N. Robertson | J. G. Williams |
| R. L. Dawson | M. Kellam | T. Rodda | M. S. Williams |
| H. C. Disher | G. O. V. Manton | W. G. Ross | A. P. Wilson |
| A. W. Dobbie | L. L. Moll | J. S. Rowe | W. I. Wilson |
| P. J. Downey | D. J. R. Morgan | H. R. Rush | P. V. Wood |
| J. Draffin | B. W. Morrison | R. T. Rush, OBE | D. Yungmans |
| R. I. Easson | | | |

There are others who have indicated an intention to contribute.

Some of the above amount is in the form of promises extending over a number of years. It will help to reduce the overdraft but it will not pay the builder in September.

Your Committee has to find approximately \$13,000 over and above the overdraft to meet the contract and architect's fees. It is planned to provide \$3,000 of this from Club Funds, and reference to the Balance Sheet will show that \$2,000 has already been set aside in short term deposit.

It is thus estimated, as explained in the recent circular, that we need not less than \$3,000 from further donations to pay for the building without drawing too heavily on the Club's ordinary revenue.

We have had some very large and generous donations. We hope for more; but we hope also that all members will contribute to such extent as they are able. We are building for a future generation of Mercantilians, as those who came before did for us. Your contribution, be it large or small, will help.

Financial

The Financial Statements placed before members this year reflect the result of the increase in subscriptions approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting in July, 1969.

The Club's revenue increased in line with the budget prepared by the Committee for the purpose of financing the building extensions and covering the rising cost of maintaining the Club and purchasing new equipment.

No overdraft interest was paid during the year, as rebuilding had not commenced. As against this the rents and occupation charges received from Brighton Grammar School and other schools were substantially lower than the rent to be paid by Brighton Grammar School under the new arrangements.

The surplus disclosed, after providing a substantial sum for depreciation of boats and oars, indicates that if revenue is maintained at the same level as last year the Club should be able to spend a reasonable amount on fleet replacement and reduce the prospected bank overdraft of \$20,000 by the planned amount of not less than \$1,000 per annum.

Nevertheless, the next few years are not going to be easy ones. It is in the interest of the Club and also an obligation to those members who have generously agreed to guarantee the overdraft to clear the overdraft as soon as we possibly can.

Each year we carry a substantial balance of unpaid subscriptions. Much of this is ultimately collected, but prompt payment of their commitments by all members will greatly help the Committee in the management of the Club.

Boats and Oars

The complete fleet is detailed below, together with a summary of its condition:—

Eights

Racing:

- S. H. Newcomb (1966) — good.
- David Boykett (1964) — poor.
- J. G. Sprigg (1968) — good.

Practice:

- R. W. Thursfield (1961) — good.
- A. L. Dobbie (1955) — fair.

Fours

Racing:

- Ricky Loveless (1970) — good.
- First Lady (1968) — good.
- Sir Bernard Evans (1966) — fair.
- Caltex & Dealers (1964) — fair.
- J. J. Wylie (1964) — fair.
- Bill Wallace (1961) — poor.

Tub:

- Deane Morgan (1961) — fair.
- E. R. Varco (1951) — poor.
- M. S. Williams (1951) — fair.

Pairs

Racing:

- Bill Bradshaw (1967) — good.
- Keith Bilney (1964) — poor.

Tub:

- Paul Harding (1962) — fair.
- Dr. R. A. Cooper (1961) — fair.

Sculls

Practice:

- Mrs. T. L. Sprigg (1966) — fair.
- Tub:
- Wal Turnbull (1964) — poor.

Motor Boat

Motor in good condition, boat fair.

It should be noted that the overall condition of both the fleet and oars is not of the standard that your Committee would like. It is essential that all members treat the equipment with much greater care than at present.

It is also essential that all members be prepared to participate in repair and maintenance work.

Mr. J. McKeown has again helped greatly with the fleet and looked after the store, and we thank him.

During the season the J. G. Sprigg (1964) was sold to St. Kevin's College, and we have purchased a relatively new boat of theirs which we have renamed J. G. Sprigg. The school found the Sargent & Burton boat unsuited to their needs. The Junior Eight this season used the new "Sprigg" with much success.

Due once again to the untiring efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary we have been able to add a new racing four to the fleet, the Ricky Loveless, which replaces the J. W. Beattie.

Australian Amateur Rowing Championships
held at Ballarat, Victoria, on 3rd and 4th April, 1970

Results were as follows:—

KING'S CUP—

- Heat 1.—Victoria, Western Australia.
Time: 7 mins. 4 secs. Margin: 3 lengths.
- Heat 2.—Tasmania, New South Wales.
Time: 6 mins. 59.3 secs. Margin: Easily.
- Heat 3.—South Australia, Queensland.
Time: 7 mins. 9 secs. Margin: 7 lengths.
- Repechage.—New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland.
Time: 6 mins. 59 secs. Margin: 5 lengths.
- Final.—Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales.
Time: 6 mins 24.1 secs. Margin: 0.7 secs., 0.6 secs., 8 secs.

PENRITH CUP—

- Heat 1.—Victoria, Queensland.
Time: 8 mins. 25.4 secs. Margin: 8 lengths.
- Heat 2.—South Australia, Western Australia.
Time: 8 mins. 24.1 secs. Margin: 5 lengths.
- Heat 3.—New South Wales, Tasmania.
Time: 8 mins. 27.3 secs. Margin: 4 lengths.
- Repechage.—Western Australia, Tasmania, Queensland.
Time: 8 mins. 4.2 secs. Margin: 3½ lengths.
- Final.—South Australia, New South Wales, *Victoria, *Western Aust.
Time: 7 mins. 38.4 secs. Margin: 2.8 secs., 16.8 secs.
* Dead-heat for third place.

PRESIDENT'S CUP—

- Heat 1.—New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland.
Time: 8 mins. 51 secs. Margin: 3 lengths.
- Heat 2.—Tasmania, South Australia.
Time: 8 mins. 37.8 secs. Margin: 4 lengths.
- Repechage.—South Australia, Queensland, Victoria.
Time: 8 mins. 55 secs. Margin: 5 lengths.
- Final.—R. Free (Tasmania), N. Talbot (South Australia), R. Reddell (New South Wales), M. Reynolds (Queensland).
Time: 8 mins. 10 secs. Margins: 6.2 secs., 16.8 secs.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The 12th Annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted on the Henley Course on Saturday, 21st March. Entries were received from 1,173 individual oarsmen from local, country and interstate clubs and schools.

The weather was most unfavourable, but even so the largest regatta in Australia went without a hitch. This can be attributed, in large measure, to Mr. J. W. Bradshaw.

This year's Regatta Committee was composed of the following:— Messrs. R. Aitken, D. H. Boykett, W. Bradshaw (Secretary), N. Cairnes, E. M. Davidson, J. Gumley, D. Morgan, V. Moulder, V. Nash, S. Newcomb and M. Tomanovits.

Head of the River

Our congratulations go to the Wesley College Crew and their coach, Mr. A. W. Mitchell, for winning the 1970 Head of the River, rowed on the Barwon River on the 11th April.

Messrs. S. H. Newcomb, J. Burford, H. Frederico, R. Easson, R. Wilson and M. Owen, of the Club, assisted in coaching Head of the River crews.

Combined High Schools' Regatta

Melbourne High School, coached by Mr. Perry Green, were again successful. This crew later competed in the Australian National Regatta and won the School Eights. We offer our congratulations to the Crew and the School.

Rowing

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 7th February, 1970. Won by Mercantile. Bow, D. Palfreyman; 2, L. P. Ayres; 3, J. H. Gumley; 4, J. R. Harry; 5, J. E. Shanasy; 6, D. G. A. Douglas; 7, S. M. Gillon; stroke, G. H. Boykett; cox, A. Maginn. Coach: D. H. Boykett.

JUNIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 4th April, 1970. Won by Geelong Grammar School. The Club was represented by:—Bow, R. Roberts; 2, R. Rees; 3, P. Davies; 4, D. Colechin; 5, J. Fitzpatrick; 6, R. Knowles; 7, J. Keeran; stroke, B. Craven; cox, M. Owen. Coach: J. Burford.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Rowed at Ballarat, 4th April, 1970. Won by Mosman, then Barwon and Mercantile. The Club was represented by:—Bow, P. Green; 2, P. Millikan; 3, A. Darker; 4, D. Gibson; 5, R. Cummings; 6, G. Park; 7, T. Hogan; stroke, P. Wood; cox, M. Coglan. Coach: P. J. Downey.

Four-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 4th April, 1970. Won by Corio Bay. The Club was represented by:—Bow, M. J. Kerin; 2, R. Garrard; 3, V. Moulder; stroke, P. E. Philp; cox, M. Connolly.

JUNIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 7th February, 1970. Won by Mercantile. Bow, A. Darker; 2, R. Redman; 3, R. Dawson; stroke, R. Negri; cox, J. Ling. Coach: K. McConville.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Rowed at Ballarat, 7th February, 1970. Won by M.U.B.C. Mercantile was represented by:—Bow, T. Hogan; 2, R. Griffiths; 3, B. Naughton; stroke, P. O'Brien; cox, R. Loveless. Coach: P. J. Downey.

Pair-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed on Henley Course, 25th October, 1969. Won by Monash University. The Club was represented by:—Bow, M. Kerin; stroke, P. Philip; cox, A. Maginn. Bow, J. Shanasy; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, G. Godkin. Both crews were coached by D. Boykett.

JUNIOR.—Rowed on Henley Course, 25th October, 1969. Won by Banks. The Club was represented by:—Bow, C. Levi; stroke, P. Knowles; cox, J. Ling. Coach: P. Watkin. Bow, R. Redman; stroke, J. Gumley; cox, C. Jones.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Rowed on the Henley Course, 25th October, 1969. Won by Melbourne Rowing Club. The Club was represented by:—Bow, P. Downey; stroke, R. Griffiths; cox, R. Loveless. Bow, T. Hogan; stroke, P. O'Brien. Coach: J. Burford.

Single Sculls

SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat on 7th February, 1970. Won by Bob Fitch of Barwon Rowing Club. K. Leach of Mercantile was second. The Club was also represented by R. Garrard.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Rowed at Ballarat on 4th April, 1970. Won by G. Ramsbottom of Melbourne Rowing Club. There was no Mercantile representative.

PREMIERSHIP RESULTS FOR 1969-70

SENIOR.—Mercantile, 89 (20 wins); Monash, 24; Corio Bay, 19; Barwon, 9; Hawthorn, 4; M.U.B.C., 4; Banks, 2; Wendouree, 2.

JUNIOR.—Mercantile, 156 (31 wins); Banks, 98; Yarra Yarra, 68; Barwon, 56; M.U.B.C., 42; Hawthorn, 30; Richmond, 28; Power House, 26; Melbourne, 20; Dimboola, 18; Ballarat City, 8; South Melbourne, 10; Lake Colac, 10; Bendigo, 8; Corio Bay, 8; Wendouree, 8; Footscray City, 6; Monash, 6; Essendon, 4; Rutherglen, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Barwon, 56; Melbourne, 38; M.U.B.C., 28; Mercantile, 24; Essendon, 8; Footscray City, 6; Corio Bay, 6; Richmond, 4; Power House, 4; Hawthorn, 2.

COUNTRY.—Barwon, 151; Corio Bay, 61; Dimboola, 18; Lake Colac, 14; Ballarat City, 8; Wendouree, 8; Bendigo, 8; Rutherglen, 2; Ballarat, 2.

Regattas

Preston Regatta — 20th September, 1969

Ten crews were entered, the successful ones being:—

OPEN PAIR.—Bow, M. Kerin; P. Philp, stroke; A. Maginn, cox.

THAMES FOUR.—Bow, L. Ayres, J. Gumley, R. Dawson; stroke, R. Rees; cox, M. Coglan. Coach: K. McConville.

JUNIOR PAIR.—Bow, C. Levy; stroke, D. Johns; cox, R. Loveless. Coach: R. Garrard.

Metropolitan Regatta — 4th October, 1969

The successful crews were:—

SENIOR PAIR.—Bow, M. Kerin; stroke, P. Philp; cox, A. Maginn.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach.

THAMES FOUR.—As above, with J. Ling as cox.

JUNIOR PAIR.—As above, with M. Coglan as cox.

LIGHTWEIGHT MAIDEN FOUR.—Bow, R. Oxley; P. Maginn, P. Millikan; stroke, G. Dwyer; cox, R. Loveless. Coach: P. Downey.

Banks Regatta — 11th October, 1969

The same crews won at this regatta as at the Metropolitan Regatta. Crews were entered in the Novice Eight and Four, also Maiden Four.

Footscray Regatta — 15th November, 1969

A Senior Four, consisting of:—Bow, S. Gillon; D. Douglas, J. Harry; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, A. Maginn; D. Boykett (coach) won.

The previous Thames Four of:—Bow, L. Ayres; J. Gumley, R. Dawson; stroke, R. Rees; cox, J. Ling; coach, K. McConville — rowed as a Junior Four and won.

Dimboola Regatta — 22nd November, 1969

The Club entered the Maiden Four and Pairs, also Novice Fours without success.

Melbourne Regatta — 29th November, 1969

The Club entered eight crews, the successful ones being:—

SENIOR FOUR.—Bow, S. Gillon; D. Palfreyman, J. Harry; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, G. Godkin. Coach: D. Boykett.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach.

JUNIOR FOUR.—As above.

Coaching

The Committee extends its thanks to all members who gave their time and effort to coach club crews, and we have them to thank for our 51 wins.

The members are Messrs. R. R. Aitken, D. H. Boykett, J. Burford, N. W. Cairnes, P. J. Downey, G. Greenwood, K. McConville, S. H. Newcomb, P. K. Watkin and R. B. Wilson.

We urgently need coaches for the coming season if we are to maintain and, if possible, improve our position in Victorian and Australian rowing. Members who feel they can help with coaching crews are requested to discuss this matter with the Captain.

Boathouse

Initially the Boathouse Sub-Committee was chaired by Mr. D. Palfreyman, who relinquished his position after being appointed Vice-Captain. His position was taken by Mr. J. Shanasy.

Considerable effort was directed towards making the showers more presentable, and with the material available considerable progress was made. The Committee saw to minor repair work around the boathouse, the aim being to maintain the shed in as good a condition as possible prior to rebuilding.

The boathouse was fumigated against borers and rodents as a prelude to rebuilding.

The rostering of training crews for cleaning duty has helped to keep the boathouse in reasonable condition.

We are grateful to the Royal Melbourne Golf Club for making available to us a quantity of lockers which were surplus to that Club's requirements following the rebuilding of its Clubhouse.

Upper Yarra Regatta — 6th December, 1969

The Club entered the Senior Four and Two, two Senior Scullers, two Thames Eights, Junior Four and Two, Maiden Four and two Senior Lightweight Fours, the successful crews being:—

SENIOR FOUR.—Bow, P. Philp; J. Shanasy; M. Tomanovits; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, G. Godkin. Coach: D. Boykett.

SENIOR PAIR.—Bow, S. Gillon; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, A. Maginn. Coach: D. Boykett.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach.

THAMES EIGHT.—Bow, R. Rees; 2, R. Dawson; 3, J. Gumley; 4, L. Ayres; 5, J. Harry; 6, D. Douglas; 7, S. Gillon; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, A. Maginn. Coach: D. Boykett.

JUNIOR FOUR.—As above.

Metric (2,000 metre) Regatta — 13th December, 1969

Crews were entered in the Senior Eight, Pair, Scull and Junior Four and Pair. The Junior Four, of:—Bow, L. Ayres, J. Gumley, R. Dawson; stroke, R. Rees; cox, J. Ling; K. McConville — won again, and was undefeated in the five-race series.

Nagambie Regatta — 26th December, 1969

This was a most successful regatta for the Club, winning crews being:—

OPEN EIGHT.—Bow, R. Rees; 2, H. Doerner; 3, R. Dawson; 4, J. Gumley; 5, J. Harry; 6, D. Douglas; 7, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn.

SENIOR FOUR.—Bow, H. Doerner; D. Douglas, D. Palfreyman; stroke, S. Gillon; cox, A. Maginn.

SENIOR PAIR.—Bow, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Douglas; cox, A. Maginn.

JUNIOR FOUR.—As above.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—Bow, R. Roberts; 2, D. Booth; 3, A. Robinson; 4, P. Davies; 5, J. Keeran; 6, D. Colechin; 7, P. Millikan; stroke, I. Edmondson; cox, G. Read. Coach: S. Newcomb.

NOVICE EIGHT (dead-heat for 1st place).—Bow, T. Hyatt; 2, B. Morrison; 3, R. Blair; 4, R. Baird; 5, R. Ironmonger; 6, N. Wilson; 7, L. Macartney; stroke, G. McConville; cox, R. Loveless.

MAIDEN PAIR.—Bow, R. Roberts stroke, D. Colechin; cox, J. Ling.

Yarrowonga Regatta — 27th December, 1969

We won the following races:—

SENIOR FOUR.—Bow, B. Craven; H. Doerner, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn. Coach: R. Fraser.

OPEN EIGHT.—Bow, H. Doerner; 2, R. Rees; 3, R. Dawson; 4, M. Kerin; 5, L. Ayres; 6, J. Gumley; 7, S. Gillon; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn.

JUNIOR FOUR.—As above.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—As above.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—Bow, R. Cummings; 2, M. Fogarty; 3, A. Darker; 4, P. Macartney; 5, J. Fitzpatrick; 6, B. Adam; 7, T. Hogan; stroke, P. O'Brien; cox, R. Loveless. Coach: J. Burford.

Rutherglen Regatta — 1st January, 1970

The Junior Eight, Maiden Eight and Pair were the successful crews. No senior crews were entered and the Junior Four did not row.

Victorian Universities' Regatta — 17th January, 1970

Wins were by the following:—

SENIOR EIGHT.—Bow, D. Palfreyman; 2, L. Ayres; 3, J. Gumley; 4, J. Harry; 5, J. Shanasy; 6, D. Douglas; 7, S. Gillon; stroke, G. Boykett; cox, A. Maginn. Coach: D. Boykett.

THAMES FOUR.—Bow, L. Ayres; J. Gumley, J. Shanasy; stroke, D. Palfreyman; cox, A. Maginn.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—Bow, R. Cummings; 2, B. Adam; 3, P. Davies; 4, D. Colechin; 5, J. Fitzpatrick; 6, R. Knowles; 7, R. Roberts; stroke, B. Craven. Coach: J. Burford.

JUNIOR FOUR.—Bow, A. Darker; R. Redman, R. Dawson; stroke, R. Negri; cox, J. Ling. Coach: K. McConville.

Crews were also entered in the Senior Sculls, Lightweight Senior Four, Lightweight Maiden Pair, Maiden Four and Novice Four.

Yea Regatta — 24th January, 1970

No Club crews were entered.

Albert Park Regatta — 26th January, 1970

Winning crews were Senior Eight, Junior Eight and Four, Thames Four, and K. Leach won the Senior Sculls. The winning Junior Eight was:—Bow, R. Roberts; 2, B. Adam; 3, P. Davies; 4, D. Colechin; 5, J. Fitzpatrick; 6, R. Knowles; 7, J. Keeran stroke, B. Craven; cox, R. Loveless. Coach: J. Burford.

Metric (2,000 metre) Regatta — 31st January, 1970

We won the Senior Eights, Junior Eights and Junior Fours with the same crews as Albert Park. A Lightweight Senior Four also competed.

Ballarat Regatta — 21st February, 1970

The Junior Eight and Lightweight Eight were the only crews to win. Other crews to compete were Senior Four, Lightweight Four and Maiden Four.

The winning Lightweight Eight was:—Bow, P. O'Brien; 2, G. McConville; 3, A. Darker; 4, R. Cummings; 5, D. Gibson; 6, G. Park; 7, P. Millikan; stroke, P. Wood; cox, M. Coglan. Coach: P. Downey.

58th Australian Henley — 28th February, 1970

The Junior Eight retained the Founders' Challenge Cup for the seventh year in succession. The Senior Eight won the Grand Challenge Cup and, with P. Green (bow) and J. Ling (cox), the Junior Eight won.

The winning Senior Eight was:—Bow, M. Kerin; 2, R. Garrard; 3, J. Gumley; 4, V. Moulder; 5, M. McKenzie; 6, D. Palfreyman; 7, L. Ayres; stroke, P. Philp; cox, A. Maginn. Coach: K. McConville.

Barwon Regatta — 7th March, 1970

The Junior Eight was the only crew to win. No Senior Eight or Four races were held because of lack of competitors. Other crews to compete were Lightweight Eight and Lightweight Maiden Pair.

Colac Regatta — 9th March, 1970

The Lightweight Eight were the only Club crew to compete.

12th Scotch-Mercantile Regatta — 21st March, 1970

Winning crew was the Senior Four, of:—Bow, M. Kerin; 2, R. Garrard; 3, V. Moulder; stroke, P. Philp; cox, M. Connolly. Coach: K. McConville. Crews were entered in the Open Eights and Lightweight Eights.

Mildura Regatta, 28th March, and Wentworth Regatta 30th, March, 1970

No Club crews were entered in these regattas.

Australian National Regatta — 8th May, 1970

No Club crews won. The Junior Eight, with P. O'Brien as stroke and A. Maginn (cox) came equal fourth, and a Senior Pair of L. Ayres (bow), P. Philp (stroke) and M. Coglan (cox) rowed well to finish fourth.

Club Races

Guinn Memorial Pairs

Our thanks go to an anonymous member for donating the trophies for this tub pair race conducted on the Princes Bridge Course. Twelve different crews competed.

The successful crew was M. Tomanovits (bow), J. Gumley (stroke), A. Maginn (cox).

A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours

This race, held annually on Ladies' Day, was won by B. Gross (bow), K. McConville (2), L. Ayres (3), P. Knowles (stroke), C. Jones (cox).

We thank the family of the late A. L. Dobbie for presenting the trophies.

J. G. Sprigg Time Trial

This was again a very popular event, with many crews competing for the honour of being presented with the President's trophies by the President in his unique style.

The winning crew was B. Maginn (bow), P. Davies (2), C. Levy (3), D. Johns (4), S. Mollard (5), P. Philp (6), R. Garrard (7), R. Rees (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), the time being a record 27 min. 31.9 secs.

Stonk-Moose Time Trial

The winning crew of R. Rees (bow), M. Kerin (2), S. Mollard (3), P. O'Brien (stroke) and A. Maginn (cox) recorded the time of 22 min. 34.2 secs.

Ten crews competed for the excellent trophies donated by Mr. L. L. B. Moll and Mr. W. G. Ross.

Combination Races

Picken-Williams Eights

These races were held on Sunday, 5th October, 1969, again on the Princes Bridge Course, with nine crews competing.

The crew of J. Draffin (bow), G. Dwyer (2), D. Naylor (2), C. Johannsen (4), H. Doerner (5), G. Mathieson (6), R. Dawson (7), R. Rees (stroke) and G. Read (cox) won by one length from D. Johns' crew, with J. Gumley's crew in third place.

Our thanks go to Mr. J. Harvie-Picken and Mr. M. S. Williams for donating the trophies for this event.

Morell Eights

A number of members of the Morell family were in attendance on Sunday, 14th December, 1969, to witness and participate in the Morell Eights. The outcome of an interesting morning's racing was a win by R. Morell (bow), R. Baird (2), P. Millikan (3), D. Flynn (4), J. Fitzpatrick (5), P. Macartney (6), M. Kerin (7), R. Rees (stroke) and C. Jones (cox), with B. Craven's crew second and S. Newcomb's crew third.

We are indebted to the late Sir Stephen Morell's family for the support they give to rowing through the donation of these highly sought-after trophies.

Trophies

Captain's Trophy.—This trophy is awarded to the member who has entered and won the most Regatta and Club races during the season. This season the trophy was won by L. P. Ayres.

Late J. W. Beattie Trophy.—Donated in memory of the late Jack Beattie, this trophy is presented to the member who has won the most premiership points for the Club during the season. It is awarded to J. H. Gumley.

Late F. R. Browne Trophy.—Gary McConville has won the Perpetual Shield and Trophy donated by the family of the late F. R. Browne. It is awarded to the most improved novice oarsman.

Max Bailey Trophy.—Adrian Maginn has won the Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the champion coxswain.

N. W. Cairnes Trophy.—We thank Mr. Cairnes for making this Trophy available for presentation to the most improved coxswain. It has been awarded to Glen Read, and we wish him more successful years as a coxswain.

"The Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy"

Members of the Staff of Edward Lumley & Sons (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. have graciously presented the Club with a perpetual shield, "The Jeff Wylie Memorial Shield", which is 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 Shield.

In its sixth year of presentation it has been awarded to Peter Millikan, and we congratulate him on his efforts.

We thank the Directors and Staff of Edward Lumley for their kind thoughts.

Social

Ladies' Day.—This was a most enjoyable event, with the highlight of the day being the keen racing to determine the winners of the "Dobbie Memorial Fours".

It was pleasing to see the large number of interested supporters, and the President, Captain and Committee of the Club were privileged to entertain a large contingent of members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Annual Dinner.—Seventy members and guests were in attendance at the Dorchester for the Annual Dinner. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Keenan, the Director of Parks, Gardens and Recreation for the Melbourne City Council, and that well known Australian Test Cricketer Mr. Colin McDonald. We thank Mr. McDonald, who was guest speaker, for his highly enjoyable reminiscences about cricket, which were a highlight of the evening.

Plans are well in hand for the coming Annual Dinner, which is to be held soon after the opening of the rebuilt Clubhouse.

Mercantile Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary have continued to make their highly significant contribution to the successful social life of the Club. The Auxiliary conducted its second Dinner Dance at Aylesbury Court, Brighton, which was a great success, and members will be looking forward to this coming season's Dinner Dance with great expectations.

The ladies fund-raising capacity is quite remarkable, and they were able to contribute to the fleet again this year by supplying a racing four.

We thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for their efforts on the Club's behalf. Their contribution since their inception in September, 1967, is an example that we could all follow.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are:—Mesdames B. Batters, C. Boykett, N. Boykett, T. Boykett, N. Bryan, M. Burford, P. Coleman, P. Corrigan, S. Douglas, H. Downey, T. Fox, O. Garnsworthy, G. Gillon, B. Green, D. Griffiths, L. Hogan, A. Hogg, J. Loveless, E. McKeown, J. Mollard, P. Maginn, M. Owen, D. Park, P. Philp, J. Sprigg, P. Shanasy and S. Wood.

The ladies would like wives or friends of members to join them, and it is suggested that interested ladies ring Mrs. J. Loveless on 80-2121 for further information.

General

Mr. N. Cairnes and Mr. Deane Morgan are still hard at work on their task of compiling the Club's history in preparation for our centenary year of 1980.

The Anzac Day Service, held in the Clubhouse, was well attended, the address being given by the Rev. Don McRae. Mr. John Seamen layed the wreath. Both gentlemen joined the members for the traditional luncheon after the service.

The Committee has continued the pleasant social gatherings with members of the Banks Rowing Club, and we thank them for their hospitality at Christmas. We believe that these events promote good will between the Clubs and help promote rowing generally.

The Club hosted visiting oarsmen from country and interstate clubs whilst they were in Melbourne. Quite a number of them seemed to find their way to the South-West corner and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Our thanks go to Yarrawonga, Nagambie, Rutherglen, Wendouree and Sydney Rowing Clubs, who have been so helpful to our crews when they have been with these clubs. We gratefully acknowledge our appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Jack Coghlan has assisted in the transport of boats to country and interstate regattas. Our particular thanks are extended to Mr. R. Fraser, whose capable steering has kept the boat safely on the road to the various regattas.

We are greatly indebted to our coxswains, G. Godkin, M. Cogan, M. Connolly, the late R. Loveless, G. McConville, A. Maginn, C. Jones, G. Read, M. Owen and to John, Nicki and Tim Ling. The parents, particularly of the younger coxswains, we thank for their understanding and co-operation during the season, and in particular to Mr. Peter Ling, who was always willing to help whenever asked.

Mr. P. Harding and Mr. R. Wilson worked very hard on the social side of the Club's activities, particularly in the south-west corner. We also thank, in addition, Mr. B. Gross and Mr. B. Craven for providing "hot dogs" on cold mornings in the south-west corner.

E.M.M.A. has been ably managed, and Mr. and Mrs. Sprigg have had large quantities of empty bottles through their hands, which has produced a good contribution to the Club's funds. Members are reminded that empty bottles should be brought to the Clubhouse as soon as we are back in operation, as every cent we can get will help us pay for the rebuilding.

The Victorian Rowing Association has maintained an excellent standard of regattas this season, the crowning achievement being the conduct of the Australian Amateur Rowing Championships at Ballarat on the 3rd and 4th of April, 1970.

To Messrs. M. S. Williams (President), P. J. Thomson (Secretary), N. F. Wilkinson (Treasurer) and the Executive Committee we offer our thanks. The Licensed Officials make a great contribution to the running of regattas, particularly that of Mr. D. S. Stirling, Clerk of Scales, who puts so much time in behind the scenes, and all oarsmen offer their sincere appreciation. Any retired oarsmen should consider obtaining an Official's Licence, and the Secretary can provide further information.

It has been suggested that the introduction of Thames Class events was not successful and that the regatta programme did not allow adequate preparation for the Victorian Championships and the King's Cup. It was unfortunate that senior competition, except for some Senior Fours and Pairs, virtually ceased after the Victorian Senior Eight Championships in that no club, other than Mercantile, was able to enter a Senior Eight in the Grand Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta. It is indeed a grave reflection on the state of senior rowing in this State.

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

The Australian Broadcasting Commission and commercial radio and television stations have given rowing excellent publicity, and we thank them for their help. Mr. S. H. Newcomb and Mr. W. R. B. Todd, through their articles in the Press, have also made a notable contribution.

During the season quite a number of members were married, and our congratulations go to Messrs. Bill Bradshaw, David Douglas, Dick Garrard, Steve Gillon, Ron Griffiths, Barry Gross, Mike Hume, Murray Kellam, Ron Negri, Geoff Park and Roger Wilson.

Graham and Peter Boykett increased the size of their families, as did Laurie Moll and Simon Newcomb, while Tony Fox has set the right example by fathering twins. All members offer their congratulations.

We sadly record the passing of Mrs. Dobbie.

Our thanks go to all other Clubs, Public and High Schools for their co-operation during the year. We extend our best wishes for the coming season.

The Committee wishes to record its thanks to our President, Mr. J. Sprigg, and to our Vice-Presidents. The advice and assistance offered by these long experienced members is undoubtedly one of the main reasons for Mercantile's successes. Particularly not to be under estimated is the advice so freely offered by Mr. Sprigg on the Henley Staging during regattas.

Conclusion

The Committee thanks all members for their assistance throughout the season. We trust that the same help and co-operation will be given to the incoming Committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

J. H. GUMLEY, Honorary Secretary,
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB.

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OBITUARIES

MAURICE C. H. DOWD

Maurie joined the Club in the mid 1920's and was successful in a number of Maiden and Junior races. Pressure of business rather cut short his active rowing career, but he greatly assisted in making many a social function a great success.

Declining health and business responsibilities have meant that we saw Maurie at the Clubhouse only rarely, but he was nevertheless keenly interested in the Club and always ready to help members.

He was very interested in civic affairs within the City of Brighton, and many charitable institutions and other organisations have to thank him for his money-raising efforts.

The community is the poorer for the passing of such a citizen.

GEOFFREY LOCKE

Many years have passed since the Club has lost a member on active service, and it is with sad heart that we mourn the passing of Geoff Locke in Vietnam last year.

Geoff joined the Club in 1965, rowed in a number of Maiden crews, and excelled in a first-class Maiden Eight, winning the Nagambie, Yarrowonga and Rutherglen treble at Christmas 1966.

Shortly afterwards he went to O.T.C. and was later posted to Vietnam.

In his short career with Mercantile he showed his fellows that he had the true Mercantile spirit. He will not be forgotten and, like his fallen comrades of past wars, the name of Geoff Locke will also be heard within the Club he loved.

RICHARD SHAW LOVELESS

When eight years old in 1966 Ricky joined the Club and in his first season coxed the Champion Lightweight Pair of Victoria. Subsequently he steered many successful crews and last season was Champion Coxswain. At the Christmas Series this season he tried his hand at rowing.

Ricky will not be remembered as a coxswain or oarsman, but rather as an enthusiastic and conscientious young man who, but for the tragic accident on his way to Mercantile, would have taken his place as a true Mercantilian.

Members unanimously agreed that the Club's newest boat should bear his name.

OBITUARY

JOHN L. MOUNSEY

John Mounsey joined Mercantile in 1908 and possibly endeavoured to emulate the feats of his illustrious uncle, A. B. Sloan, an outstanding Victorian oarsman and footballer. Although not quite reaching the high plane of his relative, he was nevertheless a successful oarsman, footballer and capable administrator of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

After passing through the arduous period of learning to row, he achieved success in 1913 by winning the Maiden Eight at Henley and the following year by winning the Founders' Challenge Cup for Junior Eights. Unfortunately the First World War broke out and there was very little rowing for the next few years. Jack and many others traded their rowing togs for the A.I.F. uniform. Jack proved himself a good soldier, rose to the rank of sergeant and was awarded the Military Medal. We have been impressed by his talks at our Anzac Day Services, where he was a regular attendant.

When rowing resumed after the war Jack gained a seat in the Mercantile Senior Eight, and represented Victoria in the King's Cup in 1923.

Elected Club Captain in 1922, he most capably administered Club affairs during the next four years. It was during this period that a disastrous fire destroyed the shed, together with many boats and much equipment. The Clubhouse which we have enjoyed for the last 45 years is a tribute to the determination and planning of this great Mercantillian.

After retiring from active rowing, many years were spent in rowing administration, and many a raw official has been helped by his kindly advice.

We mourn the passing of this great man, a staunch supporter of Victorian Rowing and, above all, a man who always held out a helping hand.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1970

| | 1970 | 1969 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| INCOME: | | |
| Subscriptions | \$7,099 | \$5,309 |
| Less Amounts written off | 713 | 746 |
| | \$6,386 | \$4,563 |
| Donations and Locker Fees | 1,428 | 1,771 |
| Interest—Commonwealth Treasury Bonds .. | 31 | 37 |
| State Savings Bank of Victoria | — | 8 |
| Short Term Unsecured Notes | 46 | — |
| | 77 | — |
| Sundry Income—Profit, Sale of Ties | 10 | 4 |
| Sale of Soft Drinks | 38 | 35 |
| Profit on Sale of Capital Equip- ment | 256 | 539 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$8,478 | \$6,674 |
| EXPENDITURE: | | |
| Depreciation—Boats | \$1,825 | \$1,673 |
| Oars | 379 | 881 |
| Fittings | 4 | 5 |
| Motor Boat and Engine | 60 | 56 |
| | \$2,268 | — |
| Entrance Fees—Regattas | 53 | 166 |
| Fire Protection Expenses | 192 | 50 |
| Freight—Country Regattas | 240 | 205 |
| General Expenses | 247 | 159 |
| Insurance | 427 | 335 |
| Interest on Overdraft and Bank Charges .. | 21 | 26 |
| Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates .. | 789 | 684 |
| Postages | 117 | 113 |
| Printing and Stationery | 377 | 324 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 645 | 799 |
| Telephone | 109 | 133 |
| Trophies—Club Races | 247 | 112 |
| V.R.A. Dues and Fees | 450 | 453 |
| Donations to Overseas Travelling Crews .. | — | 20 |
| | \$6,182 | \$6,194 |
| SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS | \$2,296 | \$480 |

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1970

| | 1970 | 1969 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS: | | |
| Balance—1st May, 1969 | \$14,631 | \$14,151 |
| Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure Account | 2,296 | 480 |
| | <u>\$16,927</u> | <u>\$14,631</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Trophy Order Account (see Note 1) | \$4,404 | \$4,138 |
| Subscriptions paid in advance | 86 | 139 |
| Sundry Creditors | 343 | 385 |
| Olympic Fund | 100 | 100 |
| | <u>\$4,933</u> | <u>\$4,762</u> |
| | <u>\$21,860</u> | <u>\$19,393</u> |

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1970

| | 1970 | 1969 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FIXED ASSETS: | | |
| Boat House (at cost) | \$5,201 | \$5,201 |
| Club Fittings (at 1959 valuation, less depreciation) | 36 | 40 |
| Boats (at cost, less depreciation) | 8,825 | 8,361 |
| Oars (at April, 1970, valuation) | 1,310 | 1,618 |
| Motor Boat (at cost, less depreciation) | 217 | 141 |
| Sundry Assets (at cost, less depreciation) | 326 | 362 |
| | <u>\$15,915</u> | <u>\$15,723</u> |
| INVESTMENTS: | | |
| Commonwealth Treasury Bonds (at cost)— | | |
| V.R.A. Trophy Order Account | \$597 | \$597 |
| F. R. Browne Trophy Account | 50 | 50 |
| J. J. Wylie Trophy Account | 100 | 100 |
| | <u>\$747</u> | <u>\$747</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash at Bank | \$146 | \$537 |
| Subscriptions outstanding | 1,674 | 959 |
| Stock on Hand | — | 60 |
| Sundry Debtors and pre-payments | 1,378 | 1,367 |
| Short Term Unsecured Notes (at cost) | 2,000 | — |
| | <u>\$5,198</u> | <u>\$2,923</u> |
| | <u>\$21,860</u> | <u>\$19,393</u> |

AUDITORS' 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, 1970, 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, 15th June, 1970.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

NOTES ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1970

TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1970

Note 1:

| 1969 | | Dr. | Cr. |
|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| \$3,861 | Balance brought forward | | \$4,138 |
| 533 | Amounts for Trophies awarded | | 345 |
| 256 (Dr.) | Trophy Orders paid | \$79 | |
| 4,138 (Dr.) | Balance carried forward | 4,404 | |
| <u>\$4,394</u> | | <u>\$4,483</u> | <u>\$4,483</u> |
| | Balance brought forward | | <u><u>\$4,404</u></u> |

Note 2:

A Building Fund Account of \$1,265.77 is held with the Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank. This account has not been incorporated in the accounts.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

STATEMENT OF FUNDS for Year ended 30th APRIL, 1970

Funds were derived from—

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Net inflow from Club operations | \$4,025 |
| Sale of "J. G. Sprigg" Racing Eight | 1,242 |
| Sale of "Beattie" Racing Four | 100 |
| Trophy Order Account increase | 266 |
| | <u>\$5,633</u> |

These funds were applied to—

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Increase investment in Working Capital | \$370 |
| Purchase of "J. G. Sprigg" Racing Eight | 1,727 |
| Purchase of "Ricky Loveless" Racing Four | 1,365 |
| Investment in Short Term Unsecured Notes | 2,000 |
| Purchase of sundry other equipment | 171 |
| | <u>\$5,633</u> |

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments to 30th April, 1970

RECEIPTS:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-------|
| Sundry Donations | | \$4,779.34 | |
| Proceeds of Sale of Etchings | | 500.00 | |
| Interest—Bank of N.S.W. Savings Bank | \$13.37 | | |
| Aust. Guarantee Corporation | 23.06 | | |
| | | | 36.43 |
| Subscriptions credited in error | | | 40.00 |

PAYMENTS:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| W. G. Dean & Co. — framing of etchings | \$290.00 | | |
| J. P. Carr — preparation of etchings | 200.00 | | |
| H. Boyle (Architect) — fee for preliminary survey | 100.00 | | |
| General Motors Acceptance Corporation — | | | |
| Short Term Deposit | 1,500.00 | | |
| Balance brought forward | 1,265.77 | | |
| | | <u>\$5,355.77</u> | <u>\$5,355.77</u> |

Balance at credit of Bank of New South Wales Savings Account \$1,265.77

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that, in our opinion, the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Mercantile Rowing Club War Memorial Fund are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund at 30th April, 1970, 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, 15th June, 1970.