



MERCANTILE
ROWING CLUB

MELBOURNE



91st
Annual Report

and

Balance Sheet



SEASON 1970-71

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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
MELBOURNE, 3004.

1st June, 1971.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **91st ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB** will be held at the **CLUBHOUSE** on **SATURDAY, 26th JUNE, 1971,** 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 that may legally be brought forward.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 19th June, 1971, at 4.00 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

P. K. WATKIN,
Honorary Secretary.

The Ninety-first Annual Report

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members,

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 91st Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1971.

Without doubt the most significant event during the last season has been the rebuilding of the Clubhouse. It was, of course, an undertaking of great magnitude for the Club to embark upon, and the pleasing result obtained by the Rebuilding Sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. R. R. Aitken, has been a source of great satisfaction to the Committee. We feel sure all Mercantilians will share this sense of achievement. To the Rebuilding Sub-Committee go our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

The Opening Ceremony and Dedication of the Memorial Clubhouse was performed by Sir Bernard Evans, D.S.O., E.D., and the Reverend Donald Macrae, on Ladies' Day, 7th November, 1970, at the conclusion of which the President and Committee entertained a large number of members and guests in the new Clubrooms.

However, from the competitive point of view the results on the river have left a lot to be desired. It would of course be easy to pass this off as a result of the rebuilding programme, and while this to some extent may be true, it would be naive to allow it to be used as an excuse. We have failed in recent years to recruit adequately, and we are feeling the results of this neglect. It cannot be remedied over night, and it is up to every member to bring new members down to the Club.

We are the inheritors of a past that has no parallel in Australian rowing, and we owe it to our predecessors to make sure that the Club again resumes its rightful place at the top next season. In short, The Mercantile of today is not ours to do with as we would please. We have it in trust. We must account for it to those who come after.

Following the Victorian Championships, rowed at Ballarat on 8th March, three members of your Club were selected in the Kings Cup Squad. They were G. Boykett, D. Douglas and A. Maginn, while K. Leach was selected to represent Victoria in the President's Cup.

The King's Cup was won by Victoria in a magnificent finish from South Australia, and we extend our congratulations to the crew and their coach, Mr. Roger Moore, on their fine performance.

The Penrith Cup was another triumph for Victoria who, in a very tight finish, just managed to hold out South Australia by a canvas, and we congratulate them on an excellent performance.

The President's Cup was won by South Australia, with Victoria finishing a very creditable second in this event.

It is appropriate at this point to congratulate Mr. K. McConville on the fine job he did as Manager of the Victorian Squad, and no doubt the results achieved by our representatives are a reflection of his efforts.

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

Membership

The membership as at the 30th April, 1971, was as follows:—

	1971	1970	1969	1966	1956	1936
LIFE MEMBERS	9	10	10	9	7	9
SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS .. .	145	155	} 190	174	164	147
SENIOR MEMBERS	29	26				
JUNIOR MEMBERS	24	39	} 116	86	42	48
SCHOOLBOY JUNIOR	35	30				
COUNTRY MEMBERS	28	27	} 42	66	69	20
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	33	28				
LEAVE OF ABSENCE	13	19				
	<u>316</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>224</u>

Executive and Committee

At the time of this report going to press, 10 regular Committee Meetings have been held, with the following attendances:—

R. R. Aitken .. .	7	R. Curtis .. .	3	M. Owen .. .	7
L. Ayres .. .	7	R. Griffiths .. .	10	D. Palfreyman .. .	9
G. Boykett .. .	5	J. Gumley .. .	9	J. Shanasy .. .	5
J. W. Bradshaw ..	8	P. Harding .. .	6	J. G. Sprigg .. .	8
J. Burford .. .	8	K. McConville ..	8	M. Tomanovits ..	6
N. W. Cairnes ..	6	D. Morgan .. .	2	P. K. Watkin .. .	10

War Memorial Building Fund

The new sections of the Club House were formally handed over to the Club by the builders on 6th November, 1970. Although the three months' maintenance period has long since expired, there are still a number of matters requiring the attention of the builders. The most significant of these is the reconnection of the fire alarm system, and the Club may be involved in some further expense to achieve this. The Club is retaining \$2,000 pending completion by the builders of their obligations.

The construction by Brighton Grammar School of the School's own locker room and showers within that part of the Club's premises leased to the School has also been completed.

The total cost of the Club's share of the work, including architect's fees, will be approximately \$34,200, which is some \$4,000 more than we had originally intended to spend and \$1,200 in excess of the contract price. The contract price was the best tender which the Club could obtain for the works as planned. The additional expenditure resulted from requirements later imposed by the Board of Works and the Fire Brigade.

Although the work exceeded the planned cost, the Building Committee is pleased to be able to report that there are sufficient funds in hand to meet the Club's liabilities within the budgetted overdraft limit of \$20,000. This has been made possible by the generous contribution made to the fund by members, both past and present, and by friends of the Club. These, as will be seen from the statements attached to the Report, totalled \$13,181.14 as at 30th April. This has exceeded the Committee's most optimistic estimates, and it is heartening to have this indication of the support and approval of the members for what has been done.

Subject to adjustments, we still have to pay approximately \$2,000 to the builder and \$850 to the architect, of which a small proportion is the responsibility of Brighton Grammar School.

The Club will be left with an overdraft of between \$19,000 and \$20,000, which is guaranteed by 20 members and which is repayable over 12 years at 7% interest.

In fairness to the guarantors, and in the interest of the Club, we should endeavour to clear this overdraft as quickly as possible, and members are reminded that the Fund is still open and donations are tax deductible.

The following is a list of members and friends whose donations were not acknowledged in the last Annual Report:—

Anderson, G. I.	Davey, G. H.	Jones, J. McD.	Newman, C. J.
Atkins, A. H.	De Guingand, C.	Jones, R.	Nicholls, C. J.
Ayres, L.	Douglas, D.	Kerin, M.	Noble, F.
Bade, G.	Duncan, H. D.	Knowles, P.	Osborne, E. F.
Bailey, W. M.	Edmondson, I.	Lachal, R. P.	Owen, F. O.
Beech, C.	Epstein, G. I.	Lawrence, G. D.	Owen, M.
Blaxland, A.	Evans, A. M.	Legge, J. S.	Philp, P. E. M. L.
Bourke, B. F.	Fitzgibbon, C.	Levy, C.	Picken, J. H.
Boykett, K. H.	Fosdick, L. V.	Miller, A. P.	Pirani, R.
Broughton, O. S.	Fox, J. A.	Millikan, Dr. R.	Rawlins, R. V.
Burford, J.	Fraser, L.	Mollard, K. F.	Richardson, G.
Carr, J. P.	Gilbert, A. G.	Monger, A. C.	Searle, M. E.
Connolly, R.	Gillon, S. M.	Morrell, R. T.	Shears, H. P.
Corben, M.	Gumley, J.	Mounsey, R.	Spalding, N. J.
Cordell, A. R.	Hughan, J.	Mulder, V.	Vale, H.
Corney, C. C.	Hyndes, J. M.	McCall, G. A.	Wilson, R. B.
Crichton, D. J.	Johnston, G. B.	McKenzie, D. M.	Wylie, W. J.
Cunningham, P.	Jones, C.	Newcomb,	
		Capt. H. M.	

Financial Report

In the statements attached to this report the accounts for the Building Fund and for the general operations of the Club have again been shown separately as the building operations are not yet complete. At the conclusion of the current year it should be possible to combine them and to present one Balance Sheet showing clearly the Club's position.

The most significant factor in the accounts is that we now owe the Bank of New South Wales \$16,686, and have a further commitment to the builder of approximately \$2,000. Members will be interested to know how the Club's revenue compares with the budget prepared by the Committee as a basis for maintaining the clubhouse and fleet and repaying this very large debt.

Subscriptions income would be a little ahead of budget but for the very substantial amount which, despite considerable effort on the part of the Committee, has been written off as being impossible to collect. Most of the amount written off relates to members who simply cease to attend the Club without notifying their intention to resign. We have this year cleared out as much "dead wood" as possible, but even so the arrears carried forward are considerable.

The Committee is greatly concerned about the delay in payment of subscriptions and the need for such a heavy write-off. In past years the inflow of new members has largely balanced the position, but in the year just past this has not been the case.

Revenue from other sources is in line with the Club's budgetted figures.

Expenses are more or less in line with estimates. Insurance, in particular, has increased and so also have certain other fixed expenses. On the other hand electricity and gas accounts have been lower, as we occupied the Club for only half the year. These must inevitably go up. Repairs for the year included a special payment of approximately \$300 to restore the "D. H. Boykett" to first class order.

The net result was a surplus of \$654. The Club is committed to pay to the Special Account \$2,500, including interest, in each year ended 30th September. Obviously the surplus must be increased from one source or another, otherwise the amount of \$2,000 budgetted for annual expenditure on new equipment will not be available.

Each member can help by meeting punctually his commitment to the Club and by supporting, with his friends, the social functions which the Committee hopes to conduct from time to time in the new clubroom and elsewhere.

Boats and Oars

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

Eights

Racing:

David Boykett (1964) — good.
S. H. Newcomb (1966) — fair.
J. G. Sprigg (1968) — good.
R. R. Aitken (1971) — good.

Practice:

R. W. Thursfield (1961) — poor.

Fours

Racing:

Caltex Dealers (1964) — fair.
J. J. Wylie (1964) — fair.
Sir Bernard Evans (1966) — poor.
First Lady (1968) — good.
Rickey Loveless (1970) — good

Tub:

E. K. Varcoe (1951) — poor.
M. S. Williams (1951) — fair.
Deane Morgan (1961) — fair.

Pairs

Racing:

Keith Bilney (1964) — fair.
Bill Bradshaw (1967) — fair.

Tub:

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

Sculls

Practice:

Mrs. T. L. Sprigg (1966) — fair.

Tub:

Wal Turnbull (1964) — poor.

Motor Boat

Motor in good condition, but the hull requires a major overhaul.

As in previous years, the maintenance of the fleet has again been a major problem for the Committee, although it is probably in better condition than it was last season. During the year the "A. L. Dobbie" and "Bill Wallace" were sold. The only new boat purchased during the season was a Karlish racing eight. This boat was used by the Australian Eight at the World Championships in Canada, and the Committee was pleased to name this boat the "R. R. Aitken" in recognition of the long and distinguished service that Mr. Aitken has given the Club and Victorian rowing.

At the March meeting the Committee decided to place an order with Mr. J. Sykes for the supply of a best and best coxed pair, to be delivered in August, 1971. This boat will have a special removable section so that it may also be used as a coxless pair.

Again, emphasis has been put to crews, strokes and coaches on the proper care and maintenance of boats and oars, and regular maintenance by the crews racing and training in these boats is the only practical way in which the fleet can be kept in first class racing condition.

Coaching

The Committee extends its thanks to all members who gave their time and effort to coach club crews.

The members are Messrs. R. R. Aitken, K. Bilney, D. H. Boykett, J. Burford, N. W. Cairnes, R. Easson, R. Griffiths, J. Gumley, K. McConville, M. Tomanovits, P. Watkin and R. Wilson.

We urgently need coaches for the coming season if we are to 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

John Shanasy chaired the Sub-Committee this year. As a result of the rebuilding programme the Sub-Committee has had a very full year attending to numerous small jobs. Perhaps the major problem confronting this Committee during the season has been the cleaning of the shed. This task is the responsibility of all members, and we would ask that a special effort be made by all concerned.

World Championships

Rowed at St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, 3rd - 6th September, 1970.

We are very pleased to report that the Australian Team for the 1970 World Championships contained five Mercantilians, made up of four competitors, Messrs. G. Boykett, D. Douglas, S. Gillon and J. Shanasy, and Mr. D. Boykett (the coach), to whom we extend our congratulations.

Against very stiff opposition, the eight, coxless pair and coxed pair finished in 5th, 8th and 12th positions respectively, whilst the coxed four was eliminated in the repechage.

Listed below are the results of the finals for your information:—

Eights: 1st, East Germany; 2nd, Russia; 3rd, New Zealand. Time, 5.36.10.

Coxed Four: 1st, West Germany; 2nd, East Germany; 3rd, Norway. Time, 6.28.55.

Coxless Four: 1st East Germany; 2nd, West Germany; 3rd, Denmark. Time, 6.23.15.

Coxed Pair: 1st, Rumania; 2nd, East Germany; 3rd, Russia. Time, 7.25.30.

Coxless Pair: 1st, East Germany; 2nd, Poland; 3rd, West Germany. Time, 6.57.81.

Single Scull: 1st, A. Demidd (Argentina); 2nd, G. Draeger (East Germany); 3rd, J. Heliebrand (Czechoslovakia). Time, 7.16.54.

Double Scull: 1st, Denmark; 2nd, East Germany; 3rd, United States of America. Time, 6.28.68.

We are all looking forward to the 1972 Olympic Games, and no doubt the experience gained by our representatives in Canada will be invaluable.

Australian Championships — Perth, 1971

PRESIDENTS CUP.—Australian Amateur Sculling Championship:

South Australia (N. Talbot), 1; Victoria (K. Leach), 2nd; New South Wales (I. Lee), 3rd. Time, 7.31.8.

PENRITH CUP.—Australian Amateur Lightweight Four Championship:

Victoria (A. G. McKinley [bow], D. E. Webb [2], G. Xouris [3], T. C. Johnson [stroke], R. England [cox], Dr. M. A. Schapper [coach], A. L. Hart [emergency]), 1st; South Australia, 2nd; New South Wales, 3rd. Time, 6.38.

KING'S CUP.—Australian Amateur Eight-Oared Championship:

Victoria (G. H. Boykett [bow], E. Vahl Meyer [2], D. G. Douglas [3], D. Michelmore [4], D. B. Bishop [5], W. J. Baillieu [6], J. G. McKeand [7], K. P. Jelbart [stroke], A. E. Maginn [cox], R. L. Moore [coach], T. A. L. Stokes and W. G. Magennis [emergencies]), 1st; South Australia, 2nd; New South Wales, 3rd. Time, 5.54.1.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The 13th Annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted in perfect weather over the Henley Course on Saturday, 20th March, 1971. The entries were again very pleasing, with 1,196 individual oarsmen competing.

It is an established fact that this regatta, under the guidance of Mr. J. W. Bradshaw, has become one of the premier rowing events in the Commonwealth. It is hoped that this state of affairs will continue for many years to the mutual benefit of both the Club and the sport.

This year's Regatta Committee was composed of the following:— Mr. R. R. Aitken (chairman), Mr. J. W. Bradshaw (secretary), Mr. V. G. Mulder (treasurer), Messrs. L. Ayres, D. Boykett, N. Cairnes, E. Davidson, J. Gumley, D. Morgan, V. Nash, J. Shanasy, M. Tomanovits and P. Watkin.

Head of the River

Our congratulations go to Geelong Grammar School and their coach, Mr. F. C. Covill, for winning the 1971 Head of the River, rowed on the Barwon River on 3rd April.

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

Combined High Schools' Regatta

We congratulate Bell Park High School and their coach, Club member J. Ferguson, for winning the High Schools' Head of the River, rowed on the Yarra on 16th April.

Rowing

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 8th March, 1971. Won by Monash University. The Club was represented by P. Philp (bow), L. Ayres (2), G. Boykett (3), J. Shanasy (4), J. Harry (5), D. Douglas (6), S. Gillon (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox). D. Boykett (coach).

JUNIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 8th March, 1971. Won by M.U.B.C. The Club was represented by T. Hogan (bow), I. Edmundson (2), R. Redman (3), B. Adam (4), R. Dawson (5), B. Craven (6), S. Shanasy (7), D. Johns (stroke), M. Connolly (cox). R. Wilson (coach).

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Rowed at Geelong, 12th December, 1970. Won by M.U.B.C. The Club was represented by M. Owen (bow), G. McConville (2), A. Darker (3), R. Cummings (4), P. Millikan (5), M. Hume (6), T. Hogan (7), P. O'Brien (stroke), M. Connolly (cox). K. Bilney (coach).

Four-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed at Geelong, 12th December, 1970. Won by Monash University. The Club was represented by P. Philp (bow), J. Shanasy (2), L. Ayres (3), G. Boykett (stroke), A. Maginn (cox). M. Tomanovits (coach).

JUNIOR.—Rowed at Geelong, 12th December, 1970. Won by M.U.B.C. The Club was represented by R. Redman (bow), B. Adam (2), J. Fitzpatrick (3), J. Gumley (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox). K. McConville (coach).

LIGHTWEIGHT. — Rowed at Ballarat, 8th March, 1971. Won by M.U.B.C. The Club was represented by M. Owen (bow), P. Millikan (2), R. Cummings (3), A. Darker (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox). K. Bilney (coach).

Pair-Oared

SENIOR.—Rowed at Nagambie, 26th December, 1970. Won by Monash University. The Club was represented by M. Kerin (bow), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox). M. Tomanovits (coach). R. Garrard competed in the above event in a composite Barwon-Mercantile crew with R. Fitch of the Barwon Club.

JUNIOR.—Rowed at Wentworth, 12th April, 1971. Won by Essendon Rowing Club. The Club was represented by **No. 1 Crew:** L. Ayres (bow), C. Williams (stroke), M. Connolly (cox); and **No. 2 Crew:** G. Johnson (bow), B. Adam (stroke), C. Jones (cox).

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Rowed at Wentworth, 12th April, 1971. Won by Footscray Rowing Club. The Club was not represented in this event.

Single Sculls

SENIOR.—Held at Ballarat, 8th March, 1971. Won by K. Leach of Mercantile Rowing Club.

It is worthy of note that Ken's fine win was the first victory by a Mercantile sculler in the Champion Sculls of Victoria since J. G. Williams was successful in the 1948-49 season and we offer him our congratulations.

Regattas

Preston Novice Regatta — 10th October, 1970

OPEN FOUR.—M. Kerin (bow), J. Gumley (2), L. Ayres (3), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach) won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Open Pair, Junior Pair, Maiden Four, Maiden Pair and Lightweight Maiden Four.

Metropolitan Regatta — 17th October, 1970

SENIOR PAIR.—M. Kerin (bow), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Four, Senior Pair, Junior Pair, Maiden Four and the Lightweight Maiden Four.

Banks Regatta — 24th October, 1970

The Club was represented by the same crews as at the Metropolitan Regatta, this time without success.

Morwell Regatta — 14th November, 1970

SENIOR FOUR.—L. Ayres (bow), D. Johns (2), J. Harry (3), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach), won this event.

SENIOR PAIR.—M. Kerin (bow), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Junior Four and Novice Eight.

Dimboola Regatta — 21st November, 1970

JUNIOR FOUR.—R. Redman (bow), B. Adam (2), J. Fitzpatrick (3), J. Gumley (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Victorian Open Sprint Four Championship and the Junior Pair.

V.R.A. Regatta — 28th November, 1970

JUNIOR FOUR.—R. Redman (bow), B. Adam (2), J. Fitzpatrick (3), J. Gumley (stroke), S. Tulloh (cox), K. McConville (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Eight, Senior Four, Lightweight Eight and Novice Four.

Upper Yarra Regatta — 5th December, 1970

The Club was represented in the following events:—Senior Eight, Senior Four, Senior Pair, Senior Scull, Junior Four, Lightweight Eight and Novice Four, none of whom were successful.

Nagambie Regatta — 26th December, 1970

LIGHTWEIGHT MAIDEN FOUR.—A. Maginn (bow), R. Curtis (2), G. McConville (3), M. Owen (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach), won this event.

NOVICE EIGHT.—M. Hoy (bow), B. Morrison (2), P. Homan (3), K. Durance (4), R. Wilson (5), S. Coleman (6), R. Hearty (7), N. Wilson (stroke), T. Ling (cox), R. Wilson (coach), won this event.

NOVICE FOUR.—L. Fraser (bow), P. Rocka (2), A. Downey (3), P. Homan (stroke), N. Ling (cox), J. Burford (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Open Eight, Senior Four, Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Four, Lightweight Senior Pair and Novice Pair.

Rutherglen Regatta — 1st January, 1971

SENIOR FOUR.—R. Garrard (bow), J. Gumley (2), J. Shanasy (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

LIGHTWEIGHT MAIDEN FOUR.—A. Maginn (bow), R. Curtis (2), G. McConville (3), M. Owen (stroke), J. Ling (cox), K. McConville (coach), won this event.

NOVICE EIGHT.—M. Hoy (bow), B. Morrison (2), P. Homan (3), K. Durance (4), R. Wilson (5), S. Coleman (6), R. Hearty (7), N. Wilson (stroke), T. Ling (cox), R. Wilson (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Open Eight, Senior Pair, Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Eight, Maiden Four, Lightweight Senior Pair, Novice Four and Novice Pair.

Yarrowonga Regatta — 2nd January, 1971

SENIOR FOUR.—R. Garrard (bow), J. Gumley (2), J. Shanasy (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

LIGHTWEIGHT MAIDEN FOUR.—A. Maginn (bow), R. Curtis (2), G. McConville (3), M. Owen (stroke), J. Ling (cox), K. McConville (coach), won this event.

NOVICE EIGHT.—M. Hoy (bow), B. Morrison (2), P. Homan (3), K. Durance (4), R. Wilson (5), S. Coleman (6), R. Hearty (7), N. Wilson (stroke), T. Ling (cox), R. Wilson (coach), won this event.

NOVICE FOUR.—L. Fraser (bow), P. Rocka (2), A. Downey (3), P. Homan (stroke), N. Ling (cox), J. Burford (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Open Eight, Senior Pair, Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Eight, Maiden Four, Lightweight Senior Pair and Novice Pair.

Footscray Regatta — 23rd January, 1971

SENIOR EIGHT.—M. Kerin (bow), S. Gillon (2), D. Douglas (3), J. Fitzpatrick (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), J. Shanasy (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett (coach), won this event.

MAIDEN FOUR.—R. Baird (bow), R. Ironmonger (2), G. Grace (3), T. Horkings (stroke), C. Jones (cox), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Four, Senior Pair, Senior Scull and Novice Four.

Victorian Universities' Regatta — 30th January, 1971

SENIOR EIGHT.—M. Kerin (bow), S. Gillon (2), G. Boykett (3), J. Fitzpatrick (4), J. Harry (5), D. Douglas (6), J. Shanasy (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Four, Senior Pair, Senior Scull, Maiden Four and Novice Four.

Albert Park Regatta — 1st February, 1971

SENIOR EIGHT.—M. Kerin (bow), L. Ayres (2), G. Boykett (3), J. Shanasy (4), J. Harry (5), D. Douglas (6), S. Gillon (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett (coach), won this event.

NOVICE FOUR.—M. Hoy (bow), K. Durance (2), S. Coleman (3), N. Wilson (stroke), T. Corrigan (cox), J. Burford (coach) won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Four, Senior Pair, Senior Scull and Maiden Four.

Colac Regatta — 13th February, 1971

SENIOR PAIR.—S. Gillon (bow), G. Boykett (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett (coach), won this event.

SENIOR SCULL.—R. Garrard won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—M. Tucker (bow), P. Maginn (2), R. Price (3), R. Ironmonger (4), P. Benjamin (5), N. Wilson (6), I. Thwaites (7), C. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Eight, Senior Four and Junior Eight.

Ballarat Regatta — 20th February, 1971

SENIOR PAIR.—S. Gillon (bow), G. Boykett (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett (coach), won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—M. Tucker (bow), P. Maginn (2), R. Price (3), R. Ironmonger (4), P. Benjamin (5), N. Wilson (6), I. Thwaites (7), C. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Eight, Senior Four, Senior Scull, Lightweight Senior Four, Junior Eight and Maiden Pair.

Henley Regatta — 27th February, 1971

SENIOR PAIR.—S. Gillon (bow), G. Boykett (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Eight, Senior Four, Senior Scull, Lightweight Senior Four, Junior Eight, Junior Four and Maiden Eight.

Barwon Regatta — 6th March, 1971

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—M. Tucker (bow), P. Maginn (2), R. Price (3), R. Ironmonger (4), P. Benjamin (5), N. Wilson (6), I. Thwaites (7), C. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Eight, Senior Four, Lightweight Senior Four and Junior Eight.

Ballarat Championship Regatta — 8th March, 1971

MAIDEN EIGHT.—M. Tucker (bow), P. Maginn (2), R. Price (3), R. Ironmonger (4), P. Benjamin (5), N. Wilson (6), I. Thwaites (7), C. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach), won this event.

Head of the Yarra — 13th March, 1971

OPEN SECTION.—M. Kerin (bow), L. Ayres (2), P. Philp (3), J. Harry (4), J. Shanasy (5), D. Palfreyman (6), S. Gillon (7), R. Garrard (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won their section in the record time of 28m. 42sec.

The Club was also represented in the Intermediate and Veteran Sections.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta — 20th March, 1971

SENIOR FOUR.—R. Garrard (bow), L. Ayres (2), J. Shanasy (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Junior Four, Maiden Four and Maiden Pair.

Yea Regatta — 27th March, 1971

The Club was represented in the following events:—Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Four and Maiden Pair, without success.

Mildura Regatta — 10th April, 1971

SENIOR FOUR.—R. Garrard (bow), M. Kerin (2), J. Shanasy (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), C. Jones (cox), won this event.

SENIOR PAIR.—R. Garrard (bow), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

OPEN EIGHT.—P. Hughes (bow), J. MacCaffrey (2), L. Ayres (3), M. Kerin (4), R. Garrard (5), J. Gumley (6), J. Shanasy (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

OPEN FOUR.—L. Ayres (bow), M. Kerin (2), J. Shanasy (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this event.

The Club was represented in the following events:—Junior Eight, Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Eight and Maiden Four.

Wentworth Regatta — 12th April, 1971

SENIOR FOUR.—R. Garrard (bow), M. Kerin (2), J. Shanasy (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), T. Ling (cox), won this event.

The Club was also represented in the following events:—Senior Pair, Open Eight, Open Four, Junior Eight, Junior Four, Junior Pair, Maiden Eight and Maiden Four.

Premiership Points

SENIOR.—Monash, 120; Mercantile, 70; Corio Bay, 9; M.U.B.C., 8; South Melbourne, 6; Banks, 6; Barwon, 4; Wendouree, 2.

JUNIOR.—Power House, 116; M.U.B.C., 112; Mercantile, 92; Wendouree, 74; Yarra Yarra, 56; Bendigo, 54; Barwon, 52; Banks, 44; Hawthorn, 42; Corio Bay, 38; Mildura, 24; Essendon, 12; Dimboola, 8; Melbourne, 8; Wahgunyah, 8; South Melbourne, 6; Ballarat, 4; Colac, 4; Footscray City, 4; Monash, 4; Robinvale, 4; Albert Park, 2; Rutherglen, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—M.U.B.C., 70; Barwon, 60; Mercantile, 20; Corio Bay, 16; Melbourne, 14; Power House, 12; Footscray City, 10; Rutherglen, 1.

Club Races

Guinn Memorial Pairs — 7th June, 1970

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

The successful crew was L. Ayres (bow), J. Thom (stroke), A. Maginn (cox).

A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours — 7th November, 1970

This race, held annually on Ladies' Day, was won by G. McConville (bow), R. Curtis (2), R. Redman (3), M. Owen (stroke), A. Maginn (cox).

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

J. G. Sprigg Time Trial

This popular event was again keenly contested, and we are indebted to the President, Mr. J. G. Sprigg, for making the trophies available.

The winning crew was A. Maginn (bow), P. Davies (2), B. Maginn (3), D. Johns (4), J. Keeran (5), P. Philp (6), R. Garrard (7), R. Rees (stroke), M. Connolly (cox).

The winning time was 27 min. 39 secs.

Stonk-Moose Time Trial

The winning crew was A. Maginn (bow), A. Blaxland (2), P. Maginn (3), R. Garrard (stroke), M. Connolly (cox).

Eleven crews competed for the excellent trophies donated by Mr. L. L. B. Moll and Mr. W. G. Ross, to whom we extend our thanks.

Combination Races

Morell Eights — 13th December, 1970

This was again a very popular event, with a large number of oarsmen taking part in an attempt to win one of these highly prized trophies.

The final was won by J. Ward (Rutherglen), bow; L. Fraser (Mercs.), 2; G. McMahon (Mercs.), 3; J. Hughan (Mercs.), 4; N. Wilson (Mercs.), 5; K. Durance (Mercs.), 6; G. Tyrell (South Melbourne), 7; J. Gumley (Mercs.), stroke; T. Ling (Mercs.), cox.

We are indebted to the late Sir Stephen Morrell's family for the support they give to rowing through the donation of these trophies.

Picken-Williams Eight — 21st March, 1971

This event was conducted over the Princes Bridge Course, with six crews competing.

The final was won by R. Connolly (bow), M. Kerin (2), A. Cordell (3), P. McSweeney [M.U.B.C.] (4), I. Thwaites (5), P. Maginn (6), L. Ayres (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), T. Ling (cox.).

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

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. Our congratulations go to David Palfreyman, who has 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. We congratulate David Palfreyman, who has 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 Robert Ironmonger, to whom we extend our congratulations.

Max Bailey Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for champion coxswain has been won by Mark Connolly, and we congratulate him on his efforts.

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 Nicholas Ling, and we hope that he will continue his coxing activities for many years.

The Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy donated by the Management and Staff of Edward Lumley & Sons (Victoria) Pty. Ltd., which is awarded annually to the most improved lightweight oarsman in memory of the late Jeff Wylie, a former Captain of the Club, has been awarded to Martin Owen, and we congratulate him on his efforts.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day.—This was a most memorable occasion, with the highlight of the day being the Opening and Dedication of the new Memorial Clubhouse. During the afternoon those present witnessed some keen racing in the A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours.

Annual Dinner.—Due to the rebuilding programme it was not possible to hold the Dinner at a time which would not preclude training oarsmen from attending, and as a result it was decided to abandon the Dinner for this season.

Barber Shop Ball.—This highly successful function was held at Ormond Hall, and many elaborate fancy dress costumes were to be seen. Our thanks go to Peter Downey, Dick Garrard, Ron Griffiths and their wives, together with many others, whose efforts helped make this such a memorable evening.

John Burford conducted two most enjoyable functions in the new Clubhouse on the nights of the Henley and Scotch-Mercantile Regattas, and we would hope that these will be the forerunners of many such gatherings. Our thanks to John, who has been the main driving force behind our social activities this year, and his efforts have been most appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank David Yunghams for generously donating a large quantity of food for our Henley Night function.

Mercantile Ladies' Auxiliary

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the splendid support given to the Club by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Besides making substantial donations for the purchase of new equipment, they have on a number of occasions looked after the catering at several large functions.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are as follows:—Mesdames B. Batters, C. Boykett, N. Boykett, T. Boykett, N. Bryan, J. Bradshaw, P. Coleman, P. Corrigan, S. Douglas, J. Fox, O. Garnsworthy, G. Gillon, D. Griffiths, S. Garrard, J. Gross, A. Hogg, L. Hogan, J. Loveless, J. Mollard, P. Maginn, E. McKeown, J. McCall, M. Owen, E. Philp, D. Park, J. Park, T. Sprigg, P. Shanasy, A. Tomanovits, R. Thom and S. Wood.

General

The Committee wishes to thank those members who helped with the fitting out of the new Clubhouse, and in particular, Jim Harvey and David Stirling for providing and installing the notice boards and various other fittings. Ted Sorani has proved himself to be a one-man task force, and

his efforts with the Club's badge, which is now affixed to the outside of the Clubhouse, and his invaluable help with the new boat racks and gymnasium has saved the Club a considerable amount of money.

We wish to thank the following schools and clubs who generously made available their facilities and provided storage space for our fleet, thus removing many of the difficulties we anticipated at the outset of our rebuilding programme:—Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, Scotch College, Banks, Melbourne and Yarra Yarra Rowing Clubs.

The Club History continues to be compiled by Norm Cairnes and Deane Morgan, and we look forward to the results of their labors.

The Anzac Day Service was held in the Clubhouse, with the address being given by Mr. D. Morgan, followed by Mr. J. Seamen laying a wreath in memory of the fallen.

The usual social gatherings between your Committee and the Committee of Banks Rowing Club have continued this year. These meetings help ensure the solidarity of Victorian rowing.

To Bob Fraser we are indebted for the keen interest he takes in the welfare of our fleet whilst it is in transit to the country regattas. Without his services we would have been faced with severe transport problems, and it has become apparent that the Club must investigate the possibility of obtaining a boat trailer in the near future.

Our thanks go to Roger Wilson and John Burford for the excellent camps that they have conducted for our younger members at the Christmas and Easter Regattas. The time and effort put in by these two members would have to be seen to be believed, but we are quite sure that many of our junior members, having experienced how enjoyable these regattas can be, will be back next year due mainly to the efforts of these two members.

Also we would like to thank Mr. Peter Ling, the father of three of our coxswains, for the help he has given by placing cars at our disposal to transport our junior members to the country regattas.

The soft drink machine is again operating under the guidance of Les Ayres and David Palfreyman, thus helping to swell the Club's funds.

During the year the Club received from D. & W. Murray (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. three handsome trophies which had been in the firm's possession for over half a century and are relics of the days when the Flinders Lane warehouses used to do battle on the Yarra. We are very proud that these historic relics of Victorian rowing have found a permanent home in our shed, and offer our thanks to the management of D. & W. Murray (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., whose Manager, Mr. Craw, was kind enough to make the effort to visit the Club one Sunday morning to officially hand over the trophies.

We thank the Clubs who have been host to our crews away on trips, namely Mildura Rowing Club, Wendouree Rowing Club and Yarrowonga Rowing Club.

The Club has been fortunate to have an excellent group of coxswains this year, and we would like to express our appreciation to the following:—M. Connolly, T. Corrigan, C. Jones, J. Ling, N. Ling, T. Ling, A. Maginn, G. Reid and S. Tulloh.

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

The Victorian Rowing Association has conducted an excellent series of regattas throughout the season. Special mention should be made of Mr. P. J. Thompson, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, who has retired after four years' service.

The Licensed Officials Panel has again made a great contribution to the smooth running of regattas during the season. Any of the Clubs retired oarsmen who feel that they could participate in this important part of rowing administration should contact the Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association, Mr. W. Waterfield.

Mrs. Sprigg has again been the driving force behind E.M.M.A., and the funds raised by the sale of surplus containers constitute a very important part of the Club's income. Members are asked to bring their empties when visiting the Clubhouse and support E.M.M.A.

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. K. Boykett for allowing Club crews to use his coxed pair, the "Izingari", during the season.

The A.B.C. and Commercial Stations have continued to give rowing excellent publicity through radio and television coverage. We thank them and also Messrs. W. R. B. Todd and S. H. Newcomb for their endeavours per medium of the press.

The Club has been pleased to house crews from St. Kevin's College and University High School, and appreciate the co-operation of the respective rowing coaches and rowing masters.

We were very happy to welcome Tom McKay to our Memorial Section just before Christmas. We found after a somewhat lengthy absence that Tom had not altered. It would appear that the sea atmosphere of the Northern Coast agrees with him.

Our old friend Colin Thompson, on leave from Suva, found time to visit members at the Clubhouse. He was surprised and impressed by the rebuilding activities, and is hopeful of making a return visit in the near future.

Both Rob Connolly and Bob Lachal returned on three months' leave from the wilds of New Guinea.

Among the many visitors to our Henley function was Bob Lee, and it would appear that the combination of farming and married life are doing him the world of good.

The following members were married during the season and we offer them our best wishes:—Rod Cummings, Penry Green, John Harry, Tim Hogan, Peter Knowles, Bob Lee and Mike McKenna.

We congratulate the following members who have increased the size of their families during the season:—Tony Cordell, Peter Downey, Jim Hughan, Laurie Moll, David Palfreyman, Martin Tomanovits and Roger Wilson.

It is with regret that we record the passing of several staunch Mercantilians, and the sport is the poorer for their passing:—G. Charge, A. Duncan, W. Potter, S. Stewart and G. Stooke. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

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

To our President, Mr. J. G. H. Sprigg, the Committee most sincerely wish to convey thanks for his unfailing encouragement and sound 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-President is surely the very foundation of our Club.

Conclusion

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

For and on behalf of the Committee,

P. K. WATKIN,
Hon. Secretary.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1970-71

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Aitken, R. R.
Cairnes, N. W.
Lindblade, A. G.

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Picken, J. H.
*Potter, W.

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Thursfield, R. W.
Williams, M. S.

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Blair, R.
Blaxland, A. W.
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Bourke, J.
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Boykett, G. H.
Boykett, K. H.
Boykett, P. H.
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Gibbs, P.
Gibson, A. D. C.
Gibson, D.
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Hughan, J. R.
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Jones, P. L. V.
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Mollard, S. F.
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Reinher, J. K.
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Richardson, R. H.
Richardson, S. G.
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Rush, H. R.
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Shears, T. W.
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Thom, J. J.
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Turnbull, W.
Tynan, J. D.
Vautin, W.
Walker, H. J. R.
Wallace, W.
Watkin, P. K.
Weatherhead, R.
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Wilson, R. B.
Wilson, W. I.
Wood, P. V.
Yunghanns, D. J.

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Atkins, A. H. C.
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Hyett, G. S.
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Curtis, R.
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Durance, K. F.

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Fraser, L. A.
Grace, G.
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Horkings, T.
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Jones, C.
Kennelly, E. J.
Kerran, J. A.
Lusink, C.
Maginn, B. A.

Maginn, P.
Millikan, P.
Mitchell, D.
Mollard, J. J.
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Owen, M. F.
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Rocka, P.
Wilson, N. D.
Wilson, R. N.

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Crighton, D. J.
Crosby, W. F.
Cunningham, P.
Epstein, G. H.
Foley, J. E.

Fosdick, L. V.
Hawes, M.
Jamieson, B.
Leggett, E. P.
Lewis, J.
Longmuir, I.
Newcomb, Capt. H. M.
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Palfreyman, D. B.
Robertson, J. N.
Rodda, T.

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Seammen, J. W.
Searle, N. M.
Shears, E.
Spark, J. M.
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Thomas, R.
Ward, C. H. M.
Wilkinson, C. V. H.
Wylie, W. J.

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COUNTRY MEMBERS

Adamson, K. N.	Ferguson, J. M.	McArthur, A. H.
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		Wilson, G. W.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Doerner, H.	Lachal, R. P.	Schellenberg, O.
Fogarty, M.	McDougall, A.	Voss-Smith, D.
Fyffe, R. A.	Naughton, B.	Warren, M.
Hutchins, W.	Pearce, J. M.	Wimble, A. R.
Knowles, R.		

* Deceased.

OBITUARIES

W. POTTER

Billy Potter was born in Bairnsdale in 1872, and when a young man moved to Melbourne. He joined Mercantile in the early 90's and won many Club and regatta races.

By 1897 he had established himself as a leading oarsman and rowed No. 2 in the Club Four that won the State Championship Title in 1897, 1901, 1902 and 1907, these crews being stroked by the Club Captain, A. B. Sloan.

He was a member of the Club crew which won the State Eight-Oared Championship Title in 1897, 1901 and 1908, rowing No. 2 on the first occasion and No. 6 in the later races. He won many senior eight races, perhaps the most outstanding being when he rowed No. 6 to win the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in 1907 and 1908, both these crews being stroked by P. C. Ivens.

On a number of occasions he represented Victoria in interstate rowing before the advent of the King's Cup Races, the most successful of these being in 1898 when Victoria won the Australian Eight-Oared Title in Brisbane and again on the Parramatta in 1901.

This remarkable oarsman retained his form much longer than usual, and records show that he was still representing Victoria in 1908 and 1911, being on both occasions narrowly defeated.

His outstanding success as an oarsman was appreciated by members, who elected him a Life Member.

For several years during the late 1890's he was a playing member of the Fitzroy Football Club.

On his retirement from active rowing he turned to bowls and became a noted player in this competitive sport.

During his sporting career, which lasted many years, he represented Victoria in rifle shooting, rowing, football and bowls.

Billy died in September, 1970, in his 99th year, and we are the poorer for the passing of this legendary Mercantilian.

OBITUARIES (continued)

G. F. STOOKE

The late George Stooke was a good Mercantilian. He was a natural in aquatic sports and as a lad was a first-class swimmer. Among his successes he set a record for the seven-mile swim down the Yarra, which stood for many years.

He later joined Mercantile and competed successfully in maiden and junior events. As a member of the Social Committee, he assisted in organising dances and other social events and participated in full in the life of the Club, including some memorable trips to country regattas.

After his racing days were over he became a keen yachtsman and built himself more than one racing craft.

When World War II. broke out he naturally joined the Navy. Skipping a not very seaworthy craft around the coast of Northern Australia, he was fortunate to escape with moderate injuries from continuous bombing by Japanese planes while evacuating women and children from Portuguese Timor.

Fellow members saw a good deal of him in Darwin, where the Navy mess had considerable liquid advantages over Army messes. Their final encounter with him during the war was on a Liberty ship in Townsville harbour while waiting for a convoy to New Guinea. He came aboard carrying a case, the contents of which were most acceptable on a dry ship.

After the war his health deteriorated due to his service, and necessitated frequent periods in Heidelberg Military Hospital, where he eventually died, most certainly in the service of his country.

S. STEWART

Stan Stewart was interested in rowing during most of his life. He was a very capable and dedicated administrator, and for a number of years was President of Albert Park Rowing Club. Some time after resigning from Park he joined Merchs. and regularly supported the Club at Regatta events. He rarely missed a meeting of the South-West Corner and endeared himself to members by his happy smile and cheery disposition.

Several years ago he suffered a rather severe stroke, from which he did not completely recover.

A. R. DUNCAN

A. R. Duncan, a member of a well-known Victorian rowing family, will mainly be remembered by the older members. For many years he resided and conducted a business in Tokyo. When the Olympic Games were held in that city he extended great hospitality to Australian oarsmen.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1971

	1971	1970
INCOME:		
Subscriptions	\$7,021	\$7,099
Less Amounts written off	1,429	713
	\$5,592	\$6,386
Donations	1,399	1,428
Interest received	74	77
Sundry Income	300	587
	\$7,365	\$8,478
TOTAL INCOME		
EXPENDITURE:		
Depreciation	\$1,975	\$2,268
Entrance Fees—Regattas	98	53
Fire Protection Expenses	102	240
Freight—Country Regattas	162	240
General Expenses	295	247
Insurance	700	427
Interest on Overdraft	806	21
Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates	463	789
Postages	91	117
Printing and Stationery	423	377
Repairs and Maintenance	818	645
Telephone	95	109
Trophies—Club Races	244	247
V.R.A. Dues and Fees	439	450
	\$6,711	\$6,182
SURPLUS		
TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$654	\$2,296
	\$654	\$2,296

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1971

	1971	1970
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:		
Balance 1st May, 1970	\$16,927	\$14,631
Add Net Surplus for year	654	2,296
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	\$17,581	\$16,927
Less Transfer to War Memorial Building Fund ..	2,500	—
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	\$15,081	\$16,927
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CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Trophy Orders Account (see Note 1)	\$4,924	\$4,404
Subscriptions paid in advance	43	86
Sundry Creditors	678	343
Olympic Fund	100	100
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	\$5,745	\$4,933
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	\$20,826	\$21,860
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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1971

	1971	1970
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Bank of New South Wales	\$687	\$146
Cash on Hand	42	—
Subscriptions outstanding	1,485	1,674
Stock on Hand	425	—
Sundry Debtors and Pre-payments	709	1,378
Short Term Unsecured Notes	—	2,000
	\$3,348	\$5,198
 INVESTMENTS (at cost):		
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds—		
V.R.A. Trophy Order Account	\$597	\$597
F. R. Browne Trophy Account	50	50
J. J. Wylie Trophy Account	100	100
	\$747	\$747
 NON CURRENT ASSETS:		
Boat House (at cost)	\$5,201	\$5,201
Club Fittings, at valuation 1/7/69		
(Less Provision for Depreciation)	76	36
Boats (at cost, less depreciation) ..	9,698	8,825
Oars (at valuation)	1,179	1,310
Sundry Assets (at cost, less depreciation)	577	543
	\$16,731	\$15,915
	\$20,826	\$21,860

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that, in my opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement of the Mercantile Rowing Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at 30th April, 1971, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books and records.

P. R. DEVENISH,

Dated at Melbourne, 2nd June, 1970.

Chartered Accountant.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

NOTES ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1971

Note 1.—TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT:

	1971	1970
Balance brought forward 1st May	\$4,404	\$4,138
Add amounts for Trophies awarded	553	345
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	\$4,957	\$4,483
Less Trophy Orders paid	33	79
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Credit Balance forward 30th April	<u>\$4,924</u>	<u>\$4,404</u>

Note 2:

The Receipts and Payments of the War Memorial Building Fund have not been included in these accounts. A separate Audited Receipts and Payments Statement has been prepared.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th April, 1971

	1971
RECEIPTS:	
Balance brought forward	\$1,265.77
Donations	8,401.80
Interest Received	136.21
Redemption of Short Term Deposits	3,500.00
Sale of Etchings of Club Premises	37.25
Transfer from Club Funds	2,500.00
Brighton Grammar School— Payments on account of share in cost of building	8,500.00
Subscriptions credited in error	—
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	\$24,341.03
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PAYMENTS:	
Lawson & Laughlin Pty. Ltd.—Builders	\$38,959.26
V. Alekna—Architect	1,938.00
Bank Interest	85.90
Bank Fees	3.55
Refund of subscription credited in error	40.00
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	\$41,026.71
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Excess of Payments over Receipts	\$16,685.68
Represented by— Overdraft Bank of New South Wales—Special Account.	

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that, in my opinion, the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Mercantile Rowing Club War Memorial Building Fund is properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund at 30th April, 1971, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books and records.

P. R. DEVENISH,

Dated at Melbourne, 2nd June, 1970.

Chartered Accountant.