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ROWING CLUB

MELBOURNE



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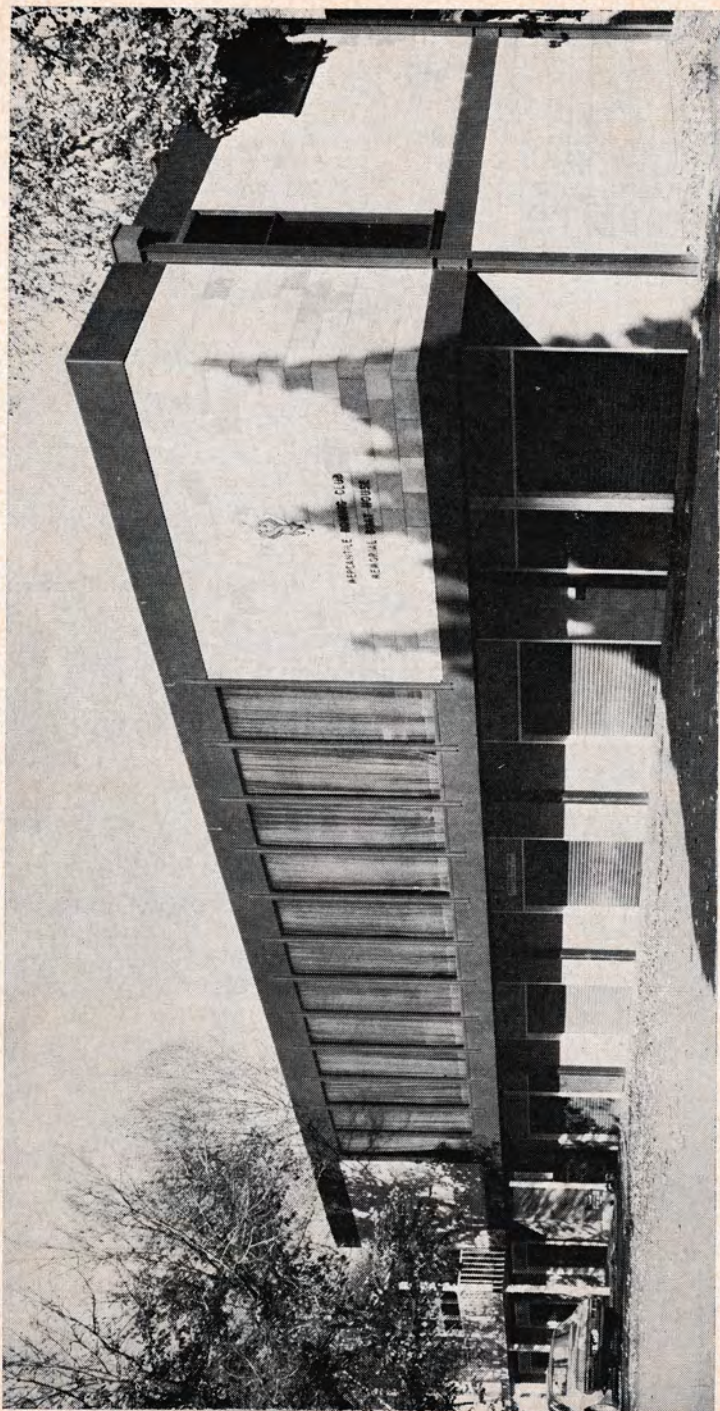
Annual Report

and

Balance Sheet



Season 1971-72



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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,
MELBOURNE, 3004.

1st June, 1972.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 92nd ANNUAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 24th JUNE, 1972, at 8 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 consider a recommendation of the Committee
"That Mr. J. W. BRADSHAW be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club".
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by the Committee:—

"That Sub-Clause (b) of Clause 14 of the Constitution be deleted and the following sub-clause be substituted therefore:—

'(b) Junior Members who are full time students at a secondary or technical school and are not in receipt of any wages, salary or other remuneration for employment, shall upon application to the Committee be entitled to a rebate of \$10.50 in respect of the subscription payable by them. The Committee shall be entitled to require such evidence in support of an application as it thinks fit.

Sub-Clause (a) of this clause shall not apply to a Junior Member who is granted a rebate under this sub-clause.'"

5. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
6. Presentation of Trophies.
7. 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, 17th JUNE, 1972, at 4 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

P. K. WATKIN,

Honorary Secretary.

The Ninety-Second Annual Report

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members,

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 92nd Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April, 1972.

It is very pleasing to be able to report that the Club has regained its place at the top of Victorian rowing, having won both the Senior and 1st Division Junior Premierships for the season, but both Melbourne University and Barwon proved to be too consistent in competition for the Lightweight Premiership.

It is appropriate at this point to make special mention of the fine job done by the Captain, Mr. J. Burford, and no doubt the results achieved by the Club this season are due to his untiring efforts. Now that he has retired, it is our task to follow his signposts which point the way ahead.

From the outset of the season it was quite obvious that the main task confronting the Committee was to embark upon an active recruiting campaign, this resulted in the Club winning a large number of Junior and Maiden races, including both the Victorian Junior Eight and Four-Oared Championships, a fact which augurs well for the future.

At this stage it is worth bringing to the attention of every member the importance of recruiting young oarsmen to our folds. Many of us have contact with young people who attend rowing schools, and it is important that we make a special effort to bring them down to the river and introduce them to club rowing.

Following the Victorian Championships rowed at Ballarat on 8th January, six members of your club were selected in the King's Cup Squad. They were Messrs. G. H. Boykett, D. G. A. Douglas, P. M. Guest, J. R. Harry, A. E. Maginn and D. Palfreyman, while K. Leach was selected to represent Victoria in the President's Cup. The Squad was coached by two members of your Club, Messrs. D. H. Boykett and P. Cayzer.

The King's Cup was won by New South Wales from Western Australia, who incidentally were stroked by former club member George Xouris, with Victoria in third place.

Following the King's Cup Regatta, the New South Wales crew was selected as the basis of the Australian Eight-Oared crew for the Munich Olympic Games and we extend to them our best wishes and hopes for a gold medal performance.

The Penrith Cup was again a triumph for Victoria and we congratulate the crew and their coach Mr. A. L. Gladman on a fine performance.

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

At the conclusion of this season several of the older members of the Executive and Committee will retire from active participation in the Club's affairs, and while they will always be available to help with advice if required, it is their profound hope that from the ranks of our Junior members there will arise new dynamic leaders who, through sincere and inspired service to the Club will re-establish a full measure of its glorious past.

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

Membership

The membership as at the 30th April, 1972, was as follows:—

	1972	1971	1970	1966	1956	1936
LIFE MEMBERS	8	9	10	9	7	9
SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS	134	145	155	174	164	147
SENIOR MEMBERS	27	29	26			
JUNIOR MEMBERS	22	24	39	86	42	48
SCHOOLBOY JUNIOR	47	35	30			
COUNTRY MEMBERS	31	28	27	66	69	20
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	38	33	28			
LEAVE OF ABSENCE	16	13	19			
	<u>323</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>334</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 had been held. Attendances at these meetings have been:—

R. R. Aitken .. .	9	N. W. Cairnes .. .	7	M. F. Owen .. .	5
L. F. Ayres .. .	6	R. A. Curtis .. .	3	D. Palfreyman .. .	10
A. W. Blaxland ..	7	D. G. A. Douglas	5	P. E. M. L. Philp	6
G. H. Boykett .. .	10	S. M. Gillon .. .	8	J. E. Shanasy .. .	8
J. W. Bradshaw ..	8	R. I. Griffiths .. .	7	J. G. H. Sprigg ..	4
J. Burford .. .	8	J. H. Gumley .. .	9	P. K. Watkin .. .	10

Finance

The Club's Balance Sheet has been recast this year to incorporate the Assets and Liabilities of the Memorial Building Fund. The Memorial Club House appears as an asset at \$44,740, being the total expenditure on the building, including the fire alarm system and architect's fees. The share of Brighton Grammar School in this expenditure was \$9,177. The improvements effected by the School are the property of the Club, subject to the occupancy agreement expiring in 1979 and their value has been added to Accumulated Funds.

The Memorial Fund, being members' donations, stands at \$14,544. The Club's revenue for the year increased to \$8,175, which falls short by some \$800 of the figure upon which the Committee based its financial planning for the new Club House. Expenditure at \$8,470 exceeded the budgeted outgoings of \$8,000. In consequence there was a deficit of \$295 against a budgeted surplus of \$1,000.

The bank overdraft has, nevertheless, been reduced as planned. Donations since 30th April have ensured that the Club is ahead of its repayment programme with the bank which will mean that interest commitments in the forthcoming year should be reduced. Further donations which are tax-deductible would be welcome.

Certain items of expenditure increased sharply, particularly entry fees and boat transport. The deficit in entry fees is due largely to the Club's endeavour to enter as many crews as possible in an ever increasing number of regattas. Entries usually close well in advance and a certain amount of scratching is inevitable.

Your Committee is confident that with a careful control of expenditure and the full support by all members of the Club's social functions, we can provide \$2,000 per annum for boat replacement and \$1,000 per annum for overdraft reductions as planned.

In addition, members are being advised in a circular accompanying this report of a new "Tributors' Scheme" which your Committee hopes will provide a novel and stimulating way of supplementing the Club's revenue.

Donations

The Club is extremely grateful to the following persons for their generous donations which form such an important part of the Club's revenue:—Messrs. R. R. Aitken, G. Ansell, W. N. Bailey, N. W. Cairnes, A. W. Dobbie, D. R. Morell, Estate J. L. Mounsey, J. H. Picken, S. G. Richardson, J. N. Robertson, W. G. Ross, R. T. Rush, J. G. H. Sprigg, P. K. Watkin, M. S. Williams, Anonymous.

Boats and Oars

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

Eights		Fours	
Racing:		Racing:	
David Boykett (1964) — good.		Caltex & Dealers (1964) — fair.	
S. H. Newcomb (1966) — fair.		J. J. Wylie (1964) — fair.	
J. G. Sprigg (1968) — good.		Sir Bernard Evans (1966) — fair.	
R. R. Aitken (1971) — good.		The First Lady (1968) — good.	
Practice:		Ricky Loveless (1970) — good.	
R. W. Thursfield (1961) — poor.		Tub:	
	Pairs	E. K. Varcoe (1951) — poor.	
Racing:		M. S. Williams (1951) — fair.	
Keith Bilney (1964) — fair.		Deane Morgan (1961) — fair.	
Bill Bradshaw (1967) — fair.		Sculls	
W. T. Morrison (1971) — good.		Tub:	
Tub:		Wal Turnbull (1964) — poor.	
Dr. R. A. Cooper (1961) — fair.		Motor Boat	
Paul Harding (1962) — fair.		Motor and hull in good condition.	

The Committee is greatly concerned at the high cost of new equipment which has escalated at an alarming rate during the past 12 months, and when it is realised that the Club's income is to all intents and purposes fixed, members will readily appreciate how serious this problem may become. This situation was further aggravated by large repair bills which were forced upon the Club after the "Bill Bradshaw" and "S. H. Newcomb" were extensively damaged when severe wind storms disrupted both the Morwell and Colac Regattas.

The only new boat purchased during the year was the "W. T. Morrison", a best and best coxed pair. This boat has a special removable section so that it may also be used as a coxless pair. Two new sets of racing oars were purchased during the season, one of these having been constructed especially for lightweight oarsmen.

The Committee wishes to express their gratitude to several of our older coxswains who, under the guidance of Mark Connolly, carried out extensive repairs to the hull of the Club's motor boat.

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, A. Blaxland, D. H. Boykett, J. Burford, N. W. Cairnes, P. Cayzer, H. Frederico, R. Griffiths, J. Gumley, P. Jones, K. McConville, J. McDavitt, M. McKenna, P. Watkin, L. Williams and R. Wilson.

We need coaches for the coming season and members who feel they can help with coaching crews are requested to discuss this matter with the Captain.

Boathouse

Mr. J. Shanasy again chaired the Sub-Committee this year, and he has had his time cut out attending to the general maintenance required throughout the clubhouse. As in previous years this Committee has been responsible for cleaning the clubhouse, and we would ask that all members co-operate in this regard.

Head of the River

Our congratulations go to Wesley College and their coach Mr. A. W. Mitchell for winning the 1972 Head of the River rowed on the Barwon River on 8th April.

Messrs. P. Ainsworth, J. Bourke, D. Boykett, G. Boykett, P. Davies, R. Easson, H. Frederico, G. Johnson, J. Ling, A. Monger, M. Owen, P. Philp, R. Pirani, P. Renouf and P. Watkin 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 14th April.

Australian Championships

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

New South Wales, 1st; Western Australia, 2nd; Victoria (D. B. Bishop [bow], D. M. Michelmore [2], K. P. Jelbart [3], W. J. Baillieu [4], J. R. Harry [5], G. H. Boykett [6], P. M. Guest [7], D. Palfreyman [stroke], A. E. Maginn [cox], D. H. Boykett and P. Cayzer [coaches], D. G. A. Douglas and E. C. Vahl Meyer [emergencies]), 3. Time, 6.53.4.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.—Australian Sculling Championship:

New South Wales (I. R. Lee), 1st; Victoria (K. Leach), 2nd; Tasmania (E. Hale), 3rd. Time, 8.16.2.

PENRITH CUP.—Australian Lightweight Four-Oared Championship:

Victoria (A. L. Hart [bow], J. R. Sykes [2], A. G. McKinley [3], T. C. Johnston [stroke], R. England [cox], A. L. Gladman [coach], P. A. Armitage [emergency]), 1st; New South Wales, 2nd; South Australia, 3. Time, 7.48.6.

National Regatta

Petrie, 1-3/4/72.

The venue for the National Regatta was Lake Kurwongbah at Petrie, 15 miles from Brisbane.

It was hoped that Mercantile would have a large contingent at Petrie, but owing to the long and expensive trip involved, only two members of your Club competed, one being Pat McNamara, who finished a very creditable second in the Australian Junior Sculling Championship, while Dick Garrard, who has been competing for Barwon Rowing Club during the season, recorded a very fine win in the Australian Coxed Pair-Oared Championship.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of our younger coxswains Tim Ling who coxed the Barwon crew to victory at Petrie.

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

COXED FOUR.—1st, Haberfield Composite; 2nd, Joondalup (W.A.); 3rd, Adelaide University. Time, 6.18.

COXED PAIR.—1st, Barwon; 2nd, Torrens; 3rd, Lindisfarne. Time, 7.23.2.

COXLESS PAIR.—1st, Sydney; 2nd, Haberfield-Mosman; 3rd, Corio Bay. Time, 6.50.2.

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT.—1st, Melbourne University; 2nd Drummoyne; 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 6.0.6.

LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS FOUR.—1st, Haberfield; 2nd, Drummoyne; 3rd, Barwon. Time, 6.32.1.

- LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS PAIR.—1st, Balmain; 2nd, Haberfield; 3rd, Melbourne University. Time, 7.10.1.
- LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL.—1st, Sydney; 2nd, Queensland University; 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 7.24.4.
- JUNIOR EIGHT.—1st, Sydney University; 2nd, Mosman; 3rd, Lindisfarne. Time, 6.1.8.
- JUNIOR COXED FOUR.—1st, Nepean; 2nd, Sydney University; 3rd, Wendouree. Time, 6.43.9.
- JUNIOR SINGLE SCULL.—1st, Sydney University; 2nd, Mercantile (P. McNamara); 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 7.49.5.

State Championships

Eight-Oared

- SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 8th January, 1972. Won by Sydney-Composite. The Club was represented by R. Drummond (bow), J. Shanasy (2), D. Douglas (3), S. Gillon (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), P. Guest (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches). Mercantile finished in second position, thus being the first Victorian crew to cross the finishing line.
- JUNIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 19th February, 1972. Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. The Club was represented by C. Williams (bow), P. Benjamin (2), J. Briggs (3), P. McNamara (4), B. Parmenter (5), R. Dawson (6), H. Sorg (7), R. Hochstrasser (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach).
- LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 13th March, 1972. Won by M.U.B.C. The Club was represented by J. Cracknall (bow), J. Williams (2), P. O'Brien (3), P. Scanes (4), P. Maginn (5), P. Ainsworth (6), T. Hogan (7), D. Johns (stroke), T. Ling (cox), P. Watkin (coach).

Four-Oared

- SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 13th March, 1972. Won by Monash University. The Club was represented by P. Philip (bow), J. Shanasy (2), S. Gillon (3), R. Hochstrasser (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), H. Frederico (coach).
- JUNIOR.—Rowed at Geelong, 11th December, 1971. Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. The Club was represented by H. Sorg (bow), P. Holzer (2), B. Parmenter (3), R. Dawson (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach).
- LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 8th January, 1972. Won by Barwon Rowing Club. The Club was represented by T. Hogan (bow), P. Maginn (2), R. Cummings (3), P. O'Brien (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), J. Burford and P. Watkin (coaches).

Pair-Oared

- SENIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 13th March, 1972. Won by Barwon Rowing Club. The Club was not represented in this event.
- JUNIOR.—Rowed at Ballarat, 13th March, 1972. Won by Barwon Rowing Club. The Club was represented by P. Benjamin (bow), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), R. Wilson (coach).
- LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR.—Rowed at Geelong, 11th December, 1971. Won by Footscray City Rowing Club. The Club was not represented in this event.

Single Sculls

SENIOR.—Held at Ballarat, 8th January, 1972. Won by K. Leach of Mercantile Rowing Club for the second year in succession.
LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR.—Held at Geelong, 11th December, 1971. Won by J. R. Sykes of Corio Bay. The Club was not represented in this event.

Regattas

Metropolitan Novice Regatta — 7th August, 1971

OPEN PAIR.—J. Shanasy (bow), G. Boykett (stroke), M. Hess (cox), won this event.

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

Footscray Novice Regatta — 21st August, 1971

MAIDEN FOUR.—R. Ironmonger (bow), C. Williams (2), P. Benjamin (3), J. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox) won this event.

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

Preston Regatta — 9th October, 1971

OPEN FOUR.—J. Shanasy (bow), D. Douglas (2), P. Guest (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches) won this event.

OPEN PAIR.—L. Ayres (bow), P. Philp (stroke), N. Ling (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches) won this event.

MAIDEN FOUR.—I. Thwaites (bow), M. Tucker (2), P. Benjamin (3), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

MAIDEN PAIR.—P. Benjamin (bow), C. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), P. Watkin (coach) won this event.

NOVICE PAIR.—G. Blackwell (bow), G. Butt (stroke), C. Cherry (cox) won this event.

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

Metropolitan Novice Regatta — 16th October, 1971

NOVICE PAIR.—G. Blackwell (bow), G. Butt (stroke), C. Cherry (cox) won this event.

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

Banks Regatta — 23rd October, 1971

OPEN SPRINT EIGHTS.—R. Drummond (bow), S. Gillon (2), D. Douglas (3), J. Shanasy (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), P. Guest (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches) won this event.

NOVICE PAIR.—G. Blackwell (bow), G. Butt (stroke), C. Cherry (cox) won this event.

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

Morwell Regatta — 13th November, 1971

SENIOR PAIR.—P. Philp (bow), L. Ayres (stroke), N. Ling (cox) won this event.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

JUNIOR FOUR.—S. Shanasy (bow), P. Holzer (2), B. Parmenter (3), R. Dawson (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—P. Scanes (bow), G. McConville (2), I. Shaw (3), J. Cracknall (4), P. McNamara (5), J. Briggs (6), R. Curtis (7), F. Brien (stroke), A. Butt (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

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

Dimboola Regatta — 20th November, 1971

MAIDEN EIGHT.—P. Scanes (bow), G. McConville (2), I. Shaw (3), J. Cracknall (4), P. McNamara (5), J. Briggs (6), R. Curtis (7), F. Brien (stroke), A. Butt (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

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

V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta — 27th November, 1971

SENIOR EIGHT.—R. Drummond (bow), J. Shanasy (2), D. Douglas (3), S. Gillon (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), P. Guest (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches) won this event.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

JUNIOR FOUR.—H. Sorg (bow), P. Holzer (2), B. Parmenter (3), R. Dawson (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—G. McConville (bow), P. Scanes (2), I. Shaw (3), J. Cracknall (4), P. McNamara (5), J. Briggs (6), R. Curtis (7), F. Brien (stroke), A. Butt (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

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

Upper Yarra Regatta — 4th December, 1971

SENIOR PAIR.—P. Philp (bow), L. Ayres (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), R. Aitken (coach) won this event.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

JUNIOR FOUR.—H. Sorg (bow), P. Holzer (2), B. Parmenter (3), R. Dawson (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—G. McConville (bow), P. Scanes (2), I. Shaw (3), J. Cracknall (4), P. McNamara (5), J. Briggs (6), R. Curtis (7), F. Brien (stroke), A. Butt (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

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

Geelong Championship Regatta — 11th December, 1971

SENIOR EIGHT.—R. Drummond (bow), J. Shanasy (2), D. Douglas (3), S. Gillon (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), P. Guest (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches) won this event.

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

V.R.A. Metric Regatta — 18th December, 1971

SENIOR EIGHT.—R. Drummond (bow), J. Shanasy (2), D. Douglas (3), S. Gillon (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), P. Guest (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), D. Boykett and P. Cayzer (coaches) won this event.



—Photo by courtesy of J. Gumley.

K. LEACH

Winner Victorian Sculling Championship, Ballarat, 1972.



—Photo by courtesy of J. Gumley.

SENIOR FOUR

Winners Stewards' Challenge Cup, Henley Regatta, 1972.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

JUNIOR FOUR.—H. Sorg (bow), P. Holzer (2), B. Parmenter (3), R. Dawson (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—G. McConville (bow), P. Scanes (2), I. Shaw (3), J. Cracknall (4), P. McNamara (5), J. Briggs (6), R. Curtis (7), F. Brien (stroke), A. Butt (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

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

Nagambie Regatta — 27th December, 1971

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

NOVICE EIGHT.—S. Hollywood (bow), T. Mulder (2), I. Holyman (3), G. Butt (4), D. Parton (5), L. Fraser (6), J. McCaffrey (7), A. Hunt (stroke), R. Bacon (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

NOVICE FOUR.—S. Trahair (bow), N. Hoppe (2), W. Athorne (3), M. Byrne (stroke), R. Jones (cox), J. McDavitt (coach) won this event.

NOVICE PAIR.—I. Holyman (bow), M. La Roche (stroke), N. Ling (cox), won this event.

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

Rutherglen Regatta — 1st January, 1972

OPEN EIGHT.—H. Sorg (bow), I. Thwaites (2), R. Price (3), P. Benjamin (4), B. Parmenter (5), C. Williams (6), R. Garrard (7), R. Fitch (stroke), T. Ling (cox) won this event.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—H. Sorg (bow), I. Thwaites (2), R. Price (3), P. McNamara (4), P. Benjamin (5), J. Briggs (6), B. Parmenter (7), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

MAIDEN EIGHT.—R. Holst (bow), B. Donaldson (2), K. Durance (3), J. Bolton (4), G. Grace (5), T. Horkings (6), S. Butler (7), J. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. McKenna (coach) won this event.

LIGHTWEIGHT MAIDEN PAIR.—R. Curtis (bow), J. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox) won this event.

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

Yarrowonga Regatta — 3rd January, 1972

MAIDEN EIGHT.—R. Holst (bow), B. Donaldson (2), K. Durance (3), J. Bolton (4), G. Grace (5), T. Horkings (6), S. Butler (7), J. Williams (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. McKenna (coach) won this event.

NOVICE EIGHT.—S. Hollywood (bow), T. Mulder (2), I. Holyman (3), G. Butt (4), D. Parton (5), L. Fraser (6), J. McCaffrey (7), A. Hunt (stroke), T. Ling (cox), R. Wilson (coach) won this event.

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

Ballarat Championship Regatta — 8th January, 1972

JUNIOR EIGHT.—H. Sorg (bow), I. Thwaites (2), R. Price (3), P. McNamara (4), P. Benjamin (5), R. Hochstrasser (6), B. Parmenter (7), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

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



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CHAMPION JUNIOR FOUR
Winners Victorian Junior Four-Oared Championship, Geelong, 1971.

Victorian Universities' Regatta — 22nd January, 1972

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—J. Briggs (bow), H. Sorg (2), I. Edmondson (3), (4), P. Benjamin (5), R. Hochstrasser (6), B. Parmenter (7), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

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

Footscray Regatta — 29th January, 1972

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

OPEN EIGHT.—W. Hutchins (bow), R. Dawson (2), M. Kerin (3), L. Ayres (4), J. Shanasy (5), R. Drummond (6), M. Tomanovits (7), R. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), H. Frederico (coach) won this event.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—H. Sorg (bow), P. Benjamin (2), J. Briggs (3), I. Edmondson (4), P. McNamara (5), R. Hochstrasser (6), B. Parmenter (7), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

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

Albert Park Regatta — 31st January, 1972

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

OPEN EIGHT.—W. Hutchins (bow), R. Dawson (2), M. Kerin (3), L. Ayres (4), J. Shanasy (5), R. Drummond (6), M. Tomanovits (7), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), H. Frederico (coach) won this event.

LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR EIGHT.—J. Cracknall (bow), R. Curtis (2), P. O'Brien (3), P. Scanes (4), P. Maginn (5), P. Ainsworth (6), T. Hogan (7), D. Johns (stroke), T. Ling (cox), P. Watkin (coach) won this event.

JUNIOR EIGHT.—H. Sorg (bow), P. Benjamin (2), J. Briggs (3), I. Edmondson (4), P. McNamara (5), R. Hochstrasser (6), B. Parmenter (7), C. Williams (stroke), C. Jones (cox), K. McConville (coach) won this event.

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

Colac Regatta — 12th February, 1972

Owing to inclement weather this regatta had to be abandoned.

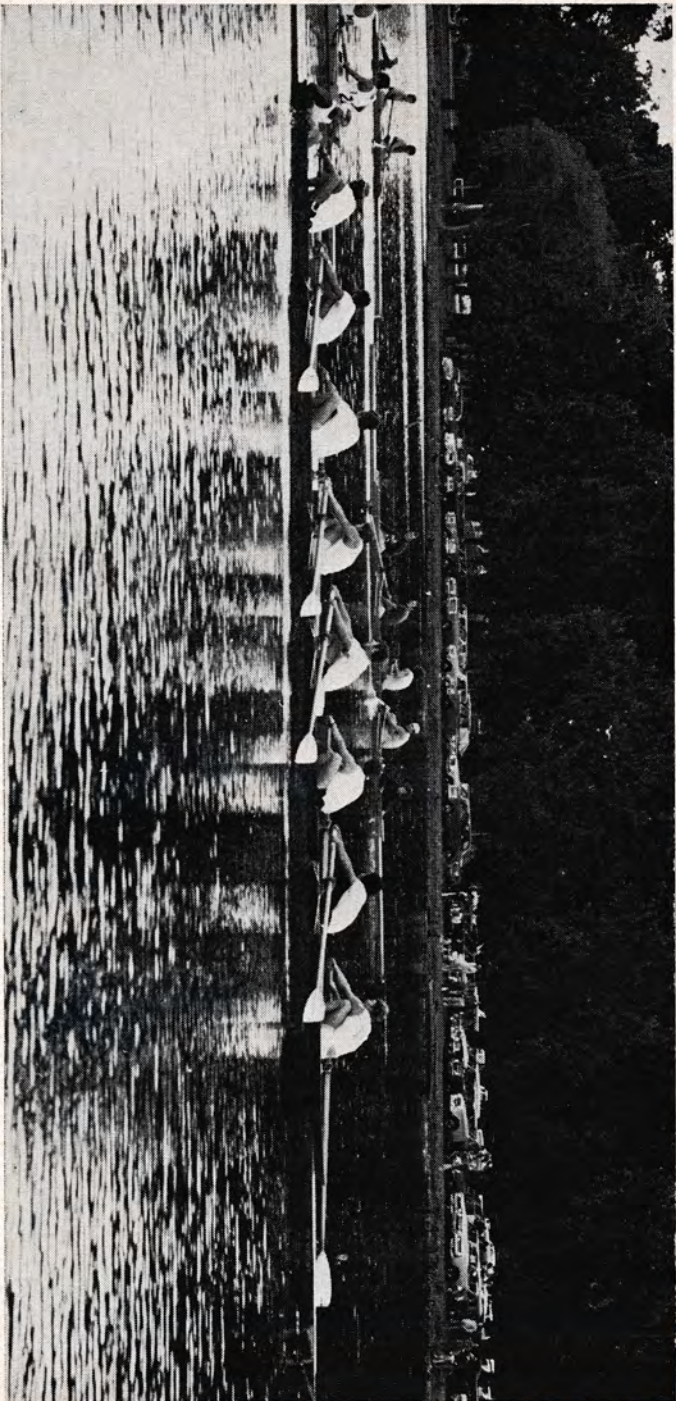
Ballarat Regatta — 19th February, 1972

SENIOR EIGHT.—W. Hutchins (bow), V. Mulder (2), M. Kerin (3), L. Ayres (4), J. Shanasy (5), R. Drummond (6), S. Gillon (7), P. Philp (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), H. Frederico (coach) won this event.

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR EIGHT.—J. Cracknall (bow), J. Williams (2), P. O'Brien (3), P. Scanes (4), P. Maginn (5), P. Ainsworth (6), T. Hogan (7), D. Johns (stroke), T. Ling (cox), P. Watkin (coach) won this event.

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



CHAMPION JUNIOR EIGHT
Winners Victorian Junior Eight-Oared Championship, Ballarat, 1972.

—Photo by courtesy of J. Gumley.

Barwon Regatta — 26th February, 1972

LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR EIGHT.—J. Cracknall (bow), J. Williams (2), P. O'Brien (3), P. Scanes (4), P. Maginn (5), P. Ainsworth (6), T. Hogan (7), D. Johns (stroke), T. Ling (cox), P. Watkin (coach) won this event.

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

Henley Regatta — 4th March, 1972

SENIOR FOUR.—P. Philp (bow), J. Shanasy (2), S. Gillon (3), R. Hochstrasser (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), H. Frederico (coach) won this event.

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

Yea Regatta — 11th March, 1972

The Club was represented by a Novice Four at the above regatta.

Ballarat Championship Regatta — 13th March, 1972

The Club was represented by a Junior Eight at the above regatta.

Head of the Yarra — 18th March, 1972

OPEN SECTION.—M. Kerin (bow), P. Philp (2), L. Ayres (3), R. Drummond (4), J. Harry (5), G. Boykett (6), S. Gillon (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), won this section in the record time of 28 minutes 30 seconds.

The Club was also represented in the Intermediate and Veterans' sections.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta — 25th March, 1972

SENIOR SCULL.—K. Leach won this event.

NOVICE EIGHT.—J. Ling (bow), J. Wilson (2), J. Harris (3), W. Athorne (4), J. Penfold (5), M. Byrne (6), J. Midgley (7), J. van Veendaal (stroke), N. Ling (cox), M. McKenna (coach) won this event. It is worthy of note that our novice eight had to survive a dead-heat in the final of the above event before their efforts were rewarded with a fine win.

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

Mildura Regatta — 1st April, 1972

NOVICE FOUR.—G. Blackwell (bow), J. Wilson (2), A. Williams (3), B. Morrison (stroke), M. Connolly (cox), P. Watkin (coach) won this event.

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

Wentworth Regatta — 3rd April, 1972

The Club was represented in the following events at the above regatta:—Junior Four, Lightweight Maiden Pair, Novice Eight and Novice Four.

Premiership Points

SENIOR.—Mercantile, 66; M.U.B.C., 37; Monash University, 36; Barwon, 14; South Melbourne, 10; Yarra Yarra, 9; Corio Bay, 4; Rutherglen, 2.

JUNIOR FIRST DIVISION.—Mercantile, 190; Hawthorn, 102; Bendigo, 82; Corio Bay, 56; Power House, 54; Banks, 50; Barwon, 49; Wendouree, 42; M.U.B.C., 40; Yarra Yarra 26.

JUNIOR SECOND DIVISION.—Footscray, 36; Monash University, 16; South Melbourne, 14; Albert Park, 12; Warrnambool, 12; Essendon, 10; Colac, 8; Corowa, 8; Preston, 8; Rutherglen, 8; Richmond, 6; Wahgunyah, 6; Ballarat, 4; Ballarat City, 4; Dimboola, 4; Latrobe University, 4; Melbourne, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—M.U.B.C., 52; Barwon, 36; Mercantile, 26; Corio Bay, 22; Power House, 22; Melbourne, 14; Footscray, 8; Wahgunyah, 8; Wendouree, 8; Bendigo, 6; Hawthorn, 6; South Melbourne, 2.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The 14th Annual Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was conducted in perfect weather over the Henley Course on Saturday, 25th March, 1972. The entries were again very pleasing with a record 1,302 oarsmen competing. The Club was again indebted to Mr. J. W. Bradshaw for the smooth running of this regatta.

The Regatta Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who acted as officials and despatch stewards at this year's regatta.

This year's Regatta Committee was composed of the following people:—Mr. R. R. Aitken (Chairman), Mr. J. W. Bradshaw (Secretary), Mr. V. G. Mulder (Treasurer), Messrs. L. Ayres, D. Boykett, J. Burford, N. Cairnes, E. Davidson, S. Gillon, D. Morgan, W. Nash, J. Shanasy and P. Watkin.

Club Races

Guinn Memorial Pairs — 6th June, 1971

Once again our thanks go to an anonymous member for donating the trophies for this tub pair race conducted on the Princes Bridge Course. Fifteen crews competed.

The successful crew was P. Benjamin (bow), M. Owen (stroke), A. Bennett (cox).

A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours — 28th August, 1971

This race, held annually on Ladies' Day to honour the memory of a former President of the Club, was won by R. Redman (bow), H. Scurfield (2), B. Parmenter (3), R. Curtis (stroke), T. Ling (cox).

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

J. G. Sprigg Time Trial

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

The winning crew was A. Blaxland (bow), J. Williams (2), P. Benjamin (3), C. Williams (4), R. Redman (5), D. Douglas (6), S. Shanasy (7), D. Palfreyman (stroke), M. Connolly (cox).

The winning time was 28 minutes 7.2 seconds.

Stonk-Moose Time Trial

The winning crew was J. Ling (bow), P. Ainsworth (2), P. Maginn (3), M. Owen (stroke), T. Ling (cox).

The winning time was 23 minutes 53.5 seconds.

Twelve 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 — 19th December, 1971

This was again a very popular event with 15 crews competing.

The final was won by S. Hollywood (Mercs.), bow; A. Maginn (Mercs.), 2; H. Sorg (Mercs.), 3; W. Hutchins (Mercs.), 4; I. Thwaites (Mercs.), 5; J. Briggs (Mercs.), 6; L. Payne (M.U.B.C.), 7; F. Brien (Mercs.), stroke; M. Connolly (Mercs.), cox.

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

Picken-Williams Eights — 16th April, 1972

This event was conducted over the Princes Bridge Course, with 12 crews competing.

The final was won by J. Murphy (Melbourne), bow; M. Connolly (Mercs.), 2; S. Hollywood (Mercs.), 3; G. Duggan (Melbourne), 4; L. Woodhouse (Richmond), 5; J. Major (Banks), 6; R. Redman (Mercs.); 7; A. Oakley (M.U.B.C.), stroke; N. Ling (Mercs.), cox.

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

The Committee has been pleased with the support given by the rowing fraternity to our combination events this season, and we would hope that this will herald a re-awakening of support for this kind of event.

Trophies

Captain's Trophy.—This trophy is presented to the member who has entered and won most Regatta and Club races during the season. Our congratulations go to Brian Parmenter, 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 Brian Parmenter, who has won the trophy 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 Greg Butt, to whom we extend our congratulations.

Max Bailey Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for champion coxswain has been won by Clive Jones, 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 for the season. The award has been made to Chris Cherry, 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 Paul Maginn, and we congratulate him on his efforts.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day.—Once again we were able to witness an excellent day's rowing with seven crews competing in the A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours. Our thanks go to Stephen Gillon and Peter Philp for their excellent organization of afternoon tea and the way in which they entertained our many guests.

Annual Dinner (3rd September, 1971).—The Dinner was held at The Dorchester and was probably one of the most successful held in recent years. Mr. H. Elliott was our Guest Speaker, who delighted those present with his recollections of events in which he was involved during his distinguished athletic career.

“Chicken and Champagne Night” (4th December, 1971).—This highly successful function was held in the Clubhouse and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. This night required an enormous amount of hard work to get it off the ground and we are indebted to Peter Philip for providing us with a most enjoyable evening.

Several smaller gatherings were held in the Clubhouse during the year after regattas on the Yarra, and they fulfilled a very important function by allowing members and their wives and girlfriends to gather in convivial surroundings at the river.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the ladies to attend these after regatta gatherings in the Clubhouse.

Squash

During the year the Committee agreed to a proposal to affiliate the Club with the Squash Rackets' Association of Victoria. The Committee considered that the inclusion of squash as an adjunct to rowing activities would provide useful out of season training for active oarsmen, and an interesting area of activity for members who may no longer be actively engaged in rowing.

The facilities of Albert Park have been made available by the Association and two teams have been entered in the Winter Pennant series as follows:—

E Grade.—R. R. Aitken, R. I. Griffiths, D. Johns, K. Leach and J. Burford.

E Reserve.—G. Park, P. Renouf, R. Pirani, V. Mulder, A. Darker and B. Gross.

The E Grade team, after approximately half the season, is second on the premiership ladder. The E Reserve team has not as yet been so successful.

Ron Griffiths is in charge of this activity and those interested should get in touch with him. Club members participating are responsible for all fees involved.

Mercantile Ladies' Auxiliary

Once again the Ladies' Auxiliary has given the Club invaluable support through out the season, culminating with their mammoth effort at the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta, and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation of their efforts.

At the moment their pet project is to raise enough money to provide the Club with a much needed boat trailer.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are as follows:—Mesdames J. Loveless (President), J. Bradshaw (Secretary), S. Wood (Treasurer), D. Bailey, C. Boykett, N. Boykett, T. Boykett, N. Bryan, M. Burford, P. Coleman, P. Corrigan, S. Douglas, S. Garrard, O. Garnsworthy, A. Hogg, P. Maginn, E. McKeown, P. Philp and P. Shanasy.

The Committee would like to bring to the attention of all interested parties that the ladies are eager to recruit new members to their ranks, and any of the members' wives, or mothers of competing oarsmen who are interested are asked to contact the Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Jean Bradshaw, on 96-4504.

General

The Committee wishes to thank all those members who have helped with the many small jobs which required attention to finally complete the rebuilding of the Clubhouse, and in particular Ted Sorani, who is in the process of constructing a rowing machine which will be invaluable as a coaching aid.

We have been pleased to welcome to our fold a contingent of oarsmen from Great Britain, namely Brian Parmenter and Peter Scanes, together with Rudy Hochstrasser, Peter Holzer and Hans Sorg from Switzerland, all of whom have competed with great success during the season.

Once again Roger Wilson has conducted our Christmas and Easter camps and no doubt the success of these ventures has been due mainly to his efforts.

While on the subject of country regattas, we were again very fortunate to have the services of Bob Fraser to organise the cartage of our fleet and the Committee would like to place on record their appreciation of his services. Also, we were very thankful to Jim Cracknall who looked after our fleet at Easter while Bob was away in Brisbane at the National Regatta.

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.

The Anzac Day Service was held in the Clubhouse and the Rev. Donald Macrae conducted the service, followed by Mr. David Stirling laying a wreath in memory of the fallen.

The Club History continues to be compiled by Norm Cairnes and Deane Morgan. As we approach the end of our first 100 years, it is important to realise that many of the stories of different characters and events that happened along the way, and there were many, are stored with a multitude of other stories, some humorous, some serious, in the minds of those members who saw them occur. It is therefore important that these events be recorded on paper and handed to the Secretary so that they will not be lost forever, and one day as it surely will be, when the history of this Club is written, the information will be available to be recorded for posterity.

The soft drink machine continued to operate and make a profit under the guidance of Les Ayres and David Palfreyman.

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

The Club has again been fortunate to have an excellent group of coxswains this year, and the Committee would like to express their appreciation to the following:—R. Bacon, A. Bennett, A. Butt, C. Cherry, M. Connolly, C. Jones, R. Jones, M. Leggett, N. Ling, T. Ling and A. Maginn.

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.

The Licensed Officials Panel has again made a great contribution to the smooth running of regattas during the season. Any of the club's 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.

We are again indebted to Mrs. Sprigg who was 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.

During the season our President Mr. J. G. H. Sprigg travelled overseas to spread the fame of Mercantile and invite oarsmen from around the world to visit the "Mecca" of rowing and taste the delights of the "S.W. corner".

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

The club has been pleased to house crews from St. Kevin's College who allowed us the use of their boat trailer throughout the season.

The Boats and Oars Sub-Committee, under the guidance of Graeme Boykett and John Gumley conducted an excellent series of working bees during the winter and all the active members are urged to participate during the coming winter and thus ensure that our fleet is in first class order for the coming season.

During the year we were pleased to welcome Beef Calder from Tasmania, Russell McLean and Bill Wallace from Sydney and also Jim Lemaire who took time off from his judicial duties in Alice Springs to visit us one Sunday morning.

Colin Thompson, who has been resident in Suva for some time, has now returned to Melbourne, and we look forward to seeing him at the Clubhouse more often.

Alistair McArthur, formerly of Camperdown, writes advising us that he is now resident in Buenos Aires, South America, and will be there for approximately three years.

Warrick Hutchins returned from Canada during the season to be married, and we extend to him and his wife our best wishes for the future.

We congratulate the following members who have increased the size of their families during the year:—W. Athorne, A. Darker, D. Douglas, T. Fox, S. Gillon, P. Green, R. Griffiths, T. Hogan, G. R. McCall, R. Negri and G. Park.

It is with regret that we record the deaths of several staunch Mercantilians and the sport is the poorer for their passing — K. H. Boykett, J. N. Robertson and W. R. Turnbull. We extend our deepest sympathy to the members of 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-Presidents 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.

OBITUARIES

K. H. BOYKETT

It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of our most esteemed members.

Ken began his rowing career in Adelaide where he rowed with both Adelaide University and Adelaide Rowing Club before moving to Melbourne in the early 1930's.

On arrival in Melbourne, he continued his association with rowing and fostered a love of the sport in his sons.

He was a most generous benefactor of rowing, and Mercantile in particular, and many of the Club's younger members will remember with gratitude the numerous times he made available his coxed racing pair "I'zingari" for Club crews to race in. The sympathy of the members of the Club is extended to his wife and family in their bereavement.

J. ROBERTSON

John Robertson, in his younger days, was an accomplished and versatile oarsman and won many lightweight, maiden and junior races. He was a student of physical fitness, and on a number of occasions stepped into a crew which had been upset by illness. He took part in all Club activities, was interested in administration and for some years acted as treasurer. During recent years, owing to pressure of business and failing health, he rarely visited the Clubhouse.

W. R. (Wally) TURNBULL

It is with regret that we have to report the death, on 14th January, 1972, of one of our oldest and best known members.

Wally joined the Club in 1924 and won his lightweight four at the V.R.A. Regatta of that year, rowing in the bow seat. This was his only regatta win, as was the case of all 10 stone oarsmen competing in those days. However, his wins were many in club and combination eight races over the years.

He was active in the formation in 1928 of the Victorian Sculling Association and was its President in 1959-60-61.

Wally was devoted to the interests of rowing and to his Club, which will always be grateful for the loyal support and generous assistance he gave. He will long be remembered with affection wherever rowing men gather.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1971-72

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

Morgan, D. J. R.
Picken, J. H.
Sprigg, J. G. H.

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

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Athorne, W. J.
Balodis, V.
Bailey, K.
Baird, A. T.
Baker, K.
Ball, D. G.
Blaxland, A. W.
Boykett, D. H.
Boykett, G. H.
*Boykett, K. H.
Bradshaw, J. W.
Bridgeford, P.
Burford, J.
Carlton, R.
Cayzer, P.
Cordell, A. M.
Cowling, D. S.
Cracknall, J.
Craven, B.
Cummings, R. F.
Darker, A.
Dawson, Ray
Dawson, Richard
Dobbie, A. W.
Douglas, D. G. A.
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Everist, I. C.
Fogarty, F.
Fox, A. J.
Frederico, H. R.
Fyffe, R. G.
Garrard, R. J.
George, C. D.
Gibbs, P.
Gibson, A. D. C.
Gibson, D.
Gillon, S. M.

Griffiths, R. I.
Gross, B.
Guest, P. M.
Gumley, J. H.
Harry, J.
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Hill, J.
Hince, M.
Hogan, T. J.
Holian, K. J. M.
Howgate, D. W.
Howgate, G. W.
Hughan, J. R.
Hume, M. C.
Hutchins, W.
Hyndes, J.
Johns, D. L.
Johnson, G. M.
Jones, J. McD.
Jones, P. L.
Jones, P. L. V.
Kellam, M. B.
Kerin, M. J.
Kohn, A. B.
Kottman, G.
La Roche, A. M.
Leach, K.
Mahoney, C W.
Mahoney, H.
Manton, G. O. V.
Mercolini, Dr. L.
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Mollard, K. J.
Moore, C.
Morell, D. R.
Morell, R. T.
Morgan, E.
Morrison, W. T.
Mulder, T. F.
Mulder V.
McCall, G. A.
McConville, K.
McDavitt, J. D.
McKenna, M.
McKenzie, M. D.

McKeown, J.
McMahon, G.
O'Brien, P. H.
Oldfield, F. W.
Palfreyman, D.
Park, G. A.
Parmenter, B. R.
Patterson, I. H.
Philp, P. E. M.L.
Pirani, R.
Potter, J.
Redman, R. J.
Rees, R.
Renouf, P.
Richardson, G. W.
Richardson, R. H.
Richardson, S. G.
Roberts, R.
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Scanes, P.
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Thomas, G. W.
Tomanovits, M. G.
Tynan, J. D.
Vautin, W.
Walker, H. J. R.
Wallace, W. L.
Watkin, P. K.
Weatherhead, R.
Wilson, R. B.
Wilson, W. I.
Wood, P. V.
Wise, P.
Yunghanns, D. J.

SENIOR MEMBERS

Arnold, W. L.	Harding, P.	Shears, J. D.
Atkins, A. H. C.	Hewitt, N. H.	Smith, G. G.
Bostock, J. B.	Hyett, G. S.	Sorani, E.
Brooke, D. C. L.	McCubbery, R. J.	Spencer, H. T.
Broughton, O.	Newcomb, S. H.	Stirling, D. S.
Carr, J. P.	Newport, S.	Thomas, J. C.
Clark, J. H. P.	Nixon, N. V.	*Turnbull, W.
Doyle, B. J.	O'Reilly, J. H.	White, E. C.
Fletcher, J. M.	Pope, K. B.	Wood, M. R.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Beech, C. J.	Hussey, M. L.	Press, J. W.
Benjamin, P.	Hyett, T. F.	Price, R.
Briggs, J. D.	Ironmonger, R.	Schrader, E.
Burnell, M.	Kerran, J. A.	Shanasy, J.
Cronin, D.	Lusink, C. T.	Shanasy, T.
Dwyer, G.	McNamara, P.	Stratford, A. C.
Fitzpatrick, J. J.	Pitts, J. N.	Tucker, M.
Harris, J. W.		

JUNIOR SCHOOLBOY MEMBERS

Ainsworth, P.	Edmondson, I. W.	McNair, E. D.
Ayres, L. F.	Fraser, L. A.	McWilliam, I.
Baird, R. G.	Grace, G.	Owen, M. F.
Blackwell, G.	Hearty, R. H.	Parton, D.
Booth, D. J.	Holyman, I.	Penfold, P.
Brien, F.	Horkings, T.	Reinher, W. M.
Butler, S.	Hoppe, N. P.	Rocka, P.
Butt, G.	Hoy, M. B.	Shaw, I.
Byrne, M. A.	Jones, C.	Thornton, S.
Coleman, S. J.	Maginn, B. A.	Trahair, S. J.
Curtis, R.	Maginn, P.	Udorovic, J.
Davies, P.	Millikan, P. L.	Wilson, N. D.
Davis, P. A.	Mitchell, D.	Wilson, R. N.
Downey, A.	Morrison, B. W.	Williams, C.
Durance, K. F.	McCaffery, J.	Williams, J.
Eddie, G. A.	McConville, G.	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Appleby, P.	Hidgecock, C. W.	Rodda, T.
Bilney, K.	Hume, K. M.	Rush, H. R.
Blair-Holt, J.	Jamieson, B.	Rush, R. T., O.B.E.
Bolton, R. S.	Leggett, E. P.	Seammen, J. W.
Bourke, J.	Lewis, J.	Searle, N. M.
Bram, P.	Longmuir, I.	Shears, E.
Corben, M.	Loveless, A.	Spark, J. M.
Cordell, A. J.	McKay, T.	Thomas, R.
Crichton, D. J. M.	Newcomb, Cp., H. M.	Ward, C. H. M.
Cunningham, P.	Nicholls, C. J.	Watson, C. D.
Epstein, G. H.	O'Brien, R. A.	Wilkinson, C. V. H.
Fosdick, L. V.	Palfreyman, D. B.	Wylie, W. J.
Granowski, W. O.	*Robertson, J. N.	

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell, G. A.
Bailey, J. H.
Bailey, W. M.
Baxter, D.
Boykett, P. H.
Calder, D. A.
Coleman, M. G.
Connolly, R. W.
De Guingand, C. J.
Devonport, D.
Ferguson, J. M.

Green, H. P.
Humphris, P. W.
Keeley, M. R.
Kerrigan, M.
Lee, R. E.
Miller, P. M.
Milner, A. C.
Moll, L. L. B.
Monger, A. F.
McArthur, F. S.

McLean, R.
Negri, R.
Noble, F.
Olliff, D.
Pennyfather, A.
Ross, W. G.
Taylor, G. M.
Thompson, C. T.
Wertheimer, E. J.
Wilson, G. W.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Doerner, H.
Everett, R. N.
Fogarty, M.
Fyffe, R. A.
Hurley, G. C.
Knowles, R.

Lachal, R. P.
Morell, S. D.
McDougall, A.
Naughton, B.
Pearce, J. M.

Ryan, P.
Schellenberg, O.
Voss-Smith, D.
Warren, M.
Wimble, A. R.

* Deceased

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1972

	1972	1971
INCOME:		
Subscriptions	\$7,780	\$7,021
Less Amounts written off	1,116	1,429
	<u>\$6,664</u>	<u>\$5,592</u>
Donations	1,177	1,399
Interest received	38	74
Sundry Income	146	300
Rent Received on Boats	150	—
	<u>\$8,175</u>	<u>\$7,365</u>
TOTAL INCOME		
	<u>\$8,175</u>	<u>\$7,365</u>
EXPENDITURE:		
Depreciation	\$2,280	\$1,975
Entrance Fees—Regattas	308	98
Fire Protection Expenses	90	102
Freight—Country Regattas	538	162
General Expenses	244	295
Insurance	968	700
Interest on Overdraft	1,091	806
Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates	855	463
Postages	85	91
Printing and Stationery	457	423
Repairs and Maintenance	777	818
Telephone	131	95
Trophies—Club Races	129	244
V.R.A. Dues and Fees	517	439
	<u>\$8,470</u>	<u>\$6,711</u>
LOSS TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
	<u>\$295</u>	<u>\$654</u> (surplus)
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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1972

	1972	1971
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:		
Balance 30th April (see Note 1)	\$26,561	\$15,081
War Memorial Building Fund Donations (see Note 2)	14,544	—
	<u>\$41,105</u>	<u>\$15,081</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Bank of New South Wales (War Memorial Building Fund)	\$17,472	—
Trophy Orders Account (see Note 3)	5,206	4,924
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	104	43
Sundry Creditors	1,273	678
Olympic Fund	100	100
	<u>\$24,155</u>	<u>\$5,745</u>
	<u><u>\$65,260</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,826</u></u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1972

	1972	1971
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Bank of New South Wales	\$295	687
Cash on Hand	—	42
Subscriptions Outstanding	1,112	1,485
Stock on Hand	363	425
Sundry Debtors and Pre-payments	1,426	709
	<u>\$3,196</u>	<u>\$3,348</u>
 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
	<u>\$747</u>	<u>\$747</u>
 NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
War Memorial Club House (at cost)	\$44,740	—
Boat House (at cost)	5,201	5,201
Club Fittings, at valuation 1/7/69		
(Less Provision for Depreciation)	68	76
Boats (at cost less depreciation)	9,013	9,698
Oars (at valuation)	1,781	1,179
Sundry Assets (at cost less depreciation)	514	577
	<u>\$61,317</u>	<u>\$16,731</u>
	<u>\$65,260</u>	<u>\$20,826</u>

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, 1972, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books and records.

P. R. DEVENISH,

Dated at Melbourne, 6th June, 1972.

Chartered Accountant.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

NOTES ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1972

Note 1.—ACCUMULATED FUNDS:

	1972	1971
Balance brought forward 1st May	\$15,081	\$16,927
Net Surplus (loss) for year	(295)	654
	<u>\$14,786</u>	<u>\$17,581</u>
Add Transfers on inclusion of War Memorial		
Building Fund—own Funds	3,598	—
Brighton Grammar School	9,177	—
	<u>\$27,561</u>	<u>\$17,581</u>
Less Transfers to War Memorial Building		
Fund	1,000	2,500
	<u>\$26,561</u>	<u>\$15,081</u>
	<u><u>\$26,561</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,081</u></u>

Note 2:

The figure of \$14,544 represents total donations received to 30th April, 1972. 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.

Note 3.—TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT:

	1972	1971
Balance brought forward 1st May	\$4,924	\$4,404
Add Amounts for Trophies Awarded	410	553
	<u>\$5,334</u>	<u>\$4,957</u>
Less Trophy Orders Paid	128	33
	<u>\$5,206</u>	<u>\$4,924</u>
	<u><u>\$5,206</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,924</u></u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th April, 1972

Payments

1971

April 30 Balance brought forward \$16,685.68

1972

April 30 V. Alekna—Architect 692.00
 Lawson & Laughlin—Builders 1,867.70
 May-Oatway Fire Alarms 1,183.50
 Bank Fees 33.00
 Furnishings 50.00

Receipts

April 30 Sundry Donations \$1,363.00
 Brighton Grammar School—
 Contributions 677.22
 Transfer from Club Funds 1,000.00
Balance 17,471.66

\$20,511.88 \$20,511.88

April 30 The Bank of New South Wales
 Account overdrawn \$17,471.66

Cumulative Statement of Receipts & Payments to 30th April, 1972

Receipts

Sundry Donations \$14,544.14
 Club Contributions 3,500.00
 Interest received 172.64
 Profit on disposal of etchings 47.25
 Brighton Grammar School—
 Account Builder \$8,576.84
 Account Architect 600.38

9,177.22

Payments

Lawson & Laughlin Pty. Ltd. \$40,826.96
 May-Oatway Fire Alarms 1,183.50
 M. Boyle—Architect 100.00
 V. Alekna—Architect 2,630.00
 Bank Fees 36.55
 Bank Interest 85.90
 Furnishings 50.00
 Balance 17,471.66

\$44,912.91 \$44,912.91

Note.—Architect fees \$255.50 were paid by the Club prior to commencement of the work.

An amount of approximately \$200.00 may be owing to the Architect for the balance of his fees.

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, 1972, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books and records.

P. R. DEVENISH,
 Chartered Accountant.

Dated at Melbourne, 6th June, 1972.