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95th
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet



Season 1974 - 75

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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1975, at 8 p.m.

The Agenda for the meeting having been circulated with the Notice of Meeting to all members on 6th June, 1975, and no further business having been advised to the Honorary Secretary as at 14th June, 1975. Business will be restricted to the items listed on the Agenda.

By Order of the Committee,

N. W. CAIRNES,
Honorary Secretary.

The Ninety Fifth Annual Report

of the

Mercantile Rowing Club

To the Members,

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the 95th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April, 1975.

All members will be pleased to know that despite difficulties over the past two years in the re-construction of the Boathouse, the Club was successful in winning the Lightweight Premiership for the second successive year. This result was due to the dedicated preparation and training of the coach, Martin Tomanovits, and crew members Ian Duthie, Michael Fudge, Dick Garrard, Andrew Guerin, Michael Kerin, Martin Owen, Bob Richardson, Glen Robertson-Smith, Tony Spriggins, Rod Stewart, with Tim Ling coxswain, who were unbeaten throughout the season who, in addition to winning five lightweight eight races at V.R.A. Regattas, won the Lightweight Eight-Oared Championships of Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and the Australian National Championship.

Senior rowing in Victoria was seriously disrupted by the premature selection during September, 1974, of a State Squad for training for the 1975 King's Cup race held in April, 1975, resulting in a number of Clubs being deprived of their senior oarsmen and the V.R.A. permitting the boating of composite crews contrary to its rules.

It is interesting to note of the 11 points won by the Club in the Senior Premiership, seven points came from wins in the single sculls by Ken Leach in the early part of the season and Peter Benjamin in the second half of the season. Peter Benjamin being finally selected to represent Victoria in the President's Cup race for the Australian Championship.

Mercantile was represented in the State Team which competed in the Interstate Championships in Queensland by Paul Guest (coach), Andrew Withers (6), and Bruno Romanin (emergency) in the King's Cup crew; Peter Benjamin, Single Sculls for the President's Cup, and in the Lightweight Four with Cox, which won the Penrith Cup, by Peter Philp (coach) and Tim Frederico (coxswain).

The Lightweight Four later competed in the National Championships, as a Lightweight Four without Cox, winning the event and selection to represent Australia at the World Championships at Nottingham, England, later this year, defending the Lightweight Four without Cox in which this crew won the Gold Medal at Lucerne, Switzerland, in 1974.

We congratulate our members on their State selection and wish them continued success in the future.

The Lightweight Four without Cox earned the congratulations of all Australian oarsmen in winning the World Championship in 1974 and will carry our good wishes to the World Championships, 1975.

Bill Liley and Bob Richardson of Melbourne University have been selected in the Eight-Oared Squad and we wish them and all Australian crews and scullers success in the World Championships, 1975.

Early in the season a Victorian Colts Eight was selected under the coaching of Phil Cayzer to tour New Zealand, the squad consisting of A. Sloan, S. Dherrifs, S. Webster (Mercantile); R. Widmer, D. English, M. Ross, R. Renou, cox (Melbourne University); M. Manley, D. Worthley (Monash University); C. Wilson (Power House) and A. Withers (Melbourne Grammar). Although not winning in the tour, the crew acquitted itself well and we congratulate the members on their selection and performance.

It is most satisfying to be able to report that the Contractor has now completed the work on the Clubhouse under his contract and the members are putting the finishing touches to the project in painting, fitting the gymnasium, sauna and cleaning up and finalising small jobs which we undertook to keep the cost of re-building to a minimum at a time of high inflation.

Finance and Boathouse

The Income and Expenditure Account again shows a satisfying surplus. This result is largely due to transfer from the Social Account, reflecting support by members, and particularly the Sunday morning oarsmen, of the facilities offered by the Club and the functions conducted by the Social Committee. In addition the Club received nearly \$4,000 in interest on insurance monies on temporary deposit. No rental was received from Brighton Grammar School during the year as the premises were not available to the school. In addition the Club paid \$600 to Melbourne Rowing Club for temporary use of its premises during the year.

The surplus of nearly \$7,000 has been applied either directly in payments connected with the new building or in transfer to the Building Fund. The cash position was further improved by limiting purchases of equipment to a set of oars, an outboard motor and other minor items, the total cost of which did not absorb the depreciation allowance included in the accounts.

Donations by members and friends of the Club to the Building Fund exceed \$11,000, making total direct contributions of nearly \$22,000 since the fire two years ago.

Expenditure on the new building during the year totalled more than \$66,000. As members will be well aware the delay in commencing the building resulted in substantial increases in the contract price negotiated in October, 1973, and the Club was compelled to re-negotiate the contract on a rise and fall basis. The support of the members under the quite remarkable leadership of Ted Sorani has enabled the Club to save substantial amounts in various aspects of the contract and certain parts of the work, notably the ground floor concrete slab, the concrete columns, steel rigging, roofing, floor sanding and painting have been entirely carried out with Club labour. The Club is indebted to those members such as Ken Hume, Ron Negri, Warwick Hutchins, Russell Sherwood and others who made available their own time and that of their organisations to assist in the work.

It is difficult to express the appreciation which the Club owes to Ted Sorani and his many helpers. It is disappointing that the cash savings resulting from their work have largely disappeared in cost increases, but your Committee now believes that with the balance of funds on temporary deposit and an overdraft limit of \$25,000 we should be able to complete the building as planned, install a limited number of lockers and a sauna bath. It is fair to say that without the help of Club labour on the job, this could never have been achieved.

What of the future? The expenses of running the Club will increase and the cost of equipment continues to rise. The Club has negotiated with the Bank to pay off the overdraft by half-yearly instalments of \$1,250, including interest, a very satisfactory and generous arrangement on the part of the Bank.

At the present subscription rate normal rental, including rental from Brighton Grammar, will barely cover outgoings, and as in the past the Club must look to donations from members and to support of the Club's social activities to replace and improve the fleet and facilities which the Club hopes to offer its members.

Membership

The membership of the Club as at 30th April, 1975 was as follows:—

	1975	1974	1973	1972
LIFE MEMBERS	7	8	8	8
SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS	143	135	146	134
SENIOR MEMBERS	30	29	29	27
JUNIOR MEMBERS	40	37	33	22
JUNIOR SCHOOLBOY MEMBERS	14	11	9	47
COUNTRY MEMBERS	35	36	29	31
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	37	38	36	38
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	306	294	290	307

Executive and Committee

At the time of going to press, 11 ordinary meetings and one special meeting of the Committee had been held and the attendance at these meetings has been:—

R. R. Aitken	11	A. N. Guerin	5	M. F. Owen	12
J. W. Bradshaw ..	10	J. H. Gumley	5	R. J. Prince	6
John Burford	10	J. R. Harry	8	B. Romanin	1
N. W. Cairnes	12	T. Horkings	7	W. Rutledge	10
N. C. Delfos	5	A. E. Maginn	4	E. Sorani	11
I. R. Duthie	1	W. T. Morrison ..	11	J. G. H. Sprigg ..	12

Donations

The following members and friends of the Club have generously made donations to the Club to assist in the re-building and equipping the Club.—R. R. Aitken, A. H. C. Atkins, L. Ayres, D. G. Ball, J. W. Bowman, P. H. Boykett, J. W. Bradshaw, A. Bram, D. C. Brooke, J. Burford, O. S. Broughton, J. B. Bostock, R. G. Blundstone, P. L. Benjamin, G. H. Boykett, J. D. Beecham, N. W. Cairnes, J. P. Carr,

E. W. Chapman, J. H. P. Clarke, P. C. Clyne, P. Connor, D. J. Crichton, R. Curtis, R. S. Dawson, Mrs. F. H. Davey, C. J. De Guungand, Mrs. J. T. Dunstan, J. Draffin, I. R. Duthie, A. W. Dobbie, A. G. F. Eddie, L. Fosdick, B. Foster, P. Harding, J. R. Harry, J. R. Harvey, T. Horkings, J. Howard, D. Hume, P. Humphris, D. Hunter, G. B. Johnson, J. McD. Jones, P. Jones, M. B. Kellam, M. R. Keeley, R. P. Lachal, E. P. Leggett, K. H. McConville, S. R. McCorkell, Mrs. C. N. McKay, T. B. McKay, M. F. McKenna, G. McMahon, H. Mahoney, G. O. V. Manton, R. T. Morell, S. W. Morell, D. J. R. Morgan, E. M. Morgan, K. F. Mollard, W. T. Morrison, V. G. Mulder, T. A. McLean, F. N. Newport, C. J. Nicholls, P. O'Brien, R. J. D. Oliver, J. O'Reilly, F. Owen, Mrs. M. Owen, J. H. Picken, H. Paton, R. H. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, T. Rodda, S. J. Rowe, H. T. Spencer, J. G. H. Sprigg, Mrs. T. L. Sprigg, H. P. Shears, J. D. Shears, G. M. Taylor, C. T. Thompson, R. W. Thursfield, M. G. Tomanovits, M. Tucker, H. J. R. Walker, W. L. Wallace, P. K. Watkin, A. C. Whiting, N. F. Wilkinson, A. Williams, C. Williams, L. S. Williams, W. I. Wilson.

Total donations for the year, including \$646 from the Tributors Group, amounted to \$14,820, of which \$13,954 was ear-marked for the Building Fund.

We gratefully acknowledge the donations so generously given, without which our re-building project could never have been completed.

Tributors

This group of members who pledge themselves at the commencement of each rowing year to contribute a fixed sum to the Club in respect of each race won by Mercantile during the coming season has raised \$605 and \$720 in each of the past two seasons, which sums were donated to the Building Fund, and an amount of approximately \$700 should be available to Club funds from the 31 wins registered by the Club in the season under review. The Committee has allocated the sum to be raised — 60 per cent. to the Building Fund and 40 per cent. to be held in reserve towards the purchase of a regulation four. Members who have not already done so and are interested in joining this group, should contact the organisers Jim Harvey or Bill Morrison.

The members of the group are:—R. R. Aitken, A. Blaxland, J. B. Bostock, J. W. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N. W. Cairnes, P. A. Cayzer, A. Evans, M. R. Faulkner, B. B. Gross, J. R. Harvey, J. McD. Jones, G. A. McCall, M. F. McKenna, J. McKeown, G. McMahon, A. C. Monger, D. J. R. Morgan, W. T. Morrison, K. Pope, R. H. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, T. Rodda, J. S. Rowe, A. Schrader, J. W. Seamen, H. P. Shears, J. D. Shears, E. Sorani, J. G. H. Sprigg, C. T. Thompson, M. Tomanovits, M. Tucker, H. J. R. Walker, E. C. White, D. J. Yunghanns.

Boats and Oars

Due to the concentration of members on the re-building project and the boats being located in various boatsheds, the normal amount of maintenance has not been carried out and a great deal of work on the fleet is necessary and this is in the course of being carried out by boat builders and Club members according to the nature of the work necessary.

This maintenance is going to be quite costly and the Maintenance Sub-Committee has prepared a schedule for a boats and oars maintenance programme which is now in progress.

The fleet is listed below:—

Eights

Racing:

J. Burford
R. R. Aitken
J. G. Sprigg
Cock Robins

Fours

Racing:

M. F. McKenna
Ricky Loveless
The First Lady
Sir Bernard Evans
J. J. Wylie
Caltex & Dealers

Tub Four:

Deane Morgan

Pairs

Racing:

W. T. Morrison
Bill Bradshaw
Keith Bilney

Tub:

Paul Harding
Dr. R. A. Cooper

Motor Boat

Boat Trailer
Hull & Outboard Motor

The only equipment purchased during the year was a set of 10 "Croker" oars at a cost of \$646.

The Practice Eight "R. W. Thursfield" was sold to the City of Warrnambool Rowing Club for \$300.

An order has been placed with Jeff Sykes and Associates for a Racing Four suitable for Lightweight oarsmen; a coxed boat convertible to coxswainless for delivery in September, 1975.

Coaching

The Club has been fortunate in the number of members who made themselves available to assist in coaching during the year and we extend our thanks to Messrs. M. Aitken, John Burford, P. A. Cayzer, Andy Evans, H. R. Frederico, John Harry, Adrian Maginn, Martin Owen, David Palfreyman, Ted Sorani, Martin Tomanovits and Roger Wilson, all of whom have made a valuable contribution to rowing and the Club in particular.

Recruiting

John Harry, John Burford and Martin Owen organised a successful recruiting campaign in which numerous contacts were made with schoolboy oarsmen, of whom a large number have since joined the Club and successfully represented the Club in the Second half of the season in maiden eights and other crews.

Australian Amateur Rowing Championships

Lake Kurwongbah, Petrie, Queensland

Interstate Championships — Wednesday, 16th to Friday, 18th April, 1975

Eight-Oared Championship for the King's Cup:

1st, New South Wales; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, Victoria; 4th, Tasmania. Time, 6.05.1.

Victoria was represented by: B. Richardson, S. Jelbart, I. Farran, D. English, W. Magennis, A. Withers, W. Liley, K. Jelbart (stroke), D. English (cox), P. M. Guest (coach), M. Ross and B. Romanin (emergencies).

Single Sculling Championship for the President's Cup:

1st, R. Alexander (Queensland); 2nd, P. Rowe (New South Wales); 3rd, E. Hale (Tasmania). Time, 7.55.2.

Victoria was represented by P. Benjamin.

Lightweight Four-Oared with Cox for the Penrith Cup:

1st, Victoria; 2nd, New South Wales; 3rd, South Australia; 4th, Western Australia. Time, 6.56.8.

Victoria was represented by: C. Smith, G. Rees, A. Michelmore, T. C. Johnston (stroke), T. Frederico (cox), P. E. M. Philp (coach) and A. McKinley (emergency).

Youth Eight-Oared Championship for the Wilkinson Cup:

1st, Victoria; 2nd, New South Wales No. 2; 3rd, New South Wales No. 1, Tasmania No. 1 and Queensland No. 2. Distance, 1,500 metres. Time, 4.43.8.

Victoria was represented by: A. G. Morrison, S. M. Gillett, I. A. Steel, W. M. Robertson, P. A. Cassidy, G. G. Fairnie, N. J. Myers, D. G. Cooper (stroke), J. S. Sloane (cox), D. Ramage (coach).

National Championships

Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th April, 1975.

Champion Four with Cox:

1st, Adelaide/Torrens; 2nd, Sydney No. 1; 3rd, Sydney/Sydney University; 4th, Lindisfarne; 5th, Monash University. Time, 6.48.3.

Champion Four without Cox:

1st, Mosman; 2nd, Melbourne University; 3rd, Sydney; 4th, G.P.S. Old Boys, Qld.; 5th Nepean/Haberfield. Time, 6.42.8.

Champion Pair with Cox:

1st, Mosman; 2nd, Sydney University; 3rd, Buckingham; 4th, Adelaide University; 5th, Joondalup; 6th, Wendouree/Ballarart. Time, 7.27.2.

Champion Pair without Cox:

1st, Sydney University/Mosman; 2nd, Queensland University; 3rd, Melbourne University/Mercantile; 4th, W.A. Institute of Technology; 5th, Joondalup; 6th, Buckingham. Time, 7.23.3.
Melbourne University/Mercantile Crew: B. Romanin and M. Ross.

Champion Quad Scull:

1st, Haberfield No. 1; 2nd, Haberfield No. 2; 3rd, Haberfield No. 3. Time, 6.45.2.

Champion Double Scull:

1st, Haberfield; 2nd, Lindisfarne; 3rd, Haberfield/Glebe. Time, 6.58.

Champion Lightweight Eight:

1st, Mercantile; 2nd, Queensland University Composite; 3rd, Barwon; 4th, Glebe; 5th, Buckingham. Time, 6.21.2.

Mercantile Crew: A. Guerin, M. Owen, R. Richardson, I Duthie, A. Spriggins, M. Kerrin, R. Stewart, R. Garrard (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach). Time, 6.21.2.

Champion Lightweight Four without Cox:

1st, Melbourne University; 2nd, W.A. University/A.N.A.; 3rd, Buckingham. Time, 6.42.

Champion Lightweight Pair without Cox:

1st, Balmain; 2nd, A.N.A. (W.A.); 3rd, Adelaide; 4th, Haberfield. Time, 7.36.4.

Champion Lightweight Single Scull:

1st, P. Rowe (Haberfield); 2nd, J. Sykes (Corio Bay); 3rd, R. Bleakley (Queensland University); 4th, N. Walker (Derwent/Mercantile); 5th, G. Conway (West End, N.Z.). Time, 7.42.7.

Champion Lightweight Double Scull:

1st, Haberfield No. 1; 2nd, Haberfield No. 2; 3rd, Grafton; 4th, Derwent/Mercantile. Time, 7.31.9.

Champion Second Grade Eight:

1st, Mercantile No. 1; 2nd, Mercantile No. 2; 3rd, Melbourne University; 4th, Drummoyne; 5th, Lindisfarne. Time, 6.11.2.

Mercantile No. 1: T. Horkings, T. Cremean, D. Parton, P. Richter, A. Sloan, M. Manley, S. Sherrifs, S. Webster (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), P. Cayzer (coach).

Mercantile No. 2: J. Brooke, T. Young, R. Craig, M. Lipzker, C. Cooper, S. Pattinson, I. Porter, P. Ainsworth (stroke), M. Aitken (cox), H. R. Frederico (coach).

Champion Second Grade Four with Cox:

1st, Sydney No. 1; 2nd, Sydney/Drummoyne; 3rd, Sydney University; 4th, Wendouree/Ballarat; 5th, Essendon No. 1; 6th, Haberfield. Time, 6.52.3.

Champion Second Grade Single Scull:

1st, P. Jones (Perth Collegians); 2nd, K. Olsson (Glebe); 3rd, R. Bleakley (Queensland University); 4th, R. Brown (Haberfield); 5th, G. Conway (West End, N.Z.). Time, 7.41.6.

Champion Third Grade Four with Cox:

1st, Sydney University; 2nd, Manning River; 3rd, Drummoyne; 4th, Mercantile; 5th, Church of England Grammar (Brisbane). Distance, 1,500 metres. Time, 5.20.7.

Mercantile: M. Connolly, P. Croagh, K. Bowring, J. Wilton (stroke), P. Sorani (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

Champion School Eight:

1st, Geelong College; 2nd, Newington College; 3rd, St. Ignatius College; 4th, Friends School; 5th, Church of England Grammar School (Brisbane). Distance, 1,500 metres. Time, 4.32.7.

Champion School Four with Cox:

1st, Ballarat College; 2nd, Chatham High School; 3rd, Brisbane Boys' College; 4th, Drummoyne High School; 5th, Launceston Matriculation College. Distance, 1,500 metres. Time, 5.13.3.

Victorian State Championships

Lake Wendouree, Ballarat — Saturday, 8th & Sunday, 9th February, 1975.

- CHAMPION EIGHT.—1st, Melbourne University Composite; 2nd, Adelaide University; 3rd, Monash University; 4th, Mercantile. Time, 6.42.5.
Mercantile: M. Manley, D. Booth, J. Keeran, D. Parton, A. Sloan, A. Withers, S. Sherrifs, S. Webster (stroke), M. Aitken (cox), P. Cayzer (coach).
- CHAMPION FOUR WITH COX.—1st, Adelaide University No. 1; 2nd, Melbourne University Composite No. 2; 3rd, Melbourne University; 4th, Melbourne University Composite No. 1; 5th, Adelaide University No. 3; 6th, Adelaide University No. 2. Time, 6.45.
- CHAMPION PAIR WITH COX.—1st, Corio Bay; 2nd, Adelaide University; 3rd, Wendouree; 4th, Haberfield; 5th, Banks. Time, 7.47.5.
- CHAMPION PAIR WITHOUT COX.—1st, Haberfield; 2nd, Banks; 3rd, Melbourne.
- CHAMPION SCULL.—1st, P. Rowe (Haberfield); 2nd, J. Sykes (Corio Bay); 3rd, D. Ramage (Corio Bay); 4th, R. Reddell (Haberfield); 5th, K. Leach (Mercantile). P. Benjamin also competed in this event.
- CHAMPION JUNIOR EIGHT (rowed in conjunction with the Ballarat Regatta, Monday, 10th March, 1975).—1st, Mercantile — T. Hornings, T. Cremean, D. Parton, P. Richter, A. Sloan, M. Manley, S. Sherrifs, S. Webster (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), P. Cayzer (coach).
- CHAMPION JUNIOR FOUR WITH COX.—1st, Wendouree/Ballarat; 2nd, Essendon No. 1; 3rd, Adelaide University; 4th, Footscray City; 5th, Essendon No. 2; 6th Hawthorn. Time, 7.02.2.
- CHAMPION JUNIOR PAIR WITH COX.—1st, Barwon; 2nd, Essendon No. 1; 3rd, Banks, 4th, Power House; 5th, Essendon No. 2. Time, 7.53.3.
- CHAMPION JUNIOR SINGLE SCULL.—1st, P. Benjamin (Mercantile); 2nd, N. Smith (Power House), 3rd, G. Oliver (Nagambie); 4th, T. Poole (Corio Bay); 5th, L. Budge (Power House). Time, 7.45.8.
- CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT.—1st, Mercantile; 2nd, Barwon; 3rd, Melbourne University Composite; 4th, Wendouree/Ballarat. Time, 6.15.5.
Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I Duthie, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerrin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).
- CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR WITH COX.—1st, Melbourne University; 2nd, Adelaide University No. 1; 3rd, Wendouree/Ballarat; 4th, Adelaide University No. 2. Time,, 6.39.5.
- CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR WITH COX.—1st, Power House; 2nd, Melbourne No. 1; 3rd, Corio Bay; 4th, Essendon. Time, 7.59.
- CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL.—1st, N. Smith (Power House); 2nd, A. Feldt (Hawthorn); 3rd; T. Poole (Corio Bay); 4th, L. Budge (Power House); 5th K. Sparling (Corio Bay). Time, 8.32.4.

Victorian Qualifying Regattas

Metropolitan Winter Novice Regatta — 15th June, 1974.

An Open Pair and a Novice Pair from the Club competed without success.

Metropolitan Winter Novice Regatta — 3rd August, 1974.

Novice Scull was won by Bruce Morrison (Mercantile), who also competed in the Maiden Scull.

Metropolitan Novice Regatta — 12th October, 1974.

Open Sprint Eight was won by Mercantile No. 2 — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, M. Fudge, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

Club crews also competed in Senior Fours and Junior Pairs, with the No. 1 eight finishing second in the Open Eight.

Banks Regatta — 19th October, 1974.

Open Sprint Eight was won by the Mercantile No. 2 crew — A. Guerin, M. Owen, M. Fudge, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

The Club was also represented in the Senior Fours (2 crews) and the Junior Pairs (2 crews).

Upper Yarra Regatta — 23rd November, 1974.

The Club had no success at this regatta in which it competed in the Open Eights (2 crews), Senior Fours (2 crews), Senior Scull, Junior Pairs (2 crews) and Maiden Fours.

Nagambie Regatta — 26th December, 1974.

Senior Pair won by Mercantile — R. Prince, T. Horkings (stroke), J. Frederico (cox). Lightweight Senior Pair won by Mercantile — M. Owen, M. Connolly (stroke), P. Sorani (cox). Novice Eight won by Mercantile — M. Lory, C. Pinniger, S. Kennedy, M. Newton, S. Holburton, J. Wilton, S. Derham, R. Prince (stroke), J. Frederico (cox).

The Club was also represented in the Open Eights, Senior Sculls, Junior Pairs, Lightweight Maiden Pairs, Novice Fours (2 crews), Novice Pairs, Maiden Sculls, Youth Fours, Junior Fours and Maiden Fours.

Yarrowonga Regatta — 28th December, 1974.

Lightweight Senior Pair — A. Guerin, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), V. Ronai (cox). Junior Pair — M. Owen, M. Connolly (stroke), P. Sorani (cox). Novice Eight — M. Lory, C. Pinniger, S. Kennedy, M. Newton, S. Holburton, J. Wilton, S. Derham, R. Prince (stroke), R. Jones (cox). Novice Four — N. Delfos, H. Piniger, R. Prince, S. Derham (stroke), R. Jones (cox).

Club crews also competed in the Open Eights, Junior Pair No. 2, Maiden Four, Youth Four, Novice Pair.

Rutherglen Regatta — 1st January, 1975.

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

Victorian Universities Regatta — 18th January, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by K. Leach (Mercantile). Lightweight Eight was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

The Club was also represented in the Invitation Eights, Maiden Pair and Senior Scull No. 2.

Footscray City Rowing Club Regatta — 25th January, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by K. Leach (Mercantile). Club crews also competed in the Senior Eight, Junior Four, Maiden Pair and Novice Four.

Australia Day Regatta, Albert Park Lake — 27th January, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by K. Leach (Mercantile). Club crews also competed in the Senior Eight, Junior Four and Novice Four.

V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta — 1st February, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by K. Leach (Mercantile). Lightweight Eight was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

The Club was represented in the Senior Eight (2 crews), Junior Four, Senior Scull No. 2, Novice Four.

V.R.A. Championship Regatta — 8th and 9th April, 1975.

The Club was represented in the Maiden Eight event, in addition to the Championship events listed elsewhere.

Colac and Warrnambool Regattas — 22nd and 23rd February, 1975.

A Lightweight Maiden Pair represented the Club at each of these regattas.

Australian Henley Regatta — 1st March, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by P. Benjamin (Mercantile). Junior Eight was won by Mercantile — T. Horkings, T. Cremean, D. Parton, P. Richter, A. Sloan, M. Manley, S. Sherrifs, S. Webster (stroke), A. Maginn (cox), P. Cayzer (coach). Lightweight Eight was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

Club crews also competed in the Senior Eights (2 crews), Senior Pair, Senior Scull No. 1, Junior Four Maiden Four, Novice Four.

Barwon Regatta — 8th March, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by P. Benjamin (Mercantile). Junior Four was won by Mercantile — A. Sloan, M. Manley, S. Sherrifs, S. Webster (stroke), M. Aitken (cox), P. Cayzer and J. Burford (coaches). Lightweight Eight was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Richardson, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, R. Garrard (stroke), K. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach)..

The Club was also represented in the events for Senior Eights, Senior Pairs, Senior Sculls No. 2, Junior Eights, Maiden Eights, Maiden Fours.

Ballarat Regatta — 10th March, 1975.

Senior Scull was won by P. Benjamin (Mercantile). Lightweight Eight was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Richardson, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, R. Garrard (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach). Maiden Eight was won by Mercantile — J. Brooke, T. Young, R. Craig, M. Lipzker, C. Cooper, S. Pattinson, I. Porter, P. Ainsworth (stroke), M. Aitken (cox), H. R. Frederico (coach).

Crews also competed in the Senior Eight, Senior Pair, Senior Scull No. 2, Junior Four, Maiden Four.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta — 22nd March, 1975.

Maiden Eight was won by Mercantile — J. Brooke, T. Young, R. Craig, M. Lipzker, C. Cooper, S. Pattinson, I. Porter, P. Ainsworth (stroke), M. Aitken (cox), H. R. Frederico (coach).

The Club was also represented in the Open Eights (2 crews), Senior Sculls (2 scullers), Senior Pairs (2 crews), Maiden Four, Lightweight Senior Pair.

Scotch-Mercantile Regatta

The 17th Scotch-Mercantile Regatta held on the Henley Course on Saturday, 22nd March, 1975, proved an outstanding success thanks to the organisation and expertise of Mr. J. W. Bradshaw who, with the assistance of Club members, Scotch College boys and the Officials' Panel, expeditiously despatched 184 crews and scullers, comprising 1,314 competitors in 140 races commencing at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 4.45 p.m.

The Scotch-Mercantile Regatta Committee has given the lead to Victorian regatta racing in upgrading facilities and communications by the purchase of up to date equipment which has been made available to the Victorian Rowing Association for the use of Regatta Committees.

Our congratulations to Bill Bradshaw and his Committee on another fine effort.

Interstate and Other Regattas

South Australian Lightweight Eight Championship — 14th December, 1974

This event was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

Canberra Regatta, A.C.T.R.A. — 14th December, 1974

Senior Eight.—Mercantile was represented in this event.

Senior Single Scull.—Mercantile was represented by P. Benjamin.

N.S.W. Rowing Championships — 25th-27th January, 1975

Champion Lightweight Eight was won by Mercantile — A. Guerin, M. Owen, I. Duthie, R. Garrard, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), T. Ling (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

The Lightweight Eight crew also represented the Club in the Champion Eights of N.S.W. and Peter Benjamin represented the Club in the Single Sculling Championship; and a Lightweight Pair from the Club also competed.

South Australian Eight-Oared Championship — 15th February, 1975.

The Mercantile Lightweight Eight competed in this event, finishing second to the Adelaide University Senior Eight.

Head of the Yarra (Hawthorn) — 15th March, 1975

Four eight-oared crews represented the Club in the Open Section (one crew), Intermediate Section (2 crews) and the Veteran Section (one crew).

Interversity, 1975

The Australian Universities Rowing Championships were held at Franklin, Tasmania, on 16th and 17th May, 1975.

The Oxford and Cambridge Cup for Eight-Oared Crews was won by Melbourne University from Tasmania and Monash. Time, 5.57.4.

The Melbourne University Eight was coached by Mr. William Stokes, and Mercantile member Tim Horkings was a member of the crew.

The Sir Fred J. Schnell Cup for Lightweight Fours was won by Melbourne University from Adelaide, with New South Wales third. Time, 6.39.8.

We congratulate the Melbourne University crews and their coaches on their successes in these events.

Inter-College Rowing, Melbourne University

The Newman College Eight-Oared Crew won the Mervin Bournes-Higgins Shield from Trinity College. Time, 6.05.

Club members associated with this crew were Tim Horkings (stroke), Mark Lipzer (7), and Adrian Maginn (coach), whom we congratulate with the crew on its success.

Schools' Head of the River Race

Held on the Barwon River on 12th May, 1975, the Geelong Grammar School, with coach Mr. F. C. Covill, recorded their second successive win in the Head of the River, winning from Geelong College, with Scotch College third. Time, 4.47.

We congratulate Mr. Covill and his crew on their success.

Premiership Points

SENIOR.—M.U.B.C., 40; Power House, 18; Monash University, 18; Mercantile, 11; Wendouree/Ballararat, 10; Banks, 10; Corio Bay, 7; Essendon, 4; Albert Park, 2; Nagambie, 2; Melbourne, 2; Hawthorn, 1; Rutherglen Lake, 1.

JUNIOR FIRST DIVISION.—Essendon, 128; Barwon, 72; Mercantile, 69; Corio Bay, 66; Wendouree/Ballararat, 64; Power House, 53; Banks, 52; Hawthorn, 38; Melbourne, 18; M.U.B.C., 7.

JUNIOR SECOND DIVISION.—Richmond, 50; City of Warrnambool, 41; Footscray City, 20; Rutherglen Lake, 16; Yarra Yarra, 12; Dimboola, 8; Ballarat City, 4; Monash University, 4; Wahgunyah, 4; Wentworth, 4; Horsham, 2; Nagambie, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Mercantile, 60; Power House, 40; Barwon, 20; Wendouree/Ballararat, 16; M.U.B.C., 16; Ballarat City, 8; Rutherglen Lake, 8; Melbourne, 6; Hawthorn, 5; Dimboola, 2.

Club Races

Guinn Memorial Pairs

In memory of the late Stan Guinn and conducted in tub pairs over the Princes Bridge course, this race was won by C. Jones, G. Thompson (stroke), J. Frederico (cox).

A. L. Dobbie Memorial Fours

This race is for trophies donated by the family of the late A. L. Dobbie, a Past-President of the Club, and traditionally is held on Ladies' Day, and was well patronised with an entry of nine crews. We thank the family of the late Archie Dobbie for donating these trophies, which were won by R. Searle, A. Spriggins, M. Kerin, S. Gillon (stroke), P. Sorani (cox).

J. G. H. Sprigg Time Trials

Our President has been donating these trophies for a long time and we appreciate his continued support and enthusiasm in sponsoring the event which is conducted between the end of the regatta season and the annual meeting. The winning crew in 1974 was T. Horking, R. Prince, S. Sherrifs, G. Low, D. Parton, D. Palfreyman, J. Shanasy, M. Owen (stroke), M. Aitken (cox). Time, 28.58.4.

Bradshaw-Richardson Time Trial

We thank Bill Bradshaw and Ron Richardson for providing the trophies for this four-oared event, raced from the Clubhouse through Morell Bridge and return, at the end of the racing season, and the event in 1974 was won I. R. Duthie, R. Prince, J. Shanasy, M. Owen (stroke), M. Aitken (cox). Time, 13.17.9.

Stonk-Moose Time Trial

This event is conducted in Tub Fours and is raced through Chapel Street Bridge and return to the Club for trophies donated by Laurie Moll, and recalls another identity and past Captain in the late Stonk Ross. (Laurie, if you hear any talk of the Handicapper being bias in 1974, it is jealousy.) The winning crew was S. G. Richardson, A. W. Dobbie, N. W. Cairnes, D. C. Brooke (stroke), T. T. Spencer (cox).

Combination Races

Morell Combination Eights — Sunday, 8th December, 1974

The trophies for this event are donated by the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell, a Past President of Mercantile and the Victorian Rowing Association. Oarsmen from a number of other Clubs and from Public Schools competed in the six crews which contested the race. We were pleased to have with us Stephen Morell, a grandson of the late Sir Stephen, to make the presentation to the winning crew — R. Crapper (B.G.S.), A. Briggs (B.G.S.), M. Lory (Xavier), P. Antonye (Power House), L. Bailey (Power House), R. Searle (Mercantile), S. Derham (Mercantile), L. Lubjonovic (Mercantile) (stroke), R. Jones (Mercantile) (cox).

We express our thanks to Messrs. D. R. and R. T. Morell for providing the trophies for this event.

Picken-Williams Eights — Sunday, 13th April, 1975.

Harvey Picken and Mick Williams were contemporaries in rowing for more than 50 years, and many years ago they combined to provide trophies for a combination eight-oared race for the general benefit of Victorian oarsmen, and it is cause for regret that Harvey Picken died only a short period prior to the date for this event, and within 12 months of the death of his old friend Mick Williams. Rowing in general and Mercantile in particular suffered a great loss in the passing of Harvey and Mick.

We thank Mrs. Williams and her family for their contribution to the trophies and we appreciated John Williams making the presentation to the winning crew, which included his nephew and grandson of Mick as coxswain, Jonathan Frederic.

Oarsmen from Albert Park, Melbourne, Footscray, Mercantile, Nepean (N.S.W.) and Sydney (N.S.W.) Rowing Clubs, and from Brighton Grammar School competed in the six eights, and the event was won by M. Aitken (Mercantile), P. Johnson (Mercantile), H. Pjnniger (Mercantile), A. Briggs (B.G.S.), M. Kwatowski (Footscray), P. Richter (Mercantile), J. Brooke (Mercantile), M. Manley (Mercantile) (stroke), Jonathan Frederico (Mercantile) (cox).

Trophies

Captain's Trophy.—This Trophy is awarded to the member who has entered and won the most Regatta and Club races during the season.

We congratulate our Vice-Captain, Martin Owen who, in addition to competing in the majority of Victorian qualifying regattas also

competed successfully at events in South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland and the majority of Club races, and while doing all this racing never neglected his duties of Vice-Captain, and in addition made time to coach a number of novice and youth oarsmen and to be present at most working bees on the boat house re-building project. Martin has set a tremendous example and we congratulate him on winning this important trophy and on the efficient manner in which he organised the Club. ...

Max Bailey Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the champion coxswain has been won by Tim Ling with a total of 11 wins for the season.

Dr. R. A. Cooper Memorial Trophy.—The trophy which is made available by the generosity of the family of the late Dr. R. A. Cooper is awarded annually to the member who, during the year, has rendered the most outstanding service to the Club. All members who have attended the Club in the course of the year will know John Carr and be aware of his service to the Club and to members, particularly those members arriving in need of relaxation and refreshment. Members will appreciate the financial benefit accruing to the Club from his good works and endorse the decision of the Committee to award John Carr the Dr. R. A. Cooper Memorial Trophy. "Thumbscrew" we look forward to continuing to receive this very efficient service from you for many years to come.

Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the most improved lightweight oarsman is donated by the Management and Staff of Edward Lumley and Sons Pty. Ltd. and is awarded annually in memory of the late Jeff Wylie, a former Captain of the Club. The award goes to Mark Connolly, to whom we extend our congratulations.

Late F. R. Browne Trophy.—The Perpetual Shield and Trophy are donated by the family of the late F. R. Browne for presentation to the most improved novice oarsman and has been awarded to Matthew Gaffney, to whom we extend our congratulations.

N. W. Cairnes Trophy.—The trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season has been awarded to Peter Wiseman, and we look forward to his continued improvement.

Social Activities

Ladies' Day, 15th September, 1974.—The traditional opening day of the season and conducted in conjunction with the Dobbie Fours was well attended, 50 ladies being received as guests and enjoyed a barbecue lunch prepared and served by Italian Chef, Ted Sorani.

As reported elsewhere the Dobbie Fours was well supported and provided the right background to an entertaining day.

Annual Dinner, 21st September, 1974.—Held at the Dorchester and attended by 74 members and enjoyed an interesting talk on the "Melbourne City Council Strategy Plan and its Relationship to the River Yarra" by Guest Speaker — Mr. Peter McIntyre, a Town Planner. Cr. Michael Winneke was another welcome guest.

Functions.—Under the chairmanship of David Yunghans a number of enjoyable functions were conducted in the Clubhouse, including Chicken and Champagne Night, an Italian Night and a Henley Night Party, all of which contributed to the Building Fund.

Squash

The Club entered three teams in the 1974 Spring Pennant Season in B, D. and E. Grades respectively. Unfortunately none of the teams qualified for the finals.

In the 1975 Autumn Season the Club was represented by one team in Grade C. 1 and this team was also unsuccessful. However, we hope once again to enter three teams in the Spring Competition about to commence and hope for better results.

Your thanks are due to Ron Griffiths and Barry Gross for organising the Squash Section and any member wishing to represent the Club should get in touch with Barry Gross.

The squash teams were.—1974 Spring Competition: B Grade — Paul Wheeler, Ron Griffiths, Ken Leach, John Evans. D Grade — Bob Aitken, Daryl John, Barry Gross, John Burford, Geoff Park. E Grade — Dick Garrard, John Harry, Steve Gillon, Rod Stewart, Peter Philp.

1975 Autumn Competition: C1 Grade — Ken Leach, John Evans, Bob Aitken, Barry Gross, John Burford, Geoff Park.

Mercantile Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary is continuing its support to the Club and in the year under review we are indebted to the ladies for equipping the kitchen with two large gas stoves and an order has been placed for chairs to furnish the new Clubroom. Delivery of the chairs is expected in time for the Annual Meeting. In addition a contribution has been promised for the finishing of the sauna.

At a time when the Club is working on an overdraft and our funds available for equipment are very limited, this help from the Auxiliary is very much appreciated and is of great benefit to the Club.

The office-bearers for the year 1974-75 were:—President, Carol Boykett, Vice-Presidents, Pat Coleman and Sandy Garrard. Secretary, Jean Bradshaw, Assistant Secretary, Margaret Sherwood. Treasurer, Eila McKeown. Assistant Treasurer, Pat Maginn.

General

Appreciation of Assistance to Mercantile.—We are indebted to the many Clubs and Schools who have assisted in the past two years in the housing of our boats and equipment and made the facilities of their Clubs available to our members while we were without a home of our own following the fire and during our re-building operations.

In expressing our appreciation, we would in particular mention the Clubs located at Princes Bridge, all of whom have been most generous to the Club and its members.

Anzac Day Service.—Held on Sunday, 27th April, the ceremony was performed by the President, J. G. H. Sprigg, assisted by David Stirling and John Seammen.

Christmas Camp.—Held at Yarrawonga and organised by Roger Wilson and Ted Sorani, ably assisted by their respective wives. They looked after the 30 young oarsmen who were competing at Nagambie, Yarrawonga and Rutherglen Regattas, creating an atmosphere of friendship and goodwill at the Camp and we are appreciative of their support in making it possible for these Club members to enjoy a rowing holiday.

Coxswains.—The Club has been fortunate in the number of coxswains it has been able to call on and we are grateful for the support they give throughout the year and thank Marty Aitken, Jonathan Frederico, Tim Frederico, Rhys Jones, Tim Ling, Tim McCoy, Adrian Maginn, Vic Ronai, Paul Sorani and Peter Wiseman for their services.

Floral Tributes.—To Geoff McMahon we say thank you for his many donations of flowers on all appropriate occasions.

E.M.M.A.—Mrs. Sprigg, the organiser of E.M.M.A., has continued her assistance in this field contributing \$80 to the Club from these efforts.

Members are reminded that the success of her effort depend on their contributions of empty containers and you are urged to step up the rate of delivery of your used containers to the Clubhouse.

Although Mrs. Sprigg will be absent for a few months, do not let that stop the delivery of the used containers.

We all join in wishing Mrs. Sprigg and husband Jim a happy holiday in the United States.

Press and Radio.—We thank the A.B.C., the Press and Radio for the coverage of rowing news, and in particular mention Ray Todd for his continued support of rowing in the media, and to Roger Wilson who keeps us informed over the P.A. at all regattas in addition to his contributions through the press.

Babies.—We congratulate the following members and their wives on the many happy events — Bob Lee, Andy Evans, Warwick Hutchins, Adrian Monger, John Gumley and Rob Connolly, each of whom became the proud father of a boy.

The same hearty congratulations to Mike McKenna, Peter Jones and John Harry, each of whom became the father of a girl.

To Steve Gillon the very proud father of twin sons we extend very hearty congratulations.

Jim Harvey may be in next year's list; he was married during the year, and to Jim and Melvena we extend our very best wishes.

Deaths.—It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of an unusually large number of old and valued members in J. Harvey Picken, Robert (Bob) T. Rush, J. H. (Jim) O'Reilly, A. T. (Ack) Loveless, A. P. (Streak) Miller and D. A. (Beef) Calder.

We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

President.—The Committee is indebted to our President for his support, helpful criticism, advice and enthusiasm for the Club and Rowing.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

N. W. CAIRNES,
Honorary Secretary.
Mercantile Rowing Club.

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OBITUARIES

J. HARVIE PICKEN

Harvie Picken joined the Club in the early years of this century and for a number of years was a regular attendant competing in regatta and Club races. Shortly after winning a senior eight in the early 1920's, he found that business commitments did not allow him sufficient time to train for racing, and he became for many years a regular week-end rower. For a number of years he was associated with the Picken-Marsh Combination Eights, and on the death of the late Tom Marsh he joined with the late M. S. Williams in sponsoring the Picken-Williams Combination Eights.

Harvie took a keen interest in Club matters and was a generous donor to affairs of the club. With advancing years and failing health, we rarely saw him in recent years, but he retained his interest in the Club until the end.

ROBERT T. RUSH

Upon retiring from League football after 10 years loyal service with Collingwood Football Club, Robert Thomas (Bob) Rush, then a noted athlete, joined Mercantile towards the end of the first decade of this century and commenced to learn to row. In those days many difficulties faced the novice, but with characteristic determination, Bob persevered and by 1913 had won a Maiden Eight which was followed by a Junior Eight at Henley, 1914. These races were forerunners of a number of victories which included senior eights and fours. Before retiring from active racing, Bob had developed into a very useful senior stroke.

During his rowing life, Bob maintained a keen interest in football and for many years held administrative positions with Collingwood Football Club and the Australian National Football Council. When the field of Birthday Honours was enlarged to cover sporting personnel, Bob was awarded an O.B.E.

He was a great Clubman and always interested in Club matters. He passed away at the advanced age of 93 years, but enjoyed regular week-end rowing until well after his 91st birthday, which is possibly a Victorian record. Mercantile members and sportsmen generally regret the passing of this noted athlete.

JAMES H. O'REILLY

Jim O'Reilly joined this Club in the early years of this century. He won a number of races, but thought he was cut out for a life in the country and in 1912 he moved to Echuca, joining a well known firm of stock and station agents. Most of his holidays were spent in Melbourne and he moved about with Club members and enjoyed a special place in the South West Corner. In 1926 he commenced farming at Lake Cargellico in New South Wales, remaining there until the end, although during recent years, with a son managing the property, he spent a considerable amount of time in Melbourne and at the Club, and enjoyed a trip to the Olympic Games in Japan with the rowing supporters.

He was 87 years of age and for approximately 67 years a member of Mercantile. He supported our various activities and was keenly interested in our re-building projects to which he was a substantial donor. We regret the passing of an old and loyal member.

ALEXANDER P. MILLER

Known as "Streak" throughout Victorian rowing, he was an active carsman, Club administrator and a regular competitor at all regattas, with a particular affinity to country regattas and later visiting all country regattas as a supporter where his friendly personality made him a well known and popular visitor.

Joining Mercantile in 1927, he won his Maiden Eight in 1928 and followed with successes in Junior Eights and Pairs and Senior Eights over the next six years. At the same time he took an active part in the Club administration, being elected to the Committee in 1929 and later becoming Vice-Captain, Captain and Vice-President.

He regularly attended at the Club and its functions, including the South West Corner, until an illness restricted his activities and even then remained a regular supporter of the Henley Regatta, and whenever possible made a visit to the South West Corner.

"Streak" will be sadly missed from Mercantile and Victorian Rowing.

A. T. LOVELESS

A. T. (Ac.) Loveless was a recent member of the Club who became interested through a coxswain son and stayed to support the Club in many activities. He enjoyed the facilities of the Club and the friendship of the members.

We regret the passing of a friendly member.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1975

INCOME:

	1975	1974
Subscriptions	\$6,840	\$6,680
Less Amounts written off	928	760
	\$5,912	\$5,920
Donations	866	8,054
Interest Received	4,012	2,072
Transfers from Social Fund	4,032	—
Sundry Income	181	—
Rent Received on Boats	—	22
Hire Club Room	150	—
	\$15,153	\$16,068

EXPENDITURE:

Depreciation	\$1,796	\$2,261
Entrance Fees — Regattas	77	428
Fire Protection Expenses	158	94
Freight — Country Regattas	182	122
General Expenses	459	420
Insurance	723	731
Interest on Overdraft	1,207	689
Lighting, Gas, Rent and Water Rates	1,118	541
Printing & Stationery	950	921
Repairs & Maintenance	920	423
Telephone	90	134
Trophies — Club Races	114	190
V.R.A. Dues, Fees and Donations	378	1,237
Mercantile Regatta Expenses	—	78
	\$8,172	\$8,269

SURPLUS TRANSFERRED

TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$6,981	\$7,799
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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1975

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

	1974	1975
Bank of New South Wales	\$184	\$1,650
Bank of New South Wales (War Memorial Building Fund)	1,373	23,907
Trophy Orders A/c. (see Note 3)	5,885	6,138
Subscription Paid in Advance	87	130
Sundry Creditors	1,083	—
Olympic Fund	100	100
	<u>\$8,712</u>	<u>\$31,925</u>

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Balance 1st May, 1974	\$2,656	
Add Net Income	181	
	2,837	
Less Trophies	33	2,804
	2,656	

ACCUMULATED FUNDS:

Balance 30th April (see Note 1)	43,789	50,772
War Memorial Building Fund Donations (see Note 2)	27,870	38,825
	<u>\$74,315</u>	<u>\$92,401</u>
	<u>\$83,027</u>	<u>\$124,326</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1975

CURRENT ASSETS:

	1974	1975
Bank of New South Wales — R. A. Cooper		
Memorial Trust Fund	\$178	\$358
Subscriptions Outstanding	724	1,094
Stock on Hand	198	78
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	1,065	1,343
	\$2,165	\$2,873

INVESTMENTS (at cost):

Loan — Brayburn Securities Ltd.	\$35,000	\$14,000
Loan — Australian Guarantee Corp. Ltd.	4,000	—
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds—		
V.R.A. Trophy Order A/c.	\$597	
F. R. Brown Trophy A/c.	50	
J. J. Wylie Trophy A/c.	100	747
R. A. Cooper Memorial Trust Fund—		
Finance Corporation of Australia		
td. — 8% Debentures (1981)	1,000	1,000
Australian Foundation Investment Co.		
Ltd. — 1,356 Ordinary Shares	1,397	1,397
	\$42,144	\$17,144

NON-CURRENT ASSETS:

War Memorial Clubhouse (see Note 4)	\$21,746	\$88,035
Boathouse (at cost)	5,201	5,201
Boats (at cost, less depreciation)	8,889	7,408
Oars (at valuation)	1,528	1,789
Boat Trailer (at cost less depreciation)	839	738
Sundry Assets (at cost, less depreciation)	515	1,138
	\$38,718	\$104,309
	\$83,027	\$124,326

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that, in my opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement of 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, 1975, according to the information and explanations given to me as shown by the books and records.

P. R. DEVENISH,
Chartered Accountant.

Dated at Melbourne, 10th June, 1975.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

NOTES ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1975

NOTE 1.—ACCUMULATED FUNDS:

	1975	1974
Balance Brought Forward 1st May	\$43,789	\$27,828
Net Surplus for year	6,981	7,799
	\$50,770	\$35,627
Add Excess of Insurance Recovery over cost of Assets shown in Balance Sheet	—	8,162
Transfers on inclusion of War Memorial Building Fund — own Funds	3,623	2,000
	\$54,393	\$45,789
Less Transfer to War Memorial Building Fund	3,623	2,000
	\$50,770	\$43,789

Note 2.

The figure of \$38,825 represents total donations to the War Memorial Building Fund received to 30th April, 1975. A separate Audited Receipts and Payments Statement is attached hereto.

Note 3.—TROPHY ORDERS ACCOUNT:

Balance brought forward 1st May	\$5,885	\$5,701
Add Amounts for Tophies Awarded	253	217
	\$6,138	\$5,918
Less Trophy Orders Paid	—	33
	\$6,138	\$5,835

Note 4.—WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING:

Balance Brought Forward 1st May	\$21,746
Add Expenditure to date on Re-installing Building	66,290
	\$88,036

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Payments

1974
April 30 **Balance** brought forward \$1,372.88

1975

April 30 Bank Fees 11.13
Expenditure on Re-instating Building 62,895.68

Receipts

Interest on Deposit \$1,794.35
Repayment of Deposit 21,000.00
April 30 Sundry Donations 13,954.95
Transfer from Club Funds 3,623.00
Balance 23,907.39

\$64,279.69 \$64,279.69

April 30 The Bank of New South Wales
Account Overdrawn \$23,907.39

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, 1974, 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, 10th June, 1975.