



# **Mercantile Rowing Club**

**MELBOURNE**

*98th*

*Annual Report*

*and*

*Balance Sheet*

*Season 1977 – 78.*

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge,  
Melbourne, 3004.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 24th JUNE, 1978, at 8.00 p.m.

The Annual Smoke Night will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

## **BUSINESS**

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th June, 1977.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
4. Presentation of Trophies.
5. Any General Business that may be legally brought forward.

Nominations for the Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 17th JUNE, 1978, at 4.00 p.m.

By order of the Committee,

P.G. RICHTER

Honorary Secretary.

**THE NINETY EIGHT ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**

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To the Members,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the 98th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April, 1978.

Senior rowing under co-coaches Phil Cayzer and John Nickson with a large squad of oarsmen got off to a very promising start.

A rigorous weight and running circuit was engaged in through winter, and early success was enjoyed by the Senior 8 in winning 4 races up till the Negambie Regatta on Boxing Day, including a good win over last year's title holders — Monash University — at the Banks Regatta. Their string of wins then came to an end, and the crew recorded a disappointing fourth at the State Championships behind Monash, Sydney and Melbourne University.

Despite this end result we were fortunate in having four members of the 8 in the Kings Cup Crew: Steve Shirrefs rowing bow, Rod Guy(2), Alec Sloan (3) and Andrew Withers (6). These men will form the basis of next year's Senior 8, and we urge all Senior and potential Senior oarsmen to pay close attention to training programmes so that next year, with our added experience, we shall be able to topple the title holders.

It is very disappointing to report the end of an era of Lightweight domination by Mercantile in Australian rowing when this year, fielding two Lightweight 8s, the club recorded a second and fifth place at the Nationals Regatta. With more active lightweights in the club than ever before and a keenness second to none, there was a lack of unity in their approach. It was the opinion of many members that the best oarsmen were distributed between the two crews, and this was no way of beating a vastly improved Melbourne University.

Our congratulations to Dennis Hatcher, Ian Porter and Mal Robertson together with coach, David Palfreyman, who gained Australian selection to contest the World Lightweight 8 Championships to be held in Copenhagen in August.

The Club would like to wish every success to the Lightweight Crews competing in Copenhagen, as well as the Heavyweight Crews competing at the World Championships in New Zealand later this year, and reminds all members and their friends that their support in sending these crews is much needed and appreciated.

A special mention must be made of Marty Owen, Phil Ainsworth and Dick Garrard who were involved in a serious car accident in Tasmania driving from the river at Huonville after learning of their selection in the Australian squad. All three had an excellent chance of being in the crew, but injuries sustained as a result of the accident were an end to their hopes. For Phil and Dick it would have been the second year in succession of representing Australia in the 8, but for Marty it was the culmination of years of devoted training and service to Mercantile and rowing in general. As news of the accident spread, everyone who has anything to do with rowing felt for Marty, and on behalf of all Mercantilians we wish him well in his fight back and hope to see him reach his goal in 1979.

The Australian Lightweight 8 competing in the World Championships at Amsterdam last year, under coach Justice Frederico, and with a further six Mercantile members in the crew: Mal Robertson, Phil Ainsworth, Rod Stewart, Ian Porter, Dick Garrard and John Hawkins performed creditably to win a bronze medal behind England and Spain. The Club congratulates

the crew on their success, and the Mercantilians who helped re-establish Mercantile in world class rowing.

The club also wishes to congratulate another of its members — Peter Benjamin — on his excellent performance in gaining a silver medal at the Maccabean Games sculling for Australia.

Junior rowing, under coach John Burford, seems likely to be a strong force in the future with a crew which dominated Maiden rowing early in the season but lacked experience in the junior class. The crew shows an excellent basis for next year in both Senior and Junior class with many capable oarsmen ready and eager to make a success in rowing.

David Douglas stirred up an amazing reaction in the Maiden ranks and boated a Maiden 8 and two Maiden 4s in the latter part of the season, and had to call on the help of Jack Shanasy in handling the number of keen oarsmen.

Roger Wilson's Brighton Grammar crew and Martin Tomanovitch's Xavier College crew attained much success in rowing for the club in the Novice class in the early part of the season, and we hope that many of these lads will come to Mercantile after they leave school and further their success with the club.

Ted Sorani, together with the help of a number of club members, set out on a task to raise money for the Club by making and selling fibreglass canoes. These canoes were of a very high standard and realised \$320. We would like to thank Ted for his untiring support for the Club.

Bob Aitken has taken on the position of Chairman of the Centenary Committee. All members are reminded that the Centenary is only two years away, and any points of interest or ideas should be relayed to Bob for his action.

**FINANCIAL:** The club is maintaining its sound financial position thanks mainly to the many generous donations received during the year.

Unfortunately the surplus of \$4,134 for the year was not realised in funds as outstanding subscriptions \$1,038 and outstanding entry fees of \$383 have deprived the Club of the opportunity to make a substantial reduction in the overdraft of \$23,000, the servicing of which takes a large portion of the subscription income. The slow payment of subscriptions and entry fees is a handicap to the planning of equipment replacement and reduction of overdraft and all members are urged to make an effort to meet their financial obligations to the Club.

**DONATIONS:** With the high cost of boats and oars, the subscriptions of members are insufficient to provide vital new equipment and it is the generosity of friends and members which make possible the purchase of the necessary new equipment and the upgrading of the Club facilities.

We are particularly grateful to Caltex Oil (Australia) Pty. Ltd. for a substantial donation which enabled the purchase of a new convertible coxed/coxless racing four.

The relining of the Memorial Club Room, which is now in progress has been made possible by generous donations from Mrs. Alice Stirling and Mr. Colin Stirling, widow and brother of our esteemed late member, David Stirling.

In expressing our appreciation of the above mentioned donations we also acknowledge with thanks donations received from the following:—

R.R. Aitken, J.P. Appleby, W.M. Bailey, J.B. Bostock, J.W. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N.W. Cairnes, P.A. Cayzer, J.H.P. Clarke, Mrs. Mary Clarke, Mr. Justice Frederico, J.R. Harvey, M.F. McKenna, G. McMahon, H.

Mahoney, S.F. Mollard, A. Monger, D. Olliff, M.F. Owen, J. Pearce, P.E.M. Philp, R.H. Richardson, A. Sorani, H.T. Spencer, Mrs. T.L. Sprigg, J.G.H. Sprigg, R.W. Thursfield, M.G. Tomanovitis, Tullyvallin Trust, R.B. Wilson, J. Carr and the donation of trophies for Club Races by A.W. Dobbie, the family of the Late Sir Stephen Morell and the family of the late M.S. Williams.

**TRIBUTORS:** This group of members who pledge themselves at the commencement of each season to contribute a fixed sum in respect of each race won by the club raised \$631 during the year in relation to 1976/77 season. This brings the total amount made available to the club in excess of \$3800 during the five years the scheme has been in operation.

These funds have, in the past, been made available to the Building Appeal, and more recently, have been set aside for the purchase of a new Regulation Four now under construction.

The club sincerely thanks the Tributors for their continued support, and reminds members who have not already done so, and are interested in joining, to contact Bill Morrison or Ian Wilson.

Current members of the Tributors are: R.R. Aitken, J.P. Appleby, A.W. Blaxland, J.B. Bostock, J.H. Boykett, J.W. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N.W. Cairnes, P.A. Cayzer, D.J.M. Critchon, A.M. Evans, B. Gross, J.R. Harry, J. McD. Jones, M. Keely, E.P. Leggett, K. McConville, M.F. McKenna, J.W. McKeown, C.W. Mahony, G.O.V. Manton, D.J.R. Morgan, W.T. Morrison, P. O'Brien, K. Pope, R.H. Richardson, S.G. Richardson, T. Rodds, J.S. Rowe, Adrian Schrader, J. Shears, H. Shears, A. Sorani, J.G. Sprigg, C.T. Thompson, R.W. Thursfield, M.G. Tomanovits, E.C. White, W.I. Wilson, D.J. Yunghanns.

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club as at 30th April, 1978, was as follows:

	1978	1977	1976	1975
Life Members . . . . .	7	7	7	7
Senior Active Members . . . . .	153	146	141	143
Senior Members . . . . .	23	24	27	30
Junior Members . . . . .	42	55	44	40
Junior Schoolboy Members . . . . .	69	51	27	14
Country Members . . . . .	33	39	34	35
Associate Members . . . . .	63	64	48	37
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	390	386	328	306

## EXECUTIVE and COMMITTEE

At the time of going to press, 11 committee meetings had been held and the attendance has been:—

P.J. Ainsworth	7	S. Butler	3	M.F. Owen	7
R.R. Aitken	7	N.W. Cairns	11	P.G. Richter	9
K.B. Bailey	10	M. Connolly	8	V. Ronai-Horvath	3
G. Boykett	6	R.J. Guy	2	A.T. Sloan	7
D. Bowen	3	D.A. McLean	7	J.G.H. Sprigg	11
J.W. Bradshaw	10	W.T. Morrison	1	M. Tomanovits	11
J. Burford	2	N. Newton	11		

## EQUIPMENT and CLUBHOUSE

Extensive work was carried out during the year to maintain the state of the fleet. The Seniors carried out repairs on, the 'First Lady', the Lightweights worked on the 'John Burford' and the Junior and Maiden oarsmen overhauled the 'Martin Owen' and the 'Bill Bradshaw' at the end of the season.

The 'R.R. Aitken' unfortunately suffered another collision, and was again sent off to Sykes for restoration.

Just as the fleet needs to be maintained so do the bicycles, and a lot of time was spent in getting the greatest number possible available for coaches.

Ten new Croker blades were delivered at Christmas for use by the Seniors, and a new coxed/coxless Racing 4 was purchased before the Nationals Regatta. A Regulation 4 and Lightweight 8 are on order from Sykes for delivery in August and October respectively. The pair oared boat, the 'Keith Bilney' was sold for \$250.00.

Turning to the Clubhouse the main floor area was sanded and revarnished, and the bar area and stair walls are currently being timber panelled.

The fleet and equipment is listed below:

### EIGHTS

Martin Owen	1976 (very good)
John Burford	1973 (good)
R.R. Aitken	1971 (fair)
J.G.H. Sprigg	1968 (fair)

### FOURS

#### Racing

New Four	1978 (very good)
N.W. Cairns	1976 (very good)
M.F. McKenna	1972 (very good)
Ricky Loveless	1970 (good)
The First Lady	1968 (fair)
Caltex & Dealers	1964 (fair)

#### Tub

Deane Morgan	1961 (poor)
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### MISCELLANEOUS

Aluminium Hull (very good)	
Johnson	
Outboard Motor (very good)	
Wooden Hull (poor)	
Mercury Outboard Motor (good)	
Boat Trailer (fair)	

### PAIRS

#### Racing

W.T. Morrison	1971 (fair)
Bill Bradshaw	1967 (fair)

#### Tub

Paul Harding	1962 (poor)
Dr. R.A. Cooper	1961 (poor)

### OARS

Croker 12'6"	1978 (very good)
Croker 12'3"	1977 (very good)
Croker 12'3"	1976 (very good)
Croker 12'6"	1974 (good)
Sykes 12'4"	1972 (good)
Sykes 12'2"	1971 (fair)
Karlish 12'6"	1976 (fair)
S & B 12'2"	1969 (poor)
S & B 12'4"	1968 (poor)
Ayling 12' 4"	1967 (poor)
Donorartico 12'4"	1966 (poor)
Assorted	1950-1964 (poor)

## COACHING

The Club's coaches in the past season again exhibited great dedication in the job to which they were assigned. Whilst the club did not enjoy a good year in terms of races won, our coaches stuck to their task with enthusiasm and skill to the benefit of all active oarsmen.

We extend our thanks to the following members who have given their time during the season under review: Phil Cayzer, John Nickson, David Palfreyman, John Burford, Justice Frederico, David Douglas, Jack Shanasy, Roger Wilson and Martin Tomanovits.

## RECRUITING

The recruiting night took place on Sunday, 16th October, and was co-ordinated by Marty Owen, John Burford and Graham Boykett. The night consisted of a talk and some refreshments following the Mick Williams 4s races.

It was a successful night but members are reminded that if full value is to be gained from such a function more active support is required.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEAD OF THE RIVER – 15/4/78:

A very determined Scotch College Crew managed to hold off a late challenge from Melbourne Grammar – the favourites on heat form – to win the 1978 Head of the River.

Congratulations to Stroke, L. David Webster, and the rest of the Scotch crew on a fine win.

Club members coaching school crews this year were Marty Tomanovits – Xavier 1sts; Roger Wilson – Brighton 1sts; Andrew Guerin – Brighton 2nds and Rod Guy – Brighton 3rds.

## HIGH SCHOOLS HEAD OF THE RIVER:

This event this year was won by Bell Park of Geelong, and Melbourne High School second, congratulations Bell Park.

Mike Manley was the only club member involved in coaching here with a junior Melbourne High crew.



## AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS HUON RIVER, FRANKLIN, TASMANIA – 1978

**Eight-Oared Championship for the King's Cup** – N.S.W. 6:05.01; Victoria 6:07.99; Tasmania 6:12.93

**Lightweight Four-oared Championship for the Penrith Cup** – Victoria 6:41.16; N.S.W. 6:46.40; Tasmania 6:48.92

**Single Sculling Championship for the President's Cup** – E. Hale (NSW) 7:26.42; R. McGowan (NSW) 7:27.61; R. Reddel (NSW) 7:28.71; A. McKinley (Vic.)

**Youth Eight-oared Championship for the Wilkinson Cup** – Tasmania No. 1 4:26.22; South Australia 4:30.38; Victoria No. 1 4:36.87

**Women's Elite Four** – Victoria 3:31.68; W.A. 3:38.86; NSW 3:40.72

**Women's Lightweight Four** – Victoria 3:53.59; South Australia 3:56.18; N.S.W. 4:00.19

**Women's Single Scull** – E. Adams (NSW) 4:10.67; L. Patterson (Vic) 4:13.77; S. McGinniss (Tas) 4:21.48

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Four with Cox**  
Sydney, Adelaide Uni., Mercantile. 6:17.40

**Four without Cox**  
Sydney Comp., Monash Uni., M.U.B.C. 6:53.44

**Pair with Cox**  
Sydney No. 1, Sydney No.2, Drummoyne 7:12.34

**Pair without Cox**  
Sydney, Adelaide Uni. Haberfield. 7:31.83

**Double Scull**  
Haberfield, Sydney, Haberfield Comp. 7:07.77

**Quadruple Scull**  
Sydney, Haberfield Comp., GPS Old Boys. 6:12.08

**Junior Eight**  
Sydney, Mosman, North Esk Comp. 6:45.30

**Junior Four**  
Nepean, Adelaide Uni., Drummoyne. 7:15.06

**Junior Pair**  
Drummoyne, Manning River, Footscray City. 8:35.60

**Junior Scull**  
C. Shiners (Sydney), B. Sarah (Wendouree/Ballarat),  
D. Schier (Franklin) 7:01.00

**Youth Four**  
St. George, Tipperoo, Corio Bay. 5:55.10

**Lightweight Eight**  
M.U.B.C., Mercantile, Haberfield. 5:52.10

**Lightweight Four without Cox**  
M.U.B.C. No. 2, M.U.B.C. No. 1, Haberfield. 6:24.10

**Lightweight Pair without Cox**  
A.N.A.. Drummoyne, Leichhardt. 8:03.45

**Lightweight Scull**  
A. McKinley (Wendouree/Ballarat), J. Sykes (Corio Bay),  
A. Feldt (Banks). 7:31.60

<b>Lightweight Double Scull</b> Haberfield, Sydney, A.N.A.	7:52.30
<b>School Eight</b> Scotch College (Vic), Newington College (NSW), Geelong College (Vic).	4:59.48
<b>School Four</b> Canberra Grammar, Launceston Grammar, Hutchins.	6:07.39
<b>Women's Elite Pair without Cox</b> Sydney Uni. Comp., Adelaide Uni., Artemis.	3:24.10
<b>Women's Elite Double Scull</b> Mosman Comp., Leichhardt, YWCA.	4:21.01
<b>Women's Elite Quadruple Scull</b> Corio Bay Comp., Sydney Comp., Tweed River.	3:38.33
<b>Women's Eight</b> M.U.B.C. Comp., Sydney Uni. Comp., Leichhardt Com.	3:28.25
<b>Women's Senior Four</b> Uni. of W.A., Sydney Uni., Monash Comp.	3:26.05
<b>Women's Senior Pair without Cox</b> Sydney Uni., YWCA Comp., Reeconian.	3:54.30
<b>Women's Lightweight Pair without Cox</b> YWCA Comp., Leichhardt, North Esk.	4:07.10
<b>Women's Lightweight Scull</b> L. Patterson (Corio Bay), E. Adams (Sydney), K. Law (Sydney).	4:04.17
<b>Junior Girl's Four</b> Leichhardt, Tweed River, Artemis.	3:59.93

## CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING

We congratulate the members of the following successful crews:—

### UPPER YARRA REGATTA — August 13th, 1977

#### Lightweight Maiden Pair

A. Maginn, B. Morrison (stroke), P. Sorani (cox).

#### Junior Four

M. Connolly, M. Owen, C. Koster, G. Robertson-Smith (stroke), P. Wiseman (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

#### Open Eight

E. Schrader, P. Richter, M. Manley, R. Guy, A. Withers, A. Sloan, T. Lockwood, S. Shirrefs (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox), P. Cayzer, J. Nickson (coaches).

### BANKS REGATTA — October 15th, 1977

#### Junior Four

M. Connolly, M. Owen, G. Robertson-Smith, G. Cruthers (stroke), P. Wiseman (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

#### Open Eight

E. Schrader, P. Richter, M. Manley, R. Guy, A. Withers, A. Sloan, T. Lockwood, S. Shirrefs (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox), P. Cayzer, J. Nickson (coaches).

### DIMBOOLA REGATTA — November 19th, 1977

#### Novice Four

J. Manalitsis, N. Middendorp, J. Wilson, S. Waring (stroke), B. Mallett (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

## **HORSHAM REGATTA – November 20th, 1977**

### **Maiden Eight**

D. Bowen, N. Newton, G. Bell, J. Adams, M. Stout, S. Millican M. Cunningham, D. Pincas (stroke), P. Sorani (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## **UPPER YARRA REGATTA – December 3rd, 1977**

### **Lightweight Senior Four**

M. Owen, C. Crighton, A. Guerin, M. Connolly (stroke), P. Wiseman (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

### **Novice Eight**

J. Manalitsis, G. Glinnich, J. Wilson, N. Middendorp, J. Casey, D. Kerford, J. Campbell, G. Mallett (stroke), A. Davidson (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

### **Maiden Eight**

N. Newton, D. Bowen, G. Bell, S. Millican, M. Stout, J. Adams, M. Cunningham, D. Pincas (stroke), P. Sorani (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## **VRA MELBOURNE REGATTA – QUEENS JUBILEE – December 10th, 1978**

### **Novice Eight**

J. Manalitsis, G. Glinnich, J. Wilson, N. Middendorp, J. Casey, I. Davies, J. Campbell, D. Kerford (stroke), A. Davidson (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

### **Maiden Eight**

N. Newton, D. Bowen, G. Bell, S. Millican, M. Stout, J. Adams, M. Cunningham, D. Pincas (stroke), P. Sorani (cox), J. Burford (coach).

### **Senior Eight**

P. Schrader, P. Richter, M. Manley, R. Guy, A. Withers, A. Sloan, T. Lockwood, S. Shirrefs (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox), P. Cayzer, J. Nickson (coaches).

## **NAGAMBIE REGATTA – December 26th, 1977**

### **Novice Eight**

P. Beech, P. Fitzpatrick, A. Woolley, P. Malony, J. Ryan, G. Borghesi, L. Nallo, D. Cranitch (stroke), R. Ralph (cox), M. Tomanovits (coach).

### **Senior Eight**

M. Manley, G. Boykett, E. Schrader, T. Lockwood, A. Withers, A. Sloan, P. Richter, S. Shirrefs (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox), P. Cayzer, J. Nickson (coaches).

## **BARWON REGATTA – February 25th, 1977**

### **Senior Four**

T. Lockwood, M. Ross (Monash), A. Withers, A. Sloan (stroke), D. Farrah (cox), P. Cayzer (coach).

### **Junior Eight**

R. Keast, D. Pincas, D. Bowen, J. Adams, M. Stout, G. Cruthers, J. Sharp, A. Briggs (stroke), D. Strong (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## **BALLARAT REGATTA – March 11, 1977**

### **Senior Four**

T. Lockwood, M. Ross (Monash), A. Withers, P. Benjamin (stroke), D. Farrah (cox), P. Cayzer (coach).

### **Lightweight Eight**

R. Pilmore, M. Robertson, D. Hatcher, M. Connolly, I. Porter, P. Ainsworth, R. Garrard, M. Owen (stroke), J. Lugg (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

## PREMIERSHIP POINTS:

**SENIOR** — Monash University 66; M.U.B.C. 44; Mercantile 28; Banks 18; Hawthorn 8; Corio Bay 6; Albert Park 5; Wendouree/Ballarat 5; Ballarat City 2; Bendigo 2; Melbourne 2; Rutherglen Lake 2; City of Warrnambool 1.

**JUNIOR — 1st Division** — Barwon 134; Corio Bay 76; Mercantile 68; Banks 61; Power House 47; Albert Park 40; Wendouree/Ballarat 33; Essendon 19; Hawthorn 14; M.U.B.C. 12.

**LIGHTWEIGHT** — M.U.B.C. 58; Melbourne 32; Corio Bay 23; Mercantile 22; Banks 20; Power House 18; Barwon 14; Footscray City 6; Richmond 6; Albert Park 4; Ballarat City 4; Wendouree/Ballarat 4; Hawthorn 2; Rutherglen Lake 2.

**JUNIOR — 2nd Division** — Melbourne 44; City of Warrnambool 41; Horsham 30; Footscray City 26; La Trobe University 24; Ballarat City 22; Corowa 20; Rutherglen Lake 18; Yarrowonga 14; Richmond 12; Dimboola 12; Yarra Yarra 7; Mildura 6; Bendigo 3; Lake Colac 2.

## SCOTCH—MERCANTILE REGATTA

The 20th Scotch-Mercantile Regatta, held on 1st April, 1978, was organised by Mr. J.W. Bradshaw, assisted by a Committee consisting of Messrs. R.R. Aitken, D.H. Boykett, M. Connolly, D.J.R. Morgan, W.V. Nash, P.H. O'Brien, M.F. Owen, P.G. Richter, A.T. Sloan, M.G. Tomanovits and resulted in a record entry of 1551 oarsmen with a programme of 145 events commencing at 9.00 a.m. and finishing at 5.30 p.m.

The assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary in catering arrangements, Scotch College students, Mr. W. Morrison as Referee and the Victorian Rowing Association Officials, ensured the efficient conduct of the regatta and we record our appreciation of this valuable assistance.

## COXSWAINS

The club is very grateful for the time and effort that our coxswains have put in, and thank M. Aitken, G. Barnes, A. Davidson, D. Farrah, J. Frederico, J. Lugg, B. Mallett, R. Ralph, V. Ronai, P. Sorani, D. Strong, P. Wiseman.

## TROPHIES

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S TROPHY** — is awarded to the member who has entered and won the most Regatta and Club races during the season.

We congratulate Alec Sloan on winning this trophy and on his success during the season.

**MAX BAILEY TROPHY** — The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the Champion Coxswain has been won by Peter Wiseman. Congratulations Peter and continued luck in the future.

**DR. R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TROPHY** — is made available by the generosity of the family of the late Dr. R.A. Cooper, and is awarded annually to the member who during the year has rendered the most outstanding service to the club. The Trophy has been awarded to Ken Bailey, only a recent member to the club, but one who has availed his services at all social activities, and devoted much of his time to club maintenance. We thank you Ken for the time and effort you have devoted to Mercantile.

**N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY** — The Trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season has been awarded to David Strong.

## CLUB EVENTS

**MICK WILLIAMS FOURS**, 16th October were successfully conducted in conjunction with the Club's Recruiting Night.

**A.L. DOBBIE MEMORIAL FOURS**, 18th September, were conducted in conjunction with Ladies Day. Twelve crews competed for the trophies donated by the family of the late Mr. A.L. Dobbie, and the presentation was made by Mr. Alex Dobbie.

**MORELL COMBINATION EIGHTS**, 11th December, for trophies donated by the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell were supported by members of a number of kindred clubs. Nine crews competed, and the winning crew included Alec Sloan (Mercantile) and Steve Shirrefs (Mercantile).

**J.G.H. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL**, an eight oared race from the Mercantile tree, around Como Island and return, in which crews must be composed of at least two novices and no more than two seniors, was won by V. Ronai-Horvath, N. Newton, M. Connolly, M. Owen, A. Sloan, P. Ainsworth, R. Garrard, G. Robertson-Smith and cox P. Wiseman. The trophies were presented by Mr. Sprigg at the Annual Meeting.

**STONK-MOOSE TIME TRIAL** - rowed in a tub four, the crews being handicapped by the selectors, is rowed through Chapel Street Bridge and return to the Club. The successful crew was V. Ronai-Horvath, M. Owen, M. Connolly, A. Maginn, and cox A. Guerin. We thank Mr. Laurie Moll (the Moose) for the trophies which recall a past captain, the late Grodon (Stonk) Ross.

# SOCIAL REPORT

— A number of first rate functions were staged by the club this year.

**LADIES DAY** — Attendance 300 — the best attendance for some time. Food and refreshment held together till well into the afternoon with refreshment taking eventual honors by lasting till the evening. The success was due to members and friends patronising the function in such force, and the hard work of the social committee.

**ANNUAL DINNER** — Attendance 97 — held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 12th. The Hon. Justice Frederico was guest speaker, and the evening was a great success for those who attended. In future the function will be held on a Friday night in order to attract more members.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** — Attendance 400 — held on Christmas Eve complete with Santa (John Burford), together with three beautiful reindeers, being rowed across the river by four (not so fit) members. The afternoon and evening were a wonderful success for both children and adults alike, and this function must stay in the social calendar for forthcoming years. Many thanks to the Senior 8 for running the function.

**HENLEY NIGHT BARBECUE** — Attendance 150 — is always an outstanding event and this year was no exception. David Yunghanns generously donated the use of his grounds set on the Yarra overlooking Yarra Bend Golf Course, a scene absolutely perfect for a function such as this, and even more so for those 'fortunate enough' to attend the clean up the following day. The thanks of the Committee and Members to David and his wife for providing their house for this occasion.

**LADIES AUXILIARY** — The Ladies' Auxiliary had a quiet year, only averaging 9 members at meetings; therefore fund raising was lower.

The main function held was again the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta, and the ladies donated the cost of the 2 canvasses for the 4 & 8 to go to Perth, and 4 tablecloths; a total of \$390.00.

The club is grateful to the ladies for the work they put in in raising funds, and stresses the point that new members are urgently required.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary are Mesdames J. Bradshaw (President), A. Porter (Secretary), E. McKeown (Treasurer), C. Boykett, D. Bailey, S. Douglas, E. Gaffney, A. Gumley, S. Garrard, J. Guerin, P. Hall, J. Loveless, M. Owen, N. Redfern.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE** — was conducted by the President with the assistance of John Seammen on Sunday morning, 24th April, a ceremony at which we remembered the large number of our members who served in three wars and did not return.

**E.M.M.A.** — We are pleased to have the continued support of Mrs. Sprigg in raising money for the club through the disposal of empty containers. Members are urged to bring down any empty containers so that Mrs. Sprigg can keep up the good work.

**CHRISTMAS CAMP** — Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson looked after a number of boys at Yarrawonga over Christmas who took great delight in swimming, water skiing and rowing.

**BIRTHS** — We congratulate Vic Mulder and his wife on the birth of a son.

For and on behalf of the Committee

P.G. RICHTER,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Mercantile Rowing Club.

# LIST OF MEMBERS, 1977-78

## LIFE MEMBERS

Aitken, R.R.  
Bradshaw, J.W.

Cairnes, N.W.  
Morgan, D.J.R.  
Sorani, A.

Sprigg, J.G.H.  
Thursfield, R.W.

## SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

Ainsworth, P.J.  
Ashton, Dr. P.W.  
Athorne, W.J.  
Bailey, K.B.  
Baillieu, W.J.  
Baker, K.  
Ball, D.G.  
Benjamin, P.L.  
Blaxland, A.W.  
Bowen, D.R.  
Boykett, D.H.  
Boykett, G.H.  
Burford, J.  
Burke, H.B.  
Butler, S.J.  
Carr, J.P.  
Cayzer, P.A.  
Connolly, M.C.  
Cordell, A.M.  
Cowling, D.S.  
Cremean, T.A.  
Cunningham, P.  
Dalton, B.  
Dawson, R. St.L.  
Dobbie, A.W.  
Donoghue, J.D.  
Douglas, D.G.A.  
Doyle, P.J.  
Draffin, J.R.  
Duthie, I.R.  
Dwyer, E.  
Emsell, B.  
Evans, A.M.  
Everist, I.C.  
Farnhill, D.  
Fox, J.A.  
Franet, P.J.  
Frederico, Mr. Justice  
Garrard, R.J.  
Gibson, A.D.  
Gillon, S.M.  
Glynn, D.J.  
Godfrey, C.L.  
Griffiths, R.I.  
Gross, B.B.  
Guerin, A.N.  
Guest, P.M.  
Gumley, J.H.

Gibbs, P.M.  
Gilberg, R.A.  
Handbury, P.R.  
Harry, J.R.  
Harvey, J.R.  
Hawkins, J.F.  
Hill, J.  
Hogan, T.J.  
Holland, C.S.  
Hobbs, S.  
Hughan, J.R.  
Hunter, D.S.  
Hutchins, W.B.  
Jeffery, S.R.  
Jones, J.McD.  
Jones, P.L.  
Jones, P.L.V.  
Kellam, M.B.  
Kerin, M.  
Knowles, P.R.  
Kohn, A.B.  
Leach, K.  
Lockwood, T.  
Loveless, R.J.  
McCall, G.A.  
McCorkell, S.R.  
McKellar, G.J.  
McKenna, M.F.  
McKenzie, D.M.  
McKeown, J.W.  
McLean, D.A.  
McMahon, G.  
McPherson, F.  
McPherson, L.W.  
Maginn, A.E.  
Mahoney, H.  
Mahony, C.W.  
Manley, M.W.  
Manton, G.O.V.  
Millikan, S.  
Mollard, K.F.  
Mollard, S.  
Morell, D.R.  
Morell, R.T.  
Morgan, E.M.  
Morrison, B.W.  
Morrison, W.T.  
Mulder, V.  
Negri, R.A.  
Negri, Dr. R.B.  
Newton, N.L.  
Nickson, J.H.  
O'Brien, P.H.

Owen, M.F.  
Palfreyman, D.  
Paterson, I.H.  
Paton, H.  
Paton, W.  
Philp, P.E.M.  
Pilmore, R.B.  
Pinniger, H.R.  
Pirani, R.L.  
Pearce, J.  
Redman, R.  
Reiner, M.  
Renouf, L.P.  
Richardson, G.W.  
Richardson, R.H.  
Richardson, S.G.  
Richter, P.G.  
Ruttledge, W.L.  
Ryan, S.P.  
Schrader, E.D.  
Shanasy, J.  
Shears, H.P.  
Sherwood, R.  
Shirrefs, S.A.  
Sloan, A.T.  
Smith, P.R.  
Spartalis, B.R.  
Spensley, Dr. J.S.  
Spriggins, A.J.  
Stackpole, B.G.  
Stephenson, C.E.  
Stewart, R.D.  
Stone, F.J.  
Taylor, G.M.  
Thom, J.J.  
Thomsen, P.  
Tomanovits, M.G.  
Tynan, J.  
Vautin, W.  
Veall, W.A.  
Walker, M.A.  
Webster, P.  
Wertheimer, E.J.  
Williams, A.P.  
Williams, G.P.  
Williams, J.G.  
Williams, L.S.  
Williams, M.M.  
Willis, J.D.  
Wilson, W.I.  
Wirtz, E.  
Yunghanns, D.J.



## SENIOR MEMBERS

Adams, A.W.  
Atkins, A.H.C.  
Bostock, J.B.  
Brooke, D.C.  
Broughton, O.S.  
Clarke, J.H.P.  
De Guingard, C.  
Doyle, B.J.

Fletcher, J.M.  
Harding, P.  
Hewitt, H.N.  
Hyett, G.S.  
Merton, B.  
Newcomb, S.H.  
Newport, F.P.

Spalding, N.  
Spencer, H.T.  
Shears, J.D.  
Thomas, J.C.  
Walker, H.J.R.  
White, E.C.  
Wilson, R.B.  
Wood, M.R.

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## JUNIOR MEMBERS

Adams, J.A.  
Baer, A.R.  
Bell, G.S.  
Cannon, A.M.  
Chirnside, A.M.  
Clemens, W.R.M.  
Cocker, M.R.  
Crichton, C.D.  
Cunningham, M.  
Donovan, M.  
Edwards, R.K.  
Edmonds, N.  
Elford, D.  
Guy, R.J.

Jones, C.P.  
Jorgensen, M.E.  
Kennedy, S.M.  
Koster, C.  
Ley, P.J.  
Lory, M.  
Lowe, P.  
Luxford, B.  
Margetts, C.C.  
May, C.M.  
Moorhead, J.R.  
Newton, T.C.  
Parton, C.J.  
Pincus, D.A.

Porter, I.J.  
Prince, R.J.  
Reiner, M.A.  
Richardson, R.McK.  
Robertson, W.M.  
Robertson-Smith, R.G.  
Ronai-Horvath, V.  
Rowe, P.  
Stout, M.J.  
Sharp, P.  
Theakstone, S.  
Webster, J.S.  
Withers, A.  
Young, T.

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## JUNIOR SCHOOLBOY MEMBERS

Baille, J.S.  
Baxter, R.A.  
Beech, P.  
Booth, D.F.  
Briggs, A.P.  
Brown, G.J.  
Campbell, J.A.  
Campbell, M.  
Casey, J.  
Christie, D.  
Christie, J.D.  
Clinnick, J.G.  
Cody, P.P.  
Cook, S.P.  
Cranitch, P.  
Curtis, C.M.  
Dare, D.G.C.  
Doyle, D.J.  
Fitch, P.C.  
Fitzpatrick, P.  
Fogarty, D.  
Gaffney, M.T.  
Gaynor, P.J.

Gimesy, D.P.  
Guy, J.G.  
Hall, B.J.  
Jilly, G.  
Jones, R.L.  
Keast, R.B.  
Kelly, A.J.  
Kerferd, D.W.  
Lachal, L.F.  
Ley, D.A.  
Mac Isaac, A.  
McDonald, A.W.  
McMahon, J.P.  
McNamara, J.F.  
Mallett, G.N.  
Manolitsas, J.A.  
Middendorp, P.R.  
Molloy, G.J.  
Molony, P.J.  
Nallo, L.  
Negri, J.M.  
O'Connor, T.J.  
O'Shea, B.

Pannam, J.D.  
Peters, J.  
Peters, P.L.  
Ryan, J.M.  
Ryan, P.  
Randall, A.M.  
Rigby, E.J.  
Rowe, M.J.  
Stacey, A.W.  
Sullivan, A.W.  
Schloeffel, D.F.  
Scott, P.W.  
Short, W.A.  
Thompson, M.H.  
Viner, W.A.  
Waring, S.J.  
Weir, S.R.  
Williams, A.C.  
Wilson, P.  
Wilson, J.F.  
Wilton, I.Q.  
Yunghanns, D.B.  
Zacharin, R.M.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Alekna, V.  
Appleby, J.P.  
Barnes, D.J.  
Baxter, D.  
Bell, C.M.  
Blair-Holt, J.  
Bolton, R.S.  
Border, A.  
Bowen, J.R.  
Bowden, F.T.  
Bradshaw, Jean  
Bryant, A.J.  
Byrne, J.F.  
Corben, M.H.  
Cordell, A.J.  
Crichton, D.J.M.  
Gulka, J.V.  
Dumbleton, W.  
Fogarty, F.  
Foley, J.E.  
Fosdick, LV (dec'd)

Gibbs, A.A.  
Granowski, W.O.  
Gaskin, Susanne  
Hidgcock, C.W.  
Higgins, K.L.E.  
Hill, L.C.  
Holyman, G.I.  
Hume, D.  
Hume, K.M.  
Hume, M.C.  
Humphris, P.W.  
Jones, R.A.  
Knight, W.  
Leggett, E.P.  
Longmuir, I.  
Loveless, Jay  
Luke, W.H.  
Milligan, A.S.  
Murray, Pamela  
Negri, P.  
Nicholls, C.J.

O'Brien, R.A.  
Oliver, R.J.D.  
Palfreyman, D.B.  
Park, G.A.  
Permezel, D.G.  
Reddie, P.  
Rice, Fay  
Rodda, T.  
Ruffin, J.F.  
Spark, J.M.  
Stanley, R.J.  
Seammen, J.W.  
Shears, E.  
Thom, N.  
Tomanovits, Ann  
Wallace, G.B.  
Watkin, P.K.  
White, R.A.  
Wilkinson, C.V.H.  
Will, G.D.  
Wood, J.R.

## COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell, G.L.  
Bailey, J.H.  
Bailey, W.M.  
Bowman, J.W.  
Boykett, P.H.  
Brien, F.D.  
Connolly, R.W.  
Darker, A.  
Delfos, N.C.  
Ferguson, J.M.  
Fogarty, M.J.

Gamble, P.  
Hart, A.L.  
Keeley, M.R.  
Lee, R.E.  
McArthur, F.S.  
McConville, K.H.  
McKay, T.B.  
McLean, A.R.  
McNamara, P.J.  
Miller, P.M.  
Moll, L.L.B.

Morell, S.D.H.  
Noble, F.  
Olliff, D.  
Pennefather, A.  
Pope, K.  
Rowe, J.S.  
Thompson, C.P.  
Thompson, C.T.  
Wallace, W.L.N.  
Wraith, G.J.  
Wylie, W.J.

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1978

1977		1978
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
600	Bank of New South Wales (General A/c)	—
23,968	Bank of New South Wales (Building A/c)	23,777
6,374	Trophy Orders Account	6,481
56	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	137
380	Sundry Creditors	97
285	Suspense Account	349
100	Olympic Fund	100
31,763		30,941
<b>R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</b>		
		3,351
3,134	Less Trophy	33
	Less Donation Lightweight	100
		133
		3,218
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
39,166	War Memorial Building Fund	39,176
57,361	Balance 30th April, 1978	61,496
\$131,424		\$134,831
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
—	Bank of New South Wales (General A/c)	996
489	Bank of New South Wales (Cooper Fund)	471
407	Subscriptions Outstanding	1,038
30	Stock on Hand	542
2,976	Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	1,494
3,902		4,541
<b>INVESTMENTS (at cost)</b>		
541	Commonwealth Bonds	541
2,569		
<b>R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</b>		
	Finance Corporation of Aust.	1,000
	Aust'n Foundation Investment Co.	
	1986 50¢ shares fully paid	1,684
3,110		3,225
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
107,572	War Memorial Club House	107,572
11,655	Boats (at cost less depreciation)	14,100
694	Trailer	551
2,284	Sundry Assets	1,993
2,280	Oars	2,849
124,412		127,065
\$131,424		\$134,831

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1978

1977	INCOME	1978
8,585	Subscriptions . . . . .	9,289
463	less amounts written off . . . . .	818
<u>8,122</u>		<u>8,471</u>
7,058	Donations . . . . .	5,158
75	Gymnasium Fees . . . . .	—
213	Hire Boat Racks . . . . .	195
2,046	Hire Club Room . . . . .	2,003
29	Interest Received . . . . .	272
1,963	Rent . . . . .	1,963
79	Sundry Income . . . . .	513
27	Trophies . . . . .	34
<u>\$19,612</u>		<u>\$18,609</u>

### EXPENDITURE

3,023	Depreciation . . . . .	3,001
282	Entry Fees — Regattas . . . . .	147
1,337	Fire Protection Expenses . . . . .	563
35	Freight . . . . .	268
603	General Expenses . . . . .	700
1,612	Insurance . . . . .	1,741
1,790	Light, Gas & Rates . . . . .	2,086
1,050	Printing & Stationery . . . . .	859
1,809	Repairs & Maintenance . . . . .	888
226	Telephone . . . . .	242
921	V.R.A. Dues etc. . . . .	1,285
2,469	Interest on Overdraft . . . . .	2,395
—	Donation to Aust'n Lightweight Team . . . . .	300
<u>\$15,157</u>		<u>\$14,475</u>
<u>\$ 4,455</u>	Surplus for the Year . . . . .	<u>\$ 4,134</u>