



# **Mercantile Rowing Club**

**MELBOURNE**

*100th*

*Annual Report*

*and*

*Balance Sheet*

*Season 1979 – 1980*

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

**PRESIDENT:** J.G.H. Sprigg, Esq.

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D.G.A. Douglas (Resigned November, 1979)  
M.F. Owen (Appointed November, 1979)

## **HONORARY SECRETARY**

P.J. Ainsworth  
(Resigned January, 1980)  
D.A. Pincus  
(Appointed January, 1980)

## **HONORY TREASURER**

J.J. Lawrence

## **HONORY ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

M.F. Owen  
(Resigned November, 1979)  
H.T. Frederico  
(Appointed December, 1979)

## **HONORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER**

D.A. Bowen

## **BOATHOUSE AND EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

A.N. Guerin

## **SOCIAL MANAGER**

D.J. Yunghanns

## **COMMITTEE**

A. Briggs, M. Connolly, A. McDonald, N. Newton, D. Watson.

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Mr. P.R. Devenish A.C.A.  
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## **HONORY SOLICITOR**

Mr. R.R. Aitken

## **SELECTORS**

M.G. Tomanovits, S.M. Gillon (Resigned December, 1979)  
A.N. Guerin (Appointed January, 1980)

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princes Bridge  
Melbourne, 3004.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 28th JUNE, 1980 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 30th June, 1979.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 16th December, 1979
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
4. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
5. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following motion submitted by the committee:—

That Clause 14 of the Constitution of the Club be amended to read:—

The Annual Subscription payable by Members for the year 1980/81 and thereafter shall be as follows:—

Senior Active Members	\$35
Senior Members	\$30
Junior Members	\$25
Associate Members	\$25
Country Members	\$15

And that Clause (b) shall be amended to —

“Junior Members who are full-time students at any University, Technical College or Secondary School shall, upon application to the Committee, be entitled to a rebate of \$15.00 (or in the case of Junior Members elected after the first day of December \$7.50) in respect of the subscription payable by them. The Committee shall be entitled to require such evidence in support of an application as it may think fit”.

5. Presentation of trophies.
6. 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 21st JUNE, 1980, at 4.00 p.m.

By order of the Committee,

D. A. Pincus,

Honorary Secretary.

# THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL REPORT of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

As this is our one hundredth Annual Report it proves without doubt that our Club has stood the test of time. We have enjoyed many good seasons and as the cycle turns, have experienced those not so good; but on each of those occasions have been fortunate that a member armed with the Will to Win, and administrative ability has come forward to lead us again along the path to success.

Let us not dwell on our successes, but rather let us study the cause or reason of our failures. Let each active member analyse his own poor seasons and work collectively with our executive to correct the faults.

During the season just completed we have made steady progress and are now just beginning to assemble the greater depth in our rowing which is so necessary to winning Premierships.

The experience gained during this season should enable us to make a good start and lay solid foundations for our second hundred years; the objective of course being to surpass the successes of our first hundred.

J.G.H. Sprigg, Esq.  
President.



## CAPTAIN'S REPORT

To the Members,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the 100th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 1st May, 1980.

With a little hindsight, there is no doubt that the season just passed could have been better, as we are all well aware.

The season opened with Mercantile winning the Winter Premiership and receiving a cheque from the regatta committee for \$100 towards the cost of our new pair, which at the Christmas party was christened the "H.R. Frederico" by Julia and Libby Frederico.

With a good start from the rowing point of view; as we moved towards the spring regattas, the extensive winter training program seemed to be paying off in several areas for the Club. We boated crews in the spring regattas in Senior, Junior and Maiden events with good winning chances. The hard work put in by newly appointed lightweight coach, Marty Owen, was also paying dividends as the members of the lightweight squad won all the Open Eight and Four-oared events at the early regattas and it really did look as if we were on the way to possibly winning all premierships. With David Douglas' return to competitive rowing and its associated training commitments, it became obvious that he could not continue in his capacity as Chairman of selectors and at the November committee meeting he resigned and Marty Owen took up the position.

At the World Championships in Bled, Yugoslavia in September we were represented by Andrew Withers in the Eight, Steve Shirrefs and Alec Sloan in the coxless pairs, and David Palfreyman as coach of the womens four. The eight finished fourth (having beaten the Bronze and Silver medalists in

winning their semi-final), the womens four were fifth and the first western national across the line and the coxless pair unfortunately did not make their final. Andrew Withers and David Palfreyman have achieved reselection as our representatives at the 1980 Olympics.

It became obvious in the last few regattas before Christmas that we were well on the way. Steve Shirrefs and Alec Sloan were successful in the coxless pairs event at the Ballarat regatta and in winning were the first Mercantile small boat to beat Monash for some years. Later that same day our Senior Eight were also successful. A week later we also had big wins in the Maiden eights and Maiden fours, and for the first time in three years, our lightweight eight were successful in defeating Melbourne University.

Our recruiting program was coming along well and things were looking promising for the Christmas regattas and the more important regattas later in the season. Our Junior eight was successful at Nagambie and Yarrawonga. The lightweight four won Junior fours at Nagambie and our rapidly improving youth four dead-heated with our lightweight four just 6" behind Yarra Yarra at Yarrawonga.

Upon our return from the Christmas regattas, it was with horror that we found that the bowman of the Junior eight was in fact, ineligible, and the crew, was of course, disqualified. Despite this setback, things still looked promising. In the middle of January, the first of the Olympic selection trials was held in South Australia and to our dismay we found that our Senior oarsmen were left far behind the oarsmen of South Australia and New South Wales.

At the first set of State championships, Mercantile was successful in the youth fours, the margin being seven lengths over Banks with our No. 2 crew in third place. In the Senior eights, Mercantile was a hot favourite to win for the first time in many years. Unfortunately, Monash, after a very fast start, were never headed and defeated our crew by just over a length. The lightweight eight championship was awarded on a row-over to Melbourne University due to the fact that our successful pre-Christmas eight had been decimated by illness and work commitments.

The second championship regatta was a two-day affair and also the third Olympic selection trials; and it was indeed a black weekend for the Club with our only success coming from our Maiden four. The youth eight, comprised primarily of the two fours who had competed so well just two weeks before was beaten by Melbourne University, and our Junior four was also well beaten. As if the weekend's results were not bad enough, I am sure you will all remember the results of the accident to the boat trailer on the way home from Ballarat, as a result of which approximately \$10,000 damage was done to our equipment. During the period immediately following the accident, the Club operated under extreme hardship, and it was only due to the generosity of two or three other clubs that we were able to continue. In particular, offers of help from Yarra Yarra and Richmond, reminded us that although we compete to win on the water, there is certainly a bond of friendship among the clubs along the river bank.

Our Junior eight competed in Tasmania very successfully and we are grateful to the many people in Tasmania who once again showed such great hospitality to our oarsmen during a very pleasant but hectic four days in Hobart in February. Upon its return the crew was successful in winning the Intermediate Section of the Head of the Yarra and it was felt that the crew had good potential to do well with Victorian and Australian championships coming up in March. In the lead up races however, they were not able to keep up the good work and were successful only at the Barwon regatta. They came second in many events to a crew from Banks, including the Victorian titles which were held a week before the Australian titles.

The National regatta held many high and several quite low performances for the Club. The efforts of Andrew Withers, Alec Sloan, David Douglas, and Steve Shirrefs in coming a very close second. Second in the coxed four was considered by all to be a good one, and later that day when those same

four oarsmen, without the weight of the coxswain on board, won the coxless four title and in so doing became the first all Mercantile crew to win an Australian Open Championship since 1966, the Mercantile supporters were absolutely jubilant. The "icing on the cake" came the following day when those four oarsmen were the bow four of the victorious Kings Cup crew. While all this was going on, our Junior eight finished a disappointing fourth, and our Youth four, who had been so successful earlier in the season, also were a disappointing fourth. The effort of Lyall McCarthy and Mark Conolly in being so close in the lightweight pair without cox final is also worthy of comment. Undoubtedly the most improved lightweight oarsman in the Club, Simon Cook, showed his true merit in the Nationals. Simon started the season not being good enough to win the Maiden sculls, and finished the season a very close second to Mick Smith of Drummoyne in a field of twenty-odd lightweight scullers.

With four regattas of the season to go, your Club was leading in the Club Championship, the Junior Premiership and the Lightweight Premiership. It must go on record that a very disappointing performance by both the Club administration and the oarsmen let those three important titles slip away from us.

I believe valuable lessons have been learned by this year's, and, hopefully by next year's administration. The best, from a rowing point of view, is most certainly there, if the one hundredth year of Mercantile is to be successful in many areas both on and off the water.

Before closing this report, it would be remiss of me not to thank the members of the Club administration for their efforts throughout the year, in particular Marty Owen, who gave a great deal of his time to Club administration over and above the time he gave to coaching our elite lightweight oarsmen through a very heavy training program. Phil Ainsworth (until he went overseas in January) and David Pincus should also be thanked for their hard work as Club Secretary, and also Jeff Lawrence and Andrew Guerin for their efforts during the season. Ted Sorani also deserves mention for his work in the gym area and his services to the "Sauna Club". There are many other members of the committee whose efforts ran hot and cold throughout the year, and thanks are conveyed where thanks are due.

Our current return as a force in rowing can continue only with the greater support and involvement of all members.

John Burford  
Captain.



## RECRUITING AND COACHING REPORT

### COACHING:

Over the past season there has been a marked increase in our regatta successes. This is largely due to the fact that we have been able to provide our crews with coaches who have shown the skill and enthusiasm necessary to lead our crews to those regatta successes.

The Senior men began the season under Martin Tomanovits, however, he was forced to resign because of business commitments and Peter Philip took up the reigns for the remainder of the season. Marty Owen most ably led the lightweight group and had to endure a most frustrating season plagued with dropouts for varying reasons including illness to more than one crew member. We also extend our thanks to the following members who have given considerable time and effort to the coaching of our other crews during the season under review : Roger Wilson, John Burford, John Nickson, Peter O'Brien, Mike Manley and Andrew Guerin.

## RECRUITING:

Again the Club was successful in recruiting a number of Junior and Schoolboy members. The recruiting sub-committee headed by David Douglas once again organised the recruiting night in early September. A number of films were shown and the Mick Williams Combination Fours were raced in conjunction with this function.

Members are again reminded that recruitment of these oarsmen is wasted if we cannot provide members to organise and coach them.



## BOATHOUSE AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

It is pleasing to report an active season in this area with a large amount of renovation work having been undertaken.

### BOATHOUSE:

During the season the task of painting the exterior of the Boathouse was completed, while inside many of the pictures damaged in the 1973 fire were renovated and more gym equipment was constructed. The continuing work of Mrs Cairnes in restoring these damaged pictures, and also Ted Sorani in maintaining and building gym equipment is greatly appreciated.

### EQUIPMENT:

A substantial amount of work was completed on the trailer and a number of the boats, but unfortunately some of this work was in vain. On Sunday February 3rd, our fully laden boat trailer was involved in an accident whilst returning from Ballarat causing serious damage to the trailer and many of the boats. Although the financial burden of the accident was borne largely by our insurers, it compounded a pre-existing shortage of boats into a nearly complete inability to satisfactorily boat our crews.

The Club purchased a new convertible racing pair, the "H.R. Frederico", which proved to be an excellent craft. The Ladies Auxiliary kindly donated a new outboard motor which enabled, following repairs to the other motor, the availability of two working motor boats to become a reality.

The Club has ordered three new racing pairs and a set of blades for delivery next season. The emphasis placed on small boat racing by the Australian selectors has been the major factor behind the rapid change in the types of equipment being purchased.

The condition of the fleet is set out below:

### EIGHTS

— Martin Tomanovits	1978	(excellent)
— Martin Owen	1976	(very good)
— John Burford	1973	(good)
— R.R. Aitken	1971	(good)
— J.G.H. Sprigg	1968	(fair)

### FOURS — Racing

— Phil Cayzer	1978	(excellent)
— N.W. Cairnes	1976	(excellent)
— M.F. McKenna	1973	(fair)
— Ricky Loveless	1970	(good)
— The First Lady	1968	(good)
— Caltex & Dealers	1964	(fair)

### Regulation

— Ted Sorani	1978	(very good)
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### Tub

— Deane Morgan	1961	(poor)
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## PAIRS – Racing

– H.R. Frederico	1979	(excellent)
– W.T. Morrison	1971	(severely damaged)
– J.W. Bradshaw	1967	(fair)
<b>Tub</b>		
– Laurie Moll	1978	(excellent)
– Paul Harding	1962	(poor)

## OARS

– Sykes 12'5"	1979	(excellent)
– Croker 12'6"	1978	(good)
– Croker 12'3"	1977	(very good)
– Croker 12'4"	1976	(good)
– Croker 12'6"	1974	(good)
– Sykes 12'4"	1972	(poor)
– Sykes 12'2"	1971	(poor)
– Karlisch 12'6"	1976	(fair)
– Assorted	1950-1969	(poor)

## MISCELLANEOUS

– Aluminium Hull	(very good)
– Johnson 15hp motor	(very good)
– Wooden Hull	(fair)
– Johnson 9.9hp motor	(very good)
– Boat Trailer	(severely damaged)



## ROWING – GENERAL

### SCOTCH – MERCANTILE REGATTA:

The 22nd Scotch – Mercantile Regatta was held on the 22nd March, 1980.

The Regatta was organised by Mr. P. O'Brien, who was assisted by a committee consisting of Messrs. R.R. Aitken, J.W. Bradshaw, D.H. Boykett, M.F. Owen, D.A. Pincus, J. Burford and W.V. Nash.

The Regatta was most efficiently run by the officials of the Victorian Rowing Association, and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary did an excellent job catering for the oarsmen during the day-long Regatta.

### COXSWAINS:

The Club is grateful to the following coxswains for their efforts during the season :— Ken Marshall, Graeme Barnes, Paul McGann, David Strong, Vic Ronai, Tim Frederico, Kevin Wickham, Mike Sim, James Eleckna, Noel, Donaldson, Jim Rennick, and Paul Croagh.

### PREMIERSHIP POINTS:

**SENIOR** – M.U.B.C. 56, Monash Uni. 45, Mercantile 22, Banks 11, Corio Bay 5, Essendon 2, Power House 2, Wendouree/Ballarat 1.

**LIGHTWEIGHT** – Power House 28, Mercantile 26, M.U.B.C. 24, Melbourne 22, Barwon 20, Ballarat City 14, Essendon 10, Corio Bay 8, Yarra Yarra 6, City of Warrnambool 6, Footscray City 4, Wendouree/Ballarat 4, Albert Part 2, Wentworth 2.

**JUNIOR – FIRST DIVISION** – Banks 131, Mercantile 105, Corio Bay 88, Essendon 78, Barwon 59, Power House 32, Footscray City 22, Wendouree/Ballarat 20, Hawthorn 6, Albert Park 4.

**JUNIOR – SECOND DIVISION** – Yarra Yarra 84, M.U.B.C. 75, Melbourne 52, Horsham 40, Mildura 24, Bendigo 20, Corowa 14, Wahgunyah 12, Yarrowonga 12, Lake Colac 6, Wentworth 6, Latrobe Uni. 4, Robinvale 4, City of Warrnambool 2.



**CHAMPION CLUB** – M.U.B.C. 40, Mercantile 36, Banks 36, Yarra Yarra 30, Barwon 26, Corio Bay 25, Power House 25, Essendon 22, Melbourne 21, Bendigo 12, Wendouree/Ballarat 11, Footscray City 9, Horsham 8, Ballarat City 7, Mildura 5, Wahgunyah 5, Corowa 4, City of Warrnambool 4, Yarrawonga 4, Albert Park 3, Hawthorn 3, Wentworth 3, Lake Colac 2, Latrobe Uni. 2, Robinvale 2.

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#### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEAD OF THE RIVER 1980:**

Melbourne Grammar School coached by Tony Smith again established themselves as favourites and after a good race with St. Kevins added their second successive Head of the River title to their Victorian and Australian Schoolboy Championship victories. We congratulate them on their success.

Club members coaching crews on the Barwon were : Andrew Guerin – Brighton 1sts, David Boykett – Scotch 1sts, Mr. Justice Frederico – St. Kevins 1sts, Brian Doyle – Xavier 1sts, Martin Aitken – Brighton 2nds, Marton Tomanovits – Xavier 2nds, Steve Gillon – Melbourne Grammar 2nds, Peter Kerr – Wesley 3rds, Tom Lockwood – Wesley 4ths, and Tim Frederico – Xavier 5ths.



### **RACING RESULTS** **AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS** **BALLARAT 15–16th MARCH, 1980.**

**Eight – Oared Championship for the King's Cup** – Victoria 6:04.87; N.S.W. 6:05.17; Sth. Aust. 6:11.67.

A. Sloan (Mercs.), S. Shirrefs (Mercs.), D. Douglas (Mercs.), W. Magennis (Monash), A. Withers (Mercs.), T. Young (Monash), J. Lowe (MUBC), B. Richardson (Monash), Cox – D. England (Monash), Emergencies : I. Popa (Mercs.), S. Gillon (Mercs.)

**Lightweight Four-oared Championship for the Penrith Cup** – N.S.W. 6:34.45; West. Aust. 6:37.22; Victoria 6:37.25.

**Single Sculling Championship for the President's Cup** – E. Hayle (N.S.W.) 7:39.75; N. Manefield (Vic.) 7:49.52; J. Ryan (Qld.) 7:52.58.

**Youth Eight Championship for the Wilkinson Cup** – Victoria 6:16.99; West. Aust. 6:17.23; Tasmania 6:27.89.

**Women's Elite Four** – Victoria 3:45.75; Sth. Aust. 3:58.23; West. Aust. 4:12.81.

**Women's Lightweight Four** – Victoria 4:01.74; Sth. Aust. 4:04.14; N.S.W. 4:07.59.

**Women's Single Scull** – M. Renouf (Vic.) 4:19.98; M. Hoffman (Vic.) 4:22.70; L. Patterson (Vic.) 4:39.00.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

<b>Four with Cox</b> Sydney, Mercantile, Adel./AUBC/Torrens	7:22.44
<b>Four without Cox</b> Mercantile, Sydney Uni., Sydney A. Sloan (Bow), S. Shirrefs, D. Douglas, A. Withers (Str.), P. Philp (coach).	7:10.24
<b>Pair with Cox</b> Sydney Adel./AUBC, Sydney	8:21.29
<b>Pair without Cox</b> AUBC, Sydney Uni., Monash	7:48.88
<b>Single Scull</b> E. Hale (Sydney), R. Reddel (Haberfield), B. McGowan (North Shore).	8:21.18
<b>Double Scull</b> Sydney, MUBC/Corio Bay, W.A. Uni.	7:50.31
<b>Junior Eight</b> Buckingham/L'farne, MUBC/Banks/Mercs/Barwon, Mosman.	6:52.75
<b>Junior Four</b> Mosman, AUBC/Torrens, Wendouree/Ballarat.	7:47.78
<b>Junior Pair without Cox</b> Drummoyne, A.N.U., Mosman	8:39.84
<b>Junior Scull</b> G. Gullick (Wend./B'rat), D. O'Loughlin (Drummoyne).	8:35.19
<b>Lightweight Eight</b> M.U.B.C., W.A. Uni./A.N.A./W.A.I.T./Swan River.	6:45.20
<b>Lightweight Four without Cox</b>	
<b>Lightweight Four without Cox</b> Drummoyne, M.U.B.C., W.A. Uni./A.N.A.	7:13.21
<b>Lightweight Four with Cox</b> G.P.S.O.B., Drummoyne, Swan River/W.A.I.T.	7:33.19
<b>Lightweight Pair without Cox</b> Drummoyne, M.U.B.C., Mercantile.	8:00.47
<b>Lightweight Scull</b> M. Smith (Drummoyne), S. Cook (Mercantile), R. Callaghan (St. George).	No Time
<b>Youth Four</b> W.A. Uni./Perth & Coll./W.A.I.T., Drummoyne, Eastern Suburbs.	7:55.82
<b>F.I.S.A. Junior Four</b> Perth & Collegians, M.U.B.C./Barwon, St. Kevins.	7:55.82
<b>School Eight</b> Melbo Grammar, St. Kevins, Newington (N.S.W.)	6:31.21

## CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING

We congratulate the members of the following succesful crews:—  
**ICEBERGERS REGATTA – AUGUST 10th, 1979.**

### Open Pair

D. Douglas, S. Gillon (str.), G. Barnes (cox).

### Open Four

M. Connolly, R. Stewart, G. Robertson-Smith, L. McCarthy (str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Novice Four

C. Alladice, M. Gordon, M. Z'Derov, J. Lechte (str.), T. Sanchez (cox), P. Franet (coach).

## ICEBERGERS REGATTA – SEPTEMBER 8th 1979.

### Open Pair

D. Douglas, S. Gillon (str.), K. Marshall (cox).

### Open Four

M. Connolly, M. Robertson, G. Robertson-Smith, L. McCarthy (str.), M. Owen (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Maiden Pair

D. Thomas, C. Hall (str.), V. Ronai (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## V.R.A. SPRINT – OCTOBER 6th, 1979.

### Open Eight

A. Guerin, R. Pilmore, A. Briggs, P. Benjamin, R. Stewart, M. Robertson, G. Robertson-Smith, L. McCarthy (Str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Open Four

M. Robertson, R. Stewart, L. McCarthy, G. Robertson-Smith (str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

## METROPOLITAN REGATTA – OCTOBER 13th, 1979.

### Open Eight

A. Guerin, P. Pilmore, A. Briggs, P. Benjamin, R. Stewart, M. Robertson, G. Robertson-Smith, L. McCarthy (str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Open Four

M. Robertson, R. Stewart, L. McCarthy, G. Robertson-Smith (str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Maiden Pair

D. Thomas, C. Hall (str.), V. Ronai (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## V.R.A. SPECIAL REGATTA – OCTOBER 20th, 1979.

### Open Eight

A. Guerin, R. Pilmore, A. Briggs, P. Benjamin, R. Stewart, M. Robertson, G. Robertson-Smith, L. McCarthy (str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Open Four

M. Robertson, R. Stewart, L. McCarthy, G. Robertson-Smith (str.), K. Marshall (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Maiden Scull

S. Cook

## V.R.A. SPECIAL REGATTA – NOVEMBER 10th, 1979.

### Senior Eight

G. Matheson (Banks), N. Myers, D. Douglas, I. Popa, S. Shirrefs, J. Fazio, A. Withers, S. Gillon (str.), P. McGann (cox), P. Philp (coach).

### Lightweight Pair without Cox

N. Gibson, N. Newton (str.), J. Nickson (coach).

### Senior Pair without Cox

S. Shirrefs, A. Sloan (str.), P. Philp (coach).

## V.R.A. MELBOURNE REGATTA – DECEMBER 1st, 1979

### Lightweight Pair without Cox

N. Gibson, N. Newton (str.) J. Nickson (coach).

### Junior Pair

G. Johnston, D. Pincus (str.), G. Barnes (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

### Maiden Eight

D. Webster, R. Birch, J. Gehrig, C. Hall, A. Murchie, D. Thomas, P. Kerr, A. Macdonald (str.), V. Ronai (cox), P. O'Brien (coach).

### Maiden Four

A. Murchie, C. Hall, D. Thomas, D. Webster (str.), V. Ronai (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## UPPER YARRA REGATTA – DECEMBER 8th, 1979.

### Lightweight Eight

A. Briggs, A. Guerin, M. Connolly, J. Adams, G. Robertson-Smith, N. Myers, L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), T. Frederico (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Lightweight Pair without Cox

N. Gibson, N. Newton (str.), J. Nickson (coach).

### Maiden Eight

P. Kerr, J. Gehrig, R. Birch, A. Macdonald, A. Murchie, C. Hall, D. Thomas, D. Webster (str.), V. Ronai (cox), P. O'Brien (coach).

### Maiden Four

A. Murchie, C. Hall, D. Thomas, D. Webster (str.), V. Ronai (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## NAGAMBIE REGATTA – DECEMBER 26th, 1979.

### Open Eight

M. Owen, A. Guerin, M. Connolly, N. Newton, A. Briggs, N. Gibson, L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), T. Frederico (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Junior Four

A. Briggs, M. Connolly, L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), T. Frederico (cox), M. Owen (coach).

### Junior Pair

L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), M. Sim (cox), M. Owen (coach).

## YARRAWONGA REGATTA – DECEMBER 29th, 1979.

### Open Eight

A. Briggs, M. Connolly, P. McCarthy (A.N.U.), A. Guerin, J. Adams, N. Gibson, L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), T. Frederico (cox), M. Owen (coach).

**Youth Four**

A. Murchie, C. Hall, D. Thomas, D. Webster (str.), M. Sim (cox), J. Burford, (coach).

**WESTLAKES (S.A.) OLYMPIC SELECTION TRIALS – JANUARY 12th, 1980.****Sth. Australian Champion Lightweight Pair with Cox**

L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), G. Barnes (cox), M. Owen (coach).

**GEELONG SPECIAL REGATTA – JANUARY 12th, 1980.****Maiden Four**

P. Kerr, J. Gehrig, R. Birch, A. Macdonald (str.), T. Sanchez (cox), M. Manley (coach).

**VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES REGATTA – JANUARY 19th, 1980.****Victorian Champion Youth Four**

A. Murchie, C. Hall, D. Thomas, D. Webster (str.), M. Sim (cox), J. Burford (coach).

**Lightweight Pair without Cox**

L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), M. Owen (coach).

**BANKS REGATTA – JANUARY 26th, 1980.****Senior Scull**

K. Leach

**Junior Scull**

S. Cook

**Maiden Four**

P. Kerr, J. Gehrig, R. Birch, A. Macdonald (str.), T. Sanchez (cox), M. Manley (coach).

**ALBERT PARK REGATTA – JANUARY 28th, 1980.****Lightweight Scull**

S. Cook

**VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BALLARAT – FEBRUARY, 2nd, 1980.****Maiden Four**

P. Kerr, J. Gehrig, R. Birch, A. Macdonald (str.), J. Eleckna (cox), M. Manley (coach).

**VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BALLARAT – FEBRUARY 3rd, 1980.****Maiden Four**

P. Kerr, J. Gehrig, R. Birch, A. Macdonald (str.), J. Eleckna (cox), M. Manley (coach).

**SANDY BAY REGATTA (TASMANIA) – FEBRUARY 10th, 1980.****Junior/Senior Eight**

M. Harms, M. Pierson, N. McConchie, J. Lawrence, I. Belot, D. Watson, J. Adams, D. Pincus (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

**Junior Eight**

D. Bowen, M. Pierson, N. McConchie, J. Lawrence, I. Belot, D. Watson, J. Adams, D. Pincus (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

**Junior Four**

J. Adams, D. Watson, I. Belot, D. Pincus (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

## ROYAL HOBART REGATTA – FEBRUARY 12th, 1980.

### Junior Eight

D. Bowen, M. Pierson, N. McConchie, J. Lawrence, I. Belot, D. Watson, J. Adams, D. Pincus (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

### Junior Four

J. Adams, D. Watson, I. Belot, D. Pincus (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

## HEAD OF THE YARRA – FEBRUARY 16th, 1980.

### Intermediate Section

D. Pincus, J. Sablejack, D. Webster, D. Thomas, I. Belot, D. Watson, J. Adams, A. Briggs (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

## HENLEY REGATTA – MARCH 1st, 1980.

### Novice Four

D. Preece, P. Lindley, J. Grant, T. Frederico (str.), J. Eleckna (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## BARWON REGATTA – MARCH 8th, 1980.

### Junior Eights

D. Pincus, J. Sablejack, D. Watson I Belot, D. Thomas, D. Webster, J. Adams, A. Briggs (str.), K. Wickham (cox), R. Wilson (coach).

### Lightweight Pair without Cox

M. Conolly, L. McCarthy (str.), M. Owen (coach).

### Novice Four

D. Preece, P. Lindley, J. Grant, T. Frederico (str.), J. Eleckna (cox), J. Burford (coach).

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – MARCH 15th, 1980.

### Australian Champion Four without Cox

S. Shirrefs, D. Douglas, A. Sloan, A. Withers (str.), P. Philp (coach).

## SCOTCH-MERCANTILE REGATTA – MARCH 22nd, 1980.

### Senior Four with Cox

S. Shirrefs, D. Douglas, A. Sloan, S. Gillon (str.), N. Donaldson (cox), P. Philp (coach).

### Maiden Scull

J. Sablejack

### Veteran Eight

A. Evans, R. Negri, R. Redman, J. Gumley, R. Dawson, D. Boykett, P. Knowles, G. Boykett (str.)

## FOOTSCRAY REGATTA – MARCH 29th, 1980.

### Victorian Champion Sprint Pair

L. McCarthy, M. Robertson (str.), M. Owen (coach).

### Lightweight Pair with Cox

M. Connolly, N. Newton (str.), T. Frederico (cox), M. Owen (coach).



## TROPHIES

**CAPTAIN'S TROPHY** — Awarded to the member who has entered and won the most Regatta and Club races during the season.

We congratulate Lyall McCarthy on winning this trophy and on his successes during the season.

**MAX BAILEY TROPHY** — The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the Champion Coxswain has been won by Ken Marshall. Congratulations Ken.

**DR. R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TROPHY** — This 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 Jeff Lawrence for his outstanding work as Treasurer, and his many other varied efforts around the Club. We thank you Jeff for your efforts during the past year and look forward to your continued service to Mercantile in the future.

**N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY** — The Trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season has been awarded to Graham Barnes. Congratulations Graham and good luck for the future.

**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. This award goes to Simon Cook following his remarkable first season of sculling. Congratulations Simon.

**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 presented to John Grant to whom we extend our congratulations.



## CLUB EVENTS

**MICK WILLIAMS FOURS**, held on Sunday, September 12th, were conducted in conjunction with the Club's recruiting night. Both events were very successful.

**MORRELL COMBINATION EIGHTS**, 16th December, for trophies donated by the family of the late Sir Stephen Morrell were very keenly contested. Members of kindred clubs were represented in the winning crew, which was: P. Ryan (Bow), N. Newton, D. Bowen, J. Grant, G. Wilson, D. Doyle, J. Ashley-Brown, L. McCarthy (Stroke), P. Croagh (Cox). The trophies were presented by Mr. Sprigg.

**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. This year saw most spirited competition with the ultimate winners being: J. Harry, J. Fazio, S. Gillon, D. Douglas with N. Newton as cox. We thank Mr. Laurie Moll (the Moose) for the trophies which recall a past captain, the late Gordon (Stonk) Ross.

**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 D. Fogarth,

P. Robinson, A. Sloan, M. Connolly, S. Shirrefs, A. Briggs, L. McCarthy, M. Owen with P. Wiseman cox.

The trophies were presented by Mr. Sprigg at the Annual Meeting.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**, held on Saturday, December 22nd, was organised by members of the Senior eight with the lightweight eight again looking after food preparation. Over 400 people attended the function at various stages during the afternoon.

Santa again arrived by boat and distributed presents among the children and the clown and his performing dog (sometimes) entertained the crowd, both young and old alike. The most enthusiastic singing of Christmas Carols concluded a tremendous function.

**GALA CUP EVE DINNER**, was held at a most excellent venue in Gordon House. The evening was well enjoyed by all of the 250 people who attended.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**, this ceremony, in which we remember those members who served in three wars and did not return, was conducted by the President with the assistance of John Seamen on Sunday morning, 20th April.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

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

P.J. Ainsworth	6	R.R. Aitken	8	D. Bowen	2
J.W. Bradshaw	8	A. Briggs	9	J. Burford	9
N.W. Cairnes	3	M.C. Connolly	9	D.G.A. Douglas	6
T. Frederico	6	A.N. Guerin	11	J.J. Lawrence	11
A.W. McDonald	6	N.L. Newton	8	M.F. Owen	10
D.A. Pincus	8	J.G.H. Sprigg	11	D.McA. Watson	7
D.J. Yunghans	7				

At the November meeting Mr. Douglas and Mr. Gillon resigned as Chairman of Selectors and selector respectively. Marty Owen and Andrew Guerin took over these positions. This also left the position of Assistant Secretary vacant to be filled by Tim Frederico. In January, Phil Ainsworth left to go overseas and David Pincus filled the vacant Secretary's position.

### MERCANTILE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary experienced a relatively quiet year. A successful theatre morning at the Rivoli in October enabled the Auxiliary to donate a new outboard motor to the Club, at a cost of around \$525. Funds were also raised as a result of the catering at the Scotch—Mercantile Regatta. Thanks are extended to the Scotch mothers who assisted at various stages during Regatta.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are: Mesdames J. Bradshaw (President), A. Porter (Secretary), E. McKeown, J. Connolly, N. Redfurn, E. Gaffney, R. Sanchez, M. Watson, J. Guerin, C. Boykett, J. Loveless, and S. Douglas.

This year saw a continuing decline in our ranks; in particular those members of the Auxiliary with sons actively rowing. We are always seeking new members, and any wives or mothers of Club members who would care to join would be most welcome.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### GENERAL:

The Club's financial position has not improved during the past season and both our General and Building accounts remain well overdrawn. This position will again leave the incoming Committee with a financial burden during the year and deny them the opportunity of fully updating the equipment and fleet to the benefit of all members.

The continuing increases in the cost of running the Club and servicing the rebuilding overdraft, together with our policy of increased spending on the fleet when possible, now make it necessary to propose an increase in subscriptions for the current season; the motion for which will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting. With the needs of all members in mind, the Committee seeks the unanimous support of members to what will be only the second increase in subscriptions since 1969.

### DONATIONS:

The generosity of members and friends has again kept the Club 'afloat' with donations amounting to \$6,637 during the year enabling the purchase of new equipment and upgrading of Club facilities.

Donations from the Ladies Auxiliary assisted in the purchase of two new outboard motors for our coaching launches while proceeds from the successful Gordon House function made it possible to purchase a new cool room compressor to the benefit of those partaking in the refreshments provided by the ever popular Southwest Corner.

In expressing our appreciation of the above donations we also acknowledge with thanks donations received from, The Tullyvallin Trust, The Social Committee, and from Messrs., R.R. Aitken, M. Aitken, W.M. Bailey, J.W. Bowman, D.H. Boykett, J.W. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N.W. Cairnes, J.P. Carr, N. Delfos, M.J. Fogarty, Mr. Justice Frederico, P. Houghton, W.B. Hutchins, H.J. Mahoney, G. McMahon, L.L.M. Moll, D.J.R. Morgan, S.H. Newcomb, P.H. O'Brien, D. Olliff, M.F. Owen, G.W. Richardson, R.H. Richardson, H.P. Shears, A. Sorani and Mrs T.L. Sprigg.

### TRIBUTORS:

Support from the Tributors, who pledge themselves to contribute to Club funds in proportion to the success of our crews in regatta racing during the year continues to provide a welcome addition to our income.

The Club is grateful to the organiser, Bill Morrison, and to the following Tributors for their assistance to our young oarsmen: R.R. Aitken, J.P. Appleby, A.W. Blaxland, D.H. Boykett, J.W. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N.W. Cairnes, P.A. Cayzer, D.J. Crichton, B.J. Doyle, A.M. Evans, B.B. Gross, J.R. Harvey, W.B. Hutchins, J.McD. Jones, M.R. Keeley, E.P. Leggett, J.M. McKeown, G.O.V. Manton, D.J.R. Morgan, P.H. O'Brien, R.H. Richardson, S.G. Richardson, T. Rodda, J.S. Rowe, H.P. Shears, J.D. Shears, A. Sorani, R.W. Thursfield, M.G. Tomanovits, E.C. White.

## GENERAL

**NEW YEARS HONOUR** — It was with considerable pleasure that the Club heard of the awarding of M.B.E. to Mr. Robert Aitken for his services to rowing. An M.B.E. is an honour most surely deserved as Bob has been a driving force both on the Club scene and at State and National level. Congratulations Bob.

**E.M.M.A.** — Once again we are indebted to Mrs Sprigg for the good work done in the disposal of surplus containers. We urge members to bring their empty containers down to the Club so that this work can continue.

**CHRISTMAS CAMP** — The camp was again held at Yarrowonga, where Andrew Guerin, Marty Owen, and John Burford quite capably catered for a very large party containing almost all the Club's active oarsmen. Members

spent the time water-skiing, swimming, and winning a few races. The Junior oarsmen hold the Boxing Day Tug-Of-War trophy having convincingly defeated a team from the Nagambie Hotel. The spirit and friendships formed at the camp will hold Mercantile in good stead for the future.

**BIRTHS** — We congratulate the following members and their wives: Peter Philp and Ian Duthie proud fathers of a son, both named Alastair, and Peter O'Brien the proud father of a daughter, Alecia.

**MARRIAGES** — Martin Aitken and Neil Myers were married during the season and we offer them our best wishes for the future.

**FLORAL TRIBUTES** — We thank Geoff McMahon for his continued support and his generous donations of flowers on appropriate occasions.

**MEDIA** — Special mention must be made of the services rendered in this field by Roger Wilson and Wal Oakley. Their coverage of rowing news was outstanding during the season and encompassed all facets of media presentation. Thank you, gentlemen, and keep up the good work.

**VALE** — It is with regret that we record the passing of Mark Cunningham; he will be remembered by many of our younger members and his sojourns to Melbourne and Ballarat sadly missed.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

D.A. Pincus,  
Honory Secretary,  
Mercantile Rowing Club.



#### OBITUARY — J.G. WILLIAMS

Despite his death at a comparatively young age, John Williams had been associated with Mercantile for more than forty years. Son of the late Michael Williams (a former Vice President of the Club and President of the Victorian Rowing Association), John first joined Mercantile as a coxswain in 1937 and steered the Clubs' successful Maiden Four at Henley of that year.

During the latter years of the War, he showed considerable promise as both an oarsman and sculler and was a member of the Clubs' first post-War Senior Eight. In 1947, John was emergency for the successful Victorian King's Cup crew in Perth. The following season he rowed in the stroke seat of the Mercantile Senior Eight and subsequently concentrated on sculling. In 1949, John won the Victorian Sculling Championship and as Victoria's representative finished second to the legendary Merv Wood in the President's Cup.

Whilst just short of league standard, John was also a footballer of great ability and became a regular member of the now defunct Brighton side, when that team was a power in the Victorian Football Association.

A successful business man, he was both a member of the Melbourne City Council and a leading publican, whilst still in his early twenties.

During his long illness, John Williams showed tremendous courage and until shortly before his death, he was a visitor to the Club whenever his health and presence in Melbourne permitted.

After his valiant struggle, members were saddened to learn of the death of this great Mercantilian in Queensland on 4th May, 1980.

#### OBITUARY — KENNETH B. POPE

Ken was a successful Junior oarsman in pre-war years and retained his interest and activity on his return from active service in the Middle East

and South Pacific. He assisted generally in the activities of the Club and coached a number of crews with considerable success. Because of ill health he moved to Buderim, Queensland, seven years ago, but retained his membership and interest in the Mercantile Rowing Club, of which he was a member for fifty years.

### OBITUARY – HAROLD B. BURKE

Harold left Melbourne Grammar School to join the Navy at the age of seventeen and saw active service in the South Pacific area.

Following the war he joined the Mercantile Rowing Club and won many Maiden and Junior events and retained his interest in the club until his untimely death.

We regret the passing of these valued members.

### MEMBERS, 1979–80

#### MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Club as at 30th April, 1980 was as follows:

	1980	1979	1978	1977
Life Members	7	7	7	7
Senior Active Members	156	149	153	146
Senior Members	23	23	23	24
Junior Members	55	48	42	55
Junior Schoolboy Members	46	58	69	51
Country Members	33	32	33	39
Associate Members	71	71	63	64
	391	388	390	386

### LIST OF MEMBERS 1979–80

#### LIFE MEMBERS

Aitken, R.R.	Cairnes, N.W.	Sprigg, J.G.H.
Bradshaw, J.W.	Morgan, D.J.R.	Thursfield, R.W.
	Sorani, A.	

#### SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

Ainsworth, P.J.	Gumley, J.H.	O'Brien, P.H.
Aitken, M.	Guy, R.J.	Owen, M.F.
Allsop, C.P.	Harry, J.R.	Palfreyman, D.
Ashton, Dr. P.W.	Harvey, J.R.	Paterson, I.H.
Bailey, K.	Hawkins, J.F.	Philp, P.E.M.
Baillieu, W.J.	Hill, J.	Pilmore, R.B.
Ball, D.G.	Hobbs, S.	Pinniger, H.R.
Batters, P.	Hogan, T.J.	Pirani, R.L.
Benjamin, P.L.	Holland, C.S.	Preistnall, G.
Blaxland, A.W.	Houghton, P.D.	Reardon, G.
Bott, C.H.	Hughan, J.R.	Redman, R.
Bowen, D.A.	Hutchins, W.B.	Reiner, M.
Bowie, A.	Jeffery, S.R.	Renouf, L.P.
Boykett, D.H.	Johnston, G.M.	Richardson, G.W.
Boykett, G.H.	Jones, C.P.	Richardson, R.H.
Burford, J.	Jones, J.McD.	Richardson, S.G.

Burke, H.B. (dec'd)  
Butler, S.J.  
Cameron, R.  
Cannon, A.M.  
Carr, J.P.  
Cayzer, P.A.  
Connolly, M.C.  
Cordell, A.M.  
Cowling, D.S.  
Cremean, T.A.  
Cunningham, P.  
Davis, G.M.  
Dawson, R.St.L.  
Dobbie, A.W.  
Donoghue, J.D.  
Douglas, D.G.A.  
Doyle, P.J.  
Duthie, I.R.  
Emsell, B.  
Evans, A.M.  
Everist, I.C.  
Fazio, J.  
Farnhill, D.  
Foley, J.E.  
Fox, J.A.  
Franet, P.A.  
Frederico, Hon. Mr.  
Justice H.R.  
Gibbs, Dr. P.M.  
Gibson, A.D.  
Gibson, N.J.  
Gilbert, R.A.  
Gillon, S.M.  
Gomes, U.  
Griffiths, R.I.  
Gross, B.B.  
Guerin, A.N.

#### SENIOR MEMBERS

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

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Adams, J.S.  
Baillie, J.S.  
Belot, I.R.  
Birch, R.  
Birnie, A.C.  
Booth, D.F.  
Briggs, A.P.  
Brown, G.J.  
Casey, J.S.  
Christie, D.  
Cook, S.P.  
Crothers, G.T.  
Donovan, M.  
Dynon, P.  
Edwards, G.  
Fitzpatrick, P.  
Fitch, P.C.  
Fogarty, D.

Jones, P.L.  
Jones, P.L.V.  
Kay, N.  
Kellam, M.G.  
Kerin, M.  
Kohn, A.B.  
Lawrence, R.J.  
Leach, K.  
Lindley, P.A.  
Lockwood, T.  
Loveless, R.J.  
McCall, G.A.  
McCarthy, L.R.  
McCorkell, S.R.  
McKenna, M.F.  
McKenzie, D.M.  
McKeown, J.W.  
McMahon, G.  
McMaster, P.J.  
Maginn, A.E.  
Mahoney, H.J.  
Mahony, C.W.  
Manley, M.W.  
Manton, G.O.V.  
Mollard, S.  
Morell, R.T.  
Morrison, B.W.  
Morrison, W.T.  
Mulder, V.  
Myers, N.J.  
Negri, R.A.  
Negri, Dr. R.B.  
Newton, N.L.  
Newton, T.C.  
Nickson, J.H.  
Oakley, J.S.  
McLean, D.A.

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

Frederico, H.T.  
Gehrig, J.  
Gordon, M.  
Hall, C.  
Hayes, R.  
Jorgenson, M.E.  
Keast, R.B.  
Kerr, P.R.  
Lawrence, J.J.  
McDonald, A.W.  
McMahon, J.P.  
McMahon, L.  
McNamara, J.F.  
Mallett, G.N.  
Manley, B.A.  
Manolitsas, J.  
Moulton, G.P.  
Murchie, A.D.

Robertson, W.M.  
Roberston-Smith, R.G.  
Ronai-Horvath, V.  
Ryan, S.P.  
Sadlier, M.  
Schradler, E.D.  
Shanasy, J.  
Shears, H.P.  
Sherwood, R.  
Shirrefs, S.A.  
Sloan, A.T.  
Smith, P.R.  
Spartalis, B.R.  
Spriggins, Dr. A.J.  
St. George, S.J.  
Stephenson, C.E.  
Stewart, R.D.  
Taylor, G.M.  
Thom, J.J.  
Tomanovits, M.G.  
Tynan, J.  
Vautin, W.  
Viner, G.R.  
Wallace, Dr. A.  
Wallace, W.L.N.  
Webster, D.S.  
Wertheimer, E.J.  
White, R.A.  
Williams, L.S.  
Wilson, W.I.  
Wilson, G.J.  
Wirtz, E.  
Withers, A.  
Young, T.  
Yunghanns, D.J.

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

O'Shea, B.  
Parkes, M.J.  
Perkins, A.  
Parton, C.  
Pincus, D.A.  
Reidy, P.  
Ryan, P.  
Sanchez, M.  
Scott, P.W.  
Sharp, J.  
Smethurst, C.B.  
Spence, D.A.  
Stout, M.J.  
Stoyles, M.  
Thomas, D.G.  
Waring, S.J.  
Watson, D.McA.  
Webster, D.S.  
Zacharin, R.M.

## JUNIOR SCHOOLBOY MEMBERS

Allardice, C.W.	Krishnapillat, M.	Russell, J.C.S.
Alstergren, W.D.	Lechte, J.	Ryan, J.M.
Aschoff, J.S.	Lechte, M.	Scandrett, M.
Bailey, N.	McConachy, S.	Scott, M.R.
Canty, J.F.	McConchie, N.	Shankly, N.
Chapman, P.B.	McKinnon, P.A.	Short, W.A.
Chirnside, J.M.	Middendorp, P.R.	Smyth, P.
Dare, D.G.C.	Mitchell, J.S.	Thomas, R.H.
Dixon, M.	Morrison, C.A.	Watson, P.W.
Douglas, H.	Murchie, J.	Whyte, A.
Doyle, D.J.	Negri, J.M.	Whyte, D.C.
Doyle, M.A.	O'Halloran, M.	Wilson, W.P.
Fraser, B.	Pascal, P.	Yunghanns, D.B.
Grant, J.A.	Patten, S.G.B.	Zdero, K.
Harmes, M.G.	Peters, P.L.	
	Papaionaniou, G.	
	Preece, D.	

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Alekna, V.	Gibbs, A.A.	O'Brien, R.A.
Appleby, J.P.	Gill, B.B.	Oliver, R.J.D.
Baxter, D.	Glynn, D.J.	Park, G.A.
Bell, C.M.	Granowski, W.O.	Reddie, P.
Blair Holt, J.A.	Henri, K.	Rodda, T.
Bolton, R.S.	Hidgcock, C.W.	Ruffin, J.F.
Bond, P.	Hill, L.C.	Sanchez, C.
Border, A.	Holyman, I.D.	Seammen, J.W.
Bowen, J.R.	Holyman, G.I.	Shears, E.
Bradshaw, Mrs G.	Hume, D.	Shears, T.W.
Calombarts, J.	Hume, K.M.	Spark, J.M.
Corben, M.H.	Hume, M.M.	Spensley, Dr. J.S.
Cordell, A.J.	Humphris, P.W.	Spiteri, G.J.
Cordell, H.J.	Jones, R.A.	Stanley, R.J.
Crichton, D.J.M.	Knight, W.	Thom, N.
Culka, J.V.	Leggett, E.P.	Thorburn, Dr. J.D.
Cuthbert, Sally	Longmuir, I.	Tomanovits, Mrs A.
Daffy, T.C.	Loveless, Mrs J.	Wallace, G.B.
Dane, P.C.	Luke, W.H.	Watkin, P.K.
Dumbleton, W.	McCarthy, A.J.	Werner, D.M.
Fallon, J.	Milligan, A.S.	Wilkinson, C.V.H.
Feakes, J.F.	Mollard, K.F.	Wells, J.D.
Ferguson, J.M.	Murray, Pamela	Willis, J.D.
Fogarty, F.	Negri, P.	

## COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell, G.L.	Garrard, R.J.	Olliff, D.
Bailey, J.H.	Hart, A.L.	Pennefather, A.
Bailey, W.M.	Keeley, M.R.	Pope, K.B. (dec'd)
Bowman, J.W.	Lee, R.E.	Price, R.W.
Boykett, P.H.	McArthur, F.S.	Rowe, J.S.
Brien, F.D.	McConville, K.H.	Thompson, C.P.
Connolly, R.W.	McKay, T.B.	Thompson, C.T.
Darker, A.	McLean, A.R.	Thomsen, P.
Delfos, N.	Miller, P.M.	Williams, J.G. (dec'd)
Fogarty, M.J.	Moll, L.L.B.	Williams, M.M.
Gamble, P.	Noble, F.	Wraith, G.J.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1980

1979		1980
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
2,851	Bank of New South Wales – General	2,910
23,317	Bank of New South Wales – Building	22,457
6,551	Trophy Orders Account	6,668
292	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	53
1,028	Sundry Creditors	994
285	Suspense Account	285
100	Olympic Fund	100
2,843	<b>R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</b>	3,108
	<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	
39,316	War Memorial Building Fund	39,756
65,792	Balance 30th April, 1980	70,328
142,375		146,659
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
84	Bank of New South Wales – Cooper Fund	285
419	Subscriptions Outstanding	824
993	Stock on Hand	446
1,923	Sundry Debtors and Prepayment	5,251
	<b>INVESTMENTS (at cost)</b>	
541	Commonwealth Bonds	541
	<b>R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</b>	
1,000	Finance Corporation of Australia	1,000
1,684	Australian Foundation Investment Co.	1,823
	<b>NOW CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
107,572	War Memorial Club House (at cost)	107,572
22,471	Boats (at cost less depreciation)	22,703
3,489	Oars (at cost less depreciation)	2,835
408	Trailer (at cost less depreciation)	265
1,791	Sundry Assets (at cost less depreciation)	3,114
142,375		146,659

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### INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1980

1979		1980
	<b>INCOME</b>	
9,765	Subscriptions	10,373.80
770	Less Amounts Written off	647.20
8,995		9,726.60
6,166	Donations	6,637.42
361	Donations Tributors	595.10
245	Hire Boat Racks	230.00
1,790	Hire Club Room	1,316.00
1,974	Sundry Income	1,043.00
2,060	Rent	4,027.50
51	Interest Received	51.60
—	Christmas Party etc.	111.35
—	Entry Fees	26.94
493	Profit on Sale of Boats etc.	
22,135		23,765.51
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
4,110	Depreciation	4,835.00
402	Entry Fees — Regattas	
2,767	Light, Gas & Rates	2,564.23
1,760	Insurance	1,991.16
37	Trophies	45.69
630	Fire Protection	595.10
780	Printing & Stationery	793.75
2,926	Repairs & Maintenance	2,015.31
1,192	V.R.A. Dues etc.	2,255.78
36	Freight	541.98
336	General Expenses	151.50
2,335	Interest on Overdraft — Bank	2,563.10
186	Telephone	170.87
41	Gymnasium	
300	Donations Australian Rowing Team	50.00
—	Loss on Sales of Assets & Stock	655.83
17,838		19,229.30
4,297	Surplus for the Year	4,536.21

#### TO THE MEMBERS — MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

I report that in my opinion the accompanying balance sheet and income and expenditure statement are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club at 30th April, 1980 according to the book, records, information and explanations given to me.

Signed P.R. Devenish,  
Chartered Accountant,  
2nd June, 1980.