



Mercantile Rowing Club

MELBOURNE

101st

Annual Report

and

Balance Sheet

Season 1980 – 1981

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MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 101st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 27th JUNE, 1981 at 8.00 p.m.

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

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th June, 1980.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
4. 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 1982/83 and thereafter shall be as follows:—

Senior Active Members	\$45
Senior Members	\$40
Junior Members	\$35
Associate Members	\$30
Country Members	\$20

and that Clause (b) shall be amended to:—

- (b) "Junior members who are full time students at a secondary or technical school shall upon application to the Committee be entitled to a rebate of \$17.50, in respect to the subscription payable by them. The Committee shall be entitled to require such evidence in support of an application as it thinks 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, 20th JUNE, 1981 at 4.00 p.m.

By order of the Committee.

D.A. Pincus
Honorary Secretary.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL REPORT of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

In the world of Amateur Sport success or recession seems to go in cycles. Our organisation learned much from last seasons experiences and approached this season with courage and a determined effort to again win a premiership.

At the conclusion of a long and strenuous season, we found we had won two premierships. The Champion Club and the Lightweight premiership for 1981. Congratulations to members of winning crews.

The pleasing part of these premierships is the number of points won by our novice and maiden oarsmen which must auger well for the future. We now have a greater depth of experience in our competing oarsmen which will enable us to confidently approach the next season.

Does our recent success mean that our cycle is again changing towards our very successful cycle of the 1960's? Time alone will tell. But if every competing member applies himself to his training and rowing with one hundred per cent enthusiasm, courage, determination and the Will to Win:— then that cycle could be ours.

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



To The Members,

Your committee has pleasure in submitting the 101st Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April, 1981.

The highlights of this, the first season of the Club's second century, were the Centenary Celebrations conducted throughout the season, the generous sponsorship of the Club by the Carlton and United Breweries, and the performances of our crews which enabled the Club to become Champion Club and Lightweight Premiers of Victoria.

The highly successful and extensive Centenary celebrations were enjoyed by all who participated and were a credit to the Club. We extend our congratulations to the Centenary Sub-Committee of Bob Aitken (Chairman), John Burford, Hubert Frederico, Andrew Guerin, John Harry, Deane Morgan, Bill Morrison and Martin Owen for their excellent work.

We thank our sponsors, Carlton and United Breweries for their contribution of racing singlets and of course a supply of their excellent product. Our winning crews (over 60 of them), and all other active members were proud to wear the C.U.B. logo on their backs.

Despite a season that was largely successful, our senior oarsmen were once again unable to win many senior races and return the Club to its former position of dominance in this division. These oarsmen began very strongly with some fine victories in Open and Senior Four events, but were unable to maintain this success through to the State Championships. The unavailability of some key personnel for much of the two months immediately prior to those Championships and a lack of unity in our Senior

ranks no doubt contributed to our poor showing in senior events. Our eight, comprised mainly of Junior oarsmen, finished a creditable fourth behind the Sydney Rowing Club crew coached by Phil Cayzer in the Victorian Championships. We congratulate the following Club members who were selected in the King's Cup Crew following this event — John Leamy (cox), Alec Sloan, Andrew Withers, Ion Poppa, and David Doyle. We note that it was a rapid rise to the seven seat of the Victorian crew for David Doyle who earlier in the season was winning Maiden events for the Club. We extend our congratulations to Alec Sloan and Andrew Withers on retaining their Australian coxless four title at the National Regatta.

Most Junior events won for the Club were won by crews coached by Peter Philp. After a very slow beginning oarsmen out of this squad competed creditably in the Champion Eight and Champion Four at the Victorian Titles. Four oarsmen out of the Eight were members of the high-rating Junior Four beaten into second place at the same regatta. The members of the eight picked up several victories including the Victorian Champion Junior Eight, and the Australian Champion Junior Four. The same crew was extremely unlucky in the final of the Junior Eights at the National regatta, when an equipment breakage at the half-way stage left the crew with only seven oars for the second half of the race. After leading very well at the half-way point they were very disappointed to cross the line in second place. Following the National regatta, Ian Belot and Mike Sim were successful in gaining international selection at Elite and Senior B level and to them we extend our congratulations.

Our maiden oarsmen enjoyed a particularly successful season, so much so that some are unable to compete in any boat at Maiden standard again, having won in pairs, fours and eights. The basis of these successes was undoubtedly the Maiden Eight, coached by Mike Manley which was undefeated in November and December. Members of this crew were very successful in all boats especially Glenn Deag and Mike Manley who were to gain Australian representation later in the season. We look forward to seeing the achievements of these oarsmen next season.

The senior lightweights once again endured an unsettled season and look set for a complete rejuvenation next season. The numerous successes of Jim Adams and Martin Owen in the lightweight coxless pairs were the only shining light at senior level. However, a very strong group of lightweight maiden oarsmen enabled your Club to win the Lightweight Premiership through their many successes.

It was a very exciting season for our Youth oarsmen, beginning with a second place in the Victorian Youth Eight Championship after a very close finish with M.U.B.C. Out of this crew Graham Barns, David Doyle, Alan Borger, Sam Patten, Mark Doyle, Glenn Deag and Martin O'Halloran went on to represent Victoria in Queensland. Mercantile crews were also successful in the Victorian and Australian Youth Four Championships as well as the selection races for the F.I.S.A. Junior Four at both the Victorian and National Titles. The following members have gained representation in the F.I.S.A. Junior Four Team to go to this year's world Championships — Graham Barns (cox), Glenn Deag, Sam Patten, Greg Pechan and Mike Manley (coach). They are to be congratulated upon their selection.

A pleasing development this season was in our novice ranks where our oarsmen performed well and won in Novice Eights, Fours and Pairs. Despite some unfortunate setbacks these oarsmen produced some very high standard rowing.

This season the Committee decided to extend the Club's finances and purchase a considerable amount of new equipment. In this, we were assisted by the very generous donation of a new racing four and blades by a member of many years standing, Dr. Lance Hill. We were most appreciative of his generosity as it enabled our crews to race and win races and Championships in which they could not have otherwise been boated. This top class racing shell was appropriately named the 'Lance Hill' at a christening ceremony at the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta. In addition to this craft,

your Club purchased three new pairs, the "Jean Bradshaw", (which was successful at its first five starts), the "John Harry" and the "John Gumley" and new blades for our senior oarsmen. Because of this massive expenditure on new equipment, we cannot expect many new purchases in the coming year. It is pleasing to report the Club's fleet is now one of the finest in Australia and rapidly approaching a standard the Club deserves.

The social calendar during the first part of the season was filled with Centenary celebrations which were a great success. The Christmas Party was as usual well attended, however, the highlight of the latter part of the season was the party on the sailing ship the "Alma Doepel", after the Henley regatta. The superb setting for the evening was made possible by a generous donation from David Boykett and we thank him for his continued support.

The extensive work of David Pincus as Secretary, and Jeff Lawrence as Treasurer must be acknowledged, as must the continued efforts of Ted Sorani and others too numerous to mention.

In conclusion, the first season of Mercantile's second hundred years was marked by considerable success both on and off the water. This return to prominence in rowing can only continue with the greater support and involvement of all members.

THE CLUB CENTENARY

The One Hundredth year of Mercantile's existence closed with the Annual Meeting on 28th June, 1980 — a memorable evening in the annals of the Club. Two hundred members gathered in formal dress to attend to the business of the Centenary meeting, to join in the customary repartee between the members and the Chair; to hear Jim Sprigg present, with his unique and classical oratory, the trophies for the Sprigg Time Trial, and to honour in unusual and impressive silence the toast to the Club on that occasion. Members seldom seen at the Club, assembled for the meeting. Martin Keeley, Simon Newcomb and Colin Thompson drove from Queensland with gifts to entertain and refresh the President; Bill Wallace flew from Sydney; Bill Bailey came direct from Dubbo just for the night and others too numerous to name attended in honour of the event.

At the meeting Doug Brooke unveiled a portrait of Jim Sprigg by Robert Hannaford. This portrait was commissioned to mark both the Centenary of the Club and the completion by Jim of 25 years of distinguished service in the office of President.

It now graces the wall of the clubrooms, a remarkable likeness and fitting tribute to a man much of whose life has been dedicated to the service of Mercantile and its members.

The Centenary weekend began with a luncheon at Young and Jacksons Hotel on Friday, 19th September, just one hundred years to the day since the Club was established at a meeting in that same hotel. Eighty to one hundred members were present. That evening over 300 members and their friends gathered at Leonda Restaurant for the Centenary Dinner Dance. The club was honoured by the presence, as chief guests, of the Chief Justice of Victoria, Sir John Young K.C.M.G. and Lady Young. The Australian Amateur Rowing Council was represented by the President, Mr. Harvey Nicholson, the Secretary Mr. John Coates and Mr. Jack Pritchard from Queensland. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parr represented the Victorian Rowing Association and Messrs. Patching, Hoffman and Coles attended from the Australian Olympic Federation. It was particularly pleasing to the President to be able to welcome so many members of widely varying ages with wives and friends. Some came from Interstate and Gale Ansell arranged his

return from America to New Zealand via Melbourne especially for the event.

On the very evening of the Dinner Dance the first volumes of the Club History were delivered by the printer, Vaughan Printing Pty. Ltd. This record of the first hundred years of the club's activities had been in preparation for a number of years. Quite a few members contributed to the research, organisation and literary endeavours necessary to produce the history, none more so than Deane Morgan. The history was formally 'launched' by Hon. Mr. Justice Frederico, President of the Victorian Rowing Association at a gathering in the Clubhouse on the Saturday evening of the Centenary weekend.

The funding of the history, which cost \$8,000 to produce and also the portrait of the President was made possible by the donations of one hundred 'Centenary Subscribers', each of whom contributed \$100 to the project. The subscribers received, in addition to a specially bound copy of the history, a numbered and engraved gold centenary medallion of which only one hundred were struck. These contributions will mean that as copies of the history are sold, funds will become available to reduce the overdraft on the building account.

On the Sunday morning of the Centenary weekend the usual races for the A.L. Dobbie Fours were conducted and members and friends assembled at the Clubhouse for a barbecue lunch and refreshments.

The Scotch-Mercantile Regatta for 1981 also became the Mercantile Centenary Regatta. A special programme was produced to commemorate the service to the Club and to Scotch College, of those members who had, over the eighty years of the Club's affiliation with Scotch, rendered distinguished service to both. In addition the Club provided a perpetual Centenary Cup as the trophy for Open Eights Division 2 at the regatta which is competed for by school crews. St. Kevin's College are the first holders of the Cup.

It had been hoped to conclude the Centenary season by sending a club crew to Henley-on-Thames. For financial and other reasons this project has had to be abandoned, but a small group of members and friends, led by the President will be leaving immediately after the Annual Meeting to attend the famous regatta as a reminder that Mercantile has been in the forefront of rowing in Australia for one hundred years and proposes to remain so.

CENTENARY SUBSCRIBERS

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| 1. J.G. Sprigg | 21. W.B. Hutchins | 39. The family of the late J.T. Dunstan |
| 2. R.R. Aitken | 22. In memory of David Stirling | 40. H.P. Shears |
| 3. A.N. Guerin | 23. S.H. Newcomb | 41. G.A. McCall |
| 4. D.J.R. Morgan | 24. M.F. McKenna | 42. I. Tomanovits |
| 5. L.S. Williams | 25. B.S. Paul | 43. A. Tomanovits |
| 6. J.P. Appleby | 26. H.D. Duncan | 44. S. Hobbs |
| 7. P.E.M.L. Philp | 27. J.K. Leggett | 45. H.N. Hewitt |
| 8. T.R. McKay | 28. T. Rodda | 46. D.J. Yunghanns |
| 9. R.H. Richardson | 29. D.G.A. Douglas | 47. M.W. Yunghanns |
| 10. J.W. Bradshaw | 30. M. Connolly | 48. E.S. White |
| 11. W.T. Morrison | 31. G. Bade | 49. J.R. Harvey |
| 12. K. Bailey | 32. D.H. Boykett | 50. W.I. Wilson |
| 13. J. Wertheimer | 33. Hon. Justice H.R. Frederico | 51. J.D. Shears |
| 14. J.S. Adams | 34. A.W. Dobbie | 52. B.J. Doyle |
| 15. D.J. Crichton | 35. S.G. Richardson | 53. P. Humphris |
| 16. N.W. Cairnes | 36. B. Emsell | 54. P. Harding |
| 17. M.F. Owen | 37. R.W. Connolly | 55. E. Sorani |
| 18. J. Burford | 38. R.E. Lee | 56. E. Stephenson |
| 19. C.P.H. Boykett | | 57. B.B. Gross |
| 20. D.A. McLean | | |

58. M.R. Wood	72. M.B. Kellam	86. W.M.I. Robertson
59. A.A. Gibbs	73. L.L.B. Moll	87. C. Hall
60. R.T. Morell	74. G. Reardon	88. E.P. Leggett
61. F.P. Newport	75. C.D. Lewis	89. G.I. Holyman
62. C.N.M. Stirling	76. A.P. Briggs	90. E. Wirte
63. M. Searle	77. N. Newton	91. H.T. Frederico
64. C.J. De Guingand	78. A.M. Cordell	92. P.J. Ainsworth
65. R.B. Wilson	79. V.G. Mulder	93. T. Thurtell
66. J.S. Rowe	80. M. Reiner	94. J.F. Hawkins
67. P.K. Watkin	81. W.O. Granowski	95. P.L.V. Jones
68. R.S. Birch	82. H. Mahoney	96. P.A. Cayzer
69. J.W. McKeown	83. J. McD. Jones	97. G.A. Park
70. Sir William Haworth	84. J.R. Harry	98. S.M. Gillon
71. J.H.P. Clark	85. J.M. Ferguson	99. R.J. Garrard
		100. J.J. Lawrence

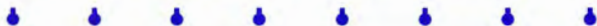
RECRUITING AND COACHING REPORT

During the past season the Club was able to maintain and improve upon the successes of the previous season. We were able to boat strong crews at all levels as a result of our ability to provide these crews with skilled and enthusiastic coaches.

The senior oarsmen were boated as an eight and four coached by Peter Philp and John Nickson respectively. Following the Championships the eight was boated as a successful Junior crew for the remainder of the season. The Club's Lightweight oarsmen endured another frustrating season despite the able leadership of Noel Donaldson. The Youth Eight despite early problems performed most creditably under Mike Manley, and our young F.I.S.A. Junior Four were able to perform very well against much heavier opposition thanks to the efforts of Brian Richardson. The Club's Maiden crews which won so many races were coached at various intervals by Mike Manley, Roger Wilson, Kevin Wickham and Andrew Guerin. Vic Ronai led our large and successful group of novice oarsmen.

We extend our thanks to the aforementioned members for their services during the season.

The work of these members has helped to produce the results for the season, and the incoming Committee would be pleased to welcome any retired oarsmen, who could assist with the coaching at any level.



BOATHOUSE AND EQUIPMENT

It is pleasing to record a very active season, with a large amount of renovative work undertaken. The season was also marked by an extraordinary increase in the size of the fleet.

BOATHOUSE:

The Premiership Certificates won over the years have been replaced or repaired, and most remounted on the wall of the Clubhouse, along with a portrait of our President, Mr. J.G.H. Sprigg and numerous photographs renovated during the previous season. The continuing work of Ted Sorani in maintaining and building gym equipment is greatly appreciated.

EQUIPMENT:

The trailer, so badly damaged in February, 1980, was completely repaired in time for the trip to Queensland for the National Championships. We are particularly grateful to Ted Sorani, Warwick Hutchins,

Cezar Sanchez, Jeff Lawrence, Andrew Guerin and David and Ken Hume, for the time and effort they put into the repair work.

The highlight of the season was the donation by Dr. Lance Hill of a racing four and a set of oars to be used with it. As with most of our new equipment this season it met with success at its first start.

The following major items of equipment were purchased during the season:

The JEAN BRADSHAW — a coxless pair designed for use by light-weight oarsmen.

The JOHN HARRY — a convertible pair designed for use by heavy-weight oarsmen.

The JOHN GUMLEY — a coxless pair of medium design, built with a modern plastic skin.

In addition to these new racing craft a set of ten oars for use by our Senior Crews was also purchased.

In view of our purchases in the past season purchases in 1981/82 will be severely restricted to include a racing four and a set of fourteen blades on order for delivery early next season.

The racing four, the "M.F. McKenna" was sold to Carey Grammar School.

Much renovation work was carried out throughout the season by working parties led by Andrew Guerin and Jeff Lawrence.

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	(very good)
—	J.G.H. Sprigg	1968	(fair)

FOURS — Racing

—	Lance Hill	1980	(excellent)
—	Phil Cayzer	1978	(excellent)
—	N.W. Cairnes	1976	(very good)
—	Ricky Loveless	1970	(fair)
—	The First Lady	1968	(fair)
—	Caltex and Dealers	1964	(fair)

REGULATION:

—	Ted Sorani	1978	(very good)
—	Deane Morgan	1961	(fair)

PAIRS — Racing

—	Jean Bradshaw	1980	(excellent)
—	John Gumley	1980	(excellent)
—	John Harry	1980	(excellent)
—	H.R. Frederico	1979	(excellent)
—	W.T. Morrison	1971	(under repair)
—	Bill Bradshaw	1967	(good)

TUB:

—	Laurie Moll	1978	(very good)
—	Paul Harding	1962	(poor)

OARS:

- Sykes 12' 7"	1980	(excellent)
- Sykes 12' 5"	1979	(very good)
- 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"	1966	(fair)
- Assorted	(1950 - 1969)	(poor)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Aluminium Hull	(very good)
- Johnston 15 hp Motor	(very good)
- Wooden Hull	(fair)
- Johnson 9.9 hp Motor	(very good)
- Boat Trailer	(good)

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ROWING — GENERAL

SCOTCH — MERCANTILE REGATTA:

The 23rd annual Scotch — Mercantile Regatta was held on the 21st March, 1981. Held, of course, this year in conjunction with the Mercantile Centenary and under the sponsorship of Dean Omond Prestige Motors.

Once again the Regatta attracted a record number of oarsmen with almost 1,700 competitors. This huge entry was ably handled by Regatta Secretary, Mr. J.W. Bradshaw, who once again ran an excellent Regatta. He was assisted by a Committee consisting of Messrs. R.R. Aitken, P.H. O'Brien, M.F. McKenna, D.H. Boykett, E.M. Davidson, A.N. Guerin, J.J. Lawrence, D.J.R. Morgan, W.V. Nash and D.A. Pincus.

The Regatta was run with customary efficiency by the Regatta Officials of the Victorian Rowing Association, and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary who again did an excellent job catering for the oarsmen for the duration of the Regatta.

COXSWAINS:

The Club has been most fortunate to have an excellent group of coxswains. We are grateful to the following coxswains for their efforts during the season:— Ken Marshall, Graham Barns, Paul McGann, Mike Sim, John Leamy, Mark Gishen, Mark Twomey, Pat Joyce, Jim Fitzpatrick, David Carrol, John Roche, Andrew Kilner and Richard Wilson. With Mike Sim and Graham Barns competing overseas, this year we are building a very experienced group of coxswains and we look forward to seeing them and other newcomers back next season.

To the parents of the younger boys, we offer our thanks for their support and understanding as the late hours of training during the racing season which must be a considerable inconvenience to them.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEAD OF THE RIVER 1981

Melbourne Grammar School coached by Mr. Tony Smith made it three in a row when they emerged unscathed through the new repechage system, to win well over Geelong College. A remarkable win, as unlike in previous years, Grammar had shown very little in the lead-up regattas. We congratulate them upon their success.

Club members coaching crews on the Barwon were: Martin Aitken, David Boykett, Mr. Justice Frederico, Martin Tomanovits, David Olliff, Steve Gillon, Paul McGann, Peter Kerr, David Fogarty, David Palfreyman, Ken Marshall, Tom Lockwood and David Pincus.

V.R.A. PREMIERSHIP POINTS 1980 - 81

Champion Club		Senior	
Mercantile	50	MUBC	76
Corio Bay	49	Barwon	17
MUBC	48	Mercantile	9
Essendon	36	Monash	7
Barwon	26	Power House	6
Banks	17	Wend/Ballarat	6
Footscray	16	Corio Bay	1
Power House	13	Yarra	1
Melbourne	10		
Wend/Ballarat	10	Junior First Division	
Yarra Yarra	9	Corio Bay	182
Hawthorn	8	Essendon	170
Richmond	6	Mercantile	146
Dimboola	6	Barwon	70
Horsham	3	Banks	54
Rutherglen	3	Footscray	28
Yarrowonga	3	Hawthorn	24
Bendigo	3	Wend/Ballarat	20
Warrnambool	3	Yarra Yarra	6
Lake Colac	1	Power House	4
		Junior Second Division	
Lightweight		Melbourne	22
Mercantile	60	Warrnambool	20
MUBC	49	Horsham	14
Power House	34	Ballarat City	11
Corio Bay	16	Richmond	10
Dimboola	6	Wentworth	10
Yarra Yarra	6	Bendigo	6
Barwon	4	Yarrowonga	6
Banks	4	Dimboola	6
Melbourne	4	Rutherglen	4
Richmond	4	Lake Colac	2
Essendon	2	MUBC	(- 8)
Footscray	2		

TROPHIES

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY:

Awarded to the member who has accrued the most starts and wins in Club and Regatta races during the season.

We congratulate Marty Owen 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 Mike Sim.

We wish Michael the best for his overseas trip this winter and hope his current good fortune may continue.

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 Ted Sorani for his efforts in many fields over the past year. We thank Ted for his efforts and look forward to his continued service to Mercantile in the future.

N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY:

This Trophy for the most improved coxswain of the season has been awarded to Mark Gishen. Congratulations Mark and we hope you will continue coxing for many years.

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 & Sons Pty. Ltd., and is awarded annually in memory of the late Jeff Wylie, a former Captain of the Club. This award goes to Jim Adams following his achievements over the season.

LATE F.R. BROWNE TROPHY:

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy is donated by the family of the late F.R. Browne for presentation to the most improved novice oarsman and the award has been made to Mike Smith to whom we extend our congratulations.



CLUB EVENTS

MICK WILLIAMS FOURS, held on Saturday September 6th, were conducted in conjunction with the Club's recruiting night. Both events were very successful.

MORELL COMBINATION EIGHTS, held on 15th December, for trophies donated by the family of the late Sir Stephen Morell were very keenly contested between ten crews, which included members of Kindred clubs. The winning crew was:— D. Gazzard (bow), P. Lindley, A. Thomas, M. O'Halloran, M. Owen, R. Thomas, D. Watson, M. Doyle (str.) and A. Kilner (cox).

The trophies were presented by Mr. R.T. Morell.

A.L. DOBBIE MEMORIAL FOURS, held on Sunday 20th September, in conjunction with the Centenary weekend, were keenly contested by a large group of oarsmen competing for trophies donated by the family of the late Mr. A.L. Dobbie. We thank Mr. Dobbie for presenting the trophies.

J.G.H. SPRIGG TIME TRAIL, 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 T. Frederico (bow), J. Grant, M. Robertson, M. Connolly, S. Shirrefs, A. Briggs, A. Sloan, R. Garrard (str.), and G. Barns (cox).

The time was 28 mins. 28 seconds. The trophies were presented by Mr. J.G.H. Sprigg, at the Annual Meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, held on Saturday, December 20th, was again well organised by our active oarsmen. Over 300 people attended the function with almost 100 children enjoying a fruitful encounter with Santa.

HENLEY NIGHT FUNCTION, was held after the Regatta on board the sailing ship, the 'Alma Doepel'. A large crowd was entertained by Frank Traynor's Jazz Band until well into the evening. This excellent function concluded a successful year socially for the Club.

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 Mr. John Seammen on Sunday morning, 26th April.

RACING RESULTS
AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
HINZE DAM, GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND – 1981

Eight-Oared Championship for the King's Cup South Australia, Victoria, Queensland.	5:43.60
Lightweight Four-oared Championship for the Penrith Cup Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia	6:11.85
Single Sculling Championship for the President's Cup E. Hale (N.S.W.), B. McNaughton (Vic.), N. Manefield (Qld.)	7:16.06
Youth Eight-oared Championship for the Wilkinson Cup Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria.	4:21.10
Women's Elite Four Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia.	3:38.08
Women's Lightweight Four Victoria, Western Australia, Aust. Capital Territory.	3:34.80
Women's Elite Scull M. Renouf (Vic.), S. Rourke (N.S.W.), E. Shiell (Qld.).	3:55.09
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Four with Cox Mosman/Balmain, Adel./Adel. Univ., Mon./MUBC/Mercs.	6:23.10
Four without Cox Mercs/MUBC/Mon., Mercs/MUBC, Sydney J. Lowe (MUBC), M. Hunt (Mon.), A. Sloan, A. Withers (str.)	6:17.93
Pair with Cox Sydney, Sydney University, Franklin/Tas. University.	7:04.59
Pair without Cox Adelaide University, Mosman, Sydney	6:45.37
Single Scull E. Hale (Sydney), N. Manefield (Toowong), J. Stride (Syd.)	7:14.36
Double Scull Sydney, Toowong/Qld. University, Haberfield.	6:40.12
Junior Eight Qld. Univ., Mercantile, Port Adel/Torrens/Adel/Adel Univ.	5:59.97
Junior Four Mercantile, Lismore, Adel. Univ./Torrens D. Watson (bow), J. Sabljak, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.) M. Sim (Cox), P. Philp (coach).	6:34.98
Junior Pair without Cox W.A. Univ., Nepean, Mercantile	No Time
Junior Scull M. Doust (Manning River), B. McNaughton (Corio Bay).	7:21.32
Lightweight Eight MUBC, W.A. Univ., Buckingham.	5:48.80
Lightweight Four without Cox W.A. University, Balmain, MUBC.	6:16.70
Lightweight Four with Cox MUBC, W.A. Univ./Swan River, Torrens/Adel. Univ.	6:34.50
Lightweight Pair without Cox MUBC, Balmain, Swan River	6:44.06
Lightweight Scull S. Callaghan (St. George), P. Antonie (MUBC), S. Spurling (MUBC).	7:11.26

Youth Four Merchs./MUBC, Perth & Coll., Qld. Univ. M. O'Halloran (bow), A. Berger, M. Doyle, J. Michelmore (MUBC) (str.), G. Barns (cox), A. Maginn (coach).	4:57.80
F.I.S.A. Junior Four Merchs/MUBC/Barwon, Qld. Univ., Glebe/Nepean T. Imison (MUBC) (bow), G. Deag, S. Patten, R. Leach (Barwon) (str.), G. Barns (cox), M. Manley (coach).	No Time
Youth Pair without Cox Lindisfarne, MUBC, Mercantile.	5:13.34
Youth Scull M. Doust (Manning River), A. Lovrish (Perth & Coll.) B. Hick (Leichhardt Qld.)	No Time
Ladies Elite Four MUBC/Dimboola/Barwon, Glebe/Sydney Univ./ Drummoyne, MUBC.	3:34.94
Ladies Elite Pair without Cox Barwon, MUBC/Dimboola, Glebe.	3:54.91

CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING

We congratulate the members of the following successful crews:—

ICEBERGS REGATTA — JULY 12th, 1980.

Open Four
S. Shirrefs, I. Popa, A. Sloan, J. Fazio (str.), G. Barns (cox), J. Nickson
(coach).

ICEBERGS REGATTA — AUGUST 9th, 1980.

Open Four
S. Shirrefs, I. Popa, A. Sloan, J. Fazio (str.), G. Barns (cox), J. Nickson
(coach).

ICEBERGS REGATTA — AUGUST 30th, 1980.

Maiden Four
K. Esser, P. Watson, J. Ashley-Brown, S. Waring (str.), M. Gishen
(cox), M. Manley (coach).

Maiden Pair
M. Doyle, D. Doyle (str.), J. Doyle (cox), B. Doyle (coach).

V.R.A. SPRINT — OCTOBER 4th, 1980.

Maiden Pair
M. Doyle, D. Doyle (str.), J. Doyle (cox), B. Doyle (coach).

Lightweight Maiden Four
P. Fitzpatrick, J. Manolitsas, J. Grant, T. Frederico (str.), J. Roche
(cox).

YARRA YARRA REGATTA — OCTOBER 11th, 1980.

Open Four
I. Poppa, J. Fazio, A. Sloan, A. Withers (str.), G. Barns (cox), J.
Nickson (coach).

Lightweight Senior Pair without Cox
M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Maiden Pair
M. Doyle, D. Doyle (str.), J. Doyle (cox), B. Doyle (coach).

V.R.A. SPECIAL – OCTOBER 18th, 1980.

Open Four

C. Hall, J. Sabljak, N. Myers, S. Moreton (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Lightweight Senior Pair without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Maiden Pair

M. Doyle, D. Doyle (str.), J. Doyle (cox), B. Doyle (coach).

DIMBOOLA REGATTA – NOVEMBER 15th, 1980.

Maiden Eight

J. Manolitsas, S. Waring, B. McKinnon, P. Watson, P. Fitzpatrick, G. Deag, J. Ashley-Brown, T. Frederico (str.), M. Twomey (cox), M. Manley (coach).

HORSHAM REGATTA – NOVEMBER 16th, 1980.

Maiden Eight

J. Manolitsas, S. Waring, B. McKinnon, P. Watson, P. Fitzpatrick, G. Deag, J. Ashley-Brown, T. Frederico (str.), M. Twomey (cox), M. Manley (coach).

WENDOUREE/BALLARAT REGATTA – NOVEMBER 22nd, 1980.

Lightweight Senior Pair – without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Maiden Eight

J. Manolitsas, S. Waring, B. McKinnon, P. Watson, P. Fitzpatrick, G. Deag, J. Ashley-Brown, T. Frederico (str.), M. Twomey (cox), M. Manley (coach).

V.R.A. MELBOURNE – NOVEMBER 29th, 1980.

Senior Four

I. Popa, J. Fazio, A. Sloan, A. Withers (str.), G. Barns (cox), J. Nickson (coach).

Lightweight Senior Pair without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Junior Four

M. Stout, J. Lawrence, I. Belot, D. Watson (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Maiden Eight

J. Manolitsas, S. Waring, B. McKinnon, P. Watson, P. Fitzpatrick, G. Deag, J. Ashley-Brown, T. Frederico (str.), M. Twomey (cox), M. Manley (coach).

UPPER YARRA REGATTA – DECEMBER 6th, 1980.

Senior Four

I. Popa, J. Fazio, A. Sloan, A. Withers (str.), G. Barns (cox), J. Nickson (coach).

Lightweight Senior Pair without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Junior Four

M. Pierson, A. Briggs, A. McDonald, A. Guerin (str.), M. Gishen (cox), N. Donaldson (coach).

Maiden Eight

J. Manolitsas, S. Waring, B. McKinnon, P. Watson, P. Fitzpatrick, G. Deag, J. Ashley-Brown, T. Frederico (str.), M. Twomey (cox), M. Manley (coach).

NAGAMBIE REGATTA – DECEMBER 26th, 1980.

Lightweight Maiden Four

J. Manolitsas, P. Fitzpatrick, B. McKinnon, S. Waring (str.), M. Twomey (cox).

Lightweight Maiden Pair

J. Manolitsas, P. Fitzpatrick (str.), M. Twomey (cox).

YARRAWONGA REGATTA – DECEMBER 27th, 1980.

Lightweight Maiden Four

J. Manolitsas, P. Fitzpatrick, B. McKinnon, S. Waring (str.), M. Twomey (cox).

Lightweight Maiden Pair

J. Manolitsas, P. Fitzpatrick (str.), M. Twomey (cox).

VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES REGATTA – JANUARY 17th, 1981.

Junior Four

J. Lawrence, D. Pincus, I. Belot, D. Watson (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

BANKS REGATTA – JANUARY 24th, 1981.

F.I.S.A. Junior Four

T. Paxinos, J. Buckley, N. Borthwick, C. Dungan (str.), S. Mitchell (cox), M. Aitken, D. Hatcher (coaches).

AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA – JANUARY 26th, 1981.

Junior Eight

J. Grant, J. Russell, M. O'Halloran, D. Aitken, G. Deag, B. McKinnon, M. Doyle, D. Doyle (str.), M. Gishen (cox), M. Manley (coach).

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – FEBRUARY 1st, 1981.

F.I.S.A. Junior Four

J. Buckley, T. Paxinos, N. Borthwick, C. Dungan (str.), S. Mitchell (cox), M. Aitken, D. Hatcher (coaches).

HENLEY REGATTA – FEBRUARY 28th, 1981.

Senior Scull

S. Cook.

Junior Eight

D. Pincus, J. Lawrence, A. McDonald, J. Sabljak, D. Watson, S. Moreton, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Junior Pair without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Maiden Pair

B. McKinnon, S. Waring (str.), M. Gishen (cox).

Novice Eight

D. Strong, R. Cornellison, T. Lavicka, J. Lavicka, P. Lindley, A. Thomas, T. James, M. Smith (str.), A. Kilner (cox), V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

BARWON REGATTA – MARCH 7th, 1981.

Junior Eight

D. Pincus, J. Lawrence, A. McDonald, J. Sabljak, D. Watson, S. Moreton, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Lightweight Scull

S. Cook

Junior Pair without Cox

M. Owens, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Novice Eight

D. Strong, A. Thomas, T. Lavicka, D. Gazzard, P. Lindley, J. Lavicka, T. James, M. Smith (str.), A. Kilner (cox), V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

BALLARAT REGATTA – MARCH 9th, 1981.

Champion Junior Eight

D. Pincus, J. Lawrence, A. McDonald, J. Sabljak, D. Watson, S. Moreton, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Champion Youth Four

I. Maclean, D. Mollison, G. Pechan, J. Joyce (str.), R. Wilson (cox), B. Richardson (coach).

Lightweight Senior Pair without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

Junior Pair without Cox

M. Owen, J. Adams (str.), N. Donaldson (coach).

N.S.W. UNIVERSITIES REGATTA – MARCH 14th, 1981.

Four without Cox

J. Cumper (MUBC), J. Keillerup (MUBC), D. Doyle, I. Popa (str.).

HEAD OF THE YARRA – MARCH 14th, 1981.

Intermediate Section

D. Pincus, J. Lawrence, A. McDonald, J. Sabljak, D. Watson, S. Morteon, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

SCOTCH-MERCANTILE REGATTA – MARCH 21st, 1981.

Maiden Four

I. Maclean, D. Mollison, G. Pechan, J. Joyce (str.), R. Wilson (cox), B. Richardson (coach).

Maiden Pair

B. McKinnon, S. Waring (str.), M. Gishen (cox).

Maiden Scull

J. Sabljak.

Lightweight Maiden Four

T. Frederico, J. Russell, J. Grant, D. Aitken (str.), M. Gishen (cox), K. Wickham (coach).

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA – MARCH 28th, 1981.

Victorian Champion Sprint Pair

M. Connolly, M. Robertson (str.), R. Wilson (cox).

Open Eight

D. Pincus, J. Lawrence, A. McDonald, J. Sabljak, D. Watson, S. Moreton, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Junior Four

D. Watson, J. Sabljak, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp (coach).

Maiden Four

I. Maclean, D. Mollison, G. Pechan, J. Joyce (str.), R. Wilson (cox), B. Richardson (coach).

Maiden Scull

J. Sabljak.

Lightweight Maiden Four

T. Frederico, J. Russell, J. Grant, D. Aitken (str.), M. Gishen (cox), K. Wickham (coach).

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA – APRIL 8-12th, 1981.

Champion Four without Cox

J. Lowe (MUBC), M. Hunt (Monash), A. Sloan, A. Withers (str.),
D. England (coach).

Champion Junior Four

D. Watson, J. Sabljak, C. Hall, I. Belot (str.), M. Sim (cox), P. Philp
(coach).

Champion Youth Four

M. O'Halloran, A. Borger, M. Doyle, J. Michelmore (MUBC) (str.),
G. Barns (cox), A. Maginn (coach).

F.I.S.A. Junior Four

T. Imison (MUBC), G. Deag, S. Patten, R. Leach (Barwon) (str.),
G. Barns (cox), M. Manley (coach).

MILDURA REGATTA – APRIL 18th, 1981.

Maiden Pair

B. McKinnon, S. Waring (str.), P. Joyce (cox).

Lightweight Maiden Four

D. Scown, J. Grant, J. Russell, M. Smith (str.), P. Joyce (cox), K.
Wickham (coach).

Novice Pair

A. Thomas, M. Smith (str.), J. Fitzpatrick (cox).

WENTWORTH REGATTA – APRIL 20th, 1981.

Maiden Pair

B. McKinnon, S. Waring (str.), P. Joyce (cox).

Lightweight Maiden Four

D. Scown, J. Grant, J. Russell, M. Smith (str.), P. Joyce (cox),
K. Wickham (coach).



FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL:

Members will recall that at the commencement of the season it became necessary to slightly increase the subscription rates in order to offset rising costs. These increases together with the re-negotiation of the rental agreement with the Club's tenant, Brighton Grammar School, have allowed the Club to significantly increase spending on new equipment, while at the same time continue to effectively reduce both the General and Building account overdrafts.

Unfortunately however, running expenses, particularly repairs and maintenance, electricity costs, and insurance charges continue to climb, cutting heavily into the Club's budget, and the committee again finds it necessary to propose an increase in subscription to be effective from the commencement of the 1982/83 season. Members should be aware of this continuing requirement if the Club is to maintain its premier position in rowing, and the committee looks forward to the support of members in this regard.

DONATIONS:

This year over \$18,000 was spent on new equipment and it is pleasing to record the generosity of friends and members who enabled this record amount to be spent. We are particularly grateful to Dr. Lance Hill for his donation which enabled the purchase of a racing four and oars, and to

David and Ken Hume of Hu-Metal Industries, whose donation of their plant and labour enabled the Club to repair our damaged boat trailer at little cost.

We are also very appreciative of the donation by our President, Mr. J.G.H. Sprigg which saw a welcome reduction in our Building overdraft, and to Mr. D.H. Boykett and the Tullyvallin Trust whose generosity enabled the social committee to stage a most successful function on the 'Alma Doepel'. In expressing our appreciation of the above mentioned donations we also acknowledge with thanks donations received from Messrs. R.R. Aitken, J.W. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N.W. Cairnes, J.P. Carr, R.W. Connolly, A. Dobbie, Mr. Justice Frederico, W. Hutchins, H.J. Mahoney, D.J. Morgan, M.F. Owen, G.W. Richardson, R.H. Richardson, S.G. Richardson, R.A. Todd, A. Sorani and Mrs. T.L. Sprigg.

TRIBUTORS:

Support from the Tributors, led by Tributor-in-Chief, Bill Morrison, has again provided a welcome addition to our income.

This year, support has surpassed all previous levels and we are grateful to the following Tributors for their assistance to our oarsmen:— R.R. Aitken, J.P. Appleby, A.W. Blaxland, J. Bostock, J.W. Bradshaw, N.W. Cairnes, D.J.M. Crichton, B.J. Doyle, A.M. Evans, J.R. Harvey, W.B. Hutchins, J. McD. Jones, M.R. Keeley, W.T. Morrison, J.M. McKeown, S.G. Richardson, T. Rodda, J.S. Rowe, H.P. Shears, A. Sorani, J.G.H. Sprigg, C. Thompson, R.W. Thursfield, M. Tomanovitis, E.C. White, I. Wilson, D. Yunghanns.

COMMITTEE

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

J.G.H. Sprigg	11	A.N. Guerin	11	J.J. Lawrence	11
D.A. Pincus	8	M.F. Owen	10	R.R. Aitken	8
J.W. Bradshaw	6	D.J. Yunghanns	3	A.T. Sloan	4
J.H. Nickson	10	M.K. Sim	8	N.L. Newton	5
H.T. Frederico	10	A.P. Briggs	7	D.G.A. Douglas	3

MERCANTILE LADIES AUXILIARY

Owing to the absence of any new members, the Ladies Auxiliary had a very quiet year. In July, a Chicken and Champagne Mannequin Parade was held at Pinewood, Waverley. Picture mornings were held at the Rivoli in October and at the Waverley theatre in November.

As usual the members did the catering at the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta. We would like to thank all those people who helped us make this day a success.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are: Mesdames J. Bradshaw (President), A. Porter (Secretary), E. McKeown (Treasurer), J. Connolly, R. Sanchez, J. Guerin, C. Boykett, J. Loveless, S. Douglas, D. Bailey.

GENERAL

Congratulations to the Hon. Mr. Justice Frederico, upon his appointment as President of the Victorian Rowing Association earlier this season. Mercantile continued to be well presented at Executive level by Messrs. Philp, Owen, Bradshaw and Boykett.

The excellent standard of regattas this season was due in no small measure to the great work done by the enthusiastic band of old oarsmen, who make up the Racing Officials Panel. Members involved included Messrs. Aitken, Burford, Mahoney, Hobbs, Richardson, White, O'Brien,

Frederico, Harding, Harvey, Morrison and Morgan. Thanks to these gentlemen for their efforts over the season.

Our men's Interstate representatives all finished second in Queensland and members involved in selection of those crews were Martin Tomanovits (King's Cup), Dick Garrard and Peter Philp (Penrith Cup), and John Nickson (Youth Eight).

The ABC, the 'Age', the 'Herald' and the 'Weekly Times' have continued to give rowing excellent coverage and we thank Roger Wilson and Wal Oakley for their endeavours.

Former Captain and well known weight behind Mercantile, John Burford has been posted to Sydney, and departed our ranks in December.

We are again indebted to Mrs. T.L. Sprigg for the good work done in the disposal of surplus containers. Members are urged to bring their surplus containers to the Club so that this work can continue.

We thank Geoff McMahon for his continued support and generous donations of flowers on all appropriate occasions.

Oarsmen experiencing problems with corroded and jammed equipment this season are very grateful to Tony Cordell and Town Hall Motors for the ready assistance which they gave.

The efforts of Cezar Sanchez, Ted Sorani, Jeff Lawrence, Warwick Hutchins, Andrew Guerin and David and Ken Hume deserve special mention as without them Mercantile would literally have become a 'City bound' Club. To those gentlemen and in particular Hu-metal Industries many thanks for the time and labour they put into repairing the boat trailer.

Bill Morrison has continued as Tributor-in-Chief and we thank him for his good work.

Our congratulations go to Alec Sloan, Tom Lockwood, Greg Johnson and Rod Guy, who were married and Ron Richardson and Rowan Keast who were engaged during the season. Congratulations also to Rod Pilmore, Dick Garrard, Peter 'China' O'Brien, John Hawkins, Barry Gross and Mike McKenna who increased the size of their families during the season.

The great performance of David Doyle to rise from winning Maiden Pairs, while still at school in October, 1980, to the seven seat of our narrowly defeated King's Cup crew six months later will be a great encouragement to other oarsmen and new members for progress in rowing at Mercantile.

Among expatriate Mercantilians who made their presence felt at the National Championships in Queensland were Colin Thompson, Martin Keeley, Simon Newcomb, Rob Connolly, and Bill Wallace. There were many other members who made the trip to support our crews.

We thank our Printer, Tripart Marketing for producing this Report at a very reasonable price. Also to John Carr our thanks for his donation and other efforts towards its production.

Lightweight oarsmen of the late sixties will be saddened to hear of the death of Rob Cummings in a car accident in late 1980. Our sympathies go to his wife and family.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

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

OBITUARY

Tom Rodda

Tom Rodda started his rowing career in Bendigo where he was a keen and successful oarsman with the Sandhurst (Bendigo) Rowing Club. When his racing days were over, he was appointed Secretary of the Club and at a later date conducted the 'Bendigo Henley' on Lake Weeroona.

In his early thirties, the economic recession began to take its toll in Bendigo and this necessitated a return to Melbourne, where he resumed his vocation as a surveyor with the Harbour Trust. His devotion to the well-being of his family left little time for rowing affairs, but he still maintained his links with Bendigo.

After the war years, he became the Bendigo representative on the Victorian Rowing Association, where his constructive and impartial views impressed all delegates, so much so that when a vacancy occurred on the Executive Committee Mercantile nominated him for the position. His experience as a surveyor and knowledge of the River and his willingness to assist in every way was of great benefit to the Association.

Prior to the 1956 Olympic Games he was a member of the panel to recommend an Olympic Rowing Course and in 1953 was appointed to the Australian Olympic Rowing Committee. During the Olympic Regatta, he was the Assistant Course Manager and in that capacity was accorded high praise by Gaston Mullegg, President of F.I.S.A.

He retired from the Executive Committee of the V.R.A. with the view of making way for a younger representative. At the Annual Meeting he was elected as Vice-President of the Association, an office which he held with distinction, and was regular in his attendance at the monthly meetings.

In 1950 he joined the Old Oarsmen's Association where his talents were soon put to use in being appointed as Secretary. During his tenure of office he initiated many new and far reaching ideas, one of which was organization of groups to support Victorian Representatives at King's Cup Regattas and furthermore to arrange functions whereby the members of all States could get together and recall memories of bygone years. After serving 18 years as Secretary he stepped down and was later installed as President of the Association. Amongst his many other activities was the Secretary of the Federation of Old Oarsmen and Vice-President of Upper Yarra Regatta.

Tom was a humble man, but his sincerity of purpose made him always welcome wherever rowing men assembled. We mourn his passing.

MEMBERS 1980 – 1981

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club as at 30th April 1981 was as follows:—

	1981	1980	1979	1978
Life Members	7	7	7	7
Senior Active Members	150	156	149	153
Senior Members	23	23	23	23
Junior Members	52	55	48	42
Junior Schoolboy Members	32	46	58	69
Country Members	28	33	32	33
Associate Members	73	71	71	63
	365	391	388	390

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

Adams, J.S.	Franet, P.J.	Lockwood, T.
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Aitken, M.	Justice H.R.	Mahoney, H.J.
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Dobbie, A.W.	Jones, J. McD.	Paterson, I.H.
Douglas, D.G.A.	Jones, P.L.	Philp, P.E.M.L.
Duthie, I.R.	Jones, P.L.V.	Pilmore, R.B.
Emsell, B.	Kellam, M.B.	Pearson, M.
Evans, A.M.	Kerin, M.J.	Pirani, R.L.
Everist, I.C.	Kerr, P.R.	Popa, I.
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Foley, J.E.	Lawrence, R.J.	Reiner, M.
Fox, J.A.	Leach, P.A.	Renouf, L.P.

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Richardson, R.H.
Richardson, S.G.
Robertson, W.M.
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Sadlier, M.
Schrader, E.D.
Scott, P.W.
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Tynan, J.
Vautin, W.
Viner, G.R.

Wallace, Dr. A.W.D.
Wallace, W.L.N.
Webster, J.S.
Wertheimer, E.J.
White, R.A.
Williams, L.S.
Wilson, G.I.
Wilson, W.I.
Wirtz, E.
Withers, A.
Young, T.J.
Yunghanns, D.J.

SENIOR MEMBERS

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

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

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

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Aschoff, J.S.
Baillie, J.S.
Belot, I.R.
Birch, R.
Booth, D.F.
Briggs, A.P.
Chirnside, J.M.
Christie, D.
Cody, P.P.
Cook, S.P.
Dare, D.G.C.
Dixon, M.
Donovan, M.
Douglas, H.
Doyle, D.J.
Doyle, M.A.
Fitzpatrick, P.

Fogarty, D.
Frederico, H.T.
Grant, J.S.
Hall, C.
Lavicka, J.
Lavicka, T.
Lechte, J.
Manolitsas, J.
Marshall, K.A.
Middendorp, N.P.
Murchie, A.D.
McDonald, A.W.
McKinnon, B.
McMahon, J.P.
McMahon, L.
McNamara, J.F.
Negri, J.M.

O'Shea B.
Perkins, A.
Pincus, D.A.
Preece, D.
Reidy, P.D.
Redman, A.W.
Ryan, P.
Sharp, J.
Spence, D.A.
Stout, M.J.
Strong, D.J.
Thomas, A.G.
Thomas, R.G.
Waring, S.J.
Watson, D.McA.
Webster, D.S.
Whyte, A.R.
Whyte, D.C.

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Aitken, D.F.
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Deag, G.J.
Dungan, C.
Fitch, P.
Gale, B.
Joyce, J.
Law, P.
Little, P.G.
Matthews, J.P.
Mitchell, A.S.

Mollinson, D.A.
Morrison, C.A.
Murchie, J.E.
Maclean, I.
McLellan, M.
O'Halloran, M.K.
Patten, S.G.B.
Pechan, G.
Ralston, I.P.
Rankin, S.W.
Russell, J.C.S.

Ryan, J.M.
Sanchez, M.
Scandrett, M.
Scott, A.K.
Scott, M.R.
Scown, D.J.
Shankly, M.
Smith, M.J.
Watson, P.W.
Yunghanns, D.B.

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell, G.L.	Garrard, R.J.	Noble, F.
Bailey, W.M.	Keeley, M.R.	Olliff, D.
Bowman, J.M.	Lee, R.E.	Price, R.W.
Boykett, P.H.	Miller, P.M.	Rowe, J.S.
Brien, F.D.	Moll, L.L.B.	Taylor, G.M.
Cayzer, P.A.	McArthur, F.S.	Thompson, C.P.
Connolly, R.W.	McKay, T.B.	Thompson, C.T.
Donoghue, J.D.	McLean, A.R.	Thomson, P.
Fogarty, M.J.	McNamara, P.J.	Williams, M.M.
Gamble, P.		

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Alekna, V.	Hall, B.R.	O'Brien, R.T.
Appleby, J.P.	Henri, K.	Oliver, R.J.D.
Bell, C.M.	Hemingway, P.N.	Park, G.A.
Blair-Holt, J.A.	Hidgcock, C.W.	Permezel, D.G.F.
Bolton, R.S.	Hill, Dr. L.C.	Reddie, P.
Border, A.	Holyman, G.I.	Rodda, T. (dec'd)
Bowen, J.R.	Holyman, I.D.	Ruffin, J.F.
Bradshaw, Mrs. G.E.	Hume, D.	Saleh, C.
Calombaris, J.	Hume, K.M.	Sanchez, C.
Corben, M.H.	Hume, M.C.	Seamman, J.W.
Cordell, A.J.	Humphris, P.W.	Shears, E.
Cordell, H.J.	Jones, R.A.	Shears, T.W.
Crichton, D.J.M.	Jorgensen, M.E.	Spark, J.M.
Culka, J.V.	Knight, W.T.	Spiteri, G.J.
Cunningham, P.M.	Leggett, E.P.	Sprigg, R.S.
Daffy, T.C.	Loveless, Mrs. J.	Stanley, R.J.
Dumbleton, W.	Milligan, A.S.	Thom, N.
Fallon, J.F.	Mollard, K.F.	Thorburn, Dr. J.D.
Feakes, J.T.	Murray, Miss P.	Tomanovits, Mrs. A.L.
Ferguson, J.M.	McComas, M.	Walker, G.A.H.
Fogarty, F.	McConville, K.H.	Watkin, P.K.
Furnell, R.J.	Negri, P.	Wells, J.D.B.
Gibbs, A.A.	Oakley, A.W.	Werner, D.
Glynn, D.J.		Wills, J.D.
Granowski, W.O.		Wraith, G.j.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1981

1980		1981
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
2,910	Bank of New South Wales — General	665.74
22,457	Bank of New South Wales — Building	20,949.03
6,668	Trophy orders account	6,938.12
53	Subscriptions paid in advance	152.80
994	Sundry Creditors	3,887.44
285	Suspense Account	310.00
100	Olympic Fund	100.00
3,108	R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND	3,995.21
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
39,756	War Memorial Building Fund	40,866.09
70,328	Balance 30th April, 1981	83,096.08
146,659		160,960.51
	CURRENT ASSETS	
285	Bank of New South Wales — Cooper Fund	171.71
824	Subscriptions outstanding	1,163.70
446	Stock on Hand	1,386.00
5,251	Sundry Debtors & Pre-payment	5,872.54
	INVESTMENTS (at cost)	
541	Commonwealth Bonds	560.00
	R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND	
1,000	Finance Corporation of Australia	1,000.00
1,823	Australian Foundation Investment Co.	1,323.50
—	Custom Credit Corp.	1,500.00
	NON CURRENT ASSETS	
107,572	War Memorial Club House (at cost)	107,571.59
22,703	Boats (at cost less depreciation)	32,603.97
2,835	Oars (at cost less depreciation)	4,028.00
265	Trailer (at cost less depreciation)	1,100.00
3,114	Sundry Assets (at cost less depreciation)	2,679.50
146,659		160,960.51

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1981

1980		1981
	INCOME	
10,373.80	Subscriptions	13,358.70
647.60	Less amounts written off	1,744.00
9,726.20		11,614.70
6,637.42	Donations	7,882.32
	Donations — Social	4,072.72
595.10	Donations — Tributors	802.30
230.00	Hire Boat Racks	12,757.34
	Hire Club Room	205.00
	Less Cleaning	
	Expenses	220.00
1,316.00	Sundry Income	1,375.00
1,043.00	Rent	1,878.66
4,027.50	Interest Received	6,306.00
51.60	Profit on sale of Boats	242.87
—	Entry Fees	1,400.00
26.94	Christmas Party, etc.	—
111.35	Profit on sale of Assets	—
—		1,117.00
23,765.51		36,896.57
	EXPENDITURE	
4,835.00	Depreciation	6,102.95
	Entry Fees — Regattas	200.00
2,564.23	Light, Gas & Rates	2,739.54
1,991.16	Insurance	2,603.73
45.69	Trophies	24.62
595.10	Fire Protection	842.15
793.75	Printing & Stationery	1,056.50
2,015.31	Repairs & Maintenance	4,053.56
2,255.78	V.R.A. Dues etc.	2,497.22
541.98	Freight	250.00
151.50	General Expenses	533.95
2,563.10	Interest on Overdraft	2,509.98
170.87	Telephone	281.43
50.00	Donations Australian Rowing Team	50.00
—	Recruiting	138.70
655.83	Loss on Sales of Stock	244.50
19,229.30		24,128.83
4,536.21	Surplus for the year	12,767.74

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, 1981 according to the book, records, information and explanations given to me.

Signed P.R. Devenish
Chartered Accountant
June, 1981