



MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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104th
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
SEASON 1983 — 1984

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

Princess Bridge
Melbourne, 3004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 104th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1984 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 25th June, 1983.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
4. Presentation of Trophies.
5. Any General Business that may be legally brought forward.

Nominations for the Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 23rd June, 1984 at 4.00 p.m.

By order of the Committee.

P.J. Ainsworth,
Honorary Secretary.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

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**THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

It is an honour indeed to succeed Jim Sprigg as the President of your Club and to write these few words for inclusion in the Report of the Club's proceedings for the year as has been his privilege for the past 26 years.

The season has been a successful one for the Club and I thank all of those who have helped to achieve this result. The oarsmen, the coaches, the officers of the Club and those members whose consistent interest and support have been an encouragement to our competing crews.

It is a matter of pride and, to me, of great satisfaction that despite all the problems and diversions which to-day face a truly amateur sport requiring dedication and high performance, Mercantile has been able to maintain its presence at the top, to increase its membership both social and active and to provide its members with the opportunity to race, to win and to achieve State and National selection.

However, the honour of holding the position of Champion Club and winning premierships is not everything. We must strive to make sure that the many new members joining our ranks to race remain with the Club and obtain from it the same support and friendship that has brought to many a lifetime of enjoyment and satisfaction. That is the spirit which has made Mercantile strong and I hope that it will continue to do so.

Bob Aitken

TO THE MEMBERS

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the 104th Annual Report and Finance Statement for the year ending 30th April, 1984.

Members can be justifiably proud of the successes the Club has achieved over the last season. We have clearly cemented our position as the premier Club within Victoria, winning the Champion Club, Lightweight and Junior Premier-ships of Victoria. Our success over the last season is further reflected in the large number of Club members selected in State and Australian crews clearly establishing our Club as a dominant force within Australian rowing.

Prior to the commencement of the 1983/84 Club season a number of members from our senior heavyweight squad competed very successfully in Australian crews at the World Championships in Lucerne. David Doyle and Sam Patten won the bronze medal competing in the eight oared event while Graeme Barnes steered the Australian lightweight eight to a silver medal. Glenn Deag and Mark Doyle also competed successfully in the Senior B eight, when that squad toured New Zealand.

Under the supervision of Coach David Palfreyman our Senior eight performed well in lead up regattas to the State Championships. In a closely fought race they retained the Victorian Senior Eight Championship with a very fine win. We congratulate the crew of Jeff Lawrence, Martin O'Halloran, Tony Imison, Stuart Moreton, Glenn Deag, Ian Belot, Neil Myers, Sam Patten, Graeme Barnes (Coxswain) and David Palfreyman (Coach) on a very pleasing victory.

Five members, Glenn Deag, Ian Belot, Neil Myers, Sam Patten and Graeme Barnes were selected to represent Victoria in the King's Cup in April.

Our senior members performed with mixed success in the National Selection Regattas leading up to the Kings Cup where Victoria came third behind NSW and South Australia.

Subsequently, the following members were selected to represent Australia in a number of different categories: Sam Patten (Olympic Eight), David Doyle (Olympic Coxless Four), Glenn Deag (Senior B Eight) and David Palfreyman (Coach Senior Lightweight Eight).

On their return from this tour they formed the basis of the Club's Lightweight Senior Coxless Four with Greg Pechan making up the complete crew. The crew, coached by Martin Owen, achieved some excellent results during the season.

Competing regularly against the top lightweight competition in Australia at the national selection regattas, they achieved some most encouraging results, always providing stiff competition for the more experienced and older crews. But clearly their most gratifying result came in the Victorian Lightweight Coxless Four Championship when they defeated arch rivals Melbourne University in a most exciting race. Our congratulations go to them not only for the perseverance and determination they showed during the season, but also on being selected, as a whole crew and coach, to represent Australia as the Senior B Lightweight Coxless Four which is scheduled to compete against New Zealand crews in August/September this year.

Other members of the lightweight squad also achieved success during the season. A crew made up of these other lightweight oarsmen and coached by John Hawkins were successful at a number of regattas culminating with a fine win in the Victorian Champion Junior Four event. Our congratulations go to Ian Rycroft, John Grant, Cam Hall, Andrew Douglas and John Leeming (coxswain). These four members then joined with other members of the squad and formed a Junior Eight. This crew continued the success of the four winning almost every event in which it competed, including the Victorian Champion

Junior Eight. Our congratulations go to David Aitken, Troy Deag, Andrew Imison, Ian Rycroft, John Grant, Tom Killeen, Andrew Douglas, Garry Harris, John Leeming (coxswain) and David Fogarty (Coach).

Another pleasing aspect of our success over the last season was our dominance in the very important Youth rowing area. Two youth eight's coached by Paul McGann and Noel Donaldson provided the basis of this success. The number one crew coached by Paul dominated throughout the season winning every event in which it competed. The number two crew coached by Noel performed well but with less success — understandably so in light of the strength of the number one crew.

Subsequent to the number one crew of Chris Gilford, Richard Howden, Tom Sanchez, Tony Johnson, Mike McKay, Andrew James, Stewart Gula, James Tomkins and Robbie Forsyth (coxswain) winning the Victorian Youth Eight Championship seven members of the crew were selected to represent Victoria in the Interstate Youth Eight Championship at the King's Cup Regatta:

Tony Johnson, Stewart Gula, Andrew James, Mike McKay, James Tomkins, Tom Sanchez, Robbie Forsyth (coxswain) and Paul McGann (coach). At the King's Cup regatta in April this crew gave a fine performance dominating the race and winning by a large margin.

We congratulate our Youth Eight for the marvellous success they achieved this season and look forward to the large contribution I am sure they will make to our continued success in the forthcoming season.

Phil Ainsworth coached our FISA Junior four comprised of Rob Law, Peter Tomanovits, Steve Hair, Stewart Wade and Peter Bester (coxswain). Among the many victories this crew achieved during the season, major events won included Champion FISA Junior Four Victoria, Champion Junior Four NSW and in pair oared events Champion FISA Junior pair without cox.

As a result of their fine performance over the season the crew and coach have been selected, in total, to represent Australia at the FISA Junior World Championships which will be held in Sweden, in July of this year. Needless to say our best wishes will go with them on this very important tour.

Tim Frederico and David Fogarty supervised our maiden oarsmen during the season. Facing strong competition they scored some good wins in both maiden eight and maiden four events. It is important for us to recognise the contribution these oarsmen make within the Club and we congratulate all successful oarsmen who competed in the maiden category.

Once again Vic Ronai and his band of young novices certainly made their presence felt within the Club. Vic's continuing involvement with this group has ensured that beginners and less experienced members have an opportunity to compete for our Club. Apart from this very important aspect, this group had some great wins during the season in both novice fours and pairs. The Club, as a whole must continue to support and encourage the future development of oarsmen within the novice ranks.

At the other end of the spectrum it is good to see the continuing success our veteran members have achieved during the season.

Ian Wilson, Brian Doyle, and Bill Morrison have continued to co-ordinate the very vital and much appreciated involvement of our sponsors Esso Australia and Carlton and United Breweries Ltd. Their continued generous support is gratefully acknowledged and we will ensure that they are proud of a continuing association with Mercantile.

Finally, I feel it important to acknowledge, the fact that the success the Club has achieved this past season has been achieved not in one particular area, but over all categories from novice to senior. This is where the strength of the Club lies, and to coin a well known phrase of our equally well known patron, Jim Sprigg, is what makes Mercantile the "Mecca of rowing".

NICK NEWTON
Captain.

COMMITTEE

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

R.R. Aitken	10	J.G.H. Sprigg	5	N.L. Newton	7
A.P. Briggs	8	P.J. Ainsworth	11	M.K. O'Halloran	11
L.W. Wallis	9	P.R. McGann	8	B.J. Doyle	8
A.N. Guerin	11	M.F. Owen	9	P.J. Fitzpatrick	2
H.T. Frederico	9	D.A. Pincus	5	K.A. Marshall	6
D.B. Mollison	5	J.W. Bradshaw	4		

MERCANTILE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary, with the support of the Club, held a Dinner Dance at the Mount Waverley Community Centre on Friday 11th November, 1983. Although a very successful night, it was disappointing that only forty couples attended and the Ladies felt that more support from the parents of younger club members would have been desirable. Profit from the night was \$960.

Once again the Scotch/Mercantile Regatta was successful with the raising of approximately \$240.

From accumulated funds raised the Ladies have donated \$1000 to the Club towards the purchase of a new lightweight boat trailer.

Active members of the Auxiliary are:-

Mesdames J. Wallis (President), L. Grant (Secretary), E. McKeown (Treasurer), H. Belot (Vice President), M. Borger (Assistant Secretary), J. Bradshaw, J. Guerin, J. Joyce, R. Sanchez, I. Scown, V. Johnson, D. Bailey, L. Doyle, A. Gumley, P. Mollison.



TROPHIES

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY:

Awarded to the oarsman who has won the most Regatta and Club races during the season; one point for a win, one additional point for a championship.

We congratulate Andrew Douglas, John Grant and Ian Rycroft who share this award. These oarsmen won the Champion Junior Four and Champion Junior Eight of Victoria and were successful in the Challenge Eight at the National Regatta.

MAX BAILEY TROPHY:

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy is awarded to the coxswain who has won the most Regatta and Club races during the season; one point for a win, one additional point for a championship.

We congratulate John Leeming on winning this trophy. John steered the Champion Junior Four, Champion Junior Eight and Champion Lightweight Eight of Victoria, as well as the Challenge Eight at the National Regatta.

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. This year the trophy has been won by Phil Ainsworth who has organised the computerization of the Club's membership and accounts, and has been active in other areas of the Club's operations.

We congratulate Phil on being awarded this trophy and thank him for his contribution to the Club.

N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY:

This trophy is awarded to the most improved coxswain and has been won by Danny Smyth.

Danny steered the novices this season and won a number of pair, four and eight oared races. He also coxed maiden and junior crews to victory and showed a high level of skill for someone so young.

We congratulate Danny and hope to see him steering many more Mercantile crews to victory in coming seasons.

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 trophy has been won by Gary Harris. Gary showed great determination in the gym early in the season and improved his strength significantly. He stroked the Junior Eight to several victories culminating in the "Challenge" Eights at the National Regatta.

Congratulations Gary; we wish you more successes in the coming season.

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.

We congratulate Mark Jenkins on being awarded this trophy. Mark had not set foot in a boat before the start of the season but ended up being the most successful novice oarsman.

CLUB EVENTS

J.G.H. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL — An eight oared race from the Mercantile tree, around Coma Island, and return, in which crews must be composed of at least two novices and no more than two seniors. The winning crew was: R. White (bow), H. Blythe (2), M. Pearson (3), M. Connolly (4), I. Belot (5), A. Briggs (6), S. Moreton (7), R. Garrard (stroke), M. Thomas (cox). The race was won in the time of 28 mins. 3 sec. The trophies were presented by Mr. Sprigg at the Annual Meeting.

LADIES DAY — This function was held on 11th September for the members, their wives and girlfriends. The traditional smorgasbord luncheon was again organised by Nick Newton and those who attended enjoyed the fine food and company.

A.L. DOBBIE FOURS — The trophies for these combination races are donated by the family of the late Mr. A.L. Dobbie. Mr. Alex Dobbie presented the trophies to the winning crew which was: A. Herold (bow), A. Avdygin (2), J. Adams (3), P. Jobling (stroke), D. Smyth (cox).

GALA FUNCTION — Another in the very successful series of "Gala" functions was held on 21st September. Organised by a committee headed by Marty O'Halloran this function attracted a large crowd of young people and raised a considerable sum for the Club.

SPRIGG TESTIMONIAL DINNER — This function, in honour of our retiring President, Mr. Jim Sprigg, was extremely successful. A large group of oarsmen both past and present paid tribute to Mr. Sprigg's 28 years of service to the Club and relived old memories to the strains of "Cock Robin". A Presidential Port was bottled in honour of Mr. Sprigg and the funds raised were used to reduce the building account overdraft.

DINNER DANCE — The Ladies Auxiliary organised a dinner dance on 11th November as a means of enabling parents of oarsmen to meet each other. Those who attended enjoyed the fine food and entertainment and it is hoped that this function may become an annual event.

CHRISTMAS PARTY — This party has become a very successful annual event. It was held on 18th December and was attended by a large number of members and their families. Santa and his female assistants arrived by boat and distributed presents to the enthusiastic youngsters. The climax of the afternoon was the singing of Christmas carols by the gathered multitude.

BARBECUE — A barbecue was held at the home of David Yunghanns on 17th March. Despite running out of gas for the beer, the members were treated to a delicious spit roast and salads prepared by the ladies.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE — This ceremony, in which we remember those members who served in three wars and did not return, was conducted on Sunday morning, 29th April.



ROWING — GENERAL

RECRUITING

The Club was again successful in recruiting new members during the course of the season. The recruiting sub-committee headed by Tim Frederico again focused its attention on members from the Head of the River crews and invited the members of these crews to the Club to one of two recruiting days in September. The introduction to the Club was well received and many new members joined.

COACHES

The high standard of rowing achieved by our crews this season is also due to the capable and experienced coaches who managed our crews. The Club is indebted to the following coaches and other members for their excellent work and looks forward to their continued services next season: Phil Ainsworth, Andrew Briggs, Noel Donaldson, Brian Doyle, Tim Frederico, David Fogarty, Andrew Guerin, John Hawkins, Paul McGann, Mike Manley, Stephen Mollard, Martin Owen, David Palfreyman, Eric Shrader and Victor Ronai-Horvath.

COXWAINS

The Club records its appreciation to the following coxswains whose efforts enabled our crews attain the Club's excellent results: Graham Barnes, Peter Bester, Michelle Dove, Robert Forsyth, John de Fraga, Paul Franks, Fiona Langton, John Leeming, Anne Lelleton, Ken Marshall, James Filgate, Vic Ronai-Horvath, Stephen Sargent, Danny Smyth and Matt Thomas.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

For the second year in succession, a club member coached the winning Head of the River crew. We congratulate Wesley College and their coach David Palfreyman on their victory, and also their second crew and coach, club member, David Pincus, on their victory.

The Club is very pleased to note the names of the following members who coached crews in the Head of the River regatta.

Caulfield Grammar School — Martin Aitken, Ian Belot, Cameron Hall, David Aitken, John Grant.

Brighton Grammar School — Paul McGann, Andrew Briggs, Darryl Bird, John Matthews.

Geelong Grammar School — Dick Garrand.

St. Kevins College — Hubert Frederico, Noel Donaldson, Tim Frederico, Martin O'Halloran, Joe Joyce.

Scotch College — David Boykett.

Wesley College — David Palfreyman, David Pincus, Stuart Moreton.

Xavier College — Martin Tomanovits, Stephen Gillon.

The continued link between the schools and the Club assists in securing a strong future for the Club.

ESSO SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA

The Club again was instrumental in organising a successful regatta this year. The sponsorship of Esso Australia was vital in continuing to make the regatta the largest regatta in Australia, and we thank them for their continued support. Also our thanks go to the organising committee headed by Mr. Bob Aitken and regatta secretary Peter O'Brien.

BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

In line with the Club's policy of aiming to have the best rowing equipment in Australia a racing eight and a set of carbon fibre oars were purchased during the past season. This will enable Mercantile to cater for the whole range of rowing activity from occasional social use to highly competitive State and National titles.

The fleet has been kept in good working order during the season and with a program of ongoing maintenance it is intended to keep up this standard.

Under the sponsorship agreement with Esso the old "J.G.H. Sprigg" and a Brighton Grammar School boat the "Meliora" were refurbished and renamed the "Barracouta" and "Marlin" respectively. These boats were then donated to the Sale Rowing Club.

The "First Lady" was sold to Caulfield Grammar School and the pair the "Bill Bradshaw" sold to the Essendon Ladies Rowing Club during the season.

The new racing eight purchased from Sykes was named the "J.G.H. Sprigg" and is intended for use by our heavyweight oarsmen. A set of carbon fibre oars (12' 7") was acquired to suit the eight, but could also be used by lightweight oarsmen.

Next season it is planned to purchase a racing eight for use by the Maiden/Junior group and a second set of carbon fibre oars.

The Ladies Auxiliary has generously donated \$1,000 towards the cost of a lightweight boat trailer. Delivery is expected in the near future.

To make better use of existing space in the boathouse new steel oar racks have been constructed to replace the wooden racks on the western side of the shed. It is intended to house all existing oars in these new racks thus providing more space on the eastern side for future developments.

The dissection and condition of the fleet and equipment is set out below:-

EIGHTS:

J.G.H. Sprigg	1983	excellent
Martin Tomanovits	1978	excellent
Martin Owen	1976	good
John Burford	1973	good
R.R. Aitken	1971	fair

FOURS: — Racing

Esso	1983	excellent
Ken Hume	1983	excellent
R.T. Morell	1982	excellent
Roger Wilson	1981	excellent
R.H. Richardson	1981	excellent
Lance Hill	1980	excellent
Phil Cayser	1978	excellent
N.W. Cairnes	1976	very good
Ricky Loveless	1970	fair
Caltex and Dealers	1964	fair

— Regulation

Ted Sorani	1978	very good
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PAIRS: — Racing

Bert Spencer		1983	excellent
A.W. Dobbie		1982	excellent
Jean Bradshaw		1980	excellent
John Gumley		1980	excellent
John Harry		1980	excellent
H.R. Frederico		1979	excellent
W.T. Morrison		1971	fair

— Regulation

Laurie Moll		1978	very good
Paul Harding		1962	poor

OARS:

Dreissigacker	12' 7"	1983	excellent
Sykes	12' 5"	1982	very good
Sykes	12' 6"	1981	very good
Sykes	12' 7"	1980	very good
Sykes	12' 5"	1979	good
Croker	12' 5"	1978	good
Croker	12' 3"	1977	good
Croker	12' 4"	1976	good
Croker	12' 6"	1974	good
Sykes	12' 4"	1972	good
Sykes	12' 2"	1971	poor
Karlisch	12' 6"	1966	poor
Assorted		(1950 - 1969)	poor

MISCELLANEOUS:

Flat-bottomed aluminium punt			very good
Conventional aluminium hull			very good
Wooden hull			good
Johnson 15 hp motor			good
Johnson 9 hp motor			good
Boat trailer			good



GENERAL

Mercantile has again consolidated its position as the 'Mecca' of Australian Rowing. The Club won the following State Titles: Senior Eight, Senior Pair, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Four, Youth Eight, FISA Junior Four, FISA Junior Pair, Junior Eight and Junior Four.

Mercantile crews won the Australian FISA Junior Four title and also the Challenge Eights at the National Regatta. It was pleasing to see that the Club had the largest representation of any Australian Club at the National and King's Cup Regattas.

The main reasons for the Club's success are a strong Committee and the depth of talent that exists from novice to senior ranks. All the effort that has been put into recruiting over the last couple of years is paying off and this season saw the influx of a large group of new oarsmen. There is no reason why the success achieved during this season cannot be duplicated or even bettered in season 1984/85. The members should be justifiably proud that Mercantile is Australia's strongest Club and is likely to be even stronger next season.

There has been a jump in the number of financial members and the current membership of 396 is possibly the largest ever.

Our boatman, Lindsay Wallis, has again maintained the fleet as the best in Australia, but because of the skyrocketing costs of repairs and spares, members are asked to take extreme care with the equipment. Because of the expanding number of boats storage is also becoming a problem.

The Committee has decided to make facilities available for women to row actively for the Club in season 1984/85. As there are no Constitutional issues involved the Committee has the power to make this decision in its own right. This matter has been under consideration for a number of years, but only now has the Club been in a position to successfully bring in ladies rowing. This decision opens up more opportunities for Mercantile to win races and be successful at State and National levels. The Committee feels that there is much to be gained for the Club by boating ladies crews, but it is intended to have a phased implementation over several years starting with two four oared crews in season 1984/85. It is the Committee's aim to eventually make Mercantile not only the strongest men's club in Australia, but also the most successful ladies' club. We hope that all members support the Committee in these objectives and welcome the female recruits next season.

We have been well represented on the VRA Executive by Messrs. Bradshaw and Tomanovits.

The regattas have been superbly organised by the dedicated and hard working group of members on the Racing Officials Panel. We thank the following for their efforts: Messrs. Aitken, Bradshaw, Frederico, Harding, Harvey, Mahoney, Morgan, Morrison, O'Brien, Richardson, St. Vincent-Welch, and White. To help ease the burden on our officials members are asked to assist in this area.

Roger Wilson has again provided excellent commentaries of our regattas and we thank him for his untiring efforts. Nick Boileau, has written many articles for the 'Age', the 'Herald' and the 'Weekly Times'. Rowing is starting to achieve a higher public profile and Nick has undoubtedly helped in this area.

We thank the ABC for their excellent coverage of the National and King's Cup Regatta and Channel 0/28 for their coverage of our sport.

Geoff McMahan has provided flowers on all appropriate occasions and we appreciate his continued support.

The Tributors under the leadership of Bill Morrison have again donated generously to the Club.

We regret to record the passing of Roy Thursfield, John Gurnley, Phil Jones, Noel Searle and Geoff Hyett. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

Our printer, Tripart Marketing, has again supported the Club by producing this report at minimal cost and we thank John 'Thumbscrew' Carr for helping making this possible.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

P.J. Ainsworth,
Honorary Secretary,
Mercantile Rowing Club.

FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL

It is the Club's policy to provide its oarsmen with the best equipment possible and season 1983/84 saw the purchase of a new eight the "J.G.H. Sprigg" and a set of carbon fibre oars.

This season also saw the computerisation of the Club's accounts receivable which has resulted in less work for committeemen, more frequent accounts, less write-offs, and closer control of the Club's finances.

With approximately 400 financial members the Club's affairs have become more complex and the responsibilities of the Committee have grown. The Club's budget depends on the timely collection of subscriptions and entry fees. You will make the Committee's job easier and help the Club considerably if you pay your accounts promptly.

DONATIONS

Carlton and United Breweries have continued to support the Club by providing copious quantities of their excellent product. The members have responded by doing their best to consume the amber fluid in equally voluminous amounts. Our crews have carried the CUB logo on their backs to many victories.

The South West Corner under the management of Paul Fitzpatrick and Tim Frederico has made a large contribution to the Club's finances.

Esso has again sponsored the Club this season. The Club would not have been able to make the equipment purchases it did this season if it had not been for the support of this company. We thank Esso for their support of the Club.

Copies of the Club's history — "Mercantile, A Century of Rowing" are available for purchase and enquiries should be directed to Mr. Bob Aitken or Mr. Deane Morgan. Proceeds from the sale of this book go towards reducing the building account overdraft.

We acknowledge with thanks donations received from Messrs. R.R. Aitken, A. Atkins, P. Bath, J. Bradshaw, J. Burford, N. Cairnes, A. Courtney, H.R. Frederico, P.M. Gibbs, S.M. Gillon, A.J.H. Mahoney, M. Owen, R.H. Richardson, S.G. Richardson, B. Smyth, J.G.H. Sprigg.

TRIBUTORS

The Tributors are a group of members who have made donations to the Club based on the number of regatta wins during the season.

We thank the following members, led by Mr. Bill Morrison, for their contributions: Messrs. R.R. Aitken, H.P. Shears, A. Sorani, J. McKeown, E.C. Stevenson, M.G. Tomanovits, S.G. Richardson, M. Keeley, D.J.M. Crichton, A. Blaxland, J.D. Shears, J.W. Bradshaw, E.C. White, D.A. McLean, J.M. Jones, B.B. Gross, H.R. Frederico, J.G.H. Sprigg, D.J.R. Morgan, R.W. Richardson, L.S. Williams, J.H. Bailey, N.W. Cairnes, M. McKenna, J.S. Rowe, E.P. Leggett, B.J. Doyle, and M. Owen.

V.R.A. PREMIERSHIP POINTS 1983/84

CHAMPION CLUB

Mercantile	47
Essendon	31
Melbourne Univ.	31
Banks	25
Melbourne	24
Wendouree Ballarat	18
Footscray City	16
Hawthorn	16
Corio Bay	14
Power House	13
Mildura	10
Barwon	9
Richmond	8
Rutherglen Lake	8
Ballarat & Clarendon Coll.	7
Ballarat City	5
Albert Park	4
Scotch College	4
St. Patrick's College	4
City of Warrnambool	3
Melbourne Grammar	3
Xavier College	3
Bendigo	2
Corowa	2
Dimboola	2
Melbourne High School	2
Wentworth District	2
Caulfield Grammar	1
Horsham City	1
Negambie	1
Wesley College	1
Yarra Yarra	1

LIGHTWEIGHT

Mercantile	54
Melbourne Univ.	38
Banks	28
Essendon	18
Barwon	16
Footscray City	12
Corio Bay	8
Wendouree Ballarat	8
Albert Park	4
Power House	2
Rutherglen Lake	2
Melbourne	1
Yarra Yarra	1

SENIOR

Banks	50
Mercantile	34
Melbourne Univ.	25
Corio Bay	12
Power House	12
Barwon	8
Wendouree Ballarat	2
Yarra Yarra	1

JUNIOR FIRST DIVISION

Mercantile	202
Melbourne	78
Wendouree Ballarat	78
Essendon	76
Corio Bay	37
Power House	23
Footscray City	21
Barwon	12
Corowa	4
Yarra Yarra	0

JUNIOR SECOND DIVISION

Hawthorn	70
Mildura	46
Banks	32
Scotch College	32
Ballarat/Clarendon Coll.	28
Xavier College	20
Rutherglen Lake	18
Melbourne Grammar	16
St. Patrick's College	16
Melbourne Univ.	12
Richmond	12
Caulfield Grammar	8
Melbourne High School	8
Wesley College	8
Ballarat City	6
City of Warrnambool	6
Bendigo	5
Ballarat High School	4
Dimboola	4
Horsham City	4
Nagambie	2
Wentworth District	2
Latrobe Univ.	8 (-)

RACING RESULTS

INTERSTATE & KINGS CUP REGATTA

Sunday, 1st April, 1984.

Interstate Eight Oared Championship — The Kings Cup	
1. N.S.W., 2. South Australia, 3. Victoria	5.36.9
Interstate Champion Youth Eight — N.F. Wilkinson Trophy	
1. Victoria, 2. Queensland, 3. New South Wales	5.51.6
Interstate Champion Lightweight Four — The Penrith Cup	
1. Victoria, 2. Tasmania, 3. South Australia	6.14.5
Interstate Champion Single Scull — The President's Cup	
1. Victoria, 2. Western Australia, 3. South Australia	7.06.3
Interstate Champion Women's Elite Four — ULVA Trophy	
1. Victoria, 2. South Australia, 3. Western Australia	3.26.3
Interstate Champion Women's Lightweight Four — Victoria Cup	
1. Victoria, 2. Western Australia, 3. South Australia	3.35.1
Interstate Champion Women's Single Scull — Nell Slatter Trophy	
1. New South Wales, 2. Tasmania, 3. Queensland	3.51.2

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lake Barrington, Tasmania — 28th March - 31st March, 1984.

Women's Challenge Scull	
1. Glebe, 2. Tamar	4.24.3
Men's Challenge Coxed Four	
1. Comm./Tweed Heads, 2. Essendon, 3. Lindisfarne	7.06.7
Men's Challenge Coxless Pair	
1. Merc./Banks, 2. Essendon, 3. Merc./Corio Bay	8.11.4
Men's Challenge Single Scull	
1. New Norfolk, 2. Reeconian	9.58.0
Men's Challenge Eight	
1. Mercantile, 2. LRC/Comm./Tweed Heads, 3. Essen./Merc./Corio Bay	6.59.6
Women's Lightweight Single Scull	
1. Cambridge, 2. Murwillumbah, 3. Nepean	4.01.2
Women's Senior 'A' Single Scull	
1. Cambridge, 2. Tweed Heads, 3. Tas. Uni.	4.02.3
Women's Senior 'A' Coxless Pair	
1. Torrens/St. George, 2. Melb. Uni./Dimboola, 3. Melb. Uni.	3.47.8
Men's Junior Single Scull	
1. A.C.T., 2. Glebe, 3. Brisbane Grammar	5.37.1
Men's Senior 'A' Single Scull	
1. Fremantle, 2. Wend./Ballarat, 3. Melb. Uni.	7.23.3
Women's Junior Coxed Four	
1. Pembroke, 2. Meth. Ladies Coll. (316), 3. Meth. Ladies Coll (315)	3.50.5
Men's Junior Coxless Pair	
1. Comm./Uni of Qld., 2. Glebe	5.35.6
Men's Lightweight Single Scull	
1. Sydney, 2. Melb. Uni, 3. Corio Bay	7. 31.1
Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair	
1. Melb. Uni (1), 2. Buckingham (2) D.H., 3. Melb. Uni (2) D.H.	7.01.9

Men's Senior 'A' Coxless Pair	1. Bal./Drumm, 2. Adelaide Uni, 3. Mosman	654.2
Women's Junior Single Scull	1. Manning River, 2. Leichardt, 3. Nepean	4.109
Women's Senior 'B' Single Scull	1. Uni of Qld., 2. St. George, 3. Drummoyne	4.04.6
Women's Lightweight Double Scull	1. Mosman/Comm., 2. A.C.T./Murwillumbah, 3. Tweed Heads	3.49.8
Women's Lightweight Coxless Pair	1. Adelaide Uni., 2. A.C.T. (2), Melb. Uni./Banks	4.02.1
Women's Senior 'A' Coxed Four	1. Melb. Uni/Dimboola, 2. Chinese Olympic Team, 3. Torrens	3.38.7
Men's Senior 'B' Single Scull	1. Drummoyne, 2. Melb. Uni. 3. Glebe	8.25.4
Men's Senior 'B' Coxless Pair	1. A.C.T., 2. Tamar, 3. Mosman	7.49.9
Men's Senior 'A' Coxless Four	1. Toowong, 2. Syd.Balmain/Drumm., 3. S.E.E. Club	6.58.1
Men's Lightweight Coxless Four	1. Barwon/Corio Bay, 2. Melb. Uni. 3. Mercantile	6.59.4
Women's Senior 'A' Double Scull	1. Tas. Uni/Mosman, 2. Tweed Heads/Qld. Uni , 3. Cambridge	4.04.3
Women's Senior 'B' Coxless Pair	1. Torrens, 2. Tamar	4.26.9
Women's Junior Coxless Pair	1. Nepean	4.50.3
Women's Lightweight Coxed Four	1. Melb. Uni/Banks, 2. Uni. W.A./W.A.I.T. (1), 3. Uni. W.A./W.A.I.T. (2)	3.53.8
Men's Junior Double Scull	1. A.C.T., 2. Comm./Brisbane, 3. Glebe (3)	5.21.8
Men's Lightweight Double Scull	1. St. George/Haberfield, 2. Melb. Uni, 3. Corio/Melbourne	7.34.6
Men's Senior 'A' Double Scull	1. St. George (2), 2. Melb. Uni/Fremantle, 3. Wend. Ball./Port Adel.	7.07.7
Men's Senior 'B' Coxed Four	1. Mosman/Syd./Syd. Uni, 2. Toowong, 3. Tamar	7.07.4
Women's Junior Double Scull	1. Nepean/Manning River	4.13.3
Women's Senior 'A' Quad Scull	1. A.C.T./Mull./Nepean, 2. Drummoyne/Glebe, 3. Melb. Uni/Corio Bay	3.34.9
Women's Senior 'A' Eight	1. Melb.Uni./Dim./Y.W.C.A./Torr., 2. Uni. W.A.I.T./Perth C.O.I., 3. Melb. Uni./Corio Bay	3.17.2
Men's Junior Coxed Four	1. Mercantile, 2 G.P.S./Comm./Uni. Qld., 3. Uni. W.A./A.N.A./Swan River	5.11.3
Men's Senior 'A' Coxed Four	1. Mosman, 2. Mercantile/Banks (1), 3. Adelaide/A.N.R.	6.35.3
Men's Senior 'A' Quad Scull	1. Melb. Uni./Fremantle, 2. St. George, 3. Mersey	6.30.8

Men's Lightweight Eight

1. Buck./Barwon/Corio, 2. Mercantile,
3. A.N.A./Fremantle/W.A.R.C. 6.23.1

Men's Senior 'B' Eight

1. Toowong/G.P.S./Comm., 2. Adel./Torrens/Adel. Uni.,
3. Mosman/Syd./Haberfield 6.19.5

CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING

SECOND WINTER REGATTA — July 30th, 1983.

Novice Scull

- C. Morrison

BARWON SPRINGDING REGATTA — October 29th, 1983

Open Four without Cox

- G. Pechan, J. Joyce, A. Borger, D. Mollison (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

V.R.A. MELBOURNE REGATTA — November 5th, 1983

Senior Pair

- A.K. Imison, S. Moreton (stroke), R. Forsyth (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

Lightweight Pair without Cox

- G. Pechan, J. Joyce (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

Junior Four

- S. Gula, M. McKay, A. James, D. Burke (stroke), R. Forsyth (cox),
P. McGann (coach).

Maiden Four

- R. Ambrose, J. Whitehead, P. Gostling, N. Boileau (stroke), A. Lelleton (cox),
D. Fogarty (coach).

Veteran 'A' Four

- N. Newton, I. Porter, J. Hawkins, P. Ainsworth (stroke), A. Lelleton (cox).

DIMBOOLA REGATTA — November 19th, 1983.

Junior Four

- A. James, A.L. Johnson, T. Sanchez, S. Gula (stroke), K. Marshall (cox),
P. McGann (coach).

WENDOUREE/BALLARAT REGATTA — November 26th, 1983.

Lightweight Four without Cox.

- G. Pechan, J. Joyce, A. Borger, D. Mollison (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

Maiden Eight

- J. Matthews, P. Jobling, P. Gostling, J. Whitehead, S. Robinson, A. Thomas,
R. Ambrose, N. Boileau (stroke), F. Langton (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

UPPER YARRA REGATA — December 3rd, 1983.

Senior Eight

- G. Lawrence, M. O'Halloran, A.K. Imison, G. Deag, S. Moreton, I. Belot,
N. Myers, S. Patten (stroke), G. Barnes (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

Maiden Eight

- J. Matthews, P. Jobling, P. Gostling, J. Whitehead, S. Robinson, S. Harrison,
R. Ambrose, N. Boileau (stroke), F. Langton (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

Lightweight Pair without Cox

- A. Borger, D. Mollison (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

Junior Four

- T. Sanchez, M. McKay, S. Gula, A.L. Johnson (stroke),
R. Forsyth (cox), P. McGann (coach).

WARRNAMBOOL REGATTA — December 10th, 1983.

Maiden Eight

J. Matthews, P. Jobling, P. Gostling, J. Whitehead, S. Robinson, A. Thomas, R. Ambrose, N. Boileau (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

Novice Eight

P. Morgan, A. Avdygin, T. Robinson, M. Jenkins, R. White, J. Goold, G. Avdygin, M. Dunbar (stroke), D. Smyth (cox), V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA — December 17th, 1983.

Champion Senior Eight

G. Lawrence, M. O'Halloran, A.K. Imison, S. Moreton, G. Deag, I. Belot, N. Myers, S. Patten (stroke), G. Barnes (cox), D. Palfreyman (coach).

Senior Pair without Cox

M. Doyle, D. Doyle (stroke), B. Doyle (coach).

RUTHERGLEN REGATTA — January 1st, 1984.

Novice Four

T. Robinson, M. Dunbar, G. Avdygin, A. Avdygin (stroke), D. Smyth (cox), V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

NATIONAL SELECTION REGATTA (BALLARAT) — January 20th-22nd, 1984

FISA Junior Four

R. Law, P. Tomanovits, S. Hair, S. Wade (stroke), P. Bester, P. Ainsworth (coach)

BANKS REGATTA — January 28th, 1984

Junior Eight

C. Gilford, R. Howden, T. Sanchez, A.L. Johnson, A. James, M. McKay, S. Gula, J. Tomkins (stroke), R. Forsyth (cox), P. McGann (coach).

Junior Four

I. Rycroft, J. Grant, C. Hall, A. Douglas (stroke), G. Haysom (cox), J. Hawkins (coach).

Youth Eight

C. Gilford, R. Howden, T. Sanchez, A.L. Johnson, A. James, M. McKay, S. Gula, J. Tomkins (stroke), R. Forsyth (cox), P. McGann (coach).

FISA Junior Four

R. Law, P. Tomanovits, S. Hair, S. Wade (stroke), P. Bester (cox), P. Ainsworth (coach).

V.R.A. SPECIAL (Henley Course) — January 30th, 1984.

Junior Four

I. Rycroft, J. Grant, C. Hall, A. Douglas (stroke), G. Haysom (cox), J. Hawkins (coach).

Youth Eight

J. Curnow, P. Jobling, N. Kidman, S. Robinson, I. Swann, S. Charles, T. Deag, A. Imison (stroke), P. Franks (cox), N. Donaldson (coach).

VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES REGATTA — February 4th, 1984.

Junior Four

I. Rycroft, J. Grant, C. Hall, A. Douglas (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), J. Hawkins (coach).

Youth Eight

C. Gilford, R. Howden, T. Sanchez, A.L. Johnson, A. James, M. McKay, S. Gula, J. Tomkins (stroke), R. Forsyth (cox), P. McGann (coach).

FISA Junior Pair without Cox

R. Law, S. Wade (stroke), P. Ainsworth (coach).

NATIONAL SELECTION REGATTA (PENRITH) — February 10th-12th, 1984

Champion Junior Four of N.S.W.

R. Law, P. Tomanovits, S. Hair, S. Wade (stroke), P. Bester (cox),
P. Ainsworth (coach).

CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA — February 18th - 19th, 1984.

Champion Youth Eight

C. Gilford, R. Howden, T. Sanchez, A.L. Johnson, M. McKay, A. James,
S. Gula, J. Tomkins (stroke), R. Forsyth (cox), P. McGann (coach).

Champion Senior Pair without Cox

M. Doyle, D. Doyle (stroke), B. Doyle (coach).

Champion Junior Four

I. Rycroft, J. Grant, C. Hall, A. Douglas (stroke), J. Leeming (cox),
J. Hawkins (coach).

Champion Lightweight Four without Cox

G. Pechan, J. Joyce, A. Borger, D. Mollison (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

HENLEY REGATTA — March 3rd, 1984

Open Eight

D. Aitken, T. Deag, A.R. Imison, I. Rycroft, J. Grant, T. Killeen, A. Douglas,
G. Harris (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

Junior Eight

D. Aitken, T. Deag, A.R. Imison, I. Rycroft, J. Grant, T. Killeen,
A. Douglas, G. Harris (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

BARWON REGATTA — March 10th, 1984

Novice Four

C. Berry, M. Jenkins, R. Wittman, J. Gould (stroke), D. Smyth (cox),
V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

Junior Four

R. Law, P. Tomanovits, S. Hair, S. Wade (stroke), P. Bester (cox),
P. Ainsworth (coach).

Lightweight Pair without Cox

G. Pechan, J. Joyce (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

Junior Eight

D. Aitken, T. Deag, A.R. Imison, I. Rycroft, J. Grant, T. Killeen, A. Douglas,
G. Harris (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

Champion FISA Junior Four

R. Law, P. Tomanovits, S. Hair, S. Wade (stroke), P. Bester (cox),
P. Ainsworth (coach).

BALLARAT REGATTA — March 12th, 1984

Novice Four

C. Berry, M. Jenkins, R. Wittman, J. Gould (stroke), D. Smyth (cox),
V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

Maiden Four

S. Charles, B. O'Connor, R. Beale, M. Fankhauser (stroke), J. Filgate (cox),
T. Frederico (coach).

Champion FISA Junior Pair without Cox

S. Hair, P. Tomanovits.

Champion Lightweight Eight

I. Rycroft, V. Ronai-Horvath, J. Grant, G. Harris, A. Douglas, G. Pechan, J. Joyce, D. Mollison (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), M. Owen (coach).

Junior Four

R. Law, P. Tomanovits, S. Hair, S. Wade (stroke), D. Smyth (cox), P. Ainsworth (coach).

Lightweight Pair without Cox

G. Pechan, J. Joyce (stroke), M. Owen (coach).

Champion Junior Eight

D. Aitken, T. Deag, A.R. Imison, I. Rycroft, J. Grant, T. Killeen, A. Douglas, G. Harris (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

HEAD OF THE YARRA — March 17th, 1984.

Intermediate Section

D. Aitken, T. Deag, A.R. Imison, I. Rycroft, J. Grant, T. Killeen, A. Douglas, G. Harris (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

Veteran 'A' Section

M. Kerin, P. Guest, P. Philp, G. Boykett, J. Fazio, S. Gillon, T. Phillips, J. Hawkins (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox).

SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA — March 24th, 1984.

Open Eight

D. Aitken, T. Deag, A.R. Imison, I. Rycroft, J. Grant, T. Killeen, A. Douglas, G. Harris (stroke), J. Leeming (cox), D. Fogarty (coach).

Lightweight Maiden Four

B. O'Connor, J. Bennetts, C. Anderson, J. Fox (stroke), J. Filgate (cox), T. Frederico (coach).

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA — March 31st, 1984.

Novice Pair

R. Wittman, M. Jenkins (stroke), D. Smyth (cox), V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).

Veteran 'A' Four

T. Phillips, M. Kerin, I. Porter, J. Hawkins (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox).

MILDURA REGATTA — April 21st, 1984.

Novice Pair

R. Wittman, M. Jenkins (stroke), V. Ronai-Horvath (cox & coach).

WENTWORTH REGATTA — April 23rd, 1984.

Novice Pair

R. Wittman, M. Jenkins (stroke), D. Smyth (cox), V. Ronai-Horvath (coach).



MEMBERS 1983-84

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club as at 30th April, 1984 was as follows:—

	1984	1983	1982	1981
Life Members	7	7	7	7
Senior Active Members	171	154	155	150
Senior Members	18	23	23	23
Junior Members	83	58	55	52
Junior Student Members	16	28	17	32
Country Members	26	29	33	28
Associate Members	75	82	69	73
	396	381	359	365

LIFE MEMBERS

Aitken, R.R.	Cairnes, N.W.	Sorani, A.
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Dawson, R.	Herold, A.G.	McKeown, J.W.
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Donovan, M.	Hobbs, S.	McMahon, G.F.
Douglas, A.	Howden, J.G.	Middendorp, N.P.
Douglas, D.G.A.,	Hughan, J.R.	Mollard, S.D.
Doyle, D.	Hughes, R.	Morell, R.T.
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Johnson, A.L.
Joyce, J.W.
Joyce, P.G.
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Leslie, W.J.
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Watson, D.McA.
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Whelan, R.J.
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Whyte, A.R.
Williams, L.S.
Wilson, W.I.
Wirtz, E.B.H.
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Pechan, G.
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Raftellis, N.
Rankin, S.W.
Robinson, S.C.
Russell, J.C.S.
Sanchez, T.
Scally, D.
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Thomas, B.T.
Tierney, A.J.
Tomanovits, P.
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Wittman, R.C.

Wright, R.

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Gamble, P.
Garrard, R.J.
Guy, R.J.
Knowles, P.S.
Lee, R.E.
Maginn, A.E.
Marley, D.C.
McLean, A.R.
McNamara, P.J.

Moll, L.L.B.
Monger, A.C.
Noble, F.W.
Olliff, D.
Stone, F.J.
Taylor, G.M.
Thompson, C.T.
Young, T.J.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Armstrong, D.J.
Bell, C.M.
Berg, O.
Blairholt, J.A.
Border, A.
Bradshaw, Mrs. J.E.
Cantor, M.
Canty, W.J.
Capper, G.O.J.
Charles, J.R.
Cody, P.P.
Corben, M.H.
Craigie, S.
Crichton, D.J.M.
Crothers, G.T.
Cuika, J.V.
Cunningham, P.M.
Daffy, T.C.
Day, C.K.
Donaldson, N.W.
Dumbleton, W.
Fallon, J.F.
Ferguson, J.M.
Firth, E.B.
Fogarty, F.
Forrest, J.H.L.

Glynn, D.J.
Granowski, W.O.
Hicks, M.J.
Hidgcock, C.W.
Holland, C.S.
Holyman, G.I.
Howgate, D.
Howgate, G.W.
Hume, D.J.
Hume, K.M.
Hume, M.C.
Humphris, P.W.
Jacobson, B.G.
Jones, R.A.
Jorgenson, M.E.
Kerr, P.R.
Leeming, J.
Leggett, E.P.
Lelleton, Ms.A.
Loveless, Mrs. J.
Loveless, R.T.
MacKinder, G.
McComas, M.
McConville, K.H.
McDonald, D.

McKay, R.N.
McKenzie-McHarg,
H.W.
McMahon, J.M.
Milligan, A.S.
Mollard, K.F.
Oliver, R.J.D.
Park, G.A.
Pechan, W.A.
Randall, T.G.
Roberts-Wray, J.J.
Ruffin, J.F.
Saleh, C.G.
Sanchez, C.
Seammen, J.W.
Sharp, G.J.H.
Spark, J.M.
Sprigg, R.S.
Stanley, R.J.
Unwin, W.A.J.
Walker, G.A.H.
Watkin, P.K.
Werner, D.M.
Willis, J.D.
Wraith, G.J.

JUNIOR STUDENTS

Bills, B.A.
Coleman, B.
Courtney, J.
Guest, N.M.
Hayes, N.C.
Hender, T.P.

Howden, J.B.
Johnson, A.G.
Manning, R.A.
McCleod, D.R.
Mullaly, J.D.

Robinson, T.
Rudduck, H.A.
Swann, I.G.
Tam, R.
Thomas, A.J.

OBITUARY

R.W.C. THURSFIELD

Roy Thursfield joined the Club in 1931. In his early years of membership he was a consistent and enthusiastic competitor achieving success in maiden, junior and senior events in all classes of boats until he was compelled to retire from active racing for business reasons.

Roy was also much involved in the administration of the Club and of rowing in Victoria. He was elected to the Committee in 1934 and was Vice-Captain in the 1935-36 season. On his return from active service in 1946 he again devoted much of his time to Club affairs and was on the Committee from 1947 until 1954. He was elected a Vice-President in 1957 a position which he held until his death. Roy was also a Vice-President of the Victorian Rowing Association until 1966 and he was elected as the first Patron of the Association. He was for a number of years the joint secretary with Norman Cairnes of the Melbourne Henley Regatta and was the manager of the Rowing Team at the Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in 1954.

Roy was always generous in his financial support of the Club and of all appeals for Victorian or Australian rowing. In 1947 and 1948 he donated a racing four to the Club and imported a set of oars from England for use by the senior crews and these were only two of his contributions over a long period.

Members of recent years will not have known Roy Thursfield or have had the opportunity of enjoying his cheerful company in the Club and at regattas. He was prevented by ill-health from coming to the river for fifteen or more years. Nevertheless he maintained his interest in the Club's activities and in its members and in his passing the Club loses a loyal supporter and many of its members a life-long friend.

OBITUARY

JOHN GUMLEY

Members were grieved to learn during the year of the premature death of John Gumley. John joined the Club in the 1968-69 season and was soon prominent in competitive rowing. He won maiden and junior events during that season and finished the year in the Club's Champion Junior Eight. In the following years he was a regular member of the Club's successful senior crews.

John was dedicated to the Club's success both on and off the water. He joined the Committee in 1969-70. He was Captain in the following year during which the Club commenced its rebuilding programme. He returned to the Captain's office again in 1974-75. John assisted in many aspects of the Club's activities and made his photographic talents freely available whenever required, particularly in connection with the preparation of the Centenary History.

The Club has lost a prominent and valued member and expressions of sympathy have been sent to his widow and young family.

OBITUARY

P.L. JONES

The Club was grieved to learn of the death during the year of Phil Jones who died as the result of a car accident in which his wife was also seriously injured.

Phil joined the Club in 1970 when his sons were active coxswain and oarsmen. He was not himself a competitive oarsman, but enjoyed the occasional paddle on Sunday morning and the social side of Club life. He was a consistent worker about the Club and a regular supporter at about all regattas in which the Club was represented.

In more recent years Phil decided that he should make some return to rowing for the enjoyment which he received from it and joined the V.R.A. Officials Panel. In that capacity he regularly assisted in the conduct of regattas for the benefit of the active competitors.

OBITUARY

Geoff Hyett

Geoff Hyett was one of those members of the Club who was seldom seen, but always interested in the Club's activities and success. He joined the Club in 1945 following in the footsteps of his father Fred Hyett. His son Tony also rowed with the Club for some years making three generations of membership.

Geoff's rowing career was successful, but brief. Nevertheless he maintained his full active membership and subscribed generously to all Club appeals.



MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1984

1983	LIABILITIES	1984
	Current Liabilities	
1,011	Westpac Banking Corporation (1983)	
15,877	Westpac Banking Corporation Building Account	13,205
6,938	V.R.A. Trophy Order Account	6,938
3,811	Sundry Creditors	3,737
110	Suspense Account (re Gumley Family)	2,872
100	Olympic Fund	100
		26,852
4,695	R.A. Cooper Memorial Trust Fund	5,037
	Accumulated Funds	
45,644	War Memorial Building Fund General Balance at 30th April, 1983	47,074
	\$102,047	
<u>102,047</u>	Surplus for year 10,898	<u>112,945</u>
		<u>160,019</u>
<u>\$180,233</u>		<u>\$191,908</u>
	ASSETS	
	Current Assets	
871	Westpac Banking Corporation	1,382
3,093	Subscription outstanding	1,043
1,381	Stock on Hand	652
4,671	Sundry debtors	1,688
	Prepayments	3,353
178	National Mutual Building Society	398
		8,516
	Investments (at cost)	
560	Commonwealth Bonds	560
	R.A. Cooper Memorial Trust Fund	
1,324	Australian Foundation Investment Co.	1,324
1,500	Custom Credit Corporation	1,500
1,000	Citicorp Australia	1,000
	Westpac Banking Corporation	1,213
		5,037
	Non Current Assets	
107,572	War Memorial Clubhouse	107,572
49,678	Boats (at cost less depreciation)	60,360
5,071	Oars	7,051
800	Trailer	637
2,534	Sundry Assets	2,175
		177,795
<u>\$180,233</u>		<u>\$191,908</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1984

1983	INCOME	1984
16,986	Subscriptions	15,600
	Donations General	1,235
	Social Account	10,697
	Esso Australia	8,550
	Carlton & United Breweries	1,000
	Estate H.T. Spencer & Family	5,000
19,423	Tributors	897
235	Hire of Boat Racks	270
740	Hire of Club Room	340
7,650	Rent	8,459
1,393	Sundry Income	1,355
	Profit on Sale of Boats	770
	Entry Fees - Surplus	540
	Interest Received	620
	Telephone	79
<u>675</u>	Hire of Boats (1983)	
<u>\$47,102</u>		<u>\$55,412</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
9,281	Depreciation	11,261
468	Entry Fees (1983)	
3,863	Lighting, Gas Rates etc.	4,894
4,658	Insurance	4,901
310	Trophies	316
728	Fire Protection	961
1,630	Printing & Stationery	2,258
2,752	Repairs & Maintenance	8,176
3,665	V.R.A. Affiliation Fees	3,988
1,592	Freight	3,240
257	General Expenses	552
576	Loss on Sale of Stock	822
2,376	Interest	2,126
349	Telephone (1983)	
363	Bank Charges	317
	Regatta Expenses	448
55	Recruiting Expenses	147
	Sundry	7
	Donations	100
730	Loss on Sale of Assets (1983)	100
<u>13,449</u>	Surplus for year	<u>10,898</u>
<u>\$47,102</u>		<u>\$55,412</u>

MERCANTILE CENTENARY FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 30TH APRIL, 1984

INCOME

Balance brought forward	177.72
Sale of 8 books	192.50
Donations	5.50
Interest — National Mutual Permanent Build. Soc.	22.72

EXPENDITURE

Bank Charges	.10
National Mutual Building Society	
Balance at credit of account	398.34
	<u>398.44</u>
	<u>\$398.44</u>