



**MERCANTILE
ROWING
CLUB**

INC.

MELBOURNE
109th
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
SEASON 1988-1989

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

Princes Bridge
Melbourne 3004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 109TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 24th June, 1989 at 6.30 pm.

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, 1988.
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 on the recommendation of the Committee:

(Effective from 1/5/90)

That Clause 6 of the Constitution of the Club be amended to read:

- (1) The Annual Subscription payable by Members shall be as follows:

Senior Active Members	\$100.00
Senior Members	\$ 75.00
Junior Members	\$ 70.00
Associate Members	\$ 70.00
Country Members	\$ 50.00

5. To consider the following and if thought fit pass by a majority of not less than three quarters of such members present or voting by proxy the following special resolution:

That the following clause be added to Rule 4 of the Rules of the Club:

- 4(9) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, Life, Senior Active, Senior and Junior Members, whilst constituting not less than 60 per centum of the total membership of the Club, shall be the only Members entitled to vote in the election of the Committee. Where the total number of such Life, Senior Active, Senior and Junior Members does not

comprise 60 per centum of the total membership, every financial member of the Club shall be entitled to vote in the election of the committee.

6. Presentation of Trophies.
7. Any General Business that may be legally brought forward.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will close on the Notice Board at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY, 17th June at 4.00 pm.

By order of the Committee

P. Somerville
Honorary Secretary
19th May 1989

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

PRESIDENT:

R. R. Aitken, MBE

VICE PRESIDENTS

D. H. Boykett, Esq. J. W. Bradshaw, Esq.
J. Burford, Esq. N. W. Cairnes, Esq.
Hon. Justice H. R. Frederico M. F. McKenna, Esq.
W. T. Morrison, Esq.

CAPTAIN

M. K. O'Halloran (Res. Sept. 1988)
J. J. Lawrence (App. Sept. 1988)

VICE CAPTAIN

J. J. Lawrence (Until Sept. 1988)
R. G. Wraith (App. Sept. 1988)

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS

N. W. Donaldson, Esq.

HONORARY SECRETARY

P. Somerville

HONORARY TREASURER

A. C. Inglis

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I. J. Jickell

HONORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER

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SOCIAL MANAGER

D. Bird

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

S. K. Reed

COMMITTEE

N. Thomas, P. J. Ainsworth, A. Cohen, F. Butler

HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr. P. R. Devenish (A.C.A.)
(of A. G. H. Clarke & Co.)

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Mr. R. R. Aitken

SELECTORS

M. Aitken (Res. Oct. 1988)
P. R. McGann (App. Oct. 1988)
D. A. Pincus

**THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

Once again we reach the conclusion of a rowing season. It was not perhaps as successful a season, when measured by victories in major races, as some we have had in recent years, but we were, over the year, able to boat a large number of crews in both men's and women's events with our fair share of success. This, after all, as a rowing club, is our primary objective and we like to feel, as perhaps do many other clubs, that the unfortunate cancellation of the finals at the National Regatta deprived a number of members of impending success.

We achieved considerable representation in national crews at various levels and I congratulate those members involved and wish them success. I welcome to the Club all those who joined us for the first time this year. We have had a fine group of young men and women rowing during the past year and we plan for a great season in 1989/90 with strong representation in the World Championships at Lake Barrington.

I will, unfortunately, again be overseas at the time of the Annual General Meeting this year and I therefore take this opportunity to thank the Captain, Jeff Lawrence and his team for their work during the year. The task of recruiting, selecting and boating so many crews and managing the funding for it all requires a great deal of time, patience and tact and it has been well done.

Finally, may I say a word of appreciation to a group who often do not receive the recognition which they deserve and that is the members who coach our crews. A few have prospects of a national appointment as some return for their effort, but for most the reward is just the satisfaction of contributing their knowledge and experience to keep the Club's crews in the forefront of rowing. We value their support and on your behalf, I thank them for it.

Bob Aitken

TO THE MEMBERS

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the 109th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April 1989.

Since the last report Mercantile Members and crews have travelled far and wide to partake in activities involving Rowing. 1988 was of course an Olympic Year and it is appropriate to record here again the achievements of members, James Tomkins, Mike McKay, Mark Doyle, Andrew Cooper and Sam Patten in representing Australia at the Seoul Olympics last September.

It must be recorded also that Mercantile was the winner of the Ladies Challenge Plate in record equalling time at the famous Royal Henley Regatta last July. Our President and a number of members had the pleasure of witnessing the Australian Development Eight rowing as Mercantile and including Tony Johnson, Neil Myers, Geoff Barden, Peter Scott and coach Martin Aitken take out this event.

As with all past Olympic Games Rowing cycles some of the competing oarsmen have since announced their retirement, some temporary, some otherwise. None the less the Club continues to be the number one rowing club in Australia.

This season we have concentrated our efforts on the younger Oarsmen and Women of the Club and continued our successful recruiting programme to ensure that the success seen at the elite level in the past will again be seen in the future. These younger Oarsmen and Women have worked hard to make the most of the many opportunities given to them and the results they have achieved are indeed very pleasing.

Season 1988-1989 has, like seasons gone by been very successful. The Club was successful in 48 races, the majority in the lower and younger levels of our membership and this is proof that our success is far from finished.

Just as many of our Younger Oarsmen and Women met new opportunities this year, so to did our coaches. Senior Coaches from 1987, Brian Richardson and Martin Aitken both found themselves in a position of not being able to continue as planned. Martin Aitken accepted the plum position of Head Coach at the University of London Boat Club while Brian Richardson was forced to step aside due to work commitments. Senior Lightweight Coach Martin Owen also stepped aside to accept a similar position at Melbourne University and Senior B Coach Gary Merritt is concentrating on schoolboy coaching.

The Club is indebted to these gentlemen for the enormous effort and tireless hours expended in coaching our members and thank them for their work. While Brian Richardson was not able to coach our elite squads earlier in the season, he was named coach of the Victorian Kings Cup crew aiming to

win the State's (and his own) fifth successive victory and we are hopeful that he will be able to return to more full-time coaching next season. He has also been appointed Australian coach of the Men's Double Scull containing former World Champion Peter Antonie and his MUBC Team-mate Paul Reedy. It is hoped that the others will be able to return to coaching at Mercantile as time permits.

Their places on the coaching panel have been taken by Paul McGann who co-ordinated both our Senior A Lightweight and Heavyweight crews for much of the season and Noel Donaldson who coached the Senior B Men's crew.

This season saw the completion of stage one of the new National Water Sports Centre at Carrum. This International Standard course was venue for a number of regattas held during the season, though not all were successful due to unfortunate weather conditions. While much work needs to be done to complete the boatshed, starting and judging facilities this magnificent facility will ultimately provide a further training and racing venue second to none.

The unfortunate weather referred to saw the cancellation of several regattas held there during the season. Perhaps this was to prepare us for the disaster to follow in the cancellation of the Final day of the National Regatta and the abandonment of the Kings Cup Regatta for the first time in its history other than in War-time.

Whereas in recent years the Club has been proud to record in this report the success of our members at the National Championships and Kings Cup regatta, this year we have no race results to report on. Only a handful of titles were contested prior to the Regatta cancellation. The extreme disappointment to all members, competitors and spectators alike, following the cancellation of these events will take considerable time to pass.

Our competing crews had good reason to be upset. Pre regatta form particularly that shown by our Senior B Men's Squad under coach Noel Donaldson clearly demonstrated that Mercantile would continue to dominate the results table as has been done so regularly in recent years.

In spite of this anticlimax to what was a difficult season for the new Australian Selectors, a large number of Mercantile oarsmen and women were selected to trial at Carrum late in April for a possible berth in Australian crews. We congratulate Tony Johnson (Senior A Men), Geoff Barden, Warwick Hooper, Peter Somerville, Jason Kerr, James Baker and Peter Scott (Senior B Men), Fluer Spriggs and Celia Paterson (Senior B Women), Rebecca Joyce (Senior A Lightweight Women) and Samantha Stewart who rowed in the A.I.S. Junior Women's Four, on their ultimate selection in Australian Crews and wish them every success in competition in the coming months.

Our Men's Junior Four was also selected to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Series against New Zealand

combining in an Eight with a crew from Banks Rowing Club. Will Neville, Joshua Mantello, Adam Davenport and James Graham, while denied the opportunity of showing their talents in Western Australia, convincingly showed the New Zealanders the strength of Junior Rowing in this country (and particularly in Victoria) to record a two-nil victory in that series. Will Neville, Joshua Mantello and Adam Davenport are now preparing for the World Junior Championships to be held in Hungary later this year.

Mercantile has of course enjoyed the fruits of successful recruiting in recent years, targeting particularly to achieve success at Junior and Youth level so that we can continually feed our elite crews with oarsmen and women of quality. Many other Clubs are envious of our success and some try to emulate us. None have matched our success and we shall continue to see that they do not. However this year has seen the most aggressive recruiting for some time. The Pink Cloud on the Horizon has been evident — this time we shall be prepared.

The competition amongst Clubs for prospective recruits did not stop David Pincus from again coaching the successful Victorian Champion Youth Eight, David has not lost a Youth Eight race in Victoria in three seasons and he continued on from this success by again being named as Victorian Youth Eight Coach. The Mercantile crew successful in winning the State Youth Eight Championship was James Shipton, Richard Moreton, Jason Platts, David Juracich, Andrew Heath, Trent Schmidt, Andrew Jackman, Cameron Jones and Andrew Barns. Seven of this crew were also named to represent Victoria in the Youth Eight event for the Wilkinson Cup.

The Club also boated a second Youth eight under the direction of Graham McCall. It would appear that Graham has got his second wind. Apart from coaching this crew, Graham also served on the VRA Executive Committee, he leads a sub Committee planning development at the new Carrum Course and he is Victorian Delegate to the Australian Rowing Council. He has lately been seen paddling on the river in his double scull and still finds time to be a regular visitor to the South West Corner.

The second Youth Eight is an important part of our overall success. All new recruits to the Club, this crew competed successfully in many Senior C and Intermediate Events during the season and we welcome members of this crew to the Club.

Our Women's crews had a frustrating season. While our oarswomen generally displayed great potential for success, the Clubs plans were thwarted by selection policies for Victorian Crews which saw many of these oarswomen removed from the Club scene into State squads very early in the season. The Club will be considering carefully the implications of such selection policies, particularly ensuring that the resources developed for our oarswomen in recent seasons are utilised more fully by Club crews.

This is not to say that our oarswomen did not enjoy success. Janine Collier dominated local heavyweight women's events and for her success was rewarded with a berth in the Victorian Women's Heavyweight Four. Sue Lee achieved selection in the Victorian Women's Lightweight Four, and Celia Paterson, Rebecca Joyce and coxswain Kirstie Eaton were chosen to participate in the Victorian Women's Youth Four. Brad Fry was selected coach of the Youth Four.

The undoubted highlight of the season for our women was the Selection of Rebecca Joyce as stroke of the Australian Women's Senior A Lightweight Four. This is Rebecca's first year at the Club, indeed her first year out of School, and her achievement is unparalleled in women's rowing in this country. We congratulate Rebecca on this achievement and record with pleasure her selection as Mercantile's first Senior A Australian representative.

The Club extends its thanks to Brian Dalton and Steve Mollard (Lightweight) Graeme Boykett (Youth) and Daryl Teschendorf and Rob Manning (Junior) for their coaching and assistance in developing our women's crews. Thanks are due also to Phil Ainsworth who co-ordinated much of the Women's rowing at the Club. We look forward to the further growth of Women's rowing at Mercantile under the direction of these coaches next season.

It is pleasing to record a return of more Senior C and Intermediate Crews to the Club. In particular we welcome to the Club a considerable number of gentlemen who enjoy the Club's facilities under the banner of the 2XS (to excess) Club. These members under the guidance of Bill Canty are seen religiously at the Clubhouse on Sunday mornings at 10.30 sharp. Those late in arriving, and there are not many, incur a considerable fine and the indignity of sitting out what is otherwise a most unusual but enjoyable row.

In addition to this group a number of other crews were formed which competed regularly at regattas both locally and at Country venues. In fact for the first time in many seasons Mercantile crews also competed at the Christmas Regattas — Nagambie, Yarawonga and Rutherglen and the Easter Regattas — Mildura and Wentworth. The 2XS Club and many other members represented the Club at the annual Horsham and Dimboola Regattas.

There was in addition to all the above-mentioned crews, yet another group containing Mercantile members which performed successfully during the season. Members Andrew Cohen, Simon Spriggs, Simon Quirk, Eugene Kininmonth, Justin Negri, Simon Kay with Coach David Boykett combined in the Monash University Eight which captured the Grand Challenge Cup at Australian Henley before travelling to England to assist Cambridge University in their preparation for the annual Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. While in England they raced in the Tideway Head of the River race finishing a very creditable eighth in a field of almost 500 crews. In doing so they clearly won their division and were the

leading performers of any international crew in the race. We congratulate these members on their fine performance.

Of course the Club offers more than just the opportunity to race. Many members continue to use the Club's facilities well after their racing careers (elite or otherwise) have finished. Groups of veteran and social oarsmen regularly row and the equipment which the Club is able to provide for these members is continually improving and expanding. It is hoped that the numbers of members in these groups can be increased in coming months to make use of these expanded facilities.

In addition to the Club's fleet, the Committee is conscious of the need to improve the Clubhouse and associated facilities. In particular following changes to Liquor Licensing Laws, the Club intends to improve considerably the South West Corner and surroundings and pursue the application of a Club Liquor Licence. A sub-committee chaired by David Boykett and comprising David Yunghanns, Bill White, Steve Reed and Jeff Lawrence has been formed to investigate the full implications of the licence and recommend any Building alterations necessary. It is hoped that plans can be finalised soon so that work may shortly commence.

Alterations of the magnitude which the committee has in mind will require calls on additional finance and a number of fundraising functions will be necessary over the next season to finance this work. On behalf of the committee I urge you to support these functions and the fundraising drives which will take place to ensure the success of these improvements.

In asking for your support in fundraising I also ask for your support in running our great Club. A Committee good as it may be can only do so much to ensure that everything is in order. This year I believe that our active oarsmen and women have begun to contribute more in their share of duties in and around the Club.

Spending many hours as they do, training and competing for the Club; in recent years a general apathy to do the various extra duties necessary in our Club has seen a gradual deterioration in our usual standards. I now ask for your support in joining these younger members where appropriate to ensure that the necessary tasks, some occasionally thankless are completed and that a fine example is set for our new members to continue.

In keeping with our dominance on the water, Mercantile members continue to represent our interests at the highest levels of the sport. Of course, Mr. Justice Hubert "Freddie" Frederico continues in the Presidency of the Victorian Rowing Association, and now, Reg McKay has been elected President of the Australian Rowing Council. We congratulate Reg on this appointment.

Andrew Guerin who has successfully managed Victorian Kings Cup crews in recent years, will this year be the

Australian Senior A Team Manager in charge of Australian crews to compete at the World Championships in Bled, Yugoslavia. Andrew also devotes considerable time to the affairs of the Victorian Rowing Association and we thank him for the work that he does on behalf of all Clubs particularly in relation to our continued use of the Yarra River and the occupation of our existing Boatshed sites. These issues are of major concern to all City based Clubs and members are asked to consider their actions carefully in any circumstances which could be damaging to our sport.

Both Andrew Guerin and Reg McKay were the driving forces behind the proposed Interstate Challenge races to be held at Carrum in lieu of the abandoned Kings Cup. It was indeed a tragedy that some other members of the officialdom of our sport could not agree on the format of the regatta and a magnificent opportunity was lost to allow our frustrated oarsmen and women a chance to compete. None the less, well done Reg and Andrew on your endeavours.

Your committee too, has been working tirelessly this season in further expanding the benefits of membership of the Club. Vice Captain Richard Wraith in his role as editor of the Mercantilian has ensured the continued growth of this fine magazine. Now issued three times a year this publication ideally supplements the Annual report and gives a good insight into the activities of the Club and its members. Contributions will always be welcome from any member. Richard's efforts with the Mercantilian and his assistance generally are greatly appreciated.

Secretary Paul Somerville and Treasurer Tony Inglis both new to their respective roles completed their duties with distinction and were capably assisted by Ian Jickell and Sue Lee. I thank these members on your behalf for their efforts.

The Social Sub Committee comprising Andrew Cohen, Daryl Bird, Fiona Butler and Narelle Thomas maintained the tradition of some fine Social functions enjoyed by members. These functions are detailed later in the report.

Steve Reed has again won the Dr. R. A. Cooper Memorial Trophy for his outstanding work for the Club. Countless hours have been spent by Steve in working for the Club in areas additional to maintaining the Club's fleet and many of the fruits of his work will become apparent over the next few months.

Noel Donaldson will shortly complete five extraordinary years as Chairman of Selectors. During this time Mercantile's success has been unparalleled and never in our history have so many members achieved so much for their Club, their State or their Country. The role of Chairman of Selectors requires great foresight and planning. Noel has contributed each with abundance and at the end of this season will step down to concentrate on coaching Club crews. We thank Noel for his work during this time.

During the year the committee has considered a number of important matters, including renegotiation of the Brighton

Grammar School Boatshed Lease, continuation of our own lease with the Melbourne City Council, Application for a Club Liquor Licence, Potential Building Alterations and the nomination of Australian Selectors. Each matter has been handled carefully considering the interests of all members.

A particular item of concern to the committee and one in which the opinions of many members were canvassed is the declining standards accepted at the Club Annual General Meeting. As you will have read in the notice of meeting at the front of this report the committee has determined that the meeting this year will commence at 6.30 pm. The committee have proposed a number of new initiatives to restore this evening to the grand occasion of old, and we look forward to your attendance at this important meeting.

The committee has also given great thought to the next season. 1989 sees the World Championships come to Australia and we are more than hopeful that many of our members will be participating. These events do not simply happen. Boats, Equipment, Coaches and Support must be provided. The Club will muster all its resources to ensure that next year is the most successful ever. Given our recent successes a further improvement is not easily achieved but I hope that with your support this improvement is possible.

I hope you will take an active interest in supporting the Club and its members in all these activities during the next season.

Jeff Lawrence
Captain

TROPHIES

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY

This trophy is awarded annually to the member who has won the most Regatta and Club races during the season on the basis of one point for a win with one additional point for any championship.

This year the trophy has been won by Richard Moreton. Richard joined the Club in 1988 having been Stroke of the Brighton Grammar School First Eight in 1987. During the season he successfully competed in a number of Intermediate and Senior C races before going on to row in the Senior Lightweight Eight and Youth Eight recording victories in the State Championships for both of these events. We congratulate Richard on winning this trophy.

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.

The recipient of this trophy this year is Andrew Barns who successfully steered our Men's Youth Eight to many victories. This is Andrew's first year with the Club and he follows closely in the footsteps of his elder brother, Graeme, well known

for his victories in many elite races during recent seasons. Many will recall a clash of opposing Boats coxed by the respective brothers during the 1987 Men's Senior A State Eight Championship, with on that occasion Graeme (steering the Mercantile Senior Eight) coming off the better of the two. Andrew, we are sure, who has learnt much from this experience will continue with success at Mercantile and we congratulate him on winning this trophy in his first season with the Club.

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. Steve Reid has again been awarded this trophy. Steve appears to have no limitations in his ability and enthusiasm in working for the Club. Few members realise the enormous work required in maintaining the Club's fleet and equipment and Steve has undertaken this role with distinction. In addition to this work, Steve has been the driving force behind the expanded range of Club uniform and the forthcoming Ergometer Regatta mentioned in the last Mercantilian. We congratulate Steve on winning this trophy and hope that he is able to continue this valuable work for the Club in years to come.

N. W. CAIRNES TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the most improved coxswain and has been won by Meredith Allen. A novice coxswain just 12 months ago, Meredith has steered many crews to success at various levels during the season and was ultimately selected in the squad of the Victorian Women's Youth Four.

Unfortunately Meredith is not able to continue a successful coxing career due to the change in FISA rules where all women's events above the level of junior will in future be coxless. However we are sure that Meredith will continue her involvement with the Club and wish her well in the future.

JEFF WYLIE MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the most improved lightweight rower 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 Scott Reid. Scott was a member of the successful lightweight Eight and later competed in the lightweight Pair, Four and Eight events during the Selection and National Regattas. Scott was selected in the Australian Squad for Senior B lightweights but unfortunately was forced to withdraw due to work commitments.

We congratulate Scott on winning this trophy.

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 rower.

The Committee has determined that this award will not be presented this season due to the temporary absence of novice rowers from the Club.

H. R. FREDERICO TROPHY

This trophy made available by the Honourable Justice "Fredy" Frederico is awarded annually to the most improved oarswoman at the Club.

This year the trophy has been won by Rebecca Joyce who will have the honour of being Mercantile's first Australian representative at Senior A level following her selection as Stroke of the Women's Lightweight Senior A Four, this being achieved in her first year after leaving school. We congratulate Rebecca and offer her every support and best wishes for success in the forthcoming World Championships to be held in Bled, Yugoslavia.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Contributions to the Endowment Fund and accumulations of income have now lifted the balance in the Fund to approximately \$45,000. During the year, donations were received from Lindsay Wallis, Warwick Hutchins, Stephen Gillon and from a former member, Harry Duncan who has been living in Western Australia for over thirty years. On hearing of the establishment of the Fund and of its purpose, he sent the Club a cheque for \$500 in appreciation of the happy times he had at Mercantile. We welcome such generous support and in particular, the thought for the future which lies behind it. The Club will be happy to receive further contributions, large or small.

THE TRIBUTORS

The tributors was a long running scheme organised by Bill Morrison, where members pledged a small amount for each win the club gained throughout the season. It has recently been resurrected and already new photos are beginning to appear on our club walls and many of the old pictures that have been damaged through various causes have been restored. Special mention should be made of Mike Hume who generously donated his time in restoring and framing all the pictures.

We would like to thank the generosity of the following people who contributed to the scheme.

Bob Aitken	Andrew McDonald	Col Henry Guin
Philippe Batters	Vic Mulder	Jim Harvey
David Crichton	Marty Owen	Ian Holyman
Andrew Evans	David Pincus	Warwick Hutchins
Kevin Fourie	Daryl Teschendorf	Jeff Lawrence
Tim Frederico	Lloyd Williams	Harry Mahoney
Andrew Guerin	Ken Bailey	Michael McKenna
John Harry	Bill Bradshaw	Dick Oliver
John Hayes	David Douglas	Peter Philp
Ken Hume	John Fallon	Graham Richardson
Jack Jones	Freddy Frederico	Peter Watkin
Paul Leggett	Warwick Granowski	Roger Wilson

The Secretary would like to hear from any members who would like to participate in this scheme.

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. J. Lawrence	11
M. K. O'Halloran	3	R. G. Wraith	9
P. Somerville	8	A. C. Inglis	11
I. J. Jickell	7	N. W. Donaldson	9
P. J. Ainsworth	5	N. Thomas	5
A. Cohen	7	D. Bird	5
S. K. Reed	10	D. H. Boykett	4

BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

Mercantile continues to boast a fleet of equipment second to none and we are thankful for the support of members and sponsors for the continuation of this position.

As advised in the last report, Arthur Atkins has generously donated a new Eight and a set of oars for use by our senior oarsmen and delivery of this boat was taken just prior to the Victorian State Eight Championship during December.

The boat christened the *Arthur Atkins* at the Club's Christmas party is of a composite kevlar construction manufactured by Jeff Sykes and Associates of Geelong to a new design which we are confident will remain at the forefront of technology for many years to come, particularly in the light of the anticipated influx of imported boats coming to the country for next year's World Championships to be held at Lake Barrington in Tasmania.

This boat, which will be used only by our senior oarsmen, must be regarded as one of the finest craft on Australian waters and we are sure it was a great delight for Arthur to see the boat being used by the Victorian King's Cup crew and win comfortably the Interstate Men's Eight Challenge race held at Carrum in lieu of the ill fated King's Cup.

The Club also took possession of a new Sykes Heavyweight Coxed Four named *The Jabiru* made possible following the generous donation from Energy Resources of Australia Ltd. This craft is also of advanced design as the Club endeavours to provide the best possible equipment for our members in their endeavours in representing the Club and ultimately their State and Country.

As you will have read earlier in the report, Steven Reid has been awarded the Dr. R. A. Cooper Memorial Trophy for his untiring work in maintenance of the Club's fleet. He has been ably assisted again by Lindsay Wallace and the boatmen from Melbourne Grammar School and Brighton Schools, Walter Rotter and Noel McNichol respectively. We thank these

gentlemen for their work in this regard. This season has seen a resurgence in many more of our active members contributing to maintenance of the Club's equipment and while there remains much work to be done the continued co-operation of coaches and their crews will see a further improvement in the condition of the entire Club's fleet and equipment.

During the year the Club also renegotiated the boat shed lease with Brighton Grammar school and has now claimed one additional bay previously occupied by Brighton Grammar allowing better (although only just) storage of the Club's equipment.

With the addition of the *Arthur Atkins* to the Club's fleet and the refurbishment of the *John Burford* we are now able to provide two Eights and five Fours for use by our social and veteran oarsmen. We hope to promote further this area of rowing during the next season.

The racing four the *N. L. Newton* has been returned to its manufacturer, S & B for replacement and we are expecting a new vessel during the coming season. A full list of the Club's equipment and the condition thereof is detailed below.

EIGHTS

Arthur Atkins	1988	Excellent
Andrew Guerin	1984	Excellent
J. G. H. Sprigg	1983	Excellent
Martin Tomanovits	1978	Excellent
Martin Owen	1976	Good
John Burford	1973	Good

FOURS — Racing

The Jabiru	1988	Excellent
R. R. Aitken	1987	Excellent
Phil Ainsworth (Coxless)	1986	Excellent
Fosters Lager (Coxless)	1985	Good
ESSO (Coxed)	1983	Excellent
Ken Hume (Coxless)	1983	Excellent
R. T. Morell (Coxed)	1982	Excellent
R. H. Richardson	1981	Good
Roger Wilson (Convertible)	1981	Good
Lance Hill (Coxed)	1980	Good
Phil Cayzer (Convertible)	1978	Good
N. W. Cairnes (Convertible)	1976	Good
Caltex and Dealers (Coxless)	1964	Fair

- Regulation

Ted Sorani	1978	Good
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PAIRS — Racing

Lindsay Wallis	1987	Excellent
John Gumley (Coxless)	1987	Excellent
Peter Gibbs	1986	Excellent
Jo Jo Doyle	1985	Excellent
Ian Wilson (Coxless)	1983	Excellent
Bert Spencer (Coxless)	1983	Excellent
A. W. Dobbie (Coxless)	1982	Excellent

Jean Bradshaw (Coxless)	1980	Excellent
John Harry (Convertible)	1980	Good
H. R. Frederico (Convertible)	1979	To be Repaired
- Regulation		
Laurie Moll	1978	Good

SCULL

Sargent and Burton (Training)	1985	Good
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OARS

Croker — Wooden	12' 7"	10	1988	Excellent
Dreissigacker	12' 7"	35	1983/7	Excellent
Sykes — Wooden	12' 6"	10	1986	Excellent
Sykes — Light Blue Band	12' 6"	10	1981	Good
Sykes — Dark Blue Band	12' 5"	8	1981	Good
Sykes — Brown Band	12' 7"	4	1980	Good
Sykes — White Band	12' 7"	9	1980	Good
Sykes — Red Band	12' 5"	8	1979	Good
Croker — Purple Band	12' 4"	8	1976	Fair
Croker — Black Band	12' 5"	4	1974	Good
Croker — Yellow Band	12' 6"	8	1974	Fair
Assorted		15	1960-1970	Fair

MISCELLANEOUS

Two axle boat trailer	Very Good
Single axle boat trailer	Very Good
Flat-bottomed aluminium punt	Very Good
Conventional aluminium hull	Very Good
Yamaha 15 hp motor	Awaiting Replacement
Mercury 20 hp motor	Good

ROWING — GENERAL

RECRUITING

Again our general policy on recruiting was adopted with special days set aside in September to allow students from rowing schools to attend. Separate days are held for boys and for girls. Finding enough boats to use is sufficient justification for the success of this policy however the strength of the opposition's recruiting is beginning to make our task more difficult. I'm sure enjoyable days were had and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible when we select crews in December. With two Youth Eights, a Men's Junior Four, a Women's Youth Four and a Women's Junior Pair, we were again able to introduce many new people to our Club. Next season we will have to ensure that our success in this area is maintained particularly in the light of the incentives offered by other clubs.

COACHING

The demands placed on our competitive oarsmen and women were adequately catered for by the enthusiastic and capable

support given by our coaches. With Marty Aitken's appointment at the University of London Boat Club and Brian Richardson's work commitments, it was an opportunity for other people to fill the more senior positions in the Club.

We must thank the following people for their untiring work.

MEN

Paul McGann (Senior A heavyweight and assisting with Senior A lightweight), Tony Inglis (Senior A/B lightweight), Noel Donaldson (Senior B), David Pincus (Youth), Graeme McCall (Youth), Jeff Lawrence (Junior), Steve Mollard (Senior C), Garry Merritt (Senior C).

WOMEN

Brad Fry (Youth, Senior A/B), Graeme Boykett (Youth), Brian Dalton (lightweight A), Daryl Teschendorf (Junior), Rob Manning (Junior), Steve Mollard (Senior B lightweight).

COXSWAINS

Gradually the demand for coxswains has decreased with the introduction of coxless rowing and this will be even more so in 1990 when the women will primarily row in coxless boats. However, this specific task has been carried out very well by a band of enthusiastic members. We thank: Peter Scott, David Colvin, Bill Webster, Andrew Barns, Tony Hall, Nick Williams, Kirstie Eaton, Meridith Allen, Melissa Griffiths, Samantha Black.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

Geelong Grammar School continued their dominance in this event and were successful for the fourth year in a row. We must again congratulate their coaches, Rob Wakefield and Paul McGann. Well done!

The Club is pleased to note the names of the following members who coached crews in the Head of the River Regatta:

Brighton Grammar	— Noel Donaldson
Carey Grammar	— Brad Fry, Bill Webster, Jason Platts, Keith Bilney
Caulfield Grammar	— Gary Merritt, Cam Hall
Geelong College	— Frank Stone
Geelong Grammar	— Paul McGann
St. Kevin's College	— Graeme Barns
Scotch College	— Ian Belot
Wesley College	— Andrew Eaton
Xavier College	— Hubert Frederico, Bob Lachal

SOCIAL AND CLUB EVENTS

Season 1988/89 has continued the tradition of first class social events at the Club and in the main these were well supported by members and their friends. The culmination of the previous season and the beginning of the new took place on

Sunday 25th September 1988 when approximately 300 members and guests gathered to watch a live coverage of the Olympic Games rowing finals in which five of our members were participating. Social committee members, Narelle Thomas and Daryl Bird, ably assisted by a willing band of helpers, toiled hard to ensure the success of this day and a wonderful array of food and beverages was available for enjoyment by all.

The Club's Christmas party continues in fine tradition and again a large number of members and their guests attended this function. The party began with the christening of the new Racing Eight the *Arthur Atkins* followed by Santa's eventual arrival by boat and presentation of gifts to the assembled children. We can only hope that Santa gets the opportunity to read this report and that, if he has the good fortune to attend our future Christmas parties, he kindly remembers to arrive by boat from upstream of the boatsheds. A broken down motor boat certainly generates no pleasure for the assembled masses (adults particularly) as it drifts further out of sight with the changing tide.

The annual dinner was again held at the Dorchester, although attended by fewer people than in the past, particularly with the absence of many of our senior members. None the less the evening again high-lighted the close bond of members and following the auction coordinated by Tom Lockwood and an address to assembled guests by Mike McKay relative to his experiences at the Olympic Games and his earlier years of rowing, many attendees headed to a city night club to further prepare for the Scotch Mercantile Regatta awaiting them the next day.

The Club gratefully acknowledges the generosity of members and guests attending the annual dinner and those who partook in the auction, the proceeds of the night being contributed entirely to the cost of sending Club crews to the National Championship Regatta held in Western Australia.

At the final event held during the year on Sunday 23rd April 1989, we welcomed and entertained members of the West Australian, South Australian and Victorian King's Cup crews who had competed earlier in the day in the Interstate Challenge Race for Men's Eights held at the new National Watersports Centre at Carrum in lieu of the cancelled King's Cup event.

Aside from these special events members continued to enjoy the surroundings of the South West Corner under the supervision of Andy Evans and Heather Boykett. Plans are afoot to improve the South West Corner considerably in the not too distant future and discussions are continuing as to the Club's requirements for a liquor licence.

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, 23rd April 1989 by Mr John Seammen,

assisted by the President. A large number of members were in attendance.

J. G. H. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL

An Eight oared race from the Mercantile Tree, around Herring Island and return, in which the crew must be comprised of at least two oarswomen and not more than two seniors. Initiated by our late President and Patron in 1930 the event was won by the following crew: Janet Cussens, Narelle Thomas, Andrew Cohen, Jason Kerr, Jason Kovacic, Simon Quirk, Tom Sanchez, David Doyle (stroke), Graeme Barns (cox). The winning time was 27 minutes and 26 seconds.

SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA

The 31st Annual Scotch Mercantile Regatta was held on the Henley Course on Saturday 25th February 1989. In ideal conditions over 1900 oarsmen and women competed in 191 events. Without question the exceptional work of the organising committee of this regatta ensures that it remains the largest and most successful regatta in Australia. The Club wishes to thank the organising committee for the fine work done and the high standards continually set. The Committee comprises; D. A. Pincus, P. H. O'Brien, M. F. McKenna, A. N. Guerin, R. R. Aitken, D. H. Boykett, G. H. Boykett, H. Boykett and J. W. Bradshaw.

OBITUARY

Mr. J. G. H. Sprigg

With the death of Jim Sprigg in December last year, the Club lost not just a member and a famous one at that, but one who by his unique enthusiasm and personality had made himself almost part of the Club itself.

Jim joined the Club in 1914. He rowed in maiden (C Grade) events in 1914 and 1915 before leaving for active service overseas. On his return from the First World War, he resumed his rowing career and represented the Club in almost every category of rowing and every class of boat over the next ten years finishing up with a successful season in the Senior Eight in 1927-28. Jim was Captain in 1927-28 and again in 1930. He was elected a Vice-President in 1938 and President in 1955, an office which he filled with great distinction until his resignation in 1983. He was then nominated as the first Patron of the Club.

During his active days, Jim gave good service to the Victorian Rowing Association and in later years to the Old Oarsmens and Oarswomens Association of which he was also a patron.

Jim was always interested in crews competing for Mercantile particularly in Junior crews, and until recent years could always be found on the river bank on regatta days giving spirited encouragement to the Club's crews. Jim will perhaps best be remembered for the Sprigg Time Trial event which he initiated in 1930 and for which he presented the trophies, usually after a dramatic and sometimes fanciful oration, each year until his death.

Jim had a great enthusiasm for the Club and derived much enjoyment from it. His guiding philosophy was to ensure, as best he could, that new members coming to the Club enjoyed their rowing and their association with the Club and become part of it.

He was a valued friend to all Mercantilians whatever their age. May his memory and his message stay with us for a long time.



V.R.A. PREMIERSHIP POINTS, SEASON 1988-89

CHAMPION CLUB MEN

Power House	43	Nagambie	6
Essendon	41	Mildura	3
Mercantile	37	Melbourne	3
M.U.B.C.	37	Latrobe University	3
Yarra Yarra	33	Hawthorn	3
Ballarat City	19	Richmond	3
Melbourne High	19	Rutherglen Lake	2
Wendouree/Ballarat	19	Footscray	2
St. Patrick's College	17	Corio Bay	1
Banks	14	Dimboola	1
Hamilton	11	Wentworth District	1
Bendigo	8	Geelong College	1
Barwon	7		

SENIOR PREMIERSHIP MEN

Mercantile	111	Power House	17
M.U.B.C.	77	Mildura	11
Essendon	29	Wendouree/Ballarat	6
Banks	29	Melbourne	4
Ballarat City	18		

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP MEN

Power House	125	Rutherglen Lake	8
Melbourne High	84	Latrobe University	8
Wendouree/Ballarat	80	Barwon	7
Yarra Yarra	77	Hawthorn	6
Mercantile	76	Footscray	5
Essendon	70	Richmond	4
St. Patrick's College	60	Ballarat City	4
Banks	44	M.U.B.C.	2
Bendigo	12	Dimboola	2
Hamilton	12	Mildura	1
Geelong College	8	Melbourne	1
Lake Colac	8	Wentworth District	1

LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP MEN

M.U.B.C.	39	Yarra Yarra	15
Essendon	33	Power House	12
Mercantile	20		

CHAMPION CLUB WOMEN

Power House	33	Mercantile	7
Banks	24	South Melbourne	3
Ballarat City	24	Wentworth	3
M.U.L.R.C.	24	Hawthorn	2
Corio Bay	21	Mildura	2
Wendouree/Ballarat	17	Geelong Grammar	1
Bendigo	8	Dimboola	1
Essendon	8		

SENIOR PREMIERSHIP WOMEN

M.U.L.R.C.	38	Ballarat City	6
Mercantile	20	Power House	4
Banks	18	Bendigo	4

LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP WOMEN

M.U.L.R.C.	42	Ballarat City	2
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GENERAL

After scaling such giddy heights over the last years, 1988/89 has been a year of rebuilding for the club. With the retirement of most of our senior oarsmen the up and coming rowers have made the most of their opportunities and their improvement and success throughout the season will ensure that Mercantile shall stay as the premier club in the Australian rowing scene.

Not only has there been a lot of new faces in our senior crews but the shape of the committee has undergone significant changes in the past year. Long standing committee-man and past captain, Martin O'Halloran, retired from the captaincy and his position was taken by Jeff Lawrence who has worked tirelessly in keeping the club running and in planning the continued improvement of the club. As the secretary of the Club, I thank Jeff for the enormous workload he has undertaken and for the leadership he has shown since assuming the role of club captain.

On a serious note, the club finds itself at the end of this financial year in a precarious monetary situation. Due to the reduction in sponsorships over the last two years and the need to keep updating our equipment so that our crews can remain competitive we are in a position now that for the foreseeable future we will no longer be able to purchase any new equipment. This situation was somewhat relieved by the generous donation of a racing eight and oars by Arthur Atkins to whom the whole club is indebted. All members are encouraged to take a more active role in the club especially if they are in a position to organise sponsorship or have suitable contacts.

It is pleasing to see the attitude of our oarspeople changing towards the club. Not only are they paying their subscription fee and other levies quicker but they are beginning to put some work back into the club in the cleaning rosters and the like. Though we still have some way to go yet, if all the members of the club especially the people who use the facilities regularly put some work back into the club then it won't be too long before the appearance of the club is back to how it should be and so we can all be proud of it.

I would like to thank the more senior members of the club especially Mike Hume who have generously contributed to the Tributors. Their donation to the club has meant that we have been able to purchase some badly needed pictures including those of the 1986 World Championship Eight. Also the scheme has been used to restore many old and damaged photos so that Mercantile's rowing heritage is not lost. I look forward to their continued participation in this most worthwhile cause.

Of course many other members do assist the Club or the Sport often in unseen ways. Apologies to those who are not listed but on behalf of the Club I would like to thank the following members who have assisted over the last year in many various ways.

- Roger Wilson who continues his magnificent commentaries at Regattas and co-ordinates much of the press coverage concerning our sport.
- Geoff McMahon for providing flowers on appropriate occasions.
- Andrew McLean who again assisted with goods for the annual dinner auction and with Televideo equipment for our Grand Olympic celebration on the final day of the Olympic Rowing Regatta.
- Tim Frederico who assisted with printing of the Mercantilian.
- David Bowen who provided materials for renovation of the Club.
- Bob Eaton for his assistance in the printing of this report and the Scotch Mercantile Regatta Programme.
- Warwick Hutchins for his assistance with signwriting of oars and provision of material.
- Ceaser Sanchez and Lonsdale Street Auto Electrics for their assistance with Boat Trailer electrical requirements.

For and on behalf of the committee
P. G. Somerville
Honorary Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financially, the 88/89 season was an arduous one for the Club. Whilst being without any major sponsor the Club again managed to increase the size of its fleet, principally due to the magnificent donation from Arthur Atkins which was mentioned earlier in the report.

In the absence of our usually regular billing this year, a system of prepaid entry fees was introduced for active oarsmen and women to help the Club stay in the black through the racing season. A regular computer based billing system is to be reintroduced to assist members in making prompt payments of their dues.

Various donations were made to the Club during the season and special thanks go to the following people: P. Ainsworth, R. R. Aitken, D. H. Boykett, D. Bradshaw, N. Cairns, J. Clark, H. T. Frederico, S. Gillon, J. Lawrence, N. Middendorp, D. McDonald, M. Owen, Philp, Newby & Owen Pty Ltd, I. Porter, S. Richardson, J. J. Thom and W. Unwin.

The generous donation, also, from Energy Resources of Australia should be noted. With their assistance the Club was able to purchase a coxed four, which was named the *Jabiru*.

The fruits of the contributions from the "Tributors" can be seen on the walls of the clubhouse. The Tributor's donations based on the number of regatta wins by the Club during the season, go towards purchase of equipment for boats and the clubhouse. Various photographs have already been purchased with this money.

The energetic work of Daryl Bird, and members of the Social subcommittee has paid off with a substantial donation from various functions and hall hirings.

With changes in the liquor licencing laws this year the Club is applying for a full Club licence. This, along with planned alterations to the clubhouse will make it possible to not only enhance the present social atmosphere of the south-west corner but to make better use of the clubhouse as a means of generating income through hirings and functions.

It is the long term aim of the committee to be able to make use of the improved Clubhouse to make substantial contributions to the purchase of boats and equipment and generally improve the facilities to all members of the Club.

The Club will, however, incur considerable expense in the clubhouse alterations. The support of all Club members will be needed to assist in whatever fund raising and building activities are undertaken. This work should ensure both a better clubhouse and a more secure financial future for the Club.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the members for their support throughout the year and, in particular, Jeff Lawrence, Bob Aitken, Andrew Geurin, Richard Wraith and Sue Lee for their assistance in making the Treasurer's task only Herculean.

Together we can look forward to a successful 89/90 season.

Tony Inglis,
Honorary Treasurer

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 April 1989

1987/88		1988/89
\$		\$
	INCOME	
32,122	Subscriptions	28,810
26,366	Donations — General	8,388
6,399	— Social	600
	— Tributors	930
371	Hire of Boat Racks	451
1,375	Hire of Club Room	8,066
1,178	Interest Received	2,860
	Profit on Sale of Stock	188
	Profit on Sale of Equipment	2,000
11,247	Rent Received	10,353
736	Sundry Income	80
<u>79,794</u>		<u>62,725</u>
	LESS:	
2,520	Donation to members' entry fees and freight charges from annual dinner proceeds	
	Bank Charges	817
250	Entry Fees	643
6,258	Light, gas, rates	5,563
9,736	Insurance	8,937
1,200	Fire Protection	1,506
	Licences and Associated Fees	3,087
3,807	Printing & Stationery	3,076
2,859	Repairs & Maintenance — Boats	4,094
9,909	— Boathouse	1,590
4,431	Subscriptions written off	0
	Telephone	726
	Trophies	514
5,067	V.R.A. affiliation	6,638
3,191	Freight & transport	207
1,675	General Expenses	1,609
16,320	Depreciation	18,436
981	Interest paid	763
835	Loss on sale of stock	0
<u>69,039</u>		<u>58,205</u>
<u>10,755</u>	SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u>4,520</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 1989

1987/88		1988/89
\$	MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$
155,654	Accumulated Funds (1st May)	166,409
10,755	Add Net Profit for the year	4,520
<u>166,409</u>	Accumulated Funds (30th April)	<u>170,930</u>
48,864	War Memorial Building Fund	48,864
<u>215,273</u>	TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	<u>219,793</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
3,513	Westpac Bank	- 10
188	National Mutual Royal Bank	285
2,301	Subscriptions Outstanding	6,014
7,770	Sundry Debtors	15,763
154	Stock on Hand	2,156
6,708	Prepayments	5,733
<u>20,634</u>		<u>29,941</u>
	Less CURRENT LIABILITIES	
5,151	Westpac Bank (Building a/c)	3,309
4,128	Sundry Creditors	14,079
	Subscriptions in Advance	0
6,938	VRA Trophy Order Account	6,938
500	Provisions	200
100	Olympic Fund	100
<u>16,817</u>		<u>24,626</u>
3,817	WORKING CAPITAL	5,315
	Add INVESTMENTS	
560	Commonwealth Bonds	
18,000	ANZ Executors & Trustees	11,452
<u>18,560</u>		<u>11,452</u>
	Add NON—CURRENT ASSETS	
112,445	War Memorial Club House	112,445
80,451	Sundry Assets (Boats, Oars etc)	90,582
<u>192,896</u>		<u>203,027</u>
<u>215,273</u>		<u>219,793</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 April 1989

1987/88		1988/89
\$		\$
	Interest Received:	
110	Citicorp Australia Ltd	118
191	Custom Credit Corporation Ltd	217
42	Westpac Banking Corporation	39
<u>343</u>		<u>374</u>
	Dividends Received:	
368	Aust. Foundation Invest. Co. Ltd.	455
<u>711</u>		<u>829</u>
	LESS:	
1	Government Duties	1
775	A.A.R.C. — Contrib re Junior Team	
225	A.A.R.C. — Contrib re Senior Team	
100	A.A.R.C. — Contrib re T. Sanchez	
55	Merc Rowing Club — R. A. Cooper Trophy	
<u>1,156</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>(\$445)</u>	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	<u>829</u>

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 1989

1987/88		1988/89
\$		\$
	MEMBERS' FUNDS	
4,114	Capital Account	4,114
	Income Account:	
1,885	Balance (30/4/1992)	1,440
(445)	Surplus (Deficiency) for year	829
<u>1,440</u>		<u>2,268</u>
<u>5,554</u>		<u>6,382</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
871	Westpac Savings Bank	1,700
	INVESTMENTS	
	Debentures:	
1,000	Citicorp Aust Ltd	1,000
1,500	Custom Credit Corp Ltd	1,500
<u>2,500</u>		<u>2,500</u>
	Shares:	
2,183	Aust Foundation Invest Co Ltd	2,183
<u>5,554</u>		<u>6,382</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.
ENDOWMENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 April 1989

1987/88		1988/89
\$		\$
	Interest Received:	
2,225	ANZ Executors & Trustee	2,058
1,151	PP Growth Trust	755
769	SEC	725
4,145		3,538
	Dividends Received:	
190	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	204
	BTR Nylex Ltd	259
	Boral Ltd	120
	CSR Ltd	24
	National Aust Bank Ltd	175
	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	38
	Western Mining Corp Ltd	65
190		885
4,335		4,423
	LESS:	
2	Government Duties	2
2		2
4,333	NET SURPLUS	4,421

ENDOWMENT FUND
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 April 1989

1987/88		1988/89
\$		\$
20,000	MEMBERS' FUNDS	20,000
8,084	Capital Account (30/4/2002)	12,957
4,873	Capital Account (30/4/1992)	1,563
12,957	Donations	14,520
	Income Account:	
2,572	Balance 30/4/88	6,904
4,333	Surplus for year	4,421
6,904		11,325
39,861		45,845
	These Funds are represented by:	
	INVESTMENTS	
	Deposits:	
22,820	ANZ Executors & Trustees	6,979
	Debentures:	
5,000	SEC Power Bonds Series 20	5000
	Shares:	
4,783	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	7,774
84	BHP Gold Mines Ltd	84
	Boral Ltd	1,997
689	BTR Nylex Ltd	8,318
334	CSR Ltd	334
	National Aust Bank Ltd	3,621
	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	2,277
6,151	PP Growth Trust	6,906
	Western Mining Corp Ltd	2,555
12,041		33,865
39,861		45,845

CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING SUCCESSFUL CREWS

YARRA YARRA REGATTA — 15TH OCTOBER 1988

Mens Senior A Four

T. Howes, P. Somerville, D. Fogarty, A. Johnson (Stroke),
P. Scott (Cox), M. Aitken (Coach)

Mens Senior A Coxless Pair

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke), P. McGann (Coach)

Mens International Single Scull

T. Ryan

Mens Open Four

T. Howes, P. Somerville, D. Fogarty, A. Johnson (Stroke),
P. Scott (Cox), M. Aitken (Coach)

Mens Youth Quad Scull

A. Sloan, A. Skelton, S. Teschendorf, C. Jones (Stroke),
N. Walker (Cox), N. Donaldson (Coach)

Womens Senior C Four

J. McCredden, L. Widdup, N. Thomas, V. Owen (Stroke),
K. Eaton (Cox), S. Mollard (Coach)

BARWON SPRINGDING — 29TH OCTOBER 1988

Mens Intermediate Scull

C. Jones

Mens Intermediate Four

I. Smith, S. McMillan, R. Moreton, D. Upton (Stroke),
M. Allen (Cox), P. McGann (Coach)

Mens Senior B Four

J. Kerr, J. Baker, P. D. Somerville, W. Hooper (Stroke),
P. Scott (Cox), M. Aitken (Coach)

Womens Senior B Four

T. Sanders, N. Thomas, V. Owen, L. Widdup (Stroke),
K. Eaton (Cox), S. Mollard (Coach)

VRA MELBOURNE REGATTA — 5TH NOVEMBER 1988

Mens International Scull

A. Borger

Mens Youth Scull

C. Jones

Womens Senior B Four

T. Sanders, N. Thomas, V. Owen, L. Widdup (Stroke),
M. Allen (Cox), S. Mollard (Coach)

Mens Senior C Four

D. Bird, I. Swann, R. Law, N. Boilleau (Stroke), M. Allen
(Cox), G. Merritt (Coach).

UPPER YARRA REGATTA — 12TH NOVEMBER 1988

Mens Senior C Scull

T. Ryan

Mens Intermediate Four

W. James, D. Upton, S. McMillan, R. Moreton (Stroke),
J. Cox (Cox), P. McGann (Coach)

Mens Senior C Four

D. Bird, I. Swann, R. Law, N. Boilleau (Stroke), M. Allen
(Cox), G. Merritt (Coach)

WENDOUREE-BALLARAT REGATTA — 26TH NOVEMBER 1988

Womens Senior A Pair

J. Collier, J. Devilee (Power House)

VRA CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA — 10TH DECEMBER 1988

Mens Senior C Eight

D. Bird, R. Hall, R. Law, I. Swann, A. Eaton, R. Arensen, R. Manning, N. Boilleau (Stroke), K. Eaton (Cox), G. Merritt (Coach)

Champion Mens Lightweight Eight

P. Joyce, R. Moreton, I. Middleton (Banks), I. Jickell, A. Inglis, S. Reid, S. Morrison, R. Wraith (Stroke), D. Colvan (Cox), P. McGann (Coach)

Womens Lightweight Senior A Coxless Pair

V. Owen, L. Widdup (Stroke), S. Mollard (Coach)

NAGAMBIE REGATTA — 26TH DECEMBER 1988

Womens Senior B Coxless Pair

L. Howden, C. McLean (Stroke), D. Teschendorf (coach)

Mens Senior B Coxless Pair

R. Moreton, I. Jickell (Stroke)

RUTHERGLEN REGATTA — 1ST JANUARY 1989

Mens Senior C Pair

I. Jickell, R. Moreton (Stroke)

Mens Veteran Four

T. Phillips, A. Briggs, J. Lawrence, J. Adams, K. Marshall (Cox)

VICTORIAN SELECTION REGATTA — 22ND JANUARY 1989

Womens Youth Four

K. Smith, S. Inglis, F. McCasker, A. Rusden (Stroke), M. Allen (Cox), G. Boykett (Coach)

HEAD OF THE YARRA — 11TH FEBRUARY 1989

Mens Intermediate Eight

J. Shipton, R. Moreton, J. Platts, D. Juracich, A. Heath, T. Schmidt, A. Jackman, C. Jones (Stroke), A. Barns (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

VIC UNIVERSITIES — 18TH FEBRUARY 1989

Mens Champion Lightweight Senior B Pair

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke), A. Inglis (Coach)

Mens Champion Senior B Four

G. Barden, P. Somerville, W. Hooper, J. Kerr (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson (Coach)

Womens Champion Senior B Four

E. Reid, M. McMillan, F. McCasker, K. Smith (Stroke), M. Allen (Cox), G. Boykett (Coach)

SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA — 25TH FEBRUARY 1989

Mens Youth Eight

J. Shipton, R. Moreton, J. Platts, D. Juracich, A. Heath, T. Schmidt, A. Jackman, C. Jones (Stroke), A. Barns (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

Senior C Eight

D. Anderson, R. Fraser, D. Davidson, S. Boykett, M. Lenne, J. Howden, B. Edwards, M. Hynes (Stroke), A. Hall (Cox), G. McCall (Coach)

Junior Four

A. Davenport, W. Neville, A. Tomanovits, J. Mantello (Stroke), N. Williams (Cox), J. Lawrence (Coach)

Womens Junior Four

L. Howden, C. McLean, F. Dixon (Yarra Yarra), Y. Jones (Yarra Yarra) (Stroke), A. Teschendorf (Cox), D. Teschendorf and R. Jones (Yarra Yarra) (Coaches)

HENLEY REGATTA — 4TH MARCH 1989

Mens Intermediate Eight

D. Anderson, R. Frazer, D. Davidson, S. Boykett, M. Lenne, J. Howden, B. Edwards, M. Hynes (Stroke), A. Hall (Cox), G. McCall (Coach)

Mens Youth Eight

J. Shipton, R. Moreton, J. Platts, T. Schmidt, A. Heath, D. Juracich, A. Jackman, C. Jones (Stroke), A. Barnes (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

Womens Open Eight

M. Elliott (6) with Melbourne/Banks/Yarra Yarra composite

Mens Senior C Eight

D Winter (MUBC), S. Langenbacher (Essendon), S. Quirk, A. Cohen, S. Spriggs, E. Kininmonth, J. Negri, S. Kay (Stroke), J. Reid (Cox), D. Boykett (Coach).

YWCA REGATTA — 5TH MARCH 1989

Womens Open Eight

M. Elliott (3), I. Jickell (Cox) with Yarra Yarra, Melbourne, Banks composite

BARWON REGATTA — 11TH MARCH, 1989

Mens Senior A Pair

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke), A. Inglis (Coach)

Mens Senior C Eight

J. Shipton, A. Heath, R. Moreton, J. Platts, T. Schmidt, C. Jones, D. Juracich, A. Jackman (Stroke), A. Barnes (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

BALLARAT — 13TH MARCH 1989

Champion Senior B Pair

Jason Kerr, Warwick Hooper (Stroke), N. Donaldson (Coach)

Champion Youth Eight

J. Shipton, R. Moreton, J. Platts, T. Schmidt, A. Heath, D. Juracich, A. Jackman, C. Jones (Stroke), A. Barnes (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

Champion Senior C Eight

J. Shipton, R. Moreton, J. Platts, T. Schmidt, A. Heath, D. Juracich, A. Jackman, C. Jones (Stroke), A. Barnes (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

Champion Senior B Eight

J. Mantello, W. Neville, J. Baker, C. Jones, G. Barden, P. Somerville, W. Hopper, J. Kerr (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson, J. Lawrence and D. Pincus (Coaches)

Champion Senior A Four

G. Bardon, P. Somerville, W. Hopper, J. Kerr (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson (Coach)

Mens Open Eight

J. Mantello, W. Neville, J. Baker, C. Jones, G. Barden, P. Somerville, W. Hopper, J. Kerr (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson, J. Lawrence and D. Pincus (Coaches)

WENTWORTH REGATTA — 27TH MARCH 1989

Womens Intermediate Scull

M. Elliott

Womens Novice Scull

M. Elliott

MEMBERS 1988-89

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club as at 30th April, 1989 was as follows:

	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984
Life Members	7	5	5	7	7	7
Senior Active Members	206	174	159	164	176	171
Senior Members	15	16	17	17	18	18
Junior Members	82	77	60	73	72	83
Junior Student Memgers	12	19	14	15	19	16
Country Members	32	33	30	35	31	26
Associate Members	70	73	77	67	74	75
Honorary Members	4	3	3	2		
	428	400	365	380	397	396

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