



**MERCANTILE  
ROWING  
CLUB**

INC.

MELBOURNE  
110TH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1989-90

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 110th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 30th June 1990 at 6.30 pm.**

**Dinner will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.**

## **BUSINESS**

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24th June 1989.
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 legally be brought forward.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year close on the Notice Board at the CLUBHOUSE on Saturday, 23rd June, 1990 at 4.00 pm.

By order of the Committee,  
W Webster  
Honorary Secretary  
1st June 1990

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC

## 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

J J Lawrence

## VICE CAPTAIN

R G Wraith

## HONORARY SECRETARY

P G Somerville (Res Mar 1990)  
W H Webster (App Mar 1990)

## HONORARY TREASURER

S Lee

## SOCIAL MANAGER

D A McLean

## EQUIPMENT MANAGER

S K Reed

## COMMITTEE

A M Evans, A C Inglis, M A McMillan, P D Somerville

## HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr P R Devenish (FCA)  
(of Clarke & Co)

## HONORARY SOLICITOR

Mr R R Aitken

## CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS

D Teschendorf  
(Appointed May 1990)

## SELECTORS

N W Donaldson  
D A Pincus

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Fellow Members,

It is my pleasure once again to congratulate our Captain, executive officers and committee on the completion of another rowing season. It was, in some areas, highly successful leading again to interstate and international selection and in others perhaps disappointing. Be that as it may the club was strongly represented in all major regattas in both men's and women's events. Our oarsmen and oarswomen have kept the name of Mercantile in the forefront. That is what we exist for; that is what we aim to do—to keep Mercantile in front.

May I add a couple of comments, one about the past and the other about the future. During the year an old member Henry Guinn, who first rowed for the club nearly seventy years ago invited those present at the club to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. Such is his fitness and confidence that he promises to do the same in future years. Perhaps some of our younger members may not realise and appreciate the interest and support which the senior members of the club have given financially and otherwise over the years. There are some thirty members who have been with the club for forty years of whom a dozen have enjoyed membership for more than fifty years. They are all part of Mercantile. May they long be with us.

As to the future plans, members will have noticed some alterations and refurbishment going on upstairs with necessary and expensive improvements to fire protection arrangements. These plans will be dealt with in detail in the Report. I should like shortly to stress what is obvious but too often taken for granted and ignored. We have a valuable asset in our clubhouse and fleet. We hope and plan to improve both in the future and the maintenance of both to a standard of which we can justifiably be proud is the responsibility of every member.

Bob Aitken



## TO THE MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that the Committee submit to you the 110th Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Mercantile Rowing Club Inc. in respect of the year ending 30th April 1990.

Detailed in this report are the full activities of the Club during the year, covering our On Water performances, our triumphs and failures as well as our Social and Club Functions and Financial records.

The Season has been completed with 48 wins, exactly the same as the season prior. The wins have been achieved largely by our elite oarsmen, and as a result of these victories many of our Senior Oarsmen have been selected to represent Australia at the World Rowing Championships to be held on Lake Barrington, Tasmania late in October this year. These members and their achievements are detailed through this report.

What was disappointing this Season was that the Junior and Youth ranks, the key to the Club's continued success at the higher levels, were not able to repeat the success of years gone by. Despite a promising start to the Season, and for many reasons including recruiting, equipment and coaching, our Junior & Youth Squads both Men and Women found their opposition all too often between their bow and the finishing line in Regatta Racing. Nonetheless, personnel in these categories have the ability to reverse this situation, and with the experiences learned this year, and a solid winter preparation, next season should see a return of our great success in this area.

Your Committee and the Selection Panel are urgently reviewing our weakness in the Junior and Youth areas, and steps will be taken without delay, to ensure that our under age categories again dominate the results table as they have done so regularly in recent years.

While our Men's crews have been boated in every division available in Rowing for many years, this Season has been the first year that Women's crews have been boated in all categories. Our Women's crews now range from Junior Women through Youth, Senior B and to Senior A Women in both Lightweight and Heavyweight divisions.

Members will be aware that Women's Rowing at Mercantile is only in its infancy stages, having commenced in 1984. While we have had, and no doubt will continue to suffer from for several years to come, limited financial resources to provide otherwise, our Women have effectively been boated in "hand me down" Men's boats. This is not an ideal situation, and it is now apparent, that some of this equipment limits our Women from being truly competitive. This area too needs addressing.

Our overall Rowing direction is to be reviewed by the committee to ensure that we can adequately cater for all levels. The Equipment, Coaching, Personnel and Financial needs of boating these squads is enormous, and naturally we must be certain that we are not spreading ourselves too thinly, nor propping up some of our lesser crews at the expense of our Senior Crews.

Limited financial resources are nothing new to Mercantile Rowing Club, nor indeed to any truly amateur Club. Yes, we usually have the finances to maintain our day to day existence, and we will continue to strive to obtain new equipment as and when we can afford to do so. Members will be astonished to learn that the cost of a new Racing Eight is now \$28,800, which includes 20% sales tax (more than many average sized Motor Vehicles) and this excludes Oars which are an extra \$540 each. Our Subscription revenue for the Season would have allowed us to purchase a Racing Eight, and just one Oar and left us with \$40.00 change.

We are fortunate that our limited financial resources can be partially overcome. We have a dedicated Committee, the best Coaches, a strong band of supporters, and importantly a large and talented group of Oarsmen and Women who wish to row at Mercantile Rowing Club. However we now have as opposition a number of Inter-State Institutes of Sport, as well as the Australian Institute of Sport located in Canberra. These institutes have considerable budgets, in the case of the A.I.S a budget approaching \$1,000,000—One Million dollars. If only we had even 10% of that sum.

Victoria has been for many years the leading Rowing State in the Country, and Mercantile the Number One Club in the Country. Oarsmen and Women have to date generally preferred to remain in Victoria, enjoying Club and Home Life in preference to fully funded, live in and usually first class facilities offered by the various Institutes. We believe our competing members are making considerable sacrifices to row and having convincingly demonstrated their superiority over all the various Institute crews, in some cases for over 5 years, the question of funding for these athletes who are either unable or unwilling to attend these institutes must be answered by the Australian Rowing Authorities.

Where other States have faltered, Victoria's strength has been its strong Club and competition structure, and this must not be allowed to be overrun by any State or National Institute of Sport. While undoubtedly some athletes will only be able to continue in the Sport by attending these institutes, we at Mercantile must ensure that we undertake every possible and necessary course of action to provide our members with the very best opportunity of success, the best equipment, and the best coaches, albeit without the staggering amounts of finance available elsewhere.

Our challenge for the nineties is to provide the best facility in the Country for all our members and the recruits who follow, and ensure that these members obtain the highest successes possible while at the same time being proud of, and continuing their association with Mercantile Rowing Club. Also we must increase in membership numbers to spread the financial burden. Obviously it is important that we retain our existing membership, and I hope you will continue your membership for many years to come.

With your support I am sure that Mercantile will fulfil this aim.

Jeff Lawrence  
Captain



## **CLUB AWARDS**

The following trophies will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th June 1990.

### **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 and one additional point for any championship. This year the trophy has been won jointly by James Tomkins and Sam Patten.

All members will be well aware of the past achievements of these two oarsmen and space will not permit a catalogue of their wins.

This year, apart from going through the entire season undefeated in all classes of boats in which they rowed, they were also members of crews that won the Victorian Championships in Senior "A" Eight, Four and Pair and then repeated the effort in the same categories in the Australian Championships. Both are to be congratulated on a truly outstanding effort.

### **MAX BAILEY TROPHY**

This perpetual shield and trophy is awarded to the coxswain who has won the most regatta and club races during the season. The trophy goes this year to David Colvin who was the coxswain for our very successful Senior "A" Eight and Four oared crews. David also made a valuable contribution by coaching and helping with the elite oarsmen when they were rowing in the smaller boats. We congratulate David on winning this trophy.

### **DR R.A. COOPER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The family of the late Dr. R.A. Cooper donate this trophy annually to the club member who in the opinion of the committee has rendered the most outstanding service to the club.

The committee took the slightly unusual step this year of making this award to the Captain of the Club Jeff Lawrence.

At the best of times the Captain's task is an onerous one. The committee held the opinion that in a year made somewhat more difficult by the absence of a Chairman of Selectors and the virtual absence for quite a period of a Secretary, the Captain was obliged to shoulder far more of the work load than should be reasonably expected.

Jeff's untiring efforts and immense donation of time and dedication made him the obvious recipient of this award. Fortunately, the appointment of Daryl Teschendorf as chairman of selectors and with the support of our senior coaches: the assuming of the responsibility of secretary by Bill Webster, plus the formation of a fund raising sub-committee will ease the burden for the following season, thereby allowing Jeff to concentrate on the management and overall direction of the club as we start into the nineties.



### **N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY**

One of our more famous and successful coaches and present Vice-President Mr Norman Cairnes makes this trophy available for the most improved coxswain for the season, the trophy has been won this year by Graham Sharp.

Graham joined the club this year from Scotch College and was the coxswain for the men's junior crews.

We look forward to Graham's continued participation and involvement and congratulate him on his award.

### **JEFF WYLIE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This perpetual shield and trophy is donated by Edward Lumley & Sons Pty Ltd in memory of Jeff Wylie who was tragically killed in a motor accident whilst serving as Captain of the club.

It is awarded to the most improved lightweight rower and this year has been jointly won by Richard Wraith and Simon Morrison. Having previously won the senior "A" men's pair at the Yarra Yarra regatta and the "old oarsman's challenge cup" for lightweight eight at the Henley regatta. Richard and Simon capped a year of hard endeavour with a fine win in the senior "A" lightweight pair oared final at the National Championship regatta at Lake Barrington. We congratulate them on their award.

### **LATE F.R. BROWNE TROPHY**

Awarded to the most improved novice rower this perpetual shield and trophy is donated by the family of the late F.R. Browne. Happily after a year in mothballs this trophy can be awarded this year. Due to a welcome influx of novice rowers. This year's recipient is Mark Treloar who is a member of the now famous 2XS band of revellers whose name and monogram indicate their attitudes and pursuits, and who have injected a welcome brand of enthusiasm into the club. Mark who had never rowed before is to be congratulated on winning this trophy.

### **H.R. FREDERICO TROPHY**

This trophy is made available by the Honorable Justice Hubert Frederico for presentation to the most improved oarswoman in the club. The recipient this year is Janine Collier.

Janine who represented New Zealand as a hockey player joined Mercantile some four years ago when the club had virtually no senior "A" heavyweight women rowers. Whilst remaining a member of Mercantile, she rowed in composite crews with Powerhouse until such time as the club's members increased and then returned full time to the club.

Janine rowed this year in the senior "A" women's eight, four and pair, being successful in may VRA regatta races.

We thank Janine for her support and congratulate her on winning this award.

## **TROPHY TRUST FUND**

For a number of years the Club has had invested a small sum of money to provide for the annual cost of trophies to recipients of the F.R. Browne Trophy and the Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy.

In memory of our immediate past President and Patron, J.G.H. Sprigg, a new fund has been established to assist in providing for the cost of trophies to be awarded annually to winners of the J.G.H. Sprigg Time Trial.

First conducted in 1930, it is hoped that the Time Trial will continue as the feature Club Race for many years to come and we are grateful to our current President Bob Aitken for his donation to this fund.

The various funds have been combined and details are recorded in the financial statements appearing later in the report.

Could we suggest that all previous winners of the Sprigg Time Trial, the Late F.R. Browne Trophy or the Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy make a small donation to this fund to ensure that the high standard of previous awards can be maintained.

## **THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund has been established with the long term view of providing for Mercantile's future. The fund was established by David Boykett, Jim Sprigg and Bob Aitken in 1987 and contributions and accumulation of income now see the fund standing at approximately \$50,000.

Full details of the fund are included in the financial statements of the Club appearing later in this report.

## **THE TRIBUTORS**

The tributors scheme is a fund raising scheme, whereby members pledge certain amounts of money based on the number of wins by club crews over the season. This scheme was started by Mr Ian Wilson and Mr Bill Morrison some years ago and although the members noted below have shown their generosity it is not nearly as successful as was the case previously, numbers being down considerably.

It is to be hoped that more members will see their way clear to participate next year.

Below is the list of members who fulfilled their commitments to the fund last year.

John Carr  
Bob Aitken  
Andrew Evans  
Ian Holyman  
Phil Batters  
Lloyd Williams  
Jack Jones  
Lindsay Wallis  
John Fallon

Graham Richardson  
Jeff Lawrence  
Andrew Guerin  
Peter Watkins  
Dick Oliver  
Roger Wilson  
Bill Bradshaw  
John Harry  
David Crichton



## COMMITTEE

At the time of going to print 10 committee meetings had been held and the attendance has been as follows:

Robert Aitken	6	Andrew Evans	9
Paul Somerville	6	Jeff Lawrence	10
Peter Somerville	9	Sue Lee	10
David Boykett	5	Melissa McMillan	7
Steve Reed	7	Bill Webster	10
Andrew McLean	7	Richard Wraith	9
Tony Inglis	9	Daryl Teschendorf	1

## ROWING—GENERAL

### CREWS

Once again our recruiting endeavours allowed us to boat a large number of younger crews, and, by concentrating on the development of these younger members, and the recruits who follow, our Senior squads should always have good depth and strong competition within to maintain our dominance of Australian Rowing.

Crews were boated in the following categories and squads comprised:

#### **Men's Senior A Heavyweight**

P Baddeley, J Baker, G Barden, M Batten, C Bernadi, D Colvin, D Doyle, M Doyle, D Fogarty, W Hooper, T Howes, A Johnson, J Kerr, J Kovacic, M McKay, S Quirk, S Patten, P Scott, P Somerville, J Tomkins, W Webster.

Some of these oarsmen also competed in Senior B (Under 23 years of age) events.

#### **Men's Senior A Lightweight**

D Mollison, S Morrison, W Robertson, R Wraith

#### **Men's Senior B Lightweight/Intermediate**

I Jickell, R Law, S McMillan, R Moreton

#### **Men's Youth**

A Barnes, D Colls, B Dodwell, M Hynes, A Jackman, J Mantello, W Neville, S Teschendorf, T Schmidt

#### **Men's Junior**

S Curl, A McArthur, G Sharp, S Teschendorf, M Thomas, R Wilson

#### **Men's Novice/Intermediate**

J Black, S Black, M Burmeister, W Canty, J Hayne, N Healy, P Lane, J Lechte, I McLean, R Miller-Randle, S O'Halloran, M Parkes, B Perillo, V Perillo, A Read, M Treloar, A Webster

#### **Men's Veteran**

An increasing number of dedicated veterans, who for various reasons wish to remain anonymous.

#### **Women's Heavyweight Senior A**

J Collier, G Green, M Mayfield, G Menzies, C Patterson

#### **Women's Lightweight Senior A**

R Joyce, S Lee, A Rusden, E Miles (Power House

#### **Women's Lightweight Senior B**

K Anderson, F Dixon (Yarra Yarra), M McMillan, G Scott

#### **Women's Youth**

K Eaton, C Horne, M Kasparsons, C McLean, A Wilson



## **Women's Junior**

K Athey, C Barnes, S Lewis, C Mercer, L Patroni

These crews almost without exception tasted some success at regattas this Season, and full details of their successes are included towards the rear of this report.

## **COACHING**

Coaching in some areas was somewhat disjointed with men's & women's lightweight squads particularly suffering during the season. The skills and perseverance shown by our coaches generally, however, was well paid with some excellent results.

Our thanks go to the following people for their untiring but productive work.

## **MEN**

Heavyweight Senior A & B

—Noel Donaldson &  
Paul McGann

Lightweight Senior A

—David Palfreyman &  
Martin Owen

Lightweight Senior B

—Andrew Guerin

Youth

—David Pincus

Junior

—Neil Myers

Novice (2XS)

—Greg Pechan & Sue Lee

## **WOMEN**

Heavyweight

—Brad Fry

Lightweight Senior A

—Phil Ainsworth, Tony Inglis &  
Steve Mollard

Senior B

—Daryl Teschendorf

Youth

—David Ochert

Junior

—Andrew Eaton

## **COXSWAINS**

The ever diminishing in demand, but always demanding in skills, job of coxswains was again skilfully and joyfully accounted for by a number of members. With most women's four-oared races now coxless as well this sometimes abusive, sometimes abused breed of clubmember is becoming a rare breed. Our thanks go to;

David Colvin  
Peter Scott  
Paul Baddeley  
Bill Webster  
Andrew Barns

Graham Sharp  
Kirsty Eaton  
Kate Athey  
Samantha Black  
Georgie Green

## HEAD OF THE RIVER

A number of club members again made the journey to Geelong this season in charge of various school crews, namely:

Brighton Grammar  
Carey Grammar

Caulfield Grammar  
St Kevins College  
Scotch College

Wesley  
Xavier College

—Noel Donaldson  
—Brad Fry, Tony Johnson,  
Bill Webster  
—Gary Merritt, Cam Hall  
—Mark Doyle, Graeme Barns  
—Paul McGann, James Tomkins,  
Mal Batten, Paul Baddeley,  
Andrew Evans  
—Andrew Eaton  
—Hubert Frederico, Bob Lachal

## ERGOMETER REGATTA

This season saw the inaugural Australian Indoor Rowing Championships known as the Yarra Bank Sprints in the Mercantile Boathouse. Some outstanding performances were recorded with M.U.B.C winning a Concept II ergometer donated by Jeff Sykes & Associates, for being the most successful club. A number of World Class performances were recorded, including a World record by Dick Garrard in the Veteran Lightweight division.

This championship looks set to grow in stature and size with this year's event being held in October.

## AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Following some fine performances at the National Regatta, and subsequent Selection Trials, a large number of members were selected in crews to represent Australia at the 1990 World Rowing Championships to be held on Lake Barrington from 27th October–4th November.

We congratulate these members and wish them every success at the Championships and lead up regattas that they are to attend.

Members in crews are:

### **Australian No. 1 Men's Heavyweight Four**

Mike McKay, Sam Patten, James Tomkins (Stroke) David Colvan (Cox) Noel Donaldson (Coach)

### **Australian No 2 Men's Heavyweight Four**

Tony Johnson

### **Australian Men's Heavyweight Eight**

Warrick Hooper, James Baker, Simon Spriggs

### **Australian Men's Lightweight Eight**

Malcolm Robertson, Derek Mollison, Simon Morrison

### **Australian Men's Heavyweight Coxless Pair**

Geoff Barden, Jason Kerr

### **Australian Women's Eight**

Fleur Spriggs

### **Australian Women's Lightweight Four**

Rebecca Joyce

Andrew Guerin is the Australian Team Manager

All of these crews with the exception of the Men's & Women's Eights will be training in Melbourne, and we are sure they will welcome your support and encouragement during the long winter training period leading up to the World Championship Regatta.

## MERCANTILE BUILDING ACCOUNT

Following the disastrous fire which destroyed the rear of the Clubhouse in May 1973, much energy was obviously devoted to the rebuilding of the Club, and while considerable donations were received, it was necessary for the Club to secure a sizeable overdraft facility from our bankers, Westpac Banking Corporation, to enable the construction to be completed.

Whilst today, such a facility could be procured relatively easily, in 1973 our bankers required a personal guarantee from members of the Club that the debt in question would be repaid.

Without hesitation, the members listed below each signed a personal guarantee to the Westpac Banking Corporation, guaranteeing the repayment of the overdraft facility, thereby permitting the Club to obtain additional funds which would otherwise have been unavailable.

On 30th April 1990, the final repayment of the overdraft was made, at last allowing the guarantees to be discharged. On behalf of all members of the Club we thank the belownamed guarantors for their faith, support and invaluable assistance over the 17 years of our borrowing.

Aitken R.R	Morrison W.T
Bradshaw J.W	Palfreyman D.
Burford J.	Shears J.D
Boykett D.H	Shears H.P
Cairnes N.W	Sorani E.
Gillon S.M	Richardson S.G
Gross B.B	Richardson R.H
Harvey J.R	McKenna M.F
Hyett G.S (Deceased)	Sprigg J.G.H (Deceased)
Jones J.M.D	White E.C
Manton G.O.V	Wilson W.I
McCall G.A	Wilson R.B
McMahon G.	Yunghanns D.J

## GENERAL REPORT

Following the disastrous conclusion to the previous Season with the abandonment of the Kings Cup and National Regatta as a result of a cyclone this season Mercantile has managed to grow onward and re-establish our premier position in Australian Rowing. This has largely been due to the return to active competition of our elite members and the dogged persistence of those who laboured through last season to reap the rewards this year.

Congratulations must be extended to Jeff Lawrence for the time and effort he has expended in keeping the club functioning. It has been a trying season at the committee level with a paucity of dedicated



personnel to relieve Jeff of much of the workload.

Mention must be made, though, of the efforts of Andy Evans in organising the South West corner, Steve Reed and Tony Inglis with the Ergometer Regatta, Bill Webster standing into the secretarial breach, Sue Lee with the treasury and Andrew McLean with the various Social Functions at regattas and elsewhere. But to continue our resurgence as a rowing power the planning, organising and fund raising for next season must be well underway now. Preliminary work has already begun on the planning side, but to finance our future, significant funds need to be found for capital expenditure on our boats and the boathouse, also for ongoing expenses and to continue the growth of the Endowment fund.

The Endowment fund is our investment in the club's future financial security. It is imperative that this fund continues to receive significant contributions for it is via this resource we will be able to free ourselves from the hand to mouth existence that has limited us in the past. Our President, Bob Aitken, would be more than happy to hear from any member or other interested party willing to contribute, no matter how modest the sum.

The boathouse has also been undergoing significant renovations as part of the requirements of the new liquor licence and our desire to create a more attractive venue for the enjoyment of members and future members.

Since the initial completion of the Building works in 1974, little attention has been given to our Clubhouse, other than occasional piecemeal approaches to maintenance and repairs as and when necessary. In 1988 the committee commissioned Architects to prepare plans for the development of the Clubhouse, particularly to take into account any changes that would be necessary for the Club to obtain a Club Liquor Licence, and also to provide a facility more suited to use as a function centre for hall hirings and the like. As well the Clubrooms had to provide for the increased numbers of active oarspersons particularly women who have joined the Club.

The Architect's plans provide for a new entrance to be constructed, and while this is top priority in our work schedule, we have to date been hindered in our plans by the Melbourne City Council. Therefore the second stage is currently underway. This stage involves the construction of a new Men's Changeroom, the relocation and enclosing of the Gymnasium, some minor improvements to the "South West Corner" and the addition of fire hydrants and hose reels throughout the building. Also a new electrical switchboard is to be installed. This stage should be completed prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Stage Three will involve the installation of new Men's toilets, accessible directly from either the Bar area, the Men's Changerooms or the Main Hall, and further works to the "South West Corner" including fully enclosing the area, the construction of feature entrance doors to the bar, revisions to the lighting and an upgrading of facilities generally.

Some of the work has to date been undertaken by Club Members,

and a number of working bees will be arranged in the coming months to ensure as many members as possible assist with its completion. All members will be invited to attend. In particular I would like to thank Jeff Lawrence, Andrew Briggs and Daryl Teschendorf for the work done to date.

Hall hire has contributed significantly to revenue this season and some of that money has been used to assist with the building works. At times the use of the club by others has been an inconvenience but it is also the only way that we have been able to afford the present improvements, and the only way we will be able to afford future works.

Only one issue of the Mercantilian has appeared this year and, it is hoped more will follow. I appeal for interested persons who may be interested in taking on a large part of producing this worthwhile publication to contact me.

Many people have contributed to the successful operation of our club and there are listed below a few who deserve special mention.

\* Roger Wilson for his exciting commentary at regattas and his contribution to media coverage of the sport.

\* David Bowen of Bowens Timber and Hardware for making materials available for the renovations to the clubhouse.

\* Bob Eaton for his assistance in publishing the Scotch-Mercantile regatta program and this report.

\* Eugene Kininmonth for his coverage of the sport in the Melbourne "Age" during the season.

For and on behalf of the committee  
R.G Wraith  
Vice Captain

## **BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

The Mercantile fleet, while growing older (like all of us), is continually being topped up by the purchase of the latest "hightech" craft from our local manufacturers. We now have a fleet comprising 33 hulls of various types of which eleven are 5 or less years old and thirteen are slightly older than 5 years.

While it is doubtful if there are many clubs in Australia who have a more modern fleet available, the enormous leap forwards in boat building technology in the past year has left us struggling to provide competitive equipment at all levels of our rowing programme.

Two new nomex construction coxless racing pairs were acquired during the Season and were used by our Lightweight Men and Heavyweight Women's Crews. The boats have been named "John Carr" and "Andrew Evans" in recognition of their long association and untiring work for the Club.



An order has been placed with "S & B" for a coxed four replacement boat for the "N.L Newton", and we hope that this year can finally see an end to the problems from that quarter.

Generally the condition of our equipment is very high, although the timber pairs seem to suffer badly through thoughtless handling when off the water rather than any accident whilst rowing, with some notable exceptions!

During the year the lightweight pair "Jean Bradshaw" was stripped and sanded by Richard Wraith and Simon Morrison and transported to Sykes to be painted with an epoxy colour finish—the experiment seems to have been very successful with the boat returning looking a "Million Dollars". It is intended to progressively work our way through the pairs as they come due to be re-finished and either paint finish or clear finish depending on the state of the hull.

The re-arrangement of the main areas of the Club rooms and particularly the relocation of the gym will give the Club the opportunity to repaint and renovate the fixed equipment and hopefully extend the range available to members with the purchase of additional equipment through the next year.

Once again the assistance of the boatmen from Melbourne Grammar School, Brighton Grammar School and Scotch College has been invaluable, although we hope that next year there will be fewer occasions when we have to call on their expertise, as this Winter the committee is devising a maintenance plan for the whole fleet, which should see all boats cleaned and refurbished before the competitive season starts in earnest.

A full list of the club's equipment and its condition is detailed below:

### **EIGHTS**

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

### **FOURS—Racing**

The Jabiru	1988	Excellent
R.R. Aitken	1987	Very Good
Phil Ainsworth (coxless)	1986	Very Good
Fosters Lager (coxless)	1985	Good
Esso (coxed)	1983	Good
Ken Hume (coxless)	1983	Good
R.T. Morell (coxed)	1982	Good
R.H. Richardson	1981	Fair
Roger Wilson (convertible)	1981	Fair
Lance Hill (coxless)	1980	Fair
N.W. Cairnes (convertible)	1978	Fair
Phil Cayzer (convertible)	1976	Fair
Caltex & Dealers (coxless)	1964	Poor

### **—Regulation**

Ted Sorani	1978	Fair
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## PAIRS—Racing

John Carr	1990	Excellent
Andrew Evans	1990	Excellent
Lindsay Wallis	1988	Excellent
John Gumley (coxless)	1987	Very Good
Peter Gibbs	1986	Very Good
Jo Jo Doyle (coxless)	1985	Good
Ian Wilson (coxless)	1983	Good
Bert Spencer (coxless)	1983	Good
A.W. Dobbie (coxless)	1983	Good
Jean Bradshaw (coxless)	1983	Very Good
John Harry (convertible)	1980	Good
H.R. Frederico (convertible)	1979	Good
Octa Wilson	1983	Good

## —Regulation

Lawrie Moll	1978	Fair
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## SCULLS

S & B (training)	1985	Fair
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## OARS

Croker—Wooden	12'7"	18	1988	Very Good
Dreissigacker	12'7"	34	1983/5	Good
Sykes Wooden	12'6"	10	1986	Good
Sykes Wooden Lt Blue Band	12'6"	2	1981	Good
Sykes Wooden Dk Blue Band	12'5"	8	1981	Good
Sykes Wooden Dk Blue Band	12'5"	8	1981	Good
Sykes Wooden Brown Band	12'7"	4	1980	Good
Sykes Wooden White Band	12'7"	9	1980	Good
Sykes Wooden Red Band	12'5"	4	1979	Good
Croker Wooden Purple Band	12'4"	8	1976	Fair
Croker Wooden Black Band	12'5"	4	1974	Fair
Croker Wooden Yellow Band	12'6"	4	1974	Poor
Assorted Wooden		5	1960- 1970	Poor

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Two axle trailer	Good
Single axle trailer	Good
Flat Bottom aluminium boat	Good
Conventional aluminium boat	Good
Yamaha 15hp motor	Excellent
Mercury 20hp motor	Good

Steve Reed Boats and Equipment Manager

## SOCIAL AND CLUB EVENTS

The year as far as social events were concerned kicked off with a bang. Last year's committee planned the AGM to start at 5.30pm to be followed by Dinner at 7.30pm. This was planned to take away what some may call a problem of people arriving in a very tired condition after long meetings of their own held at various refreshment houses in the general area. Sometimes these members arrived anything up to 2 hours late. Well it worked very well indeed most people presented at 5.30 with the meeting kicking off to a full attendance (take note of the word full). What the committee did not bargain on was that in the past while the various pre-meetings may have started around 5.00, the more dedicated and cunning members simply moved their starting times forward with some meetings starting at lunchtime. Anyway these members had a good 5 hours to refresh their memories. This helped to make the AGM a very enjoyable meeting indeed. We have kept to this formula for this year.

In the social area we have endeavoured to promote a supporters area which is set up at all regattas for members to gather. All members are invited with their families to come along to this area where light refreshments will be available. This proved to be very successful at Carrum where a tent is used to help with the sometimes windy conditions. We will be gathering just behind the judges' box on the Yarra so please look for the Merc's banner at regattas.

During December the Christmas party was held with help from the active crews mainly the ladies of the club. The food provided by the ladies was outstanding to say the least. Approx. 120 people attended which was down on the previous years, but this was mainly due to the choice of days, in future years it is suggested that the Christmas party be held on the first or second weekend of December before many of our members go away. Santa arrived by boat and was greeted by a large group of children. During the day the children had been kept busy by the 2XS group who really did a great job.

Also this year the Henley BBQ was re-introduced being held on Sunday 4th March after the very successful Henley Regatta. The venue was David Yunghann's riverside property in Kew which was an ideal setting. Many thanks to David and his wife Jenny for allowing us to use their venue again. We hosted the London University crew who were coached by Martin Aitken and they seemed to enjoy themselves. The critical thing with these events is that they must be supported by the active crews and coaches to make them successful. It was disappointing the numbers that arrived even though the coaches had been given prior advice and asked for assistance to run the event. Perhaps it may have been that the day was after a very heavy rowing event. But we must have these functions to help run the club and if you have any constructive thoughts on this subject these would be most welcome.

In future when you see a social event happening please ask yourself what you can do and put some time aside to come along. It is a great chance for the older members to meet the active crews, and these older members really support the club so that we can buy new equipment, etc.



I would like to thank those who have assisted me during the year and wish the new committee well for the coming year.

Andrew McLean  
Social Manager

### **J.G.H. SPRIGG TIME TRIAL**

An Eight Oared Race for Mercantile crews from the tree in front of the Clubhouse, around Herring Island and return, in which the crew must be comprised of at least two oarswomen, and contain not more than two Senior oarsmen. The event was initiated in 1930 by our late Patron and Past President Jim Sprigg.

Very keenly contested, the race was finally won by:

Sue Lee, Janet Cussens, Brad Kinimonth, Simon Spriggs, Eugene Kinimonth, Jason Platts, Andrew Cohen, Simon Quirk (Stroke) and Graeme Barns (Cox)

### **SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA**

The 32nd Annual Scotch Mercantile Regatta was held on the Henley Course on Saturday 24th February 1990. Once again magnificent organisation and ideal conditions allowed the regatta to run like clockwork and enabled some 1900 competitors to compete in 184 events.

The Club wishes to thank the organising committee for the fine work done in continuing the high standard of the regatta. The Committee comprises, Peter O'Brien, David Pincus, David Boykett, Graham Boykett, Heather Boykett, Bill Bradshaw, Mike McKenna, Bob Aitken, and Jeff Lawrence.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The 1989/90 season financially has seen many changes, all reflected in our financial report. Our income has stayed fairly constant although there were large expenditures in the area of boathouse maintenance, fire protection and on new additions to our fleet.

Overall the club, without any substantial sponsorship and very few social functions, has managed to perform quite well. The loss recorded for the year was mainly due to the inclusion of written-off subscriptions in the accounts. The amount was quite significant.

Continuous effort has been applied throughout the year to ensure that the financial statements at the end of the season accurately reflect the club's financial position.

The club has finally paid off our long-standing overdraft with the Westpac Bank in the form of the Mercantile Rowing Club Building Fund. The guarantors have now been released from their obligations. The account has been kept open and retains its name. Its new purpose is to provide funds for the renovation and refurbishment of the clubhouse. Monies received from hall hirings will be exclusively deposited to this account.



The system of pre-paid entry fees implemented in the 1988/89 season was used only once during this season due to the change in format of the selection trials and Kings Cup Regatta. It was found however that many crews raced more within the club season and therefore the system will be reimplemented in the 1990/91 season.

Donations were made to the club during the season by Bowens Timber and Hardware, Carlton and United Breweries, Dulux Paints, Philp, Newby & Owen Pty Ltd, Bob Aitken, Andrew Guerin, Phil Ainsworth, Hubert Frederico, Lindsay Wallis, Harry Mahoney, Bill Mollard, John Carr, Ian Duthie, Jeff Lawrence, Graeme McCall, Norm Cairnes, Doug McDonald, Martin Tomanovits and Bill Bradshaw. We thank all these Companies and Members for their valued assistance.

Our Social functions this year unfortunately seemed to provide more social interaction than the funds which we were hoping to raise. Altogether not a bad thing. In the future, careful planning on the financial side will ensure that each function held contributes to the clubs funds.

The implementation of a cash register in the South West Corner to accurately record member donations for refreshments consumed has led to an increase in funds made available from this area.

The generous donation from Carlton & United Breweries of sixty barrels of beer during the year was much appreciated!

One of the aims in the 1990/91 season is to fully computerise the accounts of the club so that member statements and financial reports produced will be more timely and accurate. The provision also of a credit card facility to pay subscriptions is also under consideration.

With careful budgeting and quite a substantial amount of fundraising needed we hope to acquire new additions to our fleet to ensure our continued success in the following season.

Coaches will be approached to assist in the collection of entry fees and outstanding amounts during the season so that members may continue to compete for the club. The members support in the area of fundraising and payment of subscriptions is always appreciated.

Special thanks also to our Honorary Auditor, Mr Russell Devenish of Clarke & Company for his continued and timely completion of audits and also to Bob Aitken for the preparation of the Endowment Fund and Cooper Fund statements.

Susan Lee  
Honorary Treasurer

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$	INCOME	\$
28,810	Subscriptions	29,380
8,388	Donations — General	5,069
600	— Social	10,807
930	— Tributors	500
451	Hire of Boat Racks	545
8,066	Hire of Club Room	6,566
2,860	Interest Received	1,170
188	Profit on Sale of Stock	
1990	Profit on Sale of Equipment	
10,353	Rent Received	9,000
80	Sundry Income	659
<u>62,715</u>		63,695
	LESS:	
817	Bank Charges	625
643	Entry Fees	
5,563	Light, gas, rates	6,497
8,937	Insurance	9434
1,506	Fire Protection	2,085
3,087	Licences and Associated Fees	417
3,076	Printing & Stationery	4,679
4,094	Repairs & Maintenance—Boats	7,463
1,590	— Boathouse	4100
0	Subscriptions written off	5,278
726	Telephone	418
514	Trophies	0
6,638	VRA affiliation	5,025
207	Freight & Transport	0
1609	General Expenses	554
18,436	Depreciation	17,558
763	Interest paid	699
0	Loss on sale of stock	397
	Sponsorship Expenses	727
	Yarra Bank Sprints	1,300
	Donations	400
<u>58,205</u>		<u>67,656</u>
4,510	SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR YEAR	<u><u>- 3,962</u></u>

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## BALANCE SHEET for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$	<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	\$
166,409	Accumulated Funds (1st May)	170,920
4,510	Subtract Loss for the year	- 3,962
<u>170,920</u>	Accumulated Funds (30th April)	166,958
48,864	War Memorial Building Fund	<u>48,864</u>
219,783	<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<u><u>215,822</u></u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
- 10	Westpac Bank	591
0	Westpac Building Account	1
285	National Mutual Royal Bank	350
6,014	Subscriptions Outstanding	1,006
15,763	Sundry Debtors	9,080
2,156	Stock on Hand	5,170
5,733	Prepayments	6,182
<u>29,941</u>		22,380
	<b>Less CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
3,309	Westpac Bank (Building a/c)	0
14,079	Sundry Creditors	20,444
0	Subscriptions in Advance	376
6,938	VRA Trophy Order Account	6,938
200	Provisions	0
100	Olympic Fund	100
<u>24,626</u>		<u>27,859</u>
5,315	<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	- 5,479
	Add <b>INVESTMENTS</b>	
11,452	ANZ Executors & Trustees	452
<u>11,452</u>		452
	Add <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
112,445	War Memorial Club House	123,322
90,572	Sundry Assets (Boats Oars etc.)	97,527
<u>203,017</u>		<u>220,848</u>
<u>219,783</u>		<u><u>215,822</u></u>



# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## FIXED ASSETS for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$		\$
194,492	Boats (at cost)	209,228
<u>- 117,593</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	131,891
76,899		77,337
26,079	Oars (at cost)	29,679
<u>- 15,664</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	17,939
10,415		11,740
4,609	Trailers (at cost)	4,609
<u>- 2,079</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	2,498
2,530		2,111
4,292	Other Assets (at cost)	10,468
<u>- 3,564</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	4,130
728		6,339
<u>90,572</u>		<u>97,527</u>

## MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

### R A COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$		\$
	Interest Received:	
118	Citicorp Australia Ltd	118
217	Custom Credit Corporation Ltd	189
39	Westpac Banking Corporation	66
<u>374</u>		<u>373</u>
	Dividends Received:	
455	Aust. Foundation Invest Co Ltd	442
<u>829</u>		<u>815</u>
	LESS:	
1	Government Duties	1
	AARC — Contrib re Senior Team	75
	AARC — Contrib re Senior B Team	450
	Merc Rowing Club — R A Cooper Trophy	75
<u>1</u>		<u>601</u>
<u>829</u>	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	<u>214</u>

## MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

### R A COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$	MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$
4,114	Capital Account	4,114
	Income Account:	
1,440	Balance 01/05/89	2,268
829	Surplus (Deficiency) for year	214
<u>2,268</u>		<u>2,483</u>
<u>6,382</u>		<u>6,597</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
1,700	Westpac Savings Bank	1,914
	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>6,382</u>		<u>6,597</u>

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$		\$
	Interest Received:	
2,058	ANZ Executors & Trustee	1,012
755	PW Growth Trust	234
725	SEC	725
<u>3,538</u>		<u>1,971</u>
	Dividends Received:	
204	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	391
259	BTR Nylex Ltd	210
120	Boral Ltd	135
24	CSR Ltd	194
175	National Aust Bank Ltd	361
38	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	94
65	Western Mining Corp Ltd	150
<u>885</u>		<u>1,533</u>
4,423		3,504
	LESS:	
<u>2</u>	Government Duties	<u>0</u>
2		0
<u>4,421</u>	NET SURPLUS	<u>3,504</u>



# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET for year ended 30th April 1990

1988/89		1989/90
\$	MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$
20,000	Capital Account (30/4/2002)	20,000
12,957	Capital Account (30/4/1992)	14,520
1,563	Donations	400
<u>14,520</u>		<u>14,920</u>
	Income Account:	
6,904	Balance 01/05/89	11,325
4,421	Surplus for year	3,504
<u>11,325</u>		<u>14,829</u>
<u>45,845</u>		<u>49,749</u>
These Funds are represented by:		
	INVESTMENTMS	
6,979	ANZ Executors & Trustee	5,159
	Debentures:	
5,000	SEC Power Bonds Series 20	5,000
	Shares:	
7,774	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	7,774
84	BHP Gold Mines Ltd	84
1,997	Boral Ltd	2,132
8,318	BTR Nylex Ltd	8,318
334	CSR Ltd	5,639
3,621	National Aust Bank Ltd	3,673
2,277	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	2,277
6,906	PW Growth Trust	7,140
2,555	Western Mining Corp Ltd	2,555
<u>33,865</u>		<u>39,590</u>
<u>45,845</u>		<u>49,749</u>

## MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

### J G H SPRIGG, JEFF WYLIE & F R BROWNE TROPHY TRUST FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for year ended 30th April 1990

	1989/90
	\$
Donations Received:	
Mr Robert Aitken	850
Mercantile Rowing Club Inc	<u>150</u>
	1,000
NET SURPLUS	<u><u>1,000</u></u>

## MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

### J G H SPRIGG, JEFF WYLIE & F R BROWNE TROPHY TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET for year ended 30th April 1990

	1989/90
	\$
Capital Account	0
Income Account:	
Balance 01/05/89	0
Surplus for year	<u>1,000</u>
	1,000
	<u><u>1,000</u></u>

These Funds are represented by:

#### INVESTMENTS

Shares:

Potter Warburg Authorised Trustee Fund	<u>1,000</u>
	<u><u>1,000</u></u>

### TO THE MEMBERS MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

I report that in my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at 30th April, 1990, according to the books, records, information and explanations given to me.

P. R. DEVENISH  
Chartered Accountant

MELBOURNE 4th June, 1990.

## V.R.A. PREMIERSHIP POINTS, SEASON 1989-90

### CHAMPION CLUB MEN

Power House	57	Ballarat City	11
Essendon	43	Barwon	11
M.U.B.C	31	St Patricks Coll	11
Yarra Yarra	28	Bendigo	8
Mercantile	22	Richmond	8
Banks	20	Geelong Grammar	6
Melbourne	19	Brighton Grammar	5
Wend./Ballarat	13	Hamilton	5

### SENIOR PREMIERSHIP MEN

Mercantile	98	Essendon	51
M.U.B.C.	60	Power House	47
Banks	53	Barwon	15

### JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP MEN

Power House	120	Wend./Ballarat	48
Yarra Yarra	96	Xavier College	32
Banks	76	Essendon	28
Melbourne	72	Richmond	28
Geelong Grammar	56	Mercantile	27

### LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP MEN

M.U.B.C	46	Mercantile	12
Essendon	23	Barwon	12

### CHAMPION CLUB WOMEN

Power House	43	Hawthorn	15
Ballarat City	39	Mercantile	15
Corio Bay	32	Hamilton	11
Yarra Yarra	25	Essendon	9

### SENIOR PREMIERSHIP WOMEN

Corio Bay	31	Bendigo	10
Mercantile	20	M.U.L.R.C	5

### LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP WOMEN

Corio Bay	8	Mercantile	6
M.U.L.R.C.	8	Ballarat City	3



## RACING RESULTS

### INTERSTATE & KINGS CUP REGATTA

Sunday 1st April, 1990

<b>Interstate Eight Oared Championship—The Kings Cup</b>	6.30.25
1. Victoria, 2. Western Australia, 3. Queensland (W Hooper, M Batten, T Howes, M Mckay, S Patten, J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox) N Donaldson & P Mc Gann (Coaches)—Mercantile)	
<b>Interstate Champion Youth Eight—N.F Wilkinson Trophy</b>	7.07.25
1. Victoria 2. New South Wales 3. Queensland (B Dodwell—Mercantile)	
<b>Interstate Champion Lightweight Four—The Penrith Cup</b>	7.45.41
1. Victoria 2. New South Wales 3. South Australia (M. Robertson—Mercantile)	
<b>Interstate Champion Single Scull—The Presidents Cup</b>	9.53.41
1. Queensland 2. Victoria 3. Tasmania	
<b>Interstate Champion Women's Elite Four—ULVA Trophy</b>	9.00.83
1. Queensland 2. Victoria 3. New South Wales	
<b>Interstate Champion Women's Lightweight Four—Victoria Cup</b>	8.13.34
1. Victoria 2. South Australian 3. New South Wales (R Joyce—Mercantile)	
<b>Interstate Champion Women's Scull—Nell Slatter Trophy</b>	10.13.60
1. Queensland 2. New South Wales 3. Victoria	

### AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lake Barrington, Tasmania—28th March–31st March 1990

<b>Men's Senior B Pair</b>	7.16.50
1. WAIS/Curtin Uni/Uni WA 2. Grammar Old Boys 3. Mosman/Sydney	
<b>Men's Senior A Pair</b>	7.07.69
1. Mercantile No.1 2. Mercantile No.2 3. Melbourne Uni	
<b>Men's Senior B Scull</b>	9.01.08
1. Torrens 2. Melbourne Uni. 3. Mercantile	
<b>Women's Lightweight Senior A Pair</b>	8.49.79
1. Melbourne Uni 2. Mercantile/Melb Uni 3. Mosman	
<b>Men's Lightweight Senior A Pair</b>	8.05.55
1. Mercantile 2. Melbourne Uni 3. Merc/Melb Uni	
<b>Women's Junior Scull</b>	9.57.09
1. St Georges 2. Torrens 3. Toowing 4. Mercantile (L Howden)	
<b>Women's Senior A Four</b>	8.10.52
1. Bendigo/Canberra/Narrabunda/Nepean 2. AIS/ANA/Com/Mercantile/Narrabunda 3. AIS/AdUni/MUBC/Mercantile/Toowoong 4. Mercantile	
<b>Women's Lightweight Senior A Four</b>	8.37.83
1. Melb Uni. 2. Mosman 3. ANU/Adelaide 4. Mercantile/Melb Uni	
<b>Men's Senior B Four</b>	7.21.66
1. Grammar OB/Toowoong 2. Adelaide Uni 3. Mercantile	
<b>Men's Senior A Coxed Four</b>	7.05.83
1. Mercantile 2. AIS/Can/Merc/Syd/Toowoong 3. Melbourne Uni	

<b>Women's Senior B Lightweight Four</b>	8.37.56
1. Toowong/Uni Qld 2. Mercantile/Yarra Yarra 3. Curtin Uni/Perth & Collegians	
<b>Men's Lightweight Senior A Four</b>	7.12.59
1. Barwon/Merc/Melb Uni 2. Adelaide Uni/Torrens 3. Essendon	
<b>Men's Senior B Eight</b>	6.36.90
1. Mercantile 2. WAIS/Curt Uni/N Esk/UWA/Too 3. Mosman/Sydney	
<b>Men's Senior A Coxless Four</b>	6.58.59
1. Mercantile 2. AIS/Can/Merc/Syd/Curtin Uni 3. Power House	
<b>Men's Lightweight Eight</b>	6.41.22
1. Essendon 2. Mercantile/ Melb Uni 3. Adelaide Uni/Port Adel/Torrens	
<b>Men's Junior Four</b>	7.30.86
1. Toowong/Uni Qld 2. Canberra 3. Banks 4. Mercantile	

## CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING SUCCESSFUL CREWS

### UPPER YARRA REGATTA—25th November 1989

#### Men's Senior A Pair

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke), D. Palfreyman (Coach)

#### Women's Senior A Four

G. Menzies, M. Mayfield, J. Collier, C. Paterson (Stroke), B. Fry (Coach)

### VRA MELBOURNE REGATTA—2nd December 1989

#### Men's Sprint Eight

S. Quirk, C. Jones, J. Kerr, J. Kovacic, P. Somerville, J. Baker, S. Reid, W. Hooper (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), P. Mc Gann & N. Donaldson (Coaches)

#### Women's Sprint Eight

A. Rusden, C. McLean, R. Joyce, S. Lee, E. Miles, G. Menzies, M. Mayfield, J. Collier (Stroke), K. Eaton (Cox), B. Fry & P. Ainsworth (Coaches)

### ESSENDON REGATTA—27th January 1990

#### Women's Sprint Four

C. Paterson, M. Mayfield, G. Menzies, J. Collier (Stroke), B. Fry (Coach)

### VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES—10th February 1990

#### Men's Youth Eight

D. Colls, M. Hynes, W. Neville, B. Dodwell, A. Jackman, T. Schmidt, J. Mantello, S. Teschendorf, A. Barnes (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

#### Men's Senior A Eight

G. Barden, T. Johnson, T. Howes, M. Batten, S. Patten, M. McKay, W. Hooper, J. Tomkins (Stroke) D. Colvin (Cox), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

#### Men's Senior A Pair

P. Somerville, J. Kovacic (Stroke), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

#### Men's Senior A Four

W. Hooper, M. McKay, S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

#### Men's Senior C Scull

C. Jones

#### Women's Junior Scull

L. Howden

#### Women's Senior A Four

C. Paterson, M. Mayfield, G. Menzies, J. Collier (Stroke), B. Fry (Coach)

#### Women's Senior A Pair

G. Menzies, J. Collier (Stroke), B. Fry (Coach)

#### Women's Lightweight Senior A Pair

S. Lee, R. Joyce (Stroke)

### VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS—17-18th February 1990

#### Champion Men's Senior A Eight

G. Barden, T. Johnson, T. Howes, M. Batten, S. Patten, M. McKay, W. Hooper, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox), P. Mc Gann & N. Donaldson (Coaches)



### **Champion Men's Senior B Eight**

D. Colls, M. Hynes, W. Neville, B. Dodwell, A. Jackman,  
T. Schmidt, J. Mantello, S. Teschendorf, A. Barnes (Cox),  
D. Pincus (Coach)

### **Champion Men's Senior A Four**

W. Hooper, M. McKay, S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin  
(Cox), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Champion Men's Senior B Pair**

P. Somerville, J. Kovacic (Stroke), N. Donaldson & P. McGann  
(Coaches)

### **Youth Eight**

D. Colls, M. Hynes, W. Neville, B. Dodwell, A. Jackman,  
T. Schmidt, J. Mantello, S. Teschendorf, A. Barnes (Cox),  
D. Pincus (Coach)

### **Champion Men's Senior C Scull**

C. Jones

### **Men's Lightweight Senior A Four**

M Robertson with MUBC/ Barwon composite

## **SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA—24th February 1990**

### **Men's Senior A Eight**

G. Barden, T. Johnson, T. Howes, M. Batten, S. Patten,  
M. McKay, W. Hooper, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox),  
N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Men's Senior A Four**

W. Hooper, M. McKay, S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin  
(Cox), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Women's Open Eight**

A. Rusden, S. Lee, R. Joyce, M. Kasparsons, G. Menzies,  
M. Mayfield, J. Collier, C. Paterson (Stroke), K. Eaton (Cox),  
B. Fry (Coach)

## **HENLEY REGATTA—3rd March 1990**

### **Men's Senior A Eight**

G. Barden, T. Johnson, T. Howes, M. Batten, S. Patten,  
M. McKay, W. Hooper, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox),  
N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Men's Lightweight Eight**

D. Mollison, S. Morrison, R. Wraith, M. Owen (Coach) with MUBC  
Composite

### **Women's Open Eight**

S. Stewart, F. Spriggs with AIS composite

## **YWCA REGATTA—4th March 1990**

### **Men's Intermediate Pair**

R. Law, S. McMillan (Stroke), A. Guerin (Coach)

## **BARWON REGATTA—10th March 1990**

### **Men's Senior A Pair**

S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), N. Donaldson & P. McGann  
(Coaches)

### **Women's Junior Scull**

L. Howden

### **Men's Lightweight Pair**

R. Law, S. McMillan (Stroke), A. Guerin (Coach)

### **Men's Intermediate Pair**

R. Law, S. McMillan (Stroke), A. Guerin (Coach)

## **BALLARAT REGATTA—12th March 1990**

### **Men's Senior C Eight**

D. Colls, M. Hynes, W. Neville, B. Dodwell, A. Jackman,  
T. Schmidt, J. Mantello, S. Teschendorf, A. Barnes (Cox),  
D. Pincus (Coach)

### **Women's Junior Scull**

L. Howden

### **Women's Senior A Four**

M. Mc Millan, K. Anderson, G. Scott, F. Dixon (Stroke),  
D. Teschendorf (Coach)

### **Men's Intermediate Pair**

R. Law, S. McMillan (Stroke), A. Guerin (Coach)

## **BANKS REGATTA—17th March 1990**

### **Men's Intermediate Pair**

R. Law, S. McMillan (Stroke), A. Guerin (Coach)

### **Champion Women's Junior Scull**

L. Howden

### **Men's Senior A Scull**

C. Jones

## **HEAD OF THE YARRA—24th March 1990**

### **Men's Open Eight**

D. Colls, M. Hynes, W. Neville, R. Moreton, A. Jackman,  
T. Schmidt, J. Mantello, S. Teschendorf, A. Barnes (Cox),  
D. Pincus (Coach)

### **Men's Veteran Eight**

S. Mollard, D. Teschendorf, W. Hutchins, D. Douglas,  
C. McCarthy, S. Gillon, T. Phillips, P. Philp (Stroke),  
J. Leeming (Cox)

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA—28th–31st March 1990**

### **Australian Champion Men's Senior A Coxed Four**

W. Hooper, M. McKay, S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin  
(Cox), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Australian Champion Men's Senior A Coxless Four**

G. Barden, M. McKay, S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke),  
N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Australian Champion Men's Senior A Pair**

S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), N. Donaldson & P. McGann  
(Coaches)

### **Australian Champion Men's Senior B Eight**

J. Baker, C. Jones, C. Bernadi, P. Somerville, J. Kovacic, J. Kerr,  
W. Hooper, S. Quirk (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), D. Pincus (Coach)

### **Australian Champion Men's Lightweight Senior A Pair**

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke), M. Owen (Coach)

### **Australian Champion Men's Senior A Lightweight Four**

L. McCarthy, P. Gardiner, W. Robertson, B. Digby (Stroke),  
G. Hunter (Coach)

## **NATIONAL SELECTION TRIAL REGATTA—27–29th April 1990**

### **Men's Senior A Coxed Four**

W. Hooper, M. McKay, S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), D. Colvin  
(Cox), N. Donaldson & P. McGann (Coaches)

### **Men's Senior A Pair**

S. Patten, J. Tomkins (Stroke), N. Donaldson & P. McGann  
(Coaches)

## MEMBERS 1989-90

The membership of the club as at 30th April, 1990 was as follows:

	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984
Life	7	7	5	5	7	7	7
Senior Active	175	206	174	159	164	176	171
Senior	14	15	16	17	17	18	18
Junior	56	82	77	60	73	72	83
Junior Student	32	12	19	14	15	19	16
Country	34	32	33	30	35	31	26
Associate	61	70	73	77	67	74	75
Honorary	2	4	3	3	2	—	—
	381	428	400	365	380	397	396

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Ainsworth P J  
Aitken R R  
Bradshaw J W

Cairnes N W  
Guerin A N

Owen M F  
Sorani A

### SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

Adams J S  
Anderson W  
Arendsen H  
Ashton P W  
Bailey K J  
Baillieu W J  
Ball D G  
Batten M W  
Batters N P R  
Benjamin P L  
Bernadi C  
Bird D  
Borger A G  
Bowen D A  
Bowyer A J  
Boykett D H  
Boykett G H  
Briggs A P  
Burford J  
Cannon A M  
Canty W  
Cohen A L  
Collier J R A  
Colvin D E  
Cooper A D  
Cordell A M  
Creasy D E  
Cussen J A  
Dawson R S  
Dobbie A W  
Donaldson N W  
Donovan M J  
Douglas D G A  
Doyle D J

Doyle M A  
Duthie I R  
Evans A M  
Fitzgerald B L  
Fogarty D T  
Fogarty M J  
Foley J E  
Fourie K R L  
Franet P J  
Frederico H R  
Frederico H T  
Gibson A D C  
Gilford C A L  
Gillon S M  
Gosselin C T J  
Gross B B  
Hall R  
Hansen G  
Harris G I  
Harry J R  
Harvey J R  
Hawkins J F  
Hayes J V  
Hayne J E  
Healy N  
Heyward N R  
Hill J  
Hose J A  
Howden J G  
Howes T A  
Hutchins W B  
Inglis A C  
Jickell I J  
Johnson A L  
Jones J M  
Joyce J W

Joyce P G  
Keaney M J  
Kellam M B  
Kerin M J  
Lane P J  
Law R A  
Lawrence J J  
Lechte J  
Lee S  
MacMillan A H  
Mahony C W  
Mahony H J  
Manley M W R  
Manton G O  
Mathews R T  
Mayfield M  
McAlpine A D  
McCall G A  
McCarthy C J  
McDonald A W  
McGann P R  
McIntosh A J  
McKay M S  
McKenna M F  
McLean D A  
McLean I K  
McMahon G F  
McMillan A H  
McMillan S  
Middendorp N P  
Miller-Randle R  
Mollard S D  
Mollison D  
Morell R T  
Moreton S C  
Morrison B W



Morrison C A  
Morrison W T  
Mulder V G  
Myers N J  
Nation M J  
Negri R L  
Newton N L  
Nickson J H  
O'Brien P H  
O'Halloran S D P  
Oakley A W  
Ochert D  
Palfreyman D  
Parkes M  
Paterson I H  
Patten S G B  
Pearson M J  
Pechan G A  
Perillo V  
Phillips T D  
Philp P E M  
Pilmore R B  
Pincus D A  
Pirani R L  
Polinelli S N  
Redman R J  
Reed S K  
Renouf L P  
Richardson G W  
Richardson R H  
Richardson R M  
Richardson S G  
Robertson W M  
Robertson-Smith R G  
Ronai-Hovarth V  
Ryan S P  
Sanchez T  
Scott P C  
Shanasy J E  
Sloan A T  
Smith P F  
Smyth B R  
Smyth K  
Somerville P G  
St Vincent Welch J B W  
Stening S J  
Stranks M C  
Teschendorf D J  
Thomson C F  
Tomanovits M G  
Tomkins J B  
Treloar M  
Unwin W A J  
Vautin W  
Wade S T  
Wallace A M  
Wallis L W  
Webster A M

Webster N G  
Wertheimer E J  
White E C  
White R A  
Williams L S  
Williams P T  
Williams R C M  
Wilson W I  
Wirtz E B H  
Wraith R G  
Yunghanns D J

#### SENIOR MEMBERS

Adams A W  
Atkins A H C  
Bostock J B  
Carr J P  
Clark J H P  
De Guingand C J  
Doyle B J  
Harding P  
Hewitt H N  
Newport F P  
Shears J D  
Walker H J R  
Wilson R B  
Wood M R

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Anderson D  
Anderson K J  
Baddeley P S  
Baker J  
Barden G I L  
Barns A E J  
Begley C J F  
Butler F M  
Camakaris G  
Eaton A R  
Eaton K F  
Elliott M  
Fraser S L  
Green G  
Griffiths M J  
Heath A D  
Hooper W R  
Hynes M A  
Jackman A P  
Jones C A  
Joyce R S  
Kasparson M  
Kerr J D  
Kininmonth E  
Kovacic J  
Law R  
Manning R A  
Mantello J A  
Mayes D I

McAndrew D J  
McCasker F E  
McCredden J E  
McMillan M A  
Menzies G  
Moreton R  
Morrison S A  
Neville W C  
Owen V J C  
Patterson C L  
Quirk S P  
Read E K  
Reid S J  
Rusden A S  
Schmidt T J  
Scott G J C  
Shipton J R F  
Somerville P D  
Spriggs F  
Spriggs S D  
Squire R J  
Stewart S J  
Tomanovits A M J  
Tomanovits G T  
Triggs S C  
Upton B C  
Webster W H

#### JUNOR STUDENT MEMBERS

Athey K  
Barnes C E  
Berman A G  
Colls D  
Curl S  
Dodwell B  
Douglas Z  
Evans S J  
Gillon K L  
Harry S E  
Horn C  
Howden J B  
Howden L J  
Hunt S  
Hutchins T A  
Kirby L A D  
Lewis S J  
McArthur A S J  
McDonald B D  
McKenna A F  
McLean C A  
Mercer C  
Negri A L  
Patroni L  
Sharp G M  
Strong R A  
Swinnerton B J  
Teschendorf S

Thomas M D  
West A  
Wilson A L  
Wilson R F

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Barns G J  
Berg O  
Bilney K A  
Blair-Holt I J A  
Boyce A K  
Bradshaw G E  
Burmeister M  
Butler S J  
Capper G O J  
Chambers J  
Corben M H  
Cowling D S  
Crothers G T  
Culka J V  
Daffy T C  
Elmore M J  
Everist I C  
Fallon J F  
Fogarty F  
Fry B S H  
Glynn D J  
Granowski W O  
Hidgcock C W  
Hobbs S  
Holland C S  
Holyman G I  
Hose M F  
Hume D J  
Hume K M

Hume M C  
Humphris P W  
Johnson E C  
Lachal R P  
Loveless J  
Macintyre A J H  
Maginn A E  
Main G  
McInnes D A  
McConville K H  
McDonald D  
McDonald W K  
McFarlane J L  
McKay R N  
Merritt G D  
Miller J  
Milligan A S  
Negri R B  
Oliver R J D  
Pamminger F  
Park G A  
Pechan W A  
Quirk R P  
Richardson B J  
Rushford R J  
Sanchez C  
Seammen J W  
Stanley R J  
Sturgess A  
Teitzel R G  
Watkin P K  
Willis J D

### **COUNTRY MEMBERS**

Aitken M J  
Ansell G L  
Bailey W M

Boykett P H  
Cayzer P A  
Connolly M C  
Connolly R W  
Crichton D J M  
Donoghue J D  
Emsell B  
Ferguson J M  
Fitzpatrick P J  
Garrard R J  
Guinn H G  
Johnston G M D  
Lee R E  
Marley D C  
Marshall K A  
McArthur F S  
McLean A R  
McNamara P J  
Moll L L B  
Monger A C  
Newcomb S H  
O'Halloran M K  
Olliff D  
Preece D G  
Rowe J S  
Schreier P J R  
Shears H P  
Taylor G M  
Thompson C T  
Wallace W L N  
Young T J

### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Gibbs S  
Gumley A

### **RESIGNED, TRANSFERRED OR WRITTEN OFF MEMBERS**

The following have been removed from the membership lists during the year:

Allen M J  
Ambrose A  
Aschoff K  
Belot I R  
Black J  
Blackett T J  
Blaxland A W  
Boileau N  
Bolton J G  
Borger D  
Bowman J W  
Boykett S  
Cameron L  
Case R S  
Cooke D F  
Cromb J

Crowhurst P  
Davenport A  
Davidson D  
Dumbleton W  
Duncan S R H  
Edwards B D M  
Esser K  
Evans A R  
Fraser J R A  
Gilbert R A  
Graham J E  
Grant J G  
Griffith M S  
Gula S  
Hall C  
Halse A D

Hamilton M P  
Hardy T G  
Heyes M  
Howes M  
Inglis S  
Joel D S  
Johns A  
Johnson B J  
Jones M  
Juracic D  
Kay S J  
Kimber D  
Kininmonth B  
Lachal J L  
Lee S A  
Lenne M G

Lisetto J S  
Mayes M P  
McKenzie D M  
Miller J E  
Mollard K F  
Negri E  
Negri J  
Noble F W  
Pateras A G  
Petereit B  
Pithie C  
Platts J  
Read A  
Redmond T G  
Roeder S E

Ryan T  
Schrader E  
Shibata T  
Smith C W  
Smith K M P  
Steel K E S  
Stephenson C E  
Stevens T W  
Stone F J  
Stoner P  
Strong G  
Swann I G S  
Thom J J  
Thomas N  
Tilbury N

Tomanovits P S  
Tonkin M G  
Treloar L W  
Upton D  
Vanderwerp C L  
Wallis L E  
Weight C T  
Weller M  
Widdop L D  
Williams D  
Williams N  
Wilson G J  
Youngman M

### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

We regret the passing of the following members:

Keller T  
Leggett E P