



**MERCANTILE
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CLUB**

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112TH
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1991-1992

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 111TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 29th June 1991 at 8.00PM.

BUSINESS.

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30th June 1990.
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 22nd June 1991 at 4:00pm.

By order of the Committee
W. Webster
Honorary Secretary
1st June 1991

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Fellow Members,

The summary of the Club's activities contained in the following Annual Report sets out in detail the results of the past year and rowing season. It was one of mixed success. The Club was well represented in all major metropolitan regattas during the season and finally in the National Championship Regatta in Adelaide. Disregarding those of our members rowing for the Australian Institute of Sport, we were represented in 21 of the 44 events at the National Regatta. The task of organising the selection, boating and coaching of men's and womens's crews in as many categories as possible is not an easy one and places a heavy burden on your captain and committee. Sometimes our resources were perhaps spread too thinly. It is difficult to provide up-to-date equipment and particularly coaches for crews entered across the full spectrum of events but that is the objective to which we should strive and the achievement of it requires the interest and support of all members.

One matter of regret to me, and I believe to a number of the older members, is the failure of the Club to be represented at the country regattas. I feel that our competing members, in failing to take part in these regattas, miss one of the most enjoyable aspects of the sport and the opportunity to establish a closer bond with our own members and with those of other clubs.

We have had a welcome influx this year in our youth and junior ranks. Another matter which concerns me is that with the virtual elimination of Sunday morning training and the large noon day gathering of members of all ages which used to follow, it has become difficult for the more senior members of the club to meet and get to know those members who are now joining and in whose hands the future of our club will lie. This matter is always in the minds of your committee. It requires some effort on the part of both the older and the younger members and I urge all of you to do what you can to make this contact so that we can maintain a vigorous cohesive and successful club.

R R Aitken
May 1991

TO THE MEMBERS

Your committee has pleasure in submitting the 111th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30th April 1991.

Without any doubt the highlight of the year occurred on Sunday 4th November 1990, when the Australian Mens Coxless Four comprising Mercantilians, Michael McKay, Sam Patten, James Tomkins and coach Noel Donaldson who with Nick Green of the Melbourne University Boat Club, scored a magnificent victory to win the Gold medal at the 1990 World Rowing Championships held on Lake Barrington in Tasmania.

No one present amongst the 15,000 crowd will forget the performance of this crew or the incredible excitement and emotion of the event. Indeed the same can be said for the other fine performances by Australia to capture a Silver and two Bronze medals. Nearly a quarter of our membership was present to witness the Championships and we were justifiably proud of the achievements of our members. For Michael McKay and James Tomkins, the win is their second World Championship, for Sam Patten and Noel Donaldson, their first. Congratulations to you once again, and long may the success continue.

During the 1980's, Mercantile adopted a selection framework closely aligned with the criteria set down by the Australian selectors as a pre-requisite for selection in Australian crews. This led to less emphasis being placed on the traditional areas of Novice and Intermediate rowing and considerably more, indeed all our emphasis, on Youth, Senior B (Under 23) and Senior A (Elite). This report and others of recent years detail the enormous success that we have achieved at these levels. Our numbers include Six World Champions since 1986 including two dual World Champions mentioned above. No other club can boast such success and our results are truly outstanding.

Many costs have however been incurred in such a structure, some financial, some physical, some the intangible changes in the nature of Club membership. Many times our administrators have preached the need for more member involvement, more contribution to Club spirit, more support of our Club. Sometimes the call has gone unanswered. Some times it has not. Vice Captain Richard Wraith raises this issue again later in this Annual report. While the nature of rowing, the demands, the costs, the aspirations and involvement of the participants have all changed, there are still many promising signs that the strengths of Mercantile as a Club not just a rowing shed are returning.

I am encouraged by the enormous support for the renovations to the Clubhouse and the willingness of so many of our members to assist with the financial arrangements. Both Peter Watkin and Andrew Evans, who are co-ordinating the fundraising drive are delighted with the response to date.

I am also particularly encouraged by the willingness of many of our younger members to involve themselves in the administration and share the enormous task of organising and financing the many crews

and Club activities in which we are involved. James Tomkins and Mal Batten, both world champions, are two who have joined the committee this year to assist us in our goals. Many others have also become involved and I am confident more will continue to do so. Building the Club into a successful and close knit one is an aim of our younger members not just a past dream of our elder.

Listening to the thoughts of many of our younger members, I hear of many ideas to facilitate the renewed mixing of the age groups, so essential to building this close knit Club. Some have been tried before—some have been passed over by the elder members. During the year at a Sunday morning gathering I was asked by one of our elder members the name of a particular oarsmen who was present, admittedly one who is only occasionally present on Sundays. I was amazed that the oarsman in question was one of our dual Gold Medallists. Countless regattas, social functions and Club gatherings had failed to bring these two together. At every opportunity I urge you all both young and old to introduce yourself to, and make contact with, other Mercantilians.

Since our inception we have relied heavily on donations and contributions from members to help expand our Club. During the year I am pleased to say the assistance of members and friends of the Club has been excellent. The financial reports indicate some \$32,000 income from donations both in kind and cash, as well as a further \$14,000 from Social functions. To all of you who attended our functions, to patrons of the South West Corner, and particularly those who made donations to the Club, on behalf of all our members thank you.

To Trader Al, otherwise known under the alias of Sean Colgan, we are particularly grateful for the donation of twenty Carbon Fibre Oars. Based in Pennsylvania USA, Trader remains in regular contact with the Club and many of our members with some very fanciful post cards which are often seen on the Club notice board. Trader fondly remembers his year spent in Melbourne in 1974 and the friendships developed with Club members since this time. He has promised to bring his collection of photographs of the Clubs 1974 rebuilding for our display when next in Melbourne.

Also, to Peter Watkin, a donation enabling us to purchase a further twenty oars. These particularly enabled our Senior A and Junior Mens crews to compete with such high standard equipment. Ted Sorani, although traveling on long service leave for much of the year, found time to construct an ergometer machine which we were able sell to realise considerable proceeds for the Club.

To our crews, especially our womens crews who assisted with fund raising during the year, thank you also. As it is our competing crews who derive the greatest benefit from our Club, your involvement is essential and will be encouraged in order that our development may continue.

Over the past year, it has been necessary to review further the areas, in which we boat crews. Principally for financial reasons but also due to lack of coaches, we have found it necessary to temporarily abandon the Womens Junior, Youth and Senior B programmes. This is

not a situation that we are comfortable with, but we must be realistic. It is essential that we protect and promote our strengths which currently are our Mens Junior, Youth, and Senior Heavyweight and Lightweight, as well as our Womens Senior programmes. Next season it is hoped that we can re-establish a development programme for our Womens crews.

In recent years the rapid expansion of composite crews has been evident particularly in other states where the various Institutes of Sport have endeavored to raise the standards by the squading of crews from the various clubs crews within the state. Usually this is done in order to maximise squad members opportunities for National Selection. This composite situation obviously raises some complex issues, including Club identity or lack thereof, provision of equipment, coaching and importantly the reduced opportunity to promote younger talent within the Club. It is pleasing that Victoria has in the main resisted the temptation to go composite, although this year at Mercantile we have had several composite Four and Pair oared combinations. It is a point continually on the committees mind. Much consideration is given to the implications of composite, the balance between the aims of our athletes, and those of the Club and our supporters. Strong feelings both for and against are developing right around the Country. Do you have a feeling on this issue you would like to make known?

The management and operation of Mercantile is a demanding role, one in which many people participate. On your behalf I thank all those who have had a hand in its operation. Vice Captain Richard Wraith, Secretary Bill Webster, Treasurer Susan Lee, Chairman of Selectors Daryl Teschendorf, Boats & Equipment Manager Steve Reid, and committee members Andrew Evans, Warwick Hutchins, Mal Batten, James Tomkins, Tony Inglis, Lindsay Wallis and Peter Somerville have all given enormously of their time. It is members such as these and others mentioned elsewhere in this report who make our Club what it is, and I would like to thank them for their support. I also wish to thank and acknowledge our sponsors Carlton and United Breweries for their continuing support and financial assistance.

Improvement is always possible. With your involvement and support I am sure this will be achieved.

Jeff Lawrence
Captain

CLUB AWARDS

The following trophies will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 29th June, 1991.

CAPTAINS 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 by James Tomkins. James' victories included one World Championship, two National and two State Championships, as well as two National Selection regattas, and victories at the Henley and Scotch Mercantile regattas.

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 Brett Hayman who was the cox of our very successful Youth Eight. Brett joined Mercantile from Yarra Yarra Rowing Club this year and over the season recorded eight wins. We congratulate Brett on winning this trophy and hope he continues with the club and continues to enjoy such success.

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 has this year decided to award the trophy to Noel Donaldson, the well known and successful coach of our World Champion crew "The Oarsome Foursome".

The committee felt that not only did Noel distinguish himself in this capacity, but that his overall contribution to Mercantile, Brighton Grammar School, the 2XS group, (where he holds the highly regarded position of patron and honorary coach), and rowing in general made him an obvious choice for this award.

Noels untiring efforts and immense donation of time and dedication make him one of the more outstanding recipients of this award.

N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY

One of our more famous and successful coaches and current 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 Larissa Smith.

Larissa joined the club last year from Methodist Ladies College, and was the coxswain for the very successful mens junior crews. Larissa also doubles as our bar person on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings and is therefore doubly valuable to the club. We look forward to Larissa's continued participation and involvement and congratulate her on the 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 won by Richard Law.

Richard joined the club last year rowing in the lightweight senior C coxed pairs.

This year he rowed Lightweight Senior B in the fours and the pairs with some success, culminating in the Senior B pair final at the Nationals where an unfortunate equipment breakage at a time when they were in an extremely favourable position cost them any chance of winning .

We congratulate Richard on his 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. This years recipient is Lucas Bertrand. Lucas joined the club from Geelong Grammar School and rowed with great success this year in the junior squad. After starting in the second four he progressed to stroking the first four to many wins.

Lucas who only started rowing in his last year at school has made great strides and is to be congratulated on winning this trophy. We are anticipating continued success from him.

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 Catherine McLean.

Catherine joined the club some three years ago and has progressed through the junior and youth ranks to Senior B where she is presently competing successfully.

Catherine was on the verge of promotion to the seniors when she unfortunately lost rowing partners towards the end of the season due to injury.

We congratulate Catherine on winning this award and look forward to more years of successful rowing from her.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund has been established with the long term view of providing for Mercantiles future. The fund was established by David Boykett and Bob Aitken in 1987 and contributions and accumulation of income now see the fund current market value standing at approximately \$61,000.

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 Bill Morrison and Ian Wilson some years ago and the members noted below

have shown their generosity. It is pleasing to note this year that many more members have either joined or re-joined the scheme in response to last years plea, and the amount of revenue now realized from this activity is now a valuable contribution to club funds. It is hoped that more members will see their way clear to participate next year. Meanwhile the Club is very grateful to those who have.

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

John Carr	Graham Richardson
Peter Watkin	Jim Adams
Ron Negri	John Hayes
Graeme McCall	John Harry
Steve Gillon	Warwick Granowski
Hubert Frederico	Philippe Batters
Dennis Creasy	Mike McKenna
Bill Unwin	Reg McKay
Lloyd Williams	Roger Wilson
Doug McDonald	Daryl Teschendorf
Harry Mahoney	Warwick Mahoney
Alec Dobbie	Marty Owen
Dick Oliver	Jim Harvey
Norm Cairnes	Tim Frederico
Peter Philp	Ken Hume
John Burford	Neil Webster
Vic Mulder	John Bostock
Bill Bradshaw	Andrew McLean
Peter O'Brien	Ken Bailey
John Fallon	Frank Fogarty
Dave Cowling	Graeme Boykett
Andrew Briggs	Bob Aitken
Jeff Lawrence	David Boykett
Barry Gross	Andrew Evans
Andrew Guerin	Ian Holyman
Lindsay Wallis	Warwick Hutchins
Jack Jones	

COMMITTEE

At the time of going to print 11 committee meetings had been held and the attendance has been as follows:

Robert Aitken	9	Andrew Evans	11
Peter Somerville	5	Jeff Lawrence	11
Mal Batten	6	Sue Lee	10
Steve Reed	8	Bill Webster	11
Richard Wraith	6	James Tomkins	6
Tony Inglis	6	Daryl Teschendorf	9
David Boykett	5	Lindsay Wallis	8
David Pincus	4	Eugene Kininmonth	6
Warwick Hutchins	6		

ROWING GENERAL

This season we have been forced to come to grips with the forces of change in the world of rowing.

At many levels in mens and womens rowing the emphasis is toward becoming more professional. This naturally increases the commitment required by oars persons, coaches and clubs, to become or remain competitive at Club, National and International level of competition.

With the introduction of more hi-tech equipment into Australian rowing in the past two years, plus the motivation of having the World Championships in Australia, the need for clubs to provide the most competitive equipment for crews at all levels of competition from Junior through to Senior A has become apparent.

With this influx of new hi-tech equipment there is also an urgent need for coaches and oarspersons to become more professional with their handling of this fragile expensive equipment.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a great way to begin the season!
Our members selected to compete were:

Australian Mens Heavyweight Coxless Four

Michael McKay, Sam Patten, James Tomkins (Stroke)
Noel Donaldson (Coach)

Australian Mens Heavyweight Coxed Four

Tony Johnson, Peter Murphy, David Colvin (cox)

Australian Mens Heavyweight Eight

Warrick Hooper, James Baker, Simon Spriggs

Australian Mens Lightweight Eight

Malcolm Robertson, Derek Mollison, Simon Morrison,
Peter Scott (Cox)

Australian Womens Eight

Fleur Spriggs

Australian Womens Lightweight Four

Rebecca Joyce

Australian Womens Heavyweight Coxless Pair

Samantha Stewart, Anna McFarlane
Australian Team Manager—Andrew Guerin

Congratulations to medallists, finalists and all competing crews.

Special mention must go to supporters "On The Hill". Their enthusiasm and support for our competitors was inspirational. And to the organisers of the Mercantile World Championship Dinner in Devonport, Jim Adams, Andrew Briggs and Mark Connolly—Congratulations, it was a great night.

Full details of racing in which our members were competing are included later in this report.

CREWS

Crews were boated in the following categories, and squad members were:

Mens Senior A Heavyweight

Andrew Cooper, Michael McKay, James Tomkins, Peter Murphy, Malcolm Batten, Warrick Hooper, Geoff Barden, Jason Kerr, David Colvin & Peter Scott

Mens Senior B Heavyweight

Cameron Jones, James Shipton, Malcolm Shippen, Peter Somerville, Ben Dodwell, Joshua Mantello, Andrew Jackman, Jamie Howden, Bill Webster and Alastair Campbell

Mens Senior A Lightweight

Derek Mollison, Simon Morrison, Joe Joyce, Richard Wraith, Scott Reid and Merrick Howes

Mens Senior B Lightweight—Intermediate

Richard Law, Andrew McNeil, David McCormack and David Moreton

Mens Youth

Simon Teschendorf, Nick Sadlier, Doug Bailey, Andrew Skelton, Danny Colls, Paddy Sinn, Mathew Thomas, Mathew Jackson, Peter Findlay and Brett Hayman

Mens Junior

Saxon Nichols, Lucas Bertrand, Damon Crowe, Andrew Glass, Cameron Barber, Struan Scott, Phil Roberts, Stuart Billard, Peter Hancock and Larissa Smith

Mens Veteran

(Again the ranks of the veterans are increasing)

Womens Heavyweight Senior A / B

Jayneen Collier, Felicity McCall, Anna McFarlane, Celia Paterson and Catherine McLean

Womens Lightweight

Susan Lee and Anna Rusden

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCES

Senior A Men

Some great performances consistent with the depth of talent in this area.

Senior B Men

A tough year in which the oarsmen coped extremely well considering the problems with coaching during the season and a shortage of competitive equipment—support has to be increased in this area next season, otherwise we will lose the continuity which we have developed with a flow of oarsmen coming through our Junior and Youth ranks up to Senior A.

Lightweight Men

The squad was re-established this year and a very enthusiastic group have achieved some very good results. However, some oarsmen might feel disappointed with their overall results for the season. The first year of a three year program is generally the hardest because of the scarcity of equipment at some stages of the season. Nevertheless this problem should be addressed for next season.

The development squad put in a tremendous amount of hard work and, although their results were not outstanding, this does not reflect the talent and the effort that was put in this season by oarsmen. Next season should show the benefits of this solid year of development.

Youth Men

Once again failed to register the results they were capable of obtaining. A change of emphasis is needed to lift this groups performance over the next few years.

Junior Men

Again the first year of a three year program. Many good performances up until the Nationals. However the solid work put in this year by the boys and coaches will not go un-rewarded as the rowers progress through the ranks.

Womens Senior Heavyweight A/B

Possibly best described as a season for "Survival of the Fittest". Those who stuck to their task did a great job and brought credit to themselves and the club. Perhaps this year has established a real single minded toughness in the womens squad which has not shown up before, and this desire combined with consistent coaching next season should result in these oarswomen achieving their long sought after goals.

Lightweight Senior Women

The squad found it difficult to get established due to the problem of securing a coach which resulted in enthusiasm and endeavour waining with some members of the squad.

Until we can find an enthusiastic and dedicated coach for this area, the future of Womens Lightweight rowing at Mercantile does not look promising.

Sculling

Congratulations to our scullers (& their coaches) who had some great wins at Regattas and also competed well at the Nationals and Selection Trials. Our representatives were:

Lucy Howden—Senior B Women

Cameron Jones—Senior B Men

Richard Wraith—Lightweight Senior A Men

Andrew Herold—Lightweight Senior A Men

Coaching

Special thanks to all coaches who dedicated their time and energy to crews. Next season we are looking more closely at the numbers of coaches for each squad as due to the current economic climate coaches are having less time available to take on a larger scale commitment in coaching.

Our thanks to the following coaches:

Mens Heavyweight Senior A & B

Noel Donaldson & Paul McGann

Gary Merrit—(untill December)

David Colvin—(December onwards)

John Leeming—(December onwards)

Mens Lightweight

Marty Owen & Brad Fry

Youth

David Pincus & Mark Mitchell

Junior

Stan Sliwinski & Peter Watkin

Womens Senior Heavyweight A/B

Paul Thompson (untill December)

Angela Turrell (February/March)

Peter Philp (March onwards)

Also, to those members who came to the aid of some of our crews, when for one reason or another a coach was unavailable.

Special thanks to:

David Colvin
John Leeming
Peter Scott
Tony Inglis

Ian Jickell
Alan Borger
Jim Howden
Andrew Guerin

Without their commitment, a number of crews would not have made it to the starting line.

Coxswains

We are fortunate to have such an experienced squad of "Stringies". Our Senior Coxswains, David Colvin, Peter Scott and Bill Webster have also filled a multi-role function as assistants to coaches, and advisors to oars persons and new coxswains.

Our special thanks to all coxswains for their single minded commitment this season:

Senior A Men—David Colvin Peter Scott
Senior B Men Bill Webster Alastair Campbell
Youth Men Brett Hayman
Junior Men Peter Hancock
Larissa Smith

HEAD OF THE YARRA

A special report on a race in 3 parts—Before The Change In The Weather
After the Change &
The Row Home

The race is one of the most exciting and controversial events on the regatta calender and draws great spectator support.

Six Mercantile crews braved the elements to compete in this 5 mile time trial from the Henley Judges Box to Hawthorn Rowing Club. These crews being our Mens Senior A, Senior B, Youth, Junior, Veterans and 2XS squads.

A severe windchange ocured after the first bracket of 30 crews had set off (this included all our crews bar the 2XS and it is doubtful if this effected them anyway). The strong headwind conditions faced by these crews suddenly changed into strong but ideal tailwind conditions for the remaining crews. Suffice to say the races were generally won by School and Veterans crews in the tail end of the field.

However, all our crews put up a great performance in this race, and possibly even a better performance on the return journey.

To name a few examples:

'Peter Philp & His Veterans' with the well rehearsed 'Toddy Row Past'

Senior B & Youth Crews with very relaxed and inebriated rowing,

combining the ability and skill to "Chat Up" anyone on the water or on the river bank.

The 2XS crew. Can anybody explain how it can take three hours for the crew to row home long after the event and the festivities had finished?

'The Oarsome Eightsome' were the most innovative this year: trying out their wind resistant rowing suits. One minor modification has to be looked at for next season, in an effort to reduce the excessive back-splash created and to alleviate the potential wearing out of some parts of the costume during some very high and sustained rating efforts for over 4 miles of the course.

Feedback from the coxswain indicated that a minor hands-on inboard adjustment would solve this problem. With further testing on the riverbank during the winter season, a recommendation may be made, that all elite crews, both men and women, "Gear Up" for this change next season.

Daryl Teschendorf
Chairman of Selectors

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Following fine performances at the National Regatta, and Selection Trials, a number of members were selected in crews to represent Australia at the 1991 World Rowing Championships to be held in Vienna, Austria from 20th—24th August 1991.

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 Mens Heavyweight Coxless Four Michael McKay, Andrew Cooper, James Tomkins (Stroke) Noel Donaldson (Coach)

Australian Mens Heavyweight Eight

Malcolm Batten, Peter Murphy **Australian Mens Lightweight Eight**
Derek Mollison, Joe Joyce, David Colvin (Cox)

Australian Womens Eight

Fleur Spriggs

Andrew Guerin is again the Australian Team Manager

Also selected to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Series to race against New Zealand were:

Australian Womens Under 23 Four

Celia Paterson, Anna McFarlane, Samantha Stewart

GENERAL REPORT

As has been mentioned elsewhere in this report, congratulations must be extended to the "Oarsome Foursome" for their World Championship victory at Lake Barrington last November. But we must not rest easily in the afterglow of this great effort. Our unique success at the top level over the years has been largely due to the

level of commitment and effort we have invested in other development divisions—Junior Youth and Senior B. But for the first time in many years our Senior B's were without a coach for much of the season. The Youth crew did not exclusively dominate and our Juniors met with mixed success at the Nationals. This could leave us somewhat weak at the knees should our current elite oarsmen retire after the 1992 Olympics. So what we need now are coaches to develop the next generation of Michael McKays, Andrew Coopers, James Tomkins and Sam Pattens. Finding quality coaches with the time to devote to developing crews properly is not easy, least of all in the present economic climate. A second difficulty we face is the ever escalating cost of boats and oars. This year we have invested heavily in new equipment, but to maintain the quality of our superb fleet the investment must continue in the years to come. The modifications now taking place in the bar area will, in time, provide a steady income for this purpose. But to pay for the work we need the support of members and other interested parties. Much of the ever increasing burden of running our rowing club has fallen on our Captain Jeff Lawrence and Treasurer Susan Lee. Thanks and appreciation must be extended to Jeff for the time and effort he devotes to Mercantile. Without his leadership many of the boat purchases and clubhouse renovations would never have happened. Susan Lee has continued to keep our financial records in order and the bank balance in the black despite large purchases through the year in a difficult climate in which to find income.

Mention must also be made of the efforts of Andrew Evans in organising the South West corner. He has also been a prime mover behind the renovations to the bar area.

The "Yarra Bank Sprints" the Australian Indoor Rowing Championships were again conducted during the season. This time after the World Championships. We were able to attract some international competitors remaining after the worlds for some intense quality racing. The overall prize was again a Concept II ergometer donated by "Jeff Sykes & Associates" and our success on this day means three ergometers are now available for the use of those members who have purchased ergometer keys.

The establishment of the Victorian Institute of Sport has brought a new level of professionalism to the sport of rowing in this state. Scholarship holders at the VIS now have regatta expenses paid, physiological testing supplied, medical fees paid and extensive coaching and evaluation provided. For the elite this is a welcome move, but again the broader base of the sport is neglected—the very base where the future champions learn to win. So I repeat my earlier plea—we must again invest more effort in our vital development ranks. Related to this is a re-examination of what it means to be a Mercantile member. That last few years have seen the club become more of a rowing shed than a rowing club.

The demands of competing at the top level have given the notion of "club spirit" a severe battering. And it is only with a rebuilding of spirit that Mercantile will continue to develop through the 1990's and beyond.

Many people have contributed to the successful operation of our

club and listed below are some who deserve special mention.

* Roger Wilson for again providing his uniquely exciting brand of commentary at regattas and his contribution to radio and newspaper coverage of the sport.

* John Foley for many occasions spent on the painting of the hall area and cleaning of the Clubrooms.

* Eugene Kininmonth for his colourful coverage of the sport in the Melbourne "Age"

* Wal Oakley who has made a welcome return to journalism with his reports in the "Sunday Age"

* Vic Mulder and "G.V Mulder Australia Pty Ltd" for their continued support in providing marquees at Social functions.

* Again we must pay special tribute to the work of Andrew Guerin. Apart from being a successful legal practitioner, a no job too big home renovator, the Australian Team Manager since 1988, recently appointed Manager of the Olympic Rowing Team to participate in Barcelona in 1992, key advisor to kindred Clubs, a member of a number of Victorian Rowing Association and Australian Rowing Council committees, and, above all else (still) happily married, Andrew untiringly gives of his time and advice in supporting Mercantile Rowing Club, and during the year has amongst other things been the Clubs representative in negotiations with the Melbourne City Council with regard to our continued occupation of our Princes Bridge site. Such a matter has been delicate, vital, though as yet some way to being completely resolved. As always Andrew has handled the Clubs interests with distinction.

For and on behalf of the committee

R.G Wraith
Vice Captain

BOAT HOUSE

Members will be aware of the continuing development of the Boat-house, particularly, the upstairs Clubrooms, Bar, Kitchen and Toilet facilities.

After many years and countless discussions with our architects and the Melbourne City Council, our most ambitious plan since the 1973 Rebuilding will soon be underway. Finally we have approval of the Council and of the members of the Club at a Special meeting held on 16th May 1991 to commence work.

The plans involve the construction of a new entrance stairway and the complete refurbishment of the Bar area. The work will be undertaken by professional Builders under contract and it is anticipated that work will be underway by August 1991

Shortly, a further newsletter will be forwarded to members providing

more details on these plans and information on the opportunities for members to involve themselves in this project.

While these major works have been in the pipeline work has continued during the year on other areas of the Club. This included the installation of a new electrical switchboard and the replacement of much of the wiring in the upstairs Clubrooms. It was evident that fire damaged wiring from the fire in 1973 had been overlooked in the rebuilding at that time, and it was absolutely essential that this be replaced before this hazard caused a further fire to occur. In conjunction with the new switchboard, lighting timers were installed which in less than nine months of operation have already saved in excess of \$1,000 in electricity bills from the previous year.

The relocation of the Mens changeroom and Gymnasium nears completion and painting and some minor work only is needed to fully finish these areas. Unfortunately we are not as far advanced as planned with the new mens toilets, but work on these will also commence shortly.

New lights were installed in the bar area, and we are grateful to Barry Gross for his assistance in procuring these lights for the Club.

BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

It is doubtful if so much has ever been achieved in one year as has been achieved during season 1990-1991.

Much has been necessary simply to allow us to put our crews on the water, all has been necessary to remain competitive. Many times we have told ourselves that we have a fleet second to none. Currently this is the case with our Eights, Fours and Oars; the reasons are evident below. Not so however, with the majority of our Pairs—but only so much can be done in one year.

A glance at the schedule of pairs will show you that many are now either quite old or outdated following the introduction of new hi-tech nomex equipment. Out of the 16 pairs that we have only 3 are the latest hi-tech boats. There is no doubt that two National titles went missing due to the sub standard of these older boats, and it will be necessary to address this problem as much as possible during the next season. In December a new "Ausrowtec" Eight of nomex construction was purchased for use by our Youth Eight, and is a mould of the very successful American "Vespoli" boats. Purchase of the boat named **Jeffrey Lawrence** was made possible with generous terms from the manufacturer enabling some of the cost to be delayed into the following season and we are grateful to "Ausrowtec" for this arrangement.

Our Senior Mens crews took delivery of two new "Sykes" nomex bow coxed fours, one the **Noel Donaldson** and the other as yet un-named. These craft are near minimum weight for a racing craft, somewhere between 15 and 20 kilograms lighter than previous boats used by this squad.

Two "Sykes" Pairs were also purchased during the year taking advantage of a turnover of equipment from the Australian Institute of

Sport. These two year old vessels which are in perfect condition have been used by our Senior A & B Men and have been named **Warwick Hutchins** and **Peter Watkin**.

Late in the season we acquired an "Ausrowtec" Pair with the financial assistance of Anna McFarlane and her family. This pair, also of nomex construction and of "Empacher" design, enabled Anna and her partner to capture the National Senior B Pair Championship, and is a much needed addition to the womens fleet. The pair has not yet been named.

Perhaps the most substantial improvement in the equipment was in the increase in the number and quality of the Dreissigacker Carbon Fibre Oars available to our members. Donations from Peter Watkin and Sean Colgan enabled 40 new oars to be added to the fleet, and with the sale of some older oars 10 additional oars were acquired to allow most of our mens and womens crews to use these new oars.

In recent years we have tended to hang on to equipment longer than might normally be considered prudent, particularly during the period when we were establishing womens rowing at the Club. This has caused a considerable aging of our fleet and demanded much labour and finance in maintenance. During the year many of our older vessels and oars were sold and not always replaced. This will be an ongoing process if we are to continue to provide first class equipment for our crews. The Eights **Andrew Guerin** and **Martin Tomanovits**, the Fours **Phil Cayzer**, **Lance Hill** and **Roger Wilson** and 4 sets of oars were disposed of to help finance the purchase of new equipment.

The Fours **R T Morell** and the **R H Richardson**, were both damaged beyond economical repair as was our small trailer in yet another trailer accident, and again the recoveries on insurance from these items has been used to help finance the new equipment purchased.

A new transport frame for use on a truck has been constructed by Warwick Hutchins at "Rock Engineering Pty Ltd" and this will be used in future on all long distance movement of our equipment in an endeavor to prevent any further accidents in transit.

The racing Four the **N.L. Newton** has been removed from the Clubs books, as it is now apparent that a replacement boat will not be forthcoming following the liquidation of the manufacturer "S & B" of Sydney. The original craft acquired in 1987 had been returned to "S & B" for replacement as it was not in accordance with our specifications. Unfortunately it has been necessary to write off the sum of \$4,550 in the Club's financial records.

Needless to say the continuing aim of boating crews in the highest standard equipment and providing our members with a Clubhouse and facility of which we can be proud demands everyone's support, assistance, and involvement. With this in mind what has been achieved this year will only be a small part of our continuing development.

A full list of the clubs equipment and its condition is detailed below:

EIGHTS

Jeffrey Lawrence	1991	Excellent
Arthur Atkins	1988	Excellent
J.G.H Sprigg	1983	Good
Martin Owen	1976	Fair
John Burford	1973	Fair

FOURS—Racing

Un-named Sykes	1991	Excellent
Noel Donaldson	1991	Excellent
Graeme McCall	1990	Excellent
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
N.W. Cairnes (convertible)	1978	Fair
Caltex & Dealers (coxless)	1964	Poor

—Regulation

Ted Sorani	1978	Under Repair
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PAIRS—Racing

Un-named Ausrowtec	1991	Excellent
Warwick Hutchins	1990	Excellent
Peter Watkin	1990	Excellent
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
S & B (coxless)	1986	Good

-Regulation

Laurie Moll	1978	Fair
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SCULLS

S & B (training)	1985	Fair
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OARS

Dreissigacker	12'7"	10	1991	Excellent
Dreissigacker—Ultralight	12'8"	10	1990	Excellent
Dreissigacker—Ultralight	12'7"	10	1990	Excellent
Dreissigacker	12'8"	10	1990	Excellent
Dreissigacker	12'6"	10	1990	Good
Dreissigacker	12'7"	26	1983/5	Good
Sykes Wooden Blue/Green Band	12'6"	2	1981	Good
Sykes Wooden Dk Blue Band	12'5"	7	1981	Fair
Sykes Wooden Brown Band	12'7"	2	1980	Good
Sykes Wooden Red Band	12'5"	5	1979	Fair
Sykes Wooden Black Band	12'6"	4	1977	Fair
Croker Wooden Black Band	12'5"	4	1974	Fair
Croker Wooden Yellow Band	12'6"	4	1974	Poor
Croker Wooden Grey Band	12'5"	2	1970	Fair
Assorted Wooden		5	1960-70	Fair

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Two axle trailer	Good
Flat Bottom Aluminium Boat	Good
Conventional Aluminium Boat	Good
Yamaha 15hp motor	Excellent
Concept II Ergometers x 3	Excellent

Steve Reed Boats and Equipment Manager

SOCIAL AND CLUB EVENTS

Social events conducted in 1990 met with mixed success. Despite wide publicity for the two major events, the Mercantile Ball and the Henley Barbecue, the events were not as widely supported as anticipated. None the less funds raised from these two functions have contributed over \$3,000 to the Clubs funds.

The Christmas Party was our most disappointing function with only about 60 people in attendance, down from the usual 120 plus. Perhaps recent news in the "Mercantilian" magazine of somewhat of a baby boom scared away potential attendees fearing an abundance of screaming babies interrupting their Christmas celebrations. Maybe parents thought that their off-spring would see plenty of the Club later in life and therefore kept them away. Santa arrived to find just young Sophie Briggs, and even she just wasn't to sure about the whole thing. We are again indebted to David & Jenny Yunghanns for allowing us to conduct the Henley Barbecue at their riverside property in Kew. Ideal weather and the surroundings again made this a great day. As has often been said before coaches must be encouraged to ensure the participation of their crews in all our functions if we are to reap all the rewards being a successful club has to offer.

The South West Corner continues to function smoothly, and provides a modest income to the Club, for both the development of the Clubrooms and the purchase of equipment.

J.G.H.SPRIGG TIME TRIAL

An Eight Oared race for Mercantile crews usually from the tree in front of the Clubhouse around Herring Island and return. Due to river works in the vicinity of the island a change in the course was necessary for this year only, crews competing over a course from the Charles Grimes Bridge upto and around the Chapel Street Bridge and return to the Clubhouse.

Initiated by our past president in 1930, crews must contain at least two oarswomen and not more than two Senior A oarsmen. The race was won by:

Susan Lee, Martine Elliot, Tony Inglis, Peter Somerville, Simon Quirk, Derek Mollison, Richard Wraith and cox Graeme Sharp.

The winning time was 27.15

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 1991 season has seen a dedicated commitment by the members and committee of the club to improve the facilities and equipment available. This has been achieved by not only reducing unnecessary costs, but by sales of outdated equipment and as always generous donations by members.

Donations received from members, friends and supporters during the year included the following:

* Mal Corben, Keith Bilney, Harry Mahoney, Andrew Guerin, Norm Cairnes, Bob Aitken, Alan Courtney, Phil Ainsworth, David Boykett, John Wertheimer, Ted Sorani, Jim Howden, Bill Bradshaw, David Yunghanns, Doug McDonald, Hubert Frederico, Graeme Richardson and Carlton and United Breweries.

* Peter Watkin & Sean Colgan—for the purchase of oars

* A sum of money was also received from the estate of the late J.G.H. Sprigg and has been applied to our Building Account.

Our financial statement in summary. Overall our expenditure for the year has decreased by \$14,525 due mainly to a decrease in members expenses written off and a reduction in maintenance expenses on boats and insurance. Member donations, subscriptions received and sale of boats and oars contributed largely to our 75% increase in revenue for the year.

The equipment purchases by the club this season for members may be seen as a major achievement. However whilst our subscriptions have increased, the payment of subscriptions more prompt and our write offs reduced, it is very disappointing to note that we had no special fundraising efforts by members specifically to purchase equipment. Although arrangements for payment were part of the purchase programme negotiated with suppliers, we are left with outstanding creditors for the purchase of equipment of \$34,000 at the end of the season.

Hall hirings for the year also decreased as compared to the previous year, however once the renovations of the club are complete we should reap the benefits. Any member wishing to donate to the cost

of renovations should contact Andrew Evans or Peter Watkin.

Overall the club has performed outstanding financially, to compliment the outstanding achievements of our members at both the World Championships and National Titles. With the emphasis for the coming season on careful budgeting and member fundraising the club should be able to perform as well if not better.

Special thanks once again to Bob Aitken for the preparation of the Endowment and Cooper Fund statements and also to our Honorary Auditors Clarke & Company and Russell Devenish for their continued advice and assistance.

Susan Lee
Honorary Treasurer

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

for the year ended 30th April 1991

1989/90		1990/91
\$	INCOME	\$
1,170	Interest Received	227
—	Profit on Sale of Assets	19,597
—	Written Off — Boats	(4,550)
9,000	Rent Received	9,000
29,380	Subscriptions Received	32,598
	Donations	
5,069	— General	30,916
10,807	— Social	14,668
500	— Tributors	1,248
545	Hire of Boat Racks	1,830
6,566	Hire of Clubroom	5,435
659	Sundry Income	532
<u>63,696</u>		<u>111,501</u>
	LESS: EXPENSES	
627	Bank Charges	1,042
—	Boat Hire	54
	Depreciation	
14,298	— Boats	13,218
2,275	— Oars	1,638
419	— Trailers	191
566	— Sundry	755
400	Donations	—
2,085	Fire Protection	2,119
554	General Expenses	1,359
9,434	Insurance	7,372
699	Interest Paid	—
417	Licences & Associated Fees	141
4,353	Light & Gas	3,319
	Members Expenses	
4,679	Printing & Stationery	4,003
2,144	Rates	2,061
—	Recruiting Expenses	107
	Repairs & Maintenance	
7,463	— Boats	4,445
4,100	— Boathouse	4,321
727	Sponsorship Expenses	—
5,278	Written Off	1,260
418	Telephone	637
—	Trophies	98
5,025	V.R.A. Affiliation	4,428
1,300	Yarra Bank Sprints	—
397	Loss on Sale of Stock	565
<u>67,658</u>		<u>53,133</u>
<u>(3,962)</u>	Surplus (Loss) for Year	<u>58,368</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April 1991

1989/90		1990/91
\$	MEMBERS FUNDS	\$
170,920	Accumulated Funds Brought Forward	166,958
(3,962)	Undistributed Profit for Year	58,368
48,864	War Memorial Building Fund	48,864
<u>215,822</u>		<u>274,190</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
1,006	Subscriptions Outstanding	996
9,080	Sundry Debtors	7,729
591	Cash at Bank — General A/c	10,931
1	Cash at Bank — Building A/c	1,578
—	Cash at Bank — Boats A/c	1,027
—	Cash at Bank — Social A/c	956
350	National Mutual Royal	350
6,182	Prepayments	5,937
5,170	Stock on Hand	3,960
<u>22,380</u>		<u>33,464</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
376	Subscriptions in Advance	711
20,444	Sundry Creditors	50,457
6,938	V.R.A. Trophy Order A/c	6,938
100	Olympic Fund	100
<u>27,858</u>		<u>58,206</u>
(5,478)	WORKING CAPITAL	(24,742)
	FIXED ASSETS	
123,322	War Memorial Club House	132,224
123,322		132,224
209,228	Boats — at Cost	227,559
131,891	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	89,833
<u>77,337</u>		<u>137,726</u>
29,679	Oars — at Cost	33,051
17,939	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	13,161
<u>11,740</u>		<u>19,890</u>
4,609	Trailers — at Cost	2,650
2,498	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1,062
<u>2,111</u>		<u>1,588</u>
10,468	Sundry Assets — at Cost	10,493
4,130	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2,989
<u>6,338</u>		<u>7,504</u>
<u>220,848</u>		<u>298,932</u>
	INVESTMENTS	
452	ANZ Executors & Trustees	—
<u>452</u>		<u>—</u>
<u>215,822</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>274,190</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

ENDOWMENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

for the year ended 30th April 1991

1989/90		1990/91
\$		\$
	Interest Received	
1,012	ANZ Executors & Trustees	428
234	PW Growth Trust	248
725	SEC	725
<u>1,971</u>		<u>1,400</u>
	Dividends Received:	
391	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	423
210	BTR Nylex Ltd	483
135	Boral Ltd	158
194	CSR Ltd	440
361	National Aust Bank Ltd	288
94	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	110
150	Western Mining Corp Ltd	150
	Mayne Nickless Ltd	160
<u>1,535</u>		<u>2,213</u>
3,506		3,613
	LESS:	
<u>—</u>	Government Duties	<u>—</u>
<u>\$3,506</u>	NET SURPLUS	<u>\$3,613</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th April 1991

30/4/90		30/4/91
\$		\$
	MEMBERS' FUNDS	
20,000	Capital Account (30/4/2002)	20,000
14,920	Capital Account (30/4/1992)	14,920
<u>34,920</u>		34,920
	Income Account:	
11,325	Balance 01/05/90	14,829
3,504	Surplus for year	3,613
<u>14,829</u>		<u>18,442</u>
<u>49,749</u>		<u>53,362</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	INVESTMENTS	
	Deposits:	
5,159	ANZ Executors & Trustees	2,967
	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
2,132	Boral Ltd	2,290
8,318	BTR Nylex Ltd	8,318
5,639	CSR Ltd	5,639
3,673	National Aust Bank Ltd	4,219
2,277	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	2,277
7,140	PW Growth Trust	7,387
2,555	Western Mining Corp Ltd	2,555
	Mayne Nickless Ltd	4,852
<u>39,591</u>	(Market Value of shares \$57,183)	<u>45,394</u>
<u>49,750</u>		<u>53,362</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for the year ended 30th April 1991

1989/90		1990/91
\$		\$
	Interest Received	
118	Citicorp Australia Ltd	108
189	Custom Credit Corporation Ltd	225
66	Westpac Banking Corporation	51
373		384
	Dividends Received:	
442	Aust. Foundation Invest. Co. Ltd.	994
815		1,378
	LESS:	
1	Government Duties	1
75	A.A.R.C. — Contrib re Senior Team	
450	A.A.R.C. — Contrib. re Senior B Team	
75	Merc Rowing Club — RA Cooper Trophy	92
601		93
214	NET SURPLUS	1,285

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April 1991

30/4/90		30/4/91
\$		\$
	MEMBERS' FUNDS	
4,114	Capital Account	4,114
	Income Account:	
2,268	Balance 01/05/90	2,483
214	Surplus for year	1,285
2,483		3,767
6,597		7,881
	These Funds are represented by:	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
1,914	Westpac Savings Bank	3,199
	INVESTMENTS	
	Debentures:	
1,000	Citicorp Aust Ltd	1,000
1,500	Custom Credit Corp Ltd	1,500
2,500		2,500
	Shares:	
2,183	Aust Foundation Invest Co Ltd (Market Value \$14,437)	2,183
6,597		7,881

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

J. G. H. SPRIGG, JEFF WYLIE & F. R. BROWNE
TROPHY TRUST FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
for the year ended 30th April 1991

1989/90		1990/91
\$		\$
1,000	Donations Received:	—
1,000	NET SURPLUS	—

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

J. G. H. SPRIGG, JEFF WYLIE & F. R. BROWNE
TROPHY TRUST FUND
BALANCE SHEET
for the year 30th April 1991

	Income Account:		
	Balance 01/05/90	1,000	
1,000	Surplus for year		
<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
			<u>1,000</u>
	These Funds are represented by:		
	INVESTMENTS		
	Shares:		
1,000	Potter Warburg Authorised Trustee Fund		1,000
<u>1,000</u>			<u>1,000</u>

RACING RESULTS
INTERSTATE & KINGS CUP REGATTA
 Sunday 7th April, 1991

Interstate Eight Oared Championship—The Kings Cup

1. Victoria 2. New South Wales 3. Queensland
 P Murphy, M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke) D Colvin (Cox)
 N Donaldson (Coach)—Mercantile

Interstate Champion Youth Eight—N.F Wilkinson Trophy

1. Queensland 2. Victoria 3. Queensland
 (S Teschendorf, D Colls,—Mercantile)

Interstate Champion Lightweight Four—The Penrith Cup

1. South Australia 2. New South Wales 3. Victoria

Interstate Champion Single Scull—The Presidents Cup

1. Victoria 2. Queensland 3. Tasmania

Interstate Champion Women's Four—ULVA Trophy

1. New South Wales 2. Victoria 3. Queensland
 (F Spriggs, F McCall, J Collier—Mercantile)

Interstate Champion Women's Lightweight Four—Victoria Cup

1. Victoria 2. South Australian 3. New South Wales

Interstate Champion Women's Scull—Nell Slatter Trophy

1. New South Wales 2. Queensland 3. Victoria

AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

West Lakes, South Australia—3rd April—6th April 1991

Women's Senior B Pair	8.03.2
1. Mercantile 2. Toowong 3. Canberra	
Women's Senior A Pair	7.33.9
1. AIS 2. AIS Mercantile/MULRC 3. AIS 6. Mercantile	
Men's Senior A Pair	6.43.2
1. AIS 2. Mercantile No.1 3. Mercantile/MUBC 4. Mercantile/MUBC	
Men's Senior A Coxed Pair	No time
1. Mercantile—AIS	
Men's Senior B Scull	7.24.8
1. AIS 2. Adelaide 3. Commercial	
Women's Lightweight Senior A Pair	7.53.4
1. Haberfield 2. Adelaide Uni 3. Haberfield 4. Mercantile/Corio Bay	
Men's Lightweight Senior B Pair	8.01.6
1. Toowong No. 2. 2. Toowong No. 1 3. Adelaide/Torrens 6. Mercantile	
Men's Lightweight Senior A Pair	6.54.2
1. Haberfield 2. Mercantile 3. Adelaide/Torrens	
Women's Senior A Four	6.43.9
1. AIS—Mercantile/MULRC/Adelaide 2. AIS—Mercantile/Toowong/UWA/ANI 3. Mercantile	
Men's Senior B Four	6.20.6
1. Banks 2. Mosman/Sydney 3. GPS/Qld Uni 4. Mercantile	
Men's Senior A Coxed Four	6.09.4
1. Mercantile 2. Mercantile/MUBC 3. Mosman/Sydney	
Men's Senior A Coxless Four	6-04-8
1. Mercantile 2. Sydney 3. AIS-Mercantile/Canberra	
Mens Lightweight Senior A Four	6.11.5
1. Adelaide 2. Buckingham 3. Essendon 4. Mercantile	

Men's Senior B Eight	5.49.1
1. Mercantile 2. Mercantile/Banks/Curtin Uni 3. Mosman/Sydney	
Men's Lightweight Eight	5.56.3
1. Essendon 2. Mercantile/Melb Uni 3. Drummoyne/Haberfield	
Men's Junior Four	6.26.1
1. Grammar Old Boys 2. St Josephs 3. Newington 5. Mercantile No 2. 6. Mercantile No 1.	
Women's Senior A Eight	6.29.0
1. AIS-Mercantile/MULRC/AUBC/UWA 2. UWA/Perth/Swan River 3. Canberra	
Women's Senior A Lightweight Four	6.59.3
1. Melbourne University 2. Adelaide 3. Mercantile/Coiro Bay	
Men's Senior A Lightweight Double Scull	6.27.6
1. Geeveston/Lindesfarne 2. Commercial 3. Ballarat/Essendon 6. Mercantile/St Catherines	

CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING SUCCESSFUL CREWS

NATIONAL SELECTION TRIAL 5-6th May 1990

Mens Senior A Four

N Green, M McKay, S Patten, J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox),
N Donaldson (Coach)

Mens Senior A Pair

S Patten, J Tomkins (Stroke), N Donaldson (Coach)

YARRA YARRA REGATTA—20th October 1990

Mens Senior C Scull

C Jones

HEAD OF THE YARRA—9th February 1991

Mens Open Eight

S Teschendorf, J Shipton, M Shippen, J Howden, A Jackman, P
Somerville,

J Mantello, B Dodwell, A Campbell (Cox), D Colvin (Coach)

Mens Veteran Eight

S Mollard, J Fazio, D Garrard, A McDonald, J Adams, P
Ainsworth,

T Phillips, P Philp (Stroke), P Scott (Cox)

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA- 10th February 1991

Mens Intermediate Four

C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), P Hancock (cox),
S Sliwinski (Coach)

Mens Open Four

C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), P Hancock (cox),
S Sliwinski (Coach)

Mens Intermediate Eight

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass, C Barber, S Scott, S
Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), P Hancock (cox) S Sliwinski (Coach)

VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES 16th February 1991

Mens Intermediate Eight

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass, C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), P Hancock (cox) S Sliwinski (Coach)

Mens Intermediate Four

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass (Stroke), M Young (cox), S Sliwinski (Coach)

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 23-24th February 1991

Champion Mens Senior A Four

P Murphy, M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox),

N Donaldson (Coach)

Champion Mens Senior A Pair

A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke), N Donaldson (Coach)

Champion Mens Senior A Coxed Pair

S Quirk, E Kininmonth (Stroke), W Webster (Cox)

Champion Mens Senior B Eight

A Skelton, N Sadlier, S Teschendorf, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, P Sinn, M Thomas(Stoke), B Hayman (Cox) D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

Champion Mens Senior B Pair

J Mantello, B Dodwell(Stroke), D Colvin (Coach)

Youth Eight

S Teschendorf, N Sadlier, M Jackson, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, P Sinn, M Thomas(Stoke), B Hayman (Cox) D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

Senior C Eight

S Teschendorf, N Sadlier, M Jackson, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, A Skelton, M Thomas(Stoke), B Hayman (Cox) D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

HENLEY REGATTA—2nd March 1991

Mens Senior A Eight

G Barden, J Kerr, P Murphy, M. Batten, A Cooper, M McKay, W Hooper,

J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox), N Donaldson & P McGann (Coaches)

Mens Senior C Eight

S Teschendorf, N Sadlier, M Jackson, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, P Sinn, M Thomas(Stoke), B Hayman (Cox), D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

Mens Junior Eight

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass, C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), P Hancock (cox), S Sliwinski (Coach)

BARWON REGATTA—9th March 1991

Mens Youth Eight

M Jackson, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, P Sinn, M Thomas, S Teschendorf, N Sadlier (Stoke), B Hayman (Cox), D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

Mens Senior C Eight

M Jackson, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, P Sinn, M Thomas, S Teschendorf, N Sadlier (Stoke), B Hayman (Cox), D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

Mens Junior Eight

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass, C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), P Hancock (cox) S Sliwinski (Coach)

Mens Intermediate Eight

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass, C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), L Smith (cox) S Sliwinski (Coach)

NATIONAL SELECTION TRIAL REGATTA 8th—10th March 1991**Mens Senior A Coxed Four**

M Batten, P Murphy, I Popa, M Dingle (Stroke), P Scott (Cox), P McGann (Coach)

Mens Senior A Pair

P Murphy, M Dingle (Stroke), P McGann (Coach)

Mens Senior A Lightweight Pair

J Joyce, D Mollison (Stroke), M Owen & B Fry (Coaches)

BALLARAT REGATTA—11th March 1991**Champion Mens Senior C Eight**

M Jackson, P Findlay, D Bailey, D Colls, P Sinn, M Thomas, S Teschendorf, N Sadlier (Stoke), B Hayman (Cox), D Pincus & M Mitchell (Coaches)

Mens Intermediate Eight

S Nichols, L Bertrand, D Crowe, A Glass, C Barber, S Scott, S Billard, P Roberts (Stroke), L Smith (cox) S Sliwinski (Coach)

SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA—16th March 1991**Mens Senior A Four**

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

Mens Intermediate Four

C Barber, P Roberts, S Billard, L Bertrand (Stroke), L Smith (cox)
S Sliwinski (Coach)

Mens Senior C Scull

A Herold

BANKS REGATTA—23rd March 1991**Champion Mens Junior Four**

C Barber, P Roberts, S Billard, L Bertrand (Stroke), L Smith (cox)
S Sliwinski (Coach)

Champion Mens Senior C Pair

R Law, A McNeil (Stroke), A Guerin (Coach)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA 3rd—6th April 1991**Australian Champion Mens Senior A Coxed Four**

N Green(MUBC), M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox),
N Donaldson (Coach)

Australian Champion Mens Senior A Coxless Four

N Green(MUBC), M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke), N Donaldson (Coach)

Australian Champion Mens Senior B Eight

P Sinn, D Colls, D Lindlay, B Kane, M Thomas, P Findlay, S Teschendorf, N Sadlier (Stroke), B Hayman (Cox) D Pincus (Coach)

Australian Champion Womens Senior B Pair

C Paterson, A McFarlane (Stroke), P Philp (Coach)

1990 WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Lake Barrington Tasmania 31st October—4th November 1990

World Champion Mens Coxless Four

- | | |
|--|---------|
| 1. Australia | 5.52.20 |
| —N Green (MUBC), M McKay, S Patten, J Tomkins (Stroke) | |
| N Donaldson (Coach) | |
| 2. Holland | 5.53.41 |
| 3. Germany East | 5.54.71 |

World Champion Womens Lightweight Coxless Four

- | | |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Canada | 6.38.40 |
| 2. Australia | |
| —R Joyce | |
| 3. China | 6.42.30 |

World Champion Mens Lightweight Eight

- | | |
|---|---------|
| 1. Italy | |
| 2. Denmark | 5.36.98 |
| 3. Great Britain | 5.37.75 |
| 5. Australia | 5.38.90 |
| —M Robertson, S Morrison, D Mollison, P Scott (Cox) | |

World Champion Mens Lightweight Quad Scull

- | | |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Italy | 5.46.38 |
| 2. France | 5.48.58 |
| 3. Australia | 5.48.72 |

World Champion Mens Heavyweight Double Scull

- | | |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Austria | 6.56.37 |
| 2. Germany East | 6.57.08 |
| 3. Australia | 7.04.09 |

World Champion Mens Eight

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Germany West | 5.26.62 |
| 2. Canada | 5.27.57 |
| 3. Germany East | 5.29.88 |
| 8. Australia | 5.41.73 |
| —J Baker, W Hooper, S Spriggs | |

World Champion Mens Coxed Four

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Germany East | 6.46.73 |
| 2. Germany West | 6.48.03 |
| 3. Soviet Union | 6.49.40 |
| 9. Australia | 7.14.38 |
| —A Johnson, P Murphy, D Colvin (Cox) | |

World Champion Mens Lightweight Four

- | | |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Germany West | 7.03.68 |
| 2. France | 7.05.57 |
| 3. Holland | 7.05.84 |
| 4. Australia | 7.08.09 |

MEMBERS 1990-91

The membership of the club as at 30th April, 1991 was
as follows:

	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985
Life	7	7	7	5	5	7	7
Senior Active	155	175	206	174	159	164	176
Senior	11	14	15	16	17	17	18
Junior	41	56	82	77	60	73	72
Junior Student	31	32	12	19	14	15	19
Country	32	34	32	33	30	35	31
Associate	62	61	70	73	77	67	74
Honorary	3	2	4	3	3	2	—
	342	381	428	400	365	380	397

LIFE MEMBERS

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
Bailey K J
Baillieu WJ
Baker J
Batten M W
Batters N P R
Begley C J F
Benjamin P L
Borger A G
Bowen D A
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
Dawson R S
Dobbie A W
Donaldson N W
Donovan M J
Doyle D J
Doyle M A
Duthie I R
Eaton A R
Evans A M
Fazio J R
Fogarty D T

Fogarty M J
Foley J E
Franet P J
Frederico H R
Frederico H T
Gillon S M
Gross B B
Hansen G
Harry J R
Harvey J R
Hawkins J F
Hayes J V
Hayne J E
Healey N
Herold A G
Hill J
Hooper W R
Howden J G
Howes M
Hutchins W B
Inglis A C
Jickell I J
Johnson A L
Jones J M
Joyce J W
Joyce P G
Kellam M B
Kerin M J
Kerr J D
Kovacic J
Lane P J
Lawrence J J
Lechte J
Lee S
MacMillan A H
MacQueen H

Mahoney H J
Mahoney C W
Manley M W R
Manning R A
McInnes D A
McCall F
McCall G A
McDonald A W
McGann P R
McKay M S
McKenna M F
McLean D A
McLean I K
McMahon G F
McMillan S
Mollard S D
Mollison D
Moreton S C
Morgan J B
Morrison S A
Morrison W T
Mulder V G
Murchie A D
Murphy P J
Nation M J
Negri R A
Newton N L
O'Brien P H
O'Halloran S D P
Oakley A W
Palfreyman D
Paterson I H
Patten S G B
Pearson M J
Pechan G A
Phillips T D

Philp P E M
Pincus D A
Polinelli S N
Quirk S P
Redman R J
Reed S K
Reid S J
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
Stiwiniski S G
Sloan A T
Smith P F
Smith R K
Smyth B R
Spriggs S D
Stening S J
Stranks M C
St Vincent Welsh J B W
Teschendorf D J
Thomson C F
Tomanovits G T
Tomkins J B
Treloar M
Unwin W A J
Vautin W
Wade S T
Wallace A M
Wallace W L N
Wallis L W
Webster A M
Webster N G
Webster W H
Wertheimer E J
White E C
Williams L S
Wilson G J
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
Harding P

Shears J D
Wilson R B
Wood M R

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Anderson K J
Barden G I L
Barnes C E
Camakaris G
Colls D
Dodwell B
Edmonds J
Elliott M
Griffiths M J
Heath A D
Horne K
Howden J B
Hynes M A
Jackman A P
Jones C A
Joyce R S
Juracich D
Law R I
Mantello J A
McArthur A S J
McCasker F E
McFarlane A
McLean C A
McMillan M A
McNeil A S
Menzies G
Mitchell M
Moreton D
Moreton R
Patterson C L
Read E K
Rusden A J
Shippen M
Shipton J R F
Somerville P D
Spriggs F
Stewart S J
Teschendorf S
Thomas M D
Upton B C
Wilson R F

JUNIOR STUDENT MEMBERS

Bailey B D
Barber C A
Berman A G
Bertrand L
Billard S G
Bradbury J C
Crowe D P
Douglas Z
Evans S J

Findlay P M
Glass A D
Harry S E
Howden L J
Hunt S
Hutchins T A
Jackson M J A
Jamieson A N
McCormack D
McDonald B D
McKenna A F
Millis D J
Nicholls S H
Roberts P G
Sadler N D J
Scott R W
Scott S W
Sinn P A D
Skelton A
Strang R A
West A
Yunghanns G M

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Arendsen H
Barns G J
Bilney K A
Boyce A K
Butler S J
Capper G O 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 D
Fogarty F
Fry BSH
Granowski W O
Hidgcock C W
Hobbs S
Holland C S
Holyman G I
Hume D J
Hume K M
Hume M C
Humphries P W
Hunter M G
Johnson E C
Lachal R P
Leeming J
Loveless J
Macintyre A J H
Main G

McConville K H
McDonald D
McFarlane J L
McKay R N
Milligan A S
Negri R B
Nickson J H
O'Conner J
Oliver R J D
Ostrowski P L
Pamminger F
Park G A
Pechan W A
Pirani R L
Quirk R P
Renouf L P
Richardson B J
Richter P G
Rushford R J
Sanchez C
Seamen J W
Shibata T
Stanley R J
Watkin P K

White R A
Willis J D
Wood D S
Young G

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
Garrard R J
Guinn H G
Johnston G M D
Marley D C
Marshall K A
McArthur F S
McLean A R

McNamara P J
Moll L L B
Monger AC
Myers N J
Newcomb S H
O'Halloran M K
Olliff D
Preece D G
Rowe J S
Schreier P J R
Shears H P
Smyth K
Taylor G M
Young T J

HONORARY MEMBERS

Bradshaw G E
Gibbs S
Gumley A

RESIGNED, TRANSFERRED OR WRITTEN OFF MEMBERS

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

Anderson D
Ashton P W
Athey K
Baddeley P S
Ball D G
Barns A E J
Berg O
Bernadi C
Bird D
Black J
Blair-Holt I J A
Bowyer A J
Boykett P H
Burmeister M
Butler F M
Chambers J
Coller J R
Curl S
Cussen J A
Dawson A A
Douglas D G A
Doyle B J
Eaton K F
Everist D
Fitzgerald B L
Fitzpatrick P J
Fogarty D T

Fourie K R L
Fraser S L
Gibson A D C
Gilford C A L
Glynn D J
Gosselin C T J
Graham J E
Green G
Hall R
Harris G I
Heyward N R
Horne K
Hose J A
Hose M F
Howden R K
Howes T A
Jackson A
Joyce R S
Kasparsons M
Keaney M J
Kennedy M J
Kininmonth E
Kirby L A D
Law R A
Lee R E
Lewis S J
Maginn A E

Manton G O V
Martin S F
Mathews R T
Mayes D I
McAlpine A D
McAndrew D J
McCall D
McCarthy C J
McCredden J E
McDonald W K
McInerney P
McIntosh A J
McMillan A H
McMillan K
Mercer C
Merritt G D
Middendorp N P
Miller J
Miller-Randle R
Morell R T
Morrison B W
Morrison C A
Natilli S
Negri A L
Neville W C
Newport F P
Ochert D

Owen V J C
Parkes M
Patroni L
Pilmore R B
Quirk S P
Read E K
Schmidt T J

Scott G J C
Sharp G M
Somerville P G
Squire R J
Swinerton B J
Teitzel R G
Thompson C T

Tomanovits A M J
Triggs S C
Walker H J R
Williams P T
Williams R C M
Wilson A L
Windebank S K P