



**MERCANTILE  
ROWING  
CLUB**

INC.

MELBOURNE  
112TH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1991-1992

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 112TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SATURDAY 30TH MAY 1992 AT 7.00PM.**

## BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 29th June 1991.
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. That the Constitution be amended to provide for the reintroduction of senior membership as follows:
  - 1 . By the deletion of the following words from clause 4(1) of the Constitution:  
“(elected to this classification prior to 11th April, 1976)”.
  - 2 . By the addition of the following paragraph to clause 4 of the constitution:  
“(9)” “Senior members shall be:
    - (a) Those members elected to this classification prior to 11th April, 1976.
    - (b) Any member who has maintained membership of the Club for not less than ten years and has ceased rowing completely (other than in a veteran class) and who on application to the Committee is approved for transfer to this classification.”
6. 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 May, 1992 at 4.00pm.

By order of the Committee  
W. Webster  
Honorary Secretary  
1st May 1992

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Fellow Members,

The Barcelona Olympics are about to take place. For some of our members this is the reward for years of keen competition and dedicated training. We hope that the Four without coxswain and their coach will add an Olympic Gold Medal to their already impressive list of awards and that the Eight with its strong Mercantile representation will achieve success firstly at Lucerne and thus ratify their selection for the games, and then at Barcelona in the Olympic Games.

We also have one member in the Lightweight Four for the World Championships in Montreal and a number of members in the Eight which will compete as representatives of the Victorian Institute of Sport at Amsterdam and Henley-on-Thames. I congratulate those crews on their selection and particularly our members in them and wish them well.

Our various oarsmen and oarswomen in less prestigious categories had a season of varying results culminating in a large and competitive entry in the National Regatta where we were represented in twenty-four of the forty-four men's and women's events. I thank those members for their efforts and enthusiasm which I hope will provide a sound basis for success in the years to come.

Now we must plan for the future, perhaps with the Atlanta City Olympics in 1996 as our ultimate goal. We have a large and up-to-date fleet of boats achieved by stretching our financial resources to the very limit. We must encourage our younger members to make full use of this our essential and most valuable asset, encourage them to enjoy their training and rowing and above all encourage them to become part of the Mercantile tradition from which our older members have derived so much satisfaction and which we value so highly.

To those older members I urge a continued support of the Club and its hard working executives, a participation in all its activities whether on or off the water and an enthusiastic interest in the members competing for us. It all helps to keep Mercantile in front.

Bob Aitken

## TO THE MEMBERS

Your committee has pleasure in submitting the 112th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30th April 1992.

You are of course able to read this report one full month earlier than usual, with the Annual General Meeting brought forward for this year only to 30th May. In reading the report I hope you will gain a personal satisfaction from the achievements of the Club and its members during the year.

The fact that the meeting is to be held one month early is due in no small way to the success of our members during the season and in their selection in a number of State and National representative crews. Many of our members would otherwise have been away overseas at the end of June, either in competition or in final stages of their preparation, and we believe that all of these members should have the opportunity of attending the Annual General meeting. The achievements of our members continue to be unparalleled and are detailed throughout this report.

The Australian Heavyweight Men's Four comprising members Andrew Cooper, Michael McKay and James Tomkins, and with Nick Green of the Melbourne University Boat Club and their coach Noel Donaldson, again dominated the International Rowing scene, once again winning the Gold Medal at the World Rowing Championships and a number of other European regattas leading up to the Championships to repeat their fantastic success of the previous year.

The Olympiad of 1988 saw 5 Mercantile members selected in the Australian Eight and Coxless Pair. In 1992 10 members have been selected to represent Australia in the Men's Eight and Men's Coxless Four. We congratulate Sam Patten, Peter Murphy, Simon Spriggs, Ben Dodwell, David Colvin (Cox) and Brian Richardson (Coach) upon their selection in the Australian Men's Eight, and Andrew Cooper, Michael McKay, James Tomkins and Noel Donaldson (Coach) upon their selection in the Men's Coxless Four.

The strength of our Men's Heavyweight squad continues to grow and reflects the emphasis placed on the Club's selection policies in line with the National selection criteria established over the past 10 years. The excellent performance is again a credit to the hard work of our oarsmen and coaches and in particular Noel Donaldson and Paul McGann.

May the successes enjoyed by our crews this year carry on into the Olympic Games, and may every member feel justifiably proud of these crews when they compete in Barcelona.

We have also 6 oarsmen selected to represent a Victorian Institute of Sport crew at Royal Henley regatta. Brad Kerr, Matt Anstee, Jason Kovacic, Warwick Hooper, Tony Johnson and Brett Hayman (cox) have been selected in a development crew aimed at providing our up and coming Victorian oarsmen a taste of International experience and developing them into potential Australian represen-

tative oarsmen of the future. The last development Eight to compete at Royal Henley was in 1988, when an Australian Development Eight coached by Martin Aitken, and rowing as Mercantile was the winner of the Ladies Challenge Plate, in then, a record equalling time. May this be sufficient incentive to this year's crew to keep the winning record intact.

Derek Mollison has been successful in being selected to represent Australia at the World Lightweight Rowing Championships, where he will compete in the Men's Lightweight Coxless Four. For much of the season Derek was based in Geelong, rowing with a squad of whom many believed to be well past their peak. In fact Derek's coxless pair partner Phil Gardiner from MUBC turns 40 years of age later this year. Derek and Phil were unbeaten in Lightweight Pair oared races this season and both were rewarded with positions in the Australian Four. We congratulate Derek on this achievement and wish his crew well in Montreal.

With these fantastic results it is sometimes easy to overlook our shortcomings. Once again the lack of coaches inhibits our ability to properly boat a full range of crews particularly in the Women's areas and to a lesser degree in the Junior and Youth areas. Our Women's programmes suffer from the lack of continuity. We currently cannot put together an effective recruiting and development plan as we are continually being forced to apply short term remedies to long term solutions. The Club **must** take stock of its Women's rowing programme and strive for the same development and success as we were required to do with our Men in the early Eighties. Coaches must be found. If we fail to make it work now the opportunity will be lost for quite some time.

The 1992 Australian Rowing Championships and Kings Cup regatta were conducted for the first time at the new National Water Sports Centre at Carrum. Generally the weather conditions were ideal however strong winds on the semi finals day and both wind and rain on the Sunday of the Kings Cup tested competitors and officials alike and certainly dampened the enthusiasm of many spectators. The regatta otherwise was conducted smoothly and with many impressive performances from athletes from around the Country. There can be no doubt that the standard of Australian Rowing continues to rise. The organising committee of the Regatta including John Harry as chairman, David Pincus, John Nickson, Joe Fazio and David Boykett are to be congratulated for the success of the regatta.

Last year I raised the issue of composite crews, both locally and interstate. While the situation interstate remains too complex, Victoria has decided to take a welcome stand. In an Olympic year in particular any change in the rules, or at the least a revised interpretation of the rules could cut across many plans whether they be local or National selection policies or the personal goals of our athletes. In conjunction with policies formulated by the Victorian Institute of Sport and the Victorian Rowing Association, and certainly with the total support of Mercantile, all Clubs were obliged to enter crews in regattas leading up to and including the Victorian State Championships, only in events in which that Club was represented totally by members of that one club.

All Mercantile oarsmen and women competed in the State Championships in what was probably one of our largest entries ever. With the full support of our coaches and athletes some established combinations were altered for the championships to give everyone the opportunity of racing in at least two events. The no composite ruling meant that several interstate entries were rejected for the regatta, however, Club crews from Sydney, Mosman, Torrens and Adelaide University did make the trip over, some returning home with the spoils of victory.

Mercantile obviously has a position of strength in this regard, and we were successful in a number of State Championships. However, as feared by many of the smaller Clubs, we did not dominate the regatta, and the competition provided by those clubs forced to boat solely club crews proved to be certainly stronger than they expected. I believe that this competition must be encouraged if we ourselves are to continue our own high standards. Perhaps with Olympic commitments over, the time will be ripe to further expand this policy in Victoria, and then to work through the National scene.

Those members present at the National regatta will appreciate only too well the lack of Club identity associated with the regatta by the many interstate composite crews present. Many of our own crews were well beaten by these composite crews—indeed these composites often served their purpose in putting together the fastest boat and beating our solely club crews—however the composite win achieved nothing for their Club nor for the spectators. Our policy of allowing crews to compete at the regatta perhaps without the potential of winning is I believe of greater benefit to the Club, the sport and our athletes.

There are so many people who have given enormously of their time for Mercantile, and in particular I would like to pay tribute to and thank on your behalf, our hard working executive—Bill Webster as Secretary, Susan Lee as Treasurer, Steve Reid as Boats and Equipment Manager, Andrew Cooper as Social and Fund-raising Manager and Daryl Teschendorf as Chairman of Selectors. Also to the general committee members—Andrew Evans, Warwick Hutchins, James Tomkins, Michael McKay and Felicity McCall, and the selectors—Noel Donaldson and Richard Wraith. Each member of the executive and committee has an enormous role to undertake and the success and smooth operation of the Club would not have been possible without their efforts.

So many others are listed throughout this report be they providers of financial or physical assistance and I say again on behalf of all Club members thank you to everyone who in any way has helped the Club to continue to enjoy the position of the World's number one Rowing Club.

Jeff Lawrence  
Captain



## **TROPHIES**

The following trophies will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th May 1991.

### **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 Andrew Cooper.

This year, they went through the entire season undefeated in all classes of boats in which they rowed. They were members of crews that won the Victorian Championships in Senior "A" Eight and Four and then repeated the effort in the same categories plus coxless Pair in the Australian Championships (not to mention the World Champion Coxless Four).

Along with Michael McKay and Nick Green, they topped off their year by being named as Australia's Olympic representatives in the coxless Four for Barcelona.

Both are to be congratulated on a truly outstanding effort.

### **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 are delighted this year to award the trophy to Andrew Cooper.

Andrew's rowing achievements, outstanding in their own right, have been put to one side as this award was made to acknowledge his efforts in taking on the onerous responsibility of organising the social side of the Club's activities.

In an area that has often suffered from lack of interest and neglect in the past, Andrew joined the Committee after last year's General Meeting and re-invigorated the social life of the Club.

At the best of times this task is a demanding one. Andrew has managed through good promotion, hard work and enthusiasm to turn a profit of some \$8,000.00, and, as at this time of the year we have normally been looking at a break-even situation, the Committee considered this no mean feat.

On behalf of the Club members the Committee congratulates Andrew on his award and acknowledges the fact that our more successful oarsmen are returning to the club some of the benefits they have reaped by mentioning that all the members of the "Awesome Foursome" Mike McKay, James Tomkins and Andrew have served on the Committee this year. We look forward to more of our active oarsmen following this example in the future.

## **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 this year goes to Brett Hayman who won ten races during the season. Brett's season is covered more fully later in this report as he is a dual winner having also won the Norm Cairnes Trophy.

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

This trophy is made available by the Honourable Justice Frederico for presentation to the most improved oarswoman in the club.

The recipient this year is Pip Cant.

Pip joined Mercantile from R.M.I.T. and this is her first full year's rowing. Pip has virtually gone from novice to Women's Senior A in this year and if she were to continue to improve at this rate, great things could surely be expected from her in years to come.

We congratulate Pip on winning this award. It is around Pip and her ilk that Mercantile hopes to greatly strengthen the women's rowing division of the club in years to come.

## **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 and this has been won this year by Brett Hayman.

As well as being our most successful cox, Brett was also considered by the Committee to have developed considerably as a coxswain during the season.

Brett, who was the youth cox eight last year, progressed to being perhaps the second most senior cox in the Club to steer our Senior "B" and some Lightweight crews this year and capped off a very successful season by being named as coxswain of the VIS development eight which will be racing in the United Kingdom this year at "Royal Henley".

## **JEFF WYLIE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

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

It is awarded to the most improved lightweight rower(s) and this year has been jointly won by Andrew Glass and Nick Sadler.

Andrew and Nick, in only their second year at the Club have rowed in all the lightweight crews—Eights, Fours and Pairs during the season. Having several wins and a number of close placings, both these members demonstrated that they will be outstanding oarsmen in the not so distant future.

It is the young lightweight oarsmen such as Nick and Andrew that Mercantile is relying on to restore it to its rightful place as the top lightweight club in Australia.

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

For many years this trophy has been awarded to the most improved novice oarsman although in recent years due to the lower novice numbers at the Club the Junior and Youth areas have been included in the selection criteria.

This year the Committee has decided that, with the paucity of novice oarsman in the club, and the difficulty of selecting candidates from the Junior & Youth ranks who are in their first season at the Club, the criteria for the award should be expanded. Therefore this trophy will now be awarded to the most improved oarsman overall, a previously unrecognised and long overdue category.

It will come as no surprise to members that this year's winner is Ben Dodwell. Ben's climb this year has been meteoric.

From a disappointing Senior "B" season last year he has progressed this year to selection in a key seat of the Australian Olympic Eight. Starting the season with victory in the Mercantile State Champion Senior Eight, he followed this with some fine performances during the Season including the final National selection trial in the Men's coxless Pair race where, combining with Peter Murphy he came third, yielding by just a narrow margin to the two Pairs made up by members from the "Awesome Foursome".

He was also a member of the winning Victorian Kings Cup Eight and showed potential to follow in some Awesome footsteps when he topped the Australian Ergometer rankings—all at the tender age of nineteen.

From Senior "B" to Olympic Eight in one year. We congratulate Ben on this outstanding achievement and pay tribute to his coaches Noel Donaldson, Brian Richardson and in particular Paul McGann for their assistance in Ben's great leap forward.

We are delighted to have such a worthy winner for this re-constituted award. The perpetual shield and trophy are donated by the family of the late F. R. Browne.

### **ROWING—GENERAL**

**"Psychoanalytic images of the rower depict him or her either as an erotomaniac or as a saintly masochist."**

We tried a new approach this season in an effort to increase co-operation between rowers, coaches and selectors.

Regular coaches meetings were held to discuss boat allocations, coaching and training programmes and developments as well as establishing a coaching "Think Tank" where a flow of ideas could be considered.

Noel Donaldson's direction and input was invaluable. Next season, with the assistance of Noel we are endeavouring to develop an even more effective coaching support group.

Coupled with these coaches meetings regular group meetings were also held with our oarsmen and women, to acquaint them with such matters as committee decisions, selection policies, programmes, club events and matters in general. The support of our athletes for these meetings was welcomed. These meetings will be ongoing in order to involve all our athletes in the Club and the various decision making processes.

One of our major objectives next season is to introduce a more professional approach to training and coaching methods so as to attract more young people into rowing at Mercantile.

This season we introduced a 4 year development programme for heavyweight and lightweight men. The programme was named "Atlanta Assault 1992-96". It began with a recruiting day, targeting oarsmen for junior, youth and our development squads.

Prospective recruits were introduced to members of the "Awesome Foursome" and our Senior A squad and boated with these experienced oarsmen. This "interlink" system blends experience with youth and has the potential to fast-track youth development programmes.

Both Paul McGann and Noel Donaldson contributed valuable time and expertise to this programme and the Club hopes that they can find the time next season to take this project on to Stage 2.

The other successful aspect of our interlink strategy in recruiting was the development of a very successful lightweight squad under the enthusiastic direction of Richard Wraith. Richard's lightweight squad was the most successful group to develop this season and we anticipate this squad expanding and developing as their program develops through to Senior A level.

Our women's programme was based around the Heavyweight A & B squads. Peter Philp committed himself to taking the A Squad through to the Nationals and Phil Ainsworth joined Peter during the season and coached the B squad. Our primary aim for next season is to develop these squads based around these experienced oarswomen.

It was pleasing to see our Youth programme develop this season, and with the experience our coaches have gained this year, we are on track toward greater achievements next season.

The recruiting and development cycle for our youth programme is 3 years, and with a fresh start to recruiting and training methods this year we expect 1992-3 to be far more rewarding for coaches and rowers alike.

Two of the key areas we concentrated on developing this year were:

- Expanding our depth of coaches and increasing the knowledge base.
- Increasing the opportunities for recruiting members at all levels to row at Mercantile.

It is becoming more difficult to attract coaches due to economic conditions. People are finding it more difficult to make the time allowances needed to coach, also there are many good coaches being attracted to schools where there are job opportunities or at least remuneration for services rendered.

Being able to recruit dedicated and committed coaches to fill all the areas of our rowing programme is the biggest challenge we have facing us at the moment.

Our coaches this year have been exceptional in the way they have communicated and co-operated with each other. Not all their aims and goals have been achieved this season but they have established a solid support base to build on and strengthen for next season.

Each season we continue our recruiting programmes, however next season we must endeavour to compete at more V.R.A. regattas in both the city and the country. This is by far the most effective way of introducing our club to new recruits as we have a captive audience when we are present and competing.

Finally, on behalf of the selectors and committee we congratulate all oarspersons and coxswains who represented Mercantile this year and to their coaches, well done.

**"No matter how polluted a River; it still seems less tainted than concrete. Despite motorboats that roar past, leaving noise and waves in their wake, there is an irrevocable sense of the raw challenge of nature, a feeling of, us against the world."**

### **Coaches**

We thank the following coaches for their work with Club crews this year

#### **Men's Heavyweight**

Noel Donaldson

Paul McGann

Graeme Boykett

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

Richard Wraith

#### **Men's Youth & Development**

Mark Mitchell

John Leeming

Andrew Eaton

Nick Boileau

#### **Women's Heavyweight**

Peter Philp

Phil Ainsworth

#### **Women's Lightweight**

David Ochert

## **Coxswains**

We continue to be served by an excellent group of coxswains and we thank this enthusiastic group for their efforts:

**Senior A Men:** David Colvin, Bill Webster, Peter Scott, Mark Lavercombe

**Senior B Men:** Brett Hayman

**Youth Development:** Trevor Morgan, Ami Alston

**Lightweight & Women:** Larrisa Smith, Cassie Humphries and Kirstie Eaton.

## **Crews**

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

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

Andrew Cooper, Michael McKay, James Tomkins, Peter Murphy, Malcolm Batten, Sam Patten, Ben Dodwell, Gary Gullock, Warrick Hooper, Geoff Barden, Tony Johnson, Tim Browne, Scott Reid, David Doyle, Mark Doyle, Cam Jones, David Colvin, Bill Webster and Peter Scott.

### **Men's Senior B Heavyweight**

Peter Findlay, Malcolm Shippen, Simon Morrison, Jamie Howden and Brett Hayman.

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

Derek Mollison, Joe Joyce, Andrew Herold, Richard Law, Andrew McNeil, Nick Sadler, Andrew Glass, Rohan Wilson, Mathew Petricola, Scott Coveney, Nick Inglis and James Rowland.

### **Men's Youth & Development**

Brad Kerr, Matt Anstee, Rory Clarke, David McCormack, Marcus Nance, Stuart Billard, Henry Edgar, Andrew McLean, Phil Roberts, Trevor Morgan, David Moreton, Ed Forety, Toby Morris, Paul Burgess, James Bruce, Tim Carmichael, Travis Mason, Derek Wilson and Amy Alston.

### **Men's Veteran**

(The ranks of the veterans continue to increase.)

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

Jayneen Collier, Felicity McCall, Celia Paterson, Pip Cant, Margot Mayfield, Sally Cuming, Anne Marie Wilson, Karen Hill, Lucy Howden, Catherine McLean and Larrisa Smith.

### **Women's Lightweight**

Sue Lee and Janet Cussen

Daryl Teschendorf  
Chairman of Selectors

## **AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES**

Following some fine performances throughout the Season, at the National Regatta, and the two National Selection Trials, a large number of members were selected in crews to represent Australia at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and the 1992 World Rowing Championships to be held in Montreal.

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:

### **Olympic Games—Barcelona**

#### **Australian Men's Heavyweight Four**

Mike McKay, Andrew Cooper, James Tomkins (Stroke), Noel Donaldson (Coach).

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

Peter Murphy, Ben Dodwell, Sam Patten, Simon Spriggs, David Colvin (cox), Brian Richardson (Coach).

Andrew Guerin is the Australian Team Manager.

### **World Championships—Montreal**

#### **Australian Men's Lightweight Four**

Derek Mollison

## **THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund has been established with the long term view of providing for Mercantile's future.

The fund was established by our late revered president, Jim Sprigg, David Boykett and Bob Aitken in 1986 and contributions and accumulation of income now see the fund standing at approximately \$70,000.00.

During the past year donations were made by: Henry Guinn, Norm Cairnes, Harry Mahoney and Andrew Guerin and the club expresses its gratitude to these members.

The trustees would welcome hearing from anyone who would like to help financially in any way, shape, form or size to ensure the Clubs future stability.

## **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 Bill Morrison some years ago and the members noted below have shown their generosity. It is again pleasing to see such support as these funds continue to make a valuable contribution to Mercantile's revenue. 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 during the season.

Bob Aitken	Phil Ainsworth	Mike McKenna
John Hayes	Ian Holyman	Jack Jones
Jeff Lawrence	John Harry	Nick Newton
Barry Gross	Lindsay Wallis	Daryl Teschendorf
Peter Watkin	Roger Wilson	Steve Gillon
Bill Unwin	Warwick Granowski	Lloyd Williams
Dick Oliver	Jim Adams	Graham Richardson
Andrew Guerin	Warwick Mahoney	Harry Mahoney
John Carr	Ken Hume	Alec Dobbie
Dennis Creasy	Martin Owen	John Bostock
Andrew Evans	Hubert Frederico	Tim Frederico
Phil Batters	Norm Cairnes	Reg McKay
Neil Webster	Peter Philp	David Pincus
Jim Harvey	Ron Negri	Graeme Boykett
David Boykett	David Palfreyman	Frank Fogarty

## COMMITTEE

At the time of going to print, 10 Committee Meetings have been held and the attendance has been as follows:

Robert Aitken	5	Andrew Evans	8
Jeff Lawrence	10	Sue Lee	9
Mal Batten	8	Andrew Cooper	4
David Boykett	6	Steve Reed	6
Bill Webster	10	Darryl Teschendorf	7
Felicity McCall	8	James Tomkins	5
Warwick Hutchins	7	Michael McKay	6

## 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.

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:

Felicity McCall, Sue Lee, Tony Inglis, Scott Reid, Geoff Barden, Peter Somerville, Simon Morrison, Richard Wraith (Stroke), Kirstie Eaton (Cox). The winning time was 27.04.

## SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA

The 34th annual Scotch Mercantile Regatta was conducted on the Henley Course on Saturday 21st March 1992. Being just one week after the National Regatta entries from Club crews was well down on previous years, however as always very good entries and an excellent standard of racing was produced by the various Schools participating.

During the year Bob Aitken stepped down as Chairman of the Regatta committee, a position he has held since the inception of the Regatta in 1955. We are indebted to Bob for his work over the years in developing this regatta to one of the leading one day events in Australia.

We also wish to thank the organising committee of Peter O'Brien (secretary), Heather Boykett (treasurer), David Boykett, Graeme Boykett, Steve Gillon, Jeff Lawrence and David Pincus for their usual fine work and high standard regatta.

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

This ceremony in which we remember members who served in the three wars and did not return, was conducted on Sunday morning, 26th April 1992 by the President and assisted by Mr John Seammen.

## BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

During the season we continued our plans of up-grading the fleet as much as finance would permit.

While in season 1990-91 we concentrated on improving the quality of our Eights and Fours, in 1991-92 the emphasis was placed on our coxless Pairs.



Three Sykes coxless pairs of nomex construction were acquired during the year which have been allocated one each to our Heavyweight Men, our Lightweight Men and our Heavyweight Women. The boats have been named **Sam Patten**, **Michael McKay** and **Andrew Cooper**.

The need for a further Men's Coxed Four, and an opportunity to acquire a boat at reduced cost arose in November and with the aid of a short term loan from the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta committee a Sykes nomex coxed Four named **E C White** was purchased. The boat was used by our number two men's heavyweight Four crew otherwise known as the Four with more.

Sean Colgan (Trader Al) again made the very generous donation to the Club of a set of 10 Dreissigacker Oars which were used by our Youth Eight. We again thank Sean for his generosity to Mercantile and look forward to welcoming him back to the Club when he is next in Australia.

A number of boats had not officially been christened from the previous season, and with the 4 new acquisitions, a grand christening celebration of 10 boats occurred on Sunday 1st December 1991. The Eight **Jeffrey Lawrence**, the Fours **NW Cairnes**, **Noel Donaldson**, **EC White** and **Graeme McCall**, and the Pairs **James Tomkins**, **Andrew Cooper**, **Michael McKay**, **Warwick Hutchins** and **Peter Watkin** were all christened on this day in what was truly an amazing display of new rowing craft.

Unfortunately due to the absence of Sam Patten on this day due to Olympic Selection commitments in Canberra, the boat carrying his name was not christened on this occasion, however this did occur on Sunday 22nd December 1991, prior to the traditional Christmas Barrel.

As in the previous year, older or surplus equipment was sold to assist in the purchase of any new equipment required. The following items were sold during the season:

Fours—N W Cairnes (1976)

Pairs—H R Frederico (1979)

John Harry (1980)

A W Dobbie (1982)

Lindsay Wallis (1987)

Oars—Dreissigacker (1983) x 14

Other—Conventional Aluminium Speed Boat Hull

The S & B Training Scull (1985) was donated to St Pauls School to assist them in developing Rowing at the School, while the Eight **John Burford** (1973) was scrapped.

Our fleet is now of a standard and size beyond compare and it has been a tribute to the many members and friends of the Club over the years to ensure the continued improvement and size of our fleet to this level.

A full list of the club's 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

## **FOURS —Racing**

E C White	1991	Excellent
N W Cairnes	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
Caltex & Dealers (coxless)	1964	Poor

### **—Regulation**

Ted Sorani	1978	Good
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## **PAIRS—Racing**

Andrew Cooper	1992	Excellent
Michael McKay	1991	Excellent
Sam Patten	1991	Excellent
James Tomkins	1991	Excellent
Warwick Hutchins	1990	Excellent
Peter Watkin	1990	Excellent
John Carr	1990	Excellent
Andrew Evans	1990	Excellent
John Gumley	1987	Very Good
Peter Gibbs	1986	Very Good
Jo Jo Doyle	1985	Good
Ian Wilson	1983	Good
Bert Spencer	1983	Very Good
Jean Bradshaw	1983	Very Good
S & B	1986	Good

### **—Regulation**

Laurie Moll	1978	Fair
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## **OARS**

Dreissigacker 12'7" 10	1991	Excellent (Youth)
Dreissigacker 12'7" 10	1991	Excellent (Junior)
Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'8" 9	1990	Excellent (SA Men)
Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'7" 9	1990	Excellent (LW / Women)
Dreissigacker 12'8" 10	1990	Excellent (Senior B)
Dreissigacker 12'6" 9	1990	Good (Veteran)
Dreissigacker 12'6" 10	1990	Good (Youth No 2)
Dreissigacker 12'7" 6	1983/5	Good (Women)
Sykes Wooden Blue/Green Band 12'6" 2	1981	Good (Wilson)
Sykes Wooden Dk Blue Band 12'5" 8	1981	Fair (Social)
Sykes Wooden Brown Band 12'7" 2	1980	Good (Doyle)
Sykes Wooden Black Band 12'6" 5	1977	Fair (Veteran)
Croker Wooden Black Band 12'5" 4	1974	Fair (Sorani)
Sykes Wooden Yellow Band 12'6" 8	1974	Fair (Social)

Croker Wooden Grey Band 12'5" 2 1970 Fair (Moll)  
Assorted Wooden 5 1960-70 Fair (Veteran)

Total Oars—Driessigacker = 73  
Wooden = 35

### **MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT**

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

Steve Reed  
Boats and Equipment Manager

### **BOAT HOUSE**

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

While we must unfortunately report that we were delayed in our major plans for the year due to problems with the issue of leases by the Melbourne City Council for all the City based boathouses, we have continued our work to bring the Clubhouse up to scratch.

A working bee during November saw all our active oarsmen and women involved in a number of projects and a major cleanout of the Clubhouse. This working bee in particular led to the replacement of the blocked and damaged drainage system at the front of the Club and connection of the western side downpipes to the drainage system. The continual flooding of the front of the Clubhouse and entrance is now a thing of the past.

During January the new Men's Toilets commenced under the supervision of vice captain Mal Batten, and only final installation of hand basins, new mirror, hand dryers, some painting and other minor work remain to be done to complete these toilets to a standard that even the Hyatt Hotel would be proud.

During March, a further working bee led to the demolition of the old Men's Toilets and part of the Gymnasium dividing wall and this has meant a greatly increased area available for the Gymnasium. Flooring protection and carpeting of this additional area in the Gymnasium will occur shortly.

Over the next season it is hoped that the additional area available in the Gymnasium will be further enhanced by installation of additional weight training equipment and relocation of some of the existing.

The relocation of the Men's changeroom has been completed save for some minor work and final painting to fully finish this area.

During the year a further set of boat racks was constructed specifically to correctly and safely house the ever-increasing number of Pair oared boats.

Functions conducted in the Clubrooms continue to provide a good income and all funds from these functions are reinvested in the improvement and maintenance of the Clubrooms.

While our major plans did not get underway as proposed, we would like to take the opportunity of acknowledging the financial support provided by the following to our plans:

Graham Richardson, Lindsay Wallis, Jim Harvey, Harry Mahoney, Bob Aitken, Mike McKenna, Ted Johnson and the Scotch Mercantile Regatta Committee.

The Club would also like to acknowledge the following members for their assistance with projects during the year and thank all those who gave of their time and energy at the various working bees throughout the season:

John Foley—Painting and Cleaning  
Ted Sorani—Welding of Boat racks and Gym equipment  
Keith Bilney—Upholstery of Gym Equipment  
Warwick Hutchins—Fabrication of all Metal requirements  
Geoff Barden—Drainage and Demolition specialist  
Andrew Herold—Toilet Partitioning and flooring  
Mal Batten—Toilet Flooring  
Simon Crunden—Toilet Plumbing  
Jeff Lawrence—Toilet Plastering & Tiling

## **SOCIAL AND CLUB EVENTS**

Social events conducted in 1991–1992 captured what in recent times have been unique—the perfect blend of first class entertainment, the opportunity for young and old to mix and importantly, a good financial return.

While not intended as such, often in recent years successful functions planned and conducted with a great deal of hard work have for one reason or another failed to produce the appropriate fund raising expected. This year Andrew Cooper has taken on the Social and Fund raising role and very successfully combined the ingredients of good entertainment with the need to return financial dividends to the Club.

The first major event conducted during the season was a Victory dinner to celebrate the successive victories of the Awesome Four-some at the 1990 and 1991 World Championships. This was conducted in the Great Hall of the National Gallery on Cup Eve 4th November 1991. In a spectacular evening the crews from both years were honoured while guest speaker John Bertrand spoke of his experiences in Yachting and the Olympic Games. We thank Warwick Hutchins for his outstanding organisation of this event.

In the past few years the Christmas Party has not attracted the usual high numbers, and therefore this year the Committee believed that a change in format would be appropriate. A Club open day along the lines of the defunct Ladies Day was held on Sunday 1st December. Combined with the boat christenings of 10 boats described elsewhere in this report, this day turned out to be a very successful and special event and will be continued in years to come.

A very successful function was also conducted on Sunday 9th February with approximately 200 people in attendance for the drawing of a bonus raffle and over \$3,000 was raised during this event.

A number of get-togethers were also organised after major regattas including a pasta night after the State Championships, and a major extravaganza after the National Regatta. Again over \$3,000 was raised from these functions.

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.

### V.R.A. PREMIERSHIP POINTS, SEASON 1991-92

#### CHAMPION CLUB

##### MEN

Power House	66	Mercantile	13
Essendon	30	Barwon	13
Hamilton	26	Corowa	10
Wendouree Ballarat	25	Bendigo	10
Ballarat City	20	Melbourne	8
Corio Bay	18	Banks	7
Yarra Yarra	18	St Patricks	6
M.U.B.C.	18	Hawthorn	5

#### SENIOR PREMIERSHIP

##### MEN

Power House	97	M.U.B.C.	19
Mercantile	78	Wendouree Ballarat	18
Banks	21	Barwon	8

#### JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP

##### MEN

Power House	154	Geelong College	40
Essendon	83	Corowa	36
Hamilton	74	Banks	32
Yarra Yarra	59	Ballarat City	29
Corio Bay	53	Mercantile	21

#### LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP

##### MEN

M.U.B.C.	46	Yarra Yarra	18
Essendon	22	Mercantile	9

#### CHAMPION CLUB

##### WOMEN

Corio Bay	45	Bendigo	9
Essendon	45	Hamilton	9
Yarra Yarra	31	Dimboola	8
Power House	29	Mercantile	4

#### SENIOR PREMIERSHIP

##### WOMEN

Yarra Yarra	30	M.U.L.R.C.	10
Essendon	27	Mercantile	3

#### LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP

##### WOMEN

M.U.L.R.C.	14	Melbourne	4
Richmond	4	Banks	1

## GENERAL

Despite our continuing success at the highest level of the sport our performance at the lower levels has not matched the heights of the mid-1980's when Mercantile crews ruled the water at every level. In parallel with this situation on the water there has been a feeling of disinterest amongst some members who despair at poor performances at local regattas.

It should be noted that for the first time in recent years Mercantile failed to win a V.R.A. premiership. This is simply not good enough for a club such as Mercantile! What the Club needs is the involvement of all its members.

Mercantile has over three hundred members and a rich rowing history, yet there are many of our members who are only seen once or twice a year. It is not enough to simply post a cheque to the Club once a year. Members need to play a greater role in the life of the Club. Memories of past success, when Mercantile victories were the rule rather than the exception, should be used to provide inspiration, a tradition and an atmosphere that surrounds our younger members and gives them a sense of what it is to be a Mercantilian.

In the past year the Club christened a record number of new boats. This has been possible only because of the efforts of the Captain, Jeff Lawrence. The fact that Mercantile has one of the best fleets in the country is a testament to his efforts.

We must also recognise the efforts of our Vice Captain Mal Batten. In the past year Mal has organised working bees to fix the drainage problem at the front of the Boatshed, the demolition of the old men's toilets and the painting and cleaning of the Clubhouse. Mal also constructed much of the new men's toilets.

Our Treasurer, Susan Lee has continued to maintain the Club's financial records in a very professional manner and capably guide the club through tough economic times.

Upon his triumphant return after the World Championships last year, Andrew Cooper stepped into the role of Social Manager. He organised a number of successful functions which managed to do something that social functions failed to do—raise a significant amount of money for the Club. We congratulate Andrew on these functions and thank him for his work in raising much needed funds for the Club.

The Victorian Institute of Sport provided a great deal of support to our members this year in their quest for selection for the Olympic Games and World Championships. We thank them for the service and support that they provide to our active members. The Victorian Institute of Sport is now in its third year and has become an established part of competitive rowing. It is up to the clubs to ensure that the Club system can survive and prosper by using the V.I.S. to full advantage.

The "Yarra Bank Sprints" the Australian Indoor Rowing Championships were held for the third time last October. This event has gone from strength to strength and is now a recognised part of the regatta program and is starting to pay dividends to the Club.

Many other members have assisted the Club and it is appropriate that they be recognised in this report.

Geoff Barden and Simon Crunden for their efforts in fixing the drainage problem at the front of the Clubhouse.

Roger Wilson for providing his lively commentary at regattas and we wish him well for his calling of the rowing events at the Barcelona Olympics for A.B.C. Radio.

Wal Oakley for his coverage of rowing in The Sunday Age.

Trader Al (Sean Colgan) for the donation of oars to the Club.

Andrew Guerin for providing legal advice to Mercantile and other kindred clubs over the issue of Boatshed leases by the City of Melbourne.

The Scotch-Mercantile Regatta Committee for their generous loan to the Club.

Peter Somerville for the continued production of the Mercantilian.

Vic Mulder and G. V. Mulder (Aust) Pty Ltd for the supply of marquees and other items at a number of Club functions.

For and on behalf of the Committee  
William Webster  
Honorary Secretary

### **RACING RESULTS** **INTERSTATE & KINGS CUP REGATTA** **Sunday 15th March, 1992**

**Interstate Eight Oared Championship—The Kings Cup** 6.38.29  
1. Victoria, 2. Western Australia, 3. South Australia (P Murphy, G Gullock, B Dodwell, M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox), N Donaldson (Coach)—Mercantile).

**Interstate Champion Youth Eight—N. F. Wilkinson Trophy** 7.03.97  
1. New South Wales 2. Queensland 3. Victoria (B Kerr, P Roberts, M Anstee, Mercantile).

**Interstate Champion Lightweight Four—The Penrith Cup** 7.47.38  
1. New South Wales 2. Victoria 3. Tasmania (D Mollison—Mercantile)

**Interstate Champion Single Scull—The President's Cup** 8.51.02  
1. Queensland 2. Western Australia 3. Victoria.

**Interstate Champion Women's Elite Four—ULVA Trophy** 8.20.87  
1. New South Wales 2. South Australia 3. Queensland.

**Interstate Champion Women's Lightweight Four—Victoria Cup** 9.11.63  
1. Victoria 2. New South Wales 3. Queensland.

**Interstate Champion Women's Scull—Nell Slatter Trophy** 9.51.65  
1. Western Australia 2. Queensland 3. New South Wales.

**AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Carrum, Victoria, 11th March—14th March 1992**

<b>Men's Senior B Coxless Pair</b>	6.52.79
1. Commercial 2. Sydney 3. Torrens	
<b>Men's Senior A Coxless Pair</b>	6.39.22
1. Mercantile No.1 2. Mercantile/MUBC 3. Corio Bay	
<b>Men's Senior A Coxed Pair</b>	7.30.45
1. Mercantile/Mosman 2. Corio Bay	
<b>Men's Senior B Scull</b>	7.14.37
1. Tweed Heads 2. Commercial 3. Sydney Uni	
<b>Men's Senior A Scull</b>	6.57.89
1. MUBC 2. Lindisfarne 3. MUBC	
<b>Women's Lightweight Senior B Pair</b>	7.02.23
1. Adelaide 2. Mercantile 3. MUBC	
<b>Men's Lightweight Senior A Pair</b>	6.53.91
1. Mercantile/Melb Uni 2. Toowong 3. Barwon	
<b>Women's Senior B Scull</b>	8.12.09
1. WA Institute of Sport 2. Aust Institute of Sport 3. Uni of Queensland 4. Mercantile—L Howden	
<b>Women's Senior A Four</b>	7.01.68
1. AIS 2. Drummoyne 3. MULRC 4. Mercantile	
<b>Men's Senior B Four</b>	6.38.13
1. Commercial/Toowong 2. Adelaide Uni 3. Sydney 4. Mercantile	
<b>Men's Senior A Coxed Four</b>	6.22.08
1. Mercantile/MUBC 2. AIS 3. Uni of Queensland	
<b>Men's Lightweight Senior B Four</b>	6.43.02
1. Adelaide 2. Mercantile 3. Adelaide Uni	
<b>Men's Lightweight Senior A Four</b>	6.40.87
1. Mercantile/Barwon/Melb Uni 2. Buckingham 3. Merics/MUBC	
<b>Women's Senior A Eight</b>	7.10.72
1. MULRC 2. Drummoyne 3. Toowong 4. Mercantile	
<b>Men's Senior B Eight</b>	6.15.54
1. Swan River 2. Mercantile/Banks 3. Sydney Comp. 5. Mercantile	
<b>Men's Senior A Coxless Four</b>	6.41.47
1. Mercantile/MUBC/Banks 2. Klaipeda 3. AIS 6. Mercantile	
<b>Men's Lightweight Eight</b>	6.31.13
1. Essendon Comp 2. Drummoyne Comp 3. Toowong Comp 6. Mercantile	

**CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING**  
**SUCCESSFUL CREWS**

**NATIONAL SELECTION REGATTA—Carrum 4-5th May 1991**

**Men's Senior A Pair**

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

**Men's Senior A Four**

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

**Men's Lightweight Senior A Pair**

J Joyce, D Mollison (Stroke), M Owen (Cox)



## WINTER REGATTA—10th August 1991

### Men's Open Four

R Law, A McNeil, R Wraith, S Morrison (Stroke), B Hayman (Cox)

## YARRA YARRA REGATTA—19th October 1991

### Men's Senior C Four

N Sadler, A Glass, R Law, A McNeil, K Eaton (Cox) R Wraith (Coach)

### Men's Open Scull

C Jones

### Men's Intermediate Scull

N Inglis

## DIMBOOLA—16th November 1991

### Men's Open Pair

A McNeil, R Law (Stroke), B Hayman (Cox), R Wraith (Coach)

### Men's Open Four

R Garrard, R Wraith, T Ryan, J Ryan (Stroke), B Hayman (Cox)

### Women's Open Four

C Paterson, J Collier, M Mayfield, F McCall (Stroke),  
L Smith (Cox), P Philp (Coach)

### Women's Open Pair

C Paterson, J Collier (Stroke), L Smith (Cox), P Philp (Coach)

### Women's Intermediate Scull

S Lee

## UPPER YARRA REGATTA—23rd November 1991

### Men's Senior C Four

P Findlay, M Shippen, J Howden, S Morrison (Stroke), B Hayman (Cox), G Boykett (Coach)

## WENDOUREE BALLARAT REGATTA—30th November 1991

### Men's Lightweight Pair

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

## VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 14-15th December 1991

### Champion Men's Senior A Eight

G Barden, T Johnson, B Dodwell, P Murphy, S Patten, M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke), D Colvin (cox), P McGann and N Donaldson (Coaches)

### Champion Men's Senior B Eight

P Findlay, P Roberts, R Clarke, D McCormack, B Kerr, M Shippen, J Howden, S Morrison (Stroke), B Hayman (Cox), G Boykett and M Mitchell (Coaches)

### Champion Men's Senior A Four

G Barden, M. McKay, A Cooper, J. Tomkins (Stroke), W Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson (Coach)

### Champion Men's Senior B Four

P Findlay, M Shippen, J Howden, S Morrison (Stroke) B Hayman (Cox), G Boykett (Coach)

## HEAD OF THE YARRA—8th February 1992

### Men's Open Eight

J Rowland, M Petricola, S Coveney, R Wilson, N Sadler, R Wraith, A Glass, R Law (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox), R Wraith (Coach)

### Men's Veteran Eight

S Mollard, A McDonald, P Ainsworth, J Sykes, R Garrard, T Phillips, P Philp (Stroke), W Webster (Cox)

### Women's Open Eight

S Cuming, M Mayfield, C McLean, A Wilson (Stroke), C Humphries (Cox) with Richmond Composite

## NATIONAL SELECTION TRIAL—Canberra 15th February 1992

### Men's Senior A Four

P Murphy, B Dodwell, G Gullock, S Patten (Stroke), D Colvin (Cox)  
P McGann (Coach)

### Men's Senior A Lightweight Pair

P Gardiner (MUBC), D Mollison (Stroke)

### Men's Senior A Lightweight Four

P Gardiner (MUBC), D Mollison, L McCarthy (Barwon), B Digby (Barwon)

## BANKS REGATTA—15th February 1992

### Men's Open Four

R Wilson, M Petricola, S Coveney, J Rowland (Stroke), L Smith (Cox), R Wraith (Coach)

### Women's Open Four

S Cumming, A McLean, M Mayfield, A Wilson (Stroke), C Humphries (Cox), P Ainsworth (Coach)

## VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES—22nd February 1992

### Men's Senior C Eight

J Rowland, M Petricola, S Coveney, R Wilson, N Sadler, A McNeil, A Glass, R Law (Stroke), L Smith (Cox), R Wraith (Coach)

### Women's Senior B Pair

C McLean, A Wilson (Stroke), P Ainsworth (Coach)

### Men's Senior A Lightweight Scull

A Herold

### Women's Senior B Scull

L Howden

## HENLEY REGATTA—1st March 1992

### Men's Senior C Eight

P Burgess, T Mason, T Morris, D Moreton, E Forety, J Bruce, T Carmichael, D Wilson (Stroke) A Alston (Cox), A Eaton (Coach)

### Men's Lightweight Eight

J Rowland, M Petricola, S Coveney, R Wilson, N Sadler, A McNeil, A Glass, R Law (Stroke), L Smith (Cox), R Wraith (Coach)

### Men's Lightweight Senior C Four

N Sadler, A McNeil, A Glass, R Law (Stroke), L Smith (Cox), R Wraith (Coach)

## BARWON REGATTA—7th March 1992

### Men's Intermediate Eight

P Burgess, T Mason, T Morris, D Moreton, E Forety, J Bruce, T Carmichael, D Wilson (Stroke) A Alston (Cox), A Eaton (Coach)

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA—  
11th-14th March 1992**

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

N Greene (MUBC), M McKay, A Cooper, J Tomkins (Stroke),  
W Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson (Coach)

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

W Hooper, A Muller (MUBC), M McArdle (Banks), A Johnson  
(Stroke), S Spurling (Coach)

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

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

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

P Gardiner (MUBC) D Mollison (Stroke), G Hunter (Coach)

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

L McCarthy, P Gardiner, D Mollison, B Digby (Stroke), G Hunter  
(Coach)

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

M Hanna (Mosman), J Kovacic (Stroke), G Green (Cox)

**NATIONAL SELECTION REGATTA—Tasmania 4-5th April 1992**

**Men's Senior A Pair**

N Greene (MUBC) M McKay (Stroke) N Donaldson (Coach)

**Men's Senior A Four**

N. Greene (MUBC) M. McKay, A.Cooper, J. Tomkins (Stroke),  
W Webster (Cox), N. Donaldson (Coach)

**Men's Lightweight Senior A Pair**

P Gardiner (MUBC) D Mollison (Stroke), G Hunter (Coach)

**Men's Senior A Lightweight Four**

L McCarthy, P Gardiner, D Mollison, B Digby (Stroke), G Hunter  
(Coach)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Over the past two seasons the financial focus of our club has been to upgrade our fleet of boats. This has been achieved by stretching to the limits all our financial resources and very generous donations from our members.

In particular I would like to thank "Trader Al" (Sean Colgan) who kindly donated a further set of 10 oars. Over the past 3 seasons Trader has donated 30 carbon fibre oars to the Club, not just being of enormous value to our oarsmen and women who are using these oars but enabling the Club to purchase our very much needed boats with finance which would otherwise have had to be spent on oars.

The result has been a tremendous improvement in the condition and competitiveness of our equipment used by all our active crews.

The South West corner has provided \$11,000 towards the purchase of equipment and we are grateful, once again, for the generous donation of barrels from Carlton United Breweries.

Andrew Cooper, as Social Manager seems to have turned his "green thumb" for landscape gardening to fundraising very successfully for the club. The social functions held throughout the year contributed in excess of \$7,000 towards equipment purchases.

However it is not without the support of our major equipment supplier Jeff Sykes & Assoc. whom provided very reasonable credit terms that many of our purchases were possible, and we thank Jeff Sykes and Associates for their assistance in this regard.

Member donations have also played a tremendous part towards financing equipment and keeping our club up and running. We thank the following members for their donations during the season.

R R Aitken, J Loveless, D McDonald, H R Frederico, H J Mahoney, P J Ainsworth, N L Newton, D J Teschendorf, D J Crichton, D J Hume, N W Cairns, W B Hutchins and J J Lawrence.

As many of you will have noticed renovations of the club has commenced with the men's change room (second in importance only to the SW Corner) and gymnasium. The emphasis this season was to be able to complete a part of the total renovations with the finance available.

During the past three seasons in excess of \$40,000 has been spent upgrading the Clubhouse in areas such as fire safety improvements, gymnasium and changeroom renovations, new toilets, electrical switchboard and wiring, and drainage rectification works. This work has been financed totally from members donations and hall hire receipts.

Overall the financial position of the club has improved tremendously compared to last season in terms of monies outstanding and the achievements throughout the year.

However the club still exists in a "hand to mouth" state and it is only with the support of members and hard working social committee that we shall be able to achieve our goals for the coming season.

I must also thank all members who paid their subscriptions promptly during the season. Our outstanding membership amount at the end of the season has been reduced dramatically due to your help.

Susan Lee  
Honorary Treasurer

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

for the year ended 30th April 1992

1990/91		1991/92
\$	INCOME	\$
227	Interest Received	206
19,597	Profit on Sale of Assets	10,004
(4,550)	Written Off — Boats	—
9,000	Rent Received	9,000
32,598	Subscriptions Received	33,732
	Donations	
30,916	— General	7,515
14,668	— Social	12,550
1,248	— Tributors	932
—	— Building	2,971
1,830	Hire of Boat Racks	4,512
5,435	Hire of Clubroom	5,860
532	Sundry Income	242
(565)	Profit (Loss) on Sale of Stock	34
—	Profit (Loss) on S.W. Corner	5,491
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110,936		93,049
	<b>LESS: EXPENSES</b>	
—	Advertising	120
1,042	Bank Charges	625
—	Boat Hire	54
	Depreciation (See Note 1)	
13,218	— Boats	26,534
1,638	— Oars	3,739
191	— Trailers	265
755	— Sundry	932
2,119	Fire Protection	3,064
1,359	General Expenses	1,109
7,372	Insurance	9,883
—	Interest Paid	60
—	Legal Costs	300
141	Licences & Associated Fees	315
3,319	Light & Power	4,114
4,003	Printing, Stationery & Postage	5,189
2,061	Rates	3,019
107	Recruiting Expenses	683
—	Rent	312
	Repairs & Maintenance	
4,445	— Boats	5,040
4,124	— Boathouse	4,321
851	Written Off Members Expenses	1,260
617	Telephone	637
98	Trophies	—
4,428	V.R.A. Affiliation	4,513
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52,568		75,408
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58,368	<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	17,641

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April 1992

1990/91			1991/92
\$	<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		\$
166,958	Accumulated Funds Brought Forward (See Note 2)	225,718	
17,641	Undistributed Profit for Year	58,368	
48,864	War Memorial Building Fund	48,864	
<u>274,190</u>			<u>292,223</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
996	Subscriptions Outstanding	2,312	
2,621	Sundry Debtors	529	
10,932	Cash at Bank — General A/c	2,605	
1,577	Cash at Bank — Building A/c	1,059	
1,027	Cash at Bank — Boats A/c	184	
956	Cash at Bank — Social A/c	8	
350	National Mutual Royal	350	
5,937	Prepayments	—	
3,960	Stock on Hand — General	3,217	
—	Stock on Hand — Social A/c	1,981	
5,107	Members Expenses Outstanding	2,113	
<u>33,463</u>			<u>14,358</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
711	Subscriptions in Advance	868	
50,456	Sundry Creditors	24,489	
6,938	Loan — Unsecured (See Note 3)	16,438	
100	Olympic Fund	100	
<u>58,205</u>			<u>41,895</u>
(24,742)			(27,537)
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
132,224	War Memorial Club House	142,818	
<u>132,224</u>			<u>142,818</u>
227,559	Boats — at Cost	244,026	
89,833	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	95,997	
<u>137,726</u>			<u>148,029</u>
33,051	Oars — at Cost	32,469	
13,161	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	11,441	
<u>19,890</u>			<u>21,028</u>
2,650	Trailers — at Cost	2,650	
1,062	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1,327	
<u>1,588</u>			<u>1,323</u>
10,493	Sundry Assets — at Cost	10,043	
2,989	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	3,481	
<u>7,504</u>			<u>6,562</u>
<u>298,932</u>			<u>319,760</u>
<u>274,190</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>292,223</u>

Notes to the accounts

1. Depreciation limits on boats and oars acquired since 1990 have been increased to 15% (from 10%) to reflect the higher costs associated with this new equipment.
2. Accumulated funds brought forward from Season 1990/91 have been adjusted by \$392 to bring to account the value of social stock on hand as at 1/5/91, and which was not previously recorded.
3. Loans — unsecured comprise value of VRA Trophy order account, and loans from the Scotch Mercantile Regatta committee and various members.

## MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

### ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for the year ended 30th April 1992

1990/91		1991/92
\$		\$
	Interest Received	
428	ANZ Executors & Trustees	292
248	PW Growth Trust	0
725	SEC	725
1,401		1,017
	Trust Distributions:	
	PW Growth Trust	119
	Dividends Received:	
423	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	446
483	BTR Nylex Ltd	462
158	Boral Ltd	54
440	CSR Ltd	286
288	National Aust Bank Ltd	259
110	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	116
150	Western Mining Corp Ltd	120
160	Mayne Nickless Ltd	280
	Newcrest Mining Ltd.	4
2,212		2,027
3,613		
	LESS:	
—	Government Duties	3
—		—
\$3,613	NET SURPLUS	\$3,160



# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## ENDOWMENT FUND

### BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th April 1992

1990/91			1991/92
\$			\$
	<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
20,000	Capital Account (30/4/2002)	20,000	
14,920	Capital Account (30/4/1992)	<u>15,850</u>	
<u>34,920</u>			35,850
	Income Account:		
14,829	Balance at 1/5/91	18,442	
3,613	Surplus for year	<u>3,160</u>	
<u>18,442</u>			<u>21,602</u>
<u>53,362</u>	Balance of Members' Funds		<u>57,451</u>
	These Funds are represented by:		
	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
	Deposits:		
2,967	ANZ Executors & Trustees		7,507
	Debentures:		
5,000	SEC Power Bonds Series 20		—
	Shares:		
7,774	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	7,774	
84	BHP Gold Mines Ltd	—	
2,290	Boral Ltd	2,344	
8,318	BTR Nylex Ltd	8,318	
5,639	CSR Ltd	5,639	
4,219	National Aust Bank Ltd	4,219	
2,277	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	5,574	
7,387	PW Growth Trust	7,506	
	(Market Value of Units \$7072)		
2,555	Western Mining Corp Ltd	2,555	
4,852	Mayne Nickless Ltd	5,932	
	Newcrest Mining	84	
<u>45,395</u>	(Market Value of shares \$56,642)	<u>49,944</u>	<u>49,944</u>
<u>53,362</u>	Balance of Investments		<u>57,451</u>

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

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

for the year ended 30th April 1992

1990/91		1991/92
\$		\$
	Interest Received	
108	Citicorp Australia Ltd	20
225	Custom Credit Corporation Ltd	179
51	Westpac Banking Corporation	30
<u>384</u>		228
	Dividends Received:	
994	Aust. Foundation Invest. Co.	769
<u>994</u>		<u>997</u>
	LESS:	
1	Government Duties	9
92	MRC — R A Cooper Trophy	52
	Repairs to "T. Sorani"	800
	Contr. to Overseas Travel	200
	A/c Receivable Written Off	1
<u>93</u>		<u>1,062</u>
<u>1,285</u>	NET SURPLUS (LOSS)	<u>(65)</u>

# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

## R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

### BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th April 1992

1990/91		1991/92
\$		\$
	<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	
<u>4,114</u>	Capital Account	4,114
	Income Account:	
2,483	Balance 1/5/91	3,767
1,285	Surplus for year	(65)
<u>3,767</u>		<u>3,702</u>
<u>7,881</u>	Balance of Members' Funds	<u>7,816</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
	Deposits:	
3,199	Westpac Savings Bank	645
	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	
	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 (Market Value \$18,477)	5,956
<u>7,881</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>9,101</u>
	<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>	
	Loans:	
—	Unsecured Loan	1,286
<u>7,881</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>7,816</u>

## MEMBERS 1991-92

The membership of the club as at 30th April, 1992 was as follows:

	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986
Life	7	7	7	7	5	5	7
Senior Active	165	155	175	206	174	159	164
Senior	10	11	14	15	16	17	17
Junior	42	41	56	82	77	60	73
Junior Student	34	31	32	12	19	14	15
Country	34	32	34	32	33	30	35
Associate	56	62	61	70	73	77	67
Honorary	4	3	2	4	3	3	2
	352	342	381	428	400	365	380

### LIFE MEMBERS

Ainsworth P J	Cairnes N W
Aitken R R	Guerin A N
Bradshaw J W	Owen M F
	Sorani A

### SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

Adams J S	Duthie I R	Kerr J D
Anderson W	Eaton A R	Killeen T
Bailey K J	Elliott M	Kovacic J
Baillieu T J	Evans A M	Lavender C B
Barden G I L	Fazio J R	Law R I
Barrett A	Fogarty M J	Lawrence J J
Batten M W	Foley J E	Lee S
Batters N P R	Franet P J	Mahoney H J
Benjamin P L	Frederico H R	Mahoney C W
Borger A G	Frederico H T	Manley M W R
Bowen D A	Gillon S M	Manton G O V
Boykett D H	Graver D R F	Marshall K A
Boykett G H	Gross B B	Mayfield M
Boykett J	Gullock G	McInnes D A
Briggs A P	Hansen G	McCall F
Browne T J	Harry J R	McCall G A
Burford J	Harvey J R	McCasker F E
Cannon A M	Hawkins J F	McDonald A W
Canty W	Hayes J V	McGann P R
Carr G	Hayne J E	McKay M S
Cohen A L	Herold A G	McKenna M F
Collier J R A	Hill J	McLean D A
Colvin D E	Hooper W R	McLean I K
Cooper A D	Howden J B	McMahon G F
Cordell A M	Howden J G	Mercuri P
Creasy D E	Hutchins W B	Mollard S D
Cuming S	Inglis A C	Mollison D
Cussen J A	Johnson A L	Moreton S C
Dawson R S	Jonas L	Morrison S A
Dea A	Jones C A	Morrison W T
Dobbie A W	Jones J M	Mulder V G
Donaldson N W	Joyce J W	Murchie A D
Donovan M J	Joyce P G	Murphy P J
Douglas D G A	Jukes J	Nation M J
Doyle D J	Kellam M B	Negri R A
Doyle M A	Kerin M J	Newton N L

O'Brien P H  
O'Halloran S D P  
Oakley A W  
Palfreyman D  
Parkes M  
Paterson I H  
Paton S  
Patten S G B  
Payne D H J  
Pearson M J  
Phillips T D  
Philp P E M  
Pincus D A  
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-Horvath V  
Rusden A J  
Ryan S P  
Sanchez T  
Scott P C  
Shanasy J E  
Shipton J R F  
Sloan A T  
Smyth B R  
Spriggs S D  
Stening S J  
Stranks M C  
Teschendorf D J  
Tomanovits G T  
Tomanovits M G  
Tomkins J B  
Unwin W A J  
Van Holst Pellekaan D C  
Vautin W  
Vulling M  
Wade S T  
Walker 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  
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  
Hewitt H N  
Shears J D  
Wilson R B

**JUNIOR MEMBERS**  
Anderson K J  
Barber C A  
Barnes C E  
Bertrand L  
Billard S G  
Camakaris G  
Cant P  
Colls D  
Crowe D P  
Dodwell B  
Edmonds J  
Findlay P M  
Glass A D  
Griffiths M J  
Hayman B  
Hill K  
Howden L J  
Ingliss N J  
Mantello J A  
McArthur A S J  
McCormack D  
McFarlane A  
McLean C A  
McNeil A S  
Mitchell M  
Moreton D  
Moreton R  
Nicholls S H  
Patterson C L  
Roberts P G  
Sadler N D J  
Shippen M  
Sinn P A D  
Smith L  
Somerville P D  
Spriggs F  
Stewart S J  
Teschendorf S  
Tyrrell M C  
Upton B C  
Wilson A  
Wilson R F

**JUNIOR STUDENT MEMBERS**  
Anstee M  
Begley G K F  
Berman A G  
Bradbury J C  
Bruce J  
Burgess C P  
Cain R  
Carmichael T J  
Clarke R  
Conveney S A J  
Douglas Z  
Edgar H  
Evans S J  
Fortey E  
Hunt S  
Hutchins T A  
Jamieson A N  
Kerr B  
Mason T  
McDonald S A  
McKenna A F  
McLean A  
Millikan A D  
Millis D J  
Morgan T  
Morris T  
Nance M  
Petricola M A  
Rowland J P  
Scott R W  
Strang R A  
West A  
Wilson D  
Yunghanns G M

**COUNTRY MEMBERS**  
Aitken M J  
Ansell G L  
Bailey W M  
Baillieu W J  
Boykett C P H  
Cayzer P A  
Connolly M C  
Connolly R W  
Crichton D J M  
Donoghue J D  
Emsell B  
Garrard R J  
Guinn H G  
Hobbs S  
Johnston G M D  
Marley D C  
McArthur F S  
McLean A R

McNamara P J  
Moll L L B  
Monger A C  
Myers N J  
Newcomb S H  
O'Halloran M K  
Olliff D  
Pechan G A  
Pechan W A  
Perillo V  
Preece D G  
Rowe J S  
Schreier P J R  
Smyth K  
Taylor G M  
Young T J

**ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERS**

Arendsen H  
Barns G J  
Begley C J F  
Bilney K A  
Butler S J  
Capper G O J

Corben M H  
Cowling D S  
Crothers G T  
Crunden S D  
Culka J V  
Daffy T C  
Elmore M J  
Everist I C  
Fogarty D  
Fogarty F  
Fry BSH  
Granowski W O  
Hendrie M  
Hidgcock C W  
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  
McConville K H  
McDonald D  
McKay R N  
McMillin M A  
Mercer C  
Milligan A S  
Negri R B  
Nickson J H  
O'Conner J  
Oliver R J D  
Ostrowski P L  
Palmer R  
Pamminger F  
Park G A  
Pirani R L  
Renouf L P  
Richardson B J  
Richter P G  
Seamen J W  
Stanley R J  
Sturgess A  
Watkin P K  
White R A  
Wood D S

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**HONORARY  
MEMBERS**

Bradshaw G E  
Colgan S  
Gibbs S  
Gumley A

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

We regret the passing of the following members

Fallon J F  
Shears H P

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The following members have been granted leave of absence

Aitken M J                      Cohen A L                      Richardson R M

**RESIGNED AND TRANSFERRED MEMBERS**

The following members have resigned from membership or transferred from the Club during the Season

Barnes C E  
Camakaris G  
Ferguson J M  
Healy N  
Heath A  
Howes M  
Hynes M A  
Jickell I J

Lechte J  
MacQueen H  
McDonald B D  
McMillan S  
Menzies G  
Sanchez C  
Shibata T  
Sliwinski S G

Smith P F  
Smyth K  
Spriggs F  
St Vincent Welsh J B W  
Treloar M  
Wood M R

### **WRITTEN OFF MEMBERS**

The following have been removed from the membership lists during the year due to non payment of subscriptions or other amounts due.

Bailey B D	MacMillan A H	Smith R K
Baker J	Manning R A	Thomas M D
Boyce A K	McFarlane J L	Thomson C F
Jackman A P	Morgan J B	White R
Jackson M J A	Polinelli S N	Willis J D
Juracich D	Rushford R J	Wirtz E B H
Lane P J	Scott S W	Young G

### **REINSTATED MEMBERS**

Last years report included a full list of members who had been written off due to non payment of subscriptions or other accounts due. We are pleased to advise that following payment of amounts outstanding the following have been reinstated to membership without loss of priveledges.

Boykett C P H	Douglas D G H	Manton G O V
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