



MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

INC.

**MELBOURNE
113TH
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1992-1993**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 113th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. will be held at the CLUBHOUSE on SATURDAY 26th JUNE 1993 at 6.30pm.

Dinner will be served during the meeting.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30th May 1992.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet
3. To consider and if thought fit to pass the following resolutions as Special Resolutions:

1. Delete Rule 42 and insert in its place the following rule—

"42. The Club may not be dissolved without the consent of three-fourths of the Members at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, written notice of which may be sent to each Member of the Club, also posted on the notice board in the boathouse at least 28 days prior to the date of such meeting and be advertised in at least two of the leading daily papers, once in each of the two consecutive weeks immediately preceding the meeting. On a resolution being carried as aforesaid the Committee shall proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharge of all liabilities shall distribute the entire residue to such other association or associations or club or clubs having similar objects to those of the Club as may be named in the resolution for winding up. No amount shall be distributed to the members."

2. Delete Rule 6 (1) and insert in its place the following Rule—

"6 (1) The annual subscription payable by each category of Member shall be such amount as is determined by the Club in General Meeting. A person elected to membership of the Club after 1st day of December in any year shall only be required to pay one half of the annual subscription otherwise payable for that member's category of membership."

4. To elect office-bearers for the ensuing year.

5. To consider and if thought fit to pass the following motion submitted on the recommendation of the Committee:

That Messrs J. B. Tomkins, M. S. McKay, A. D. Cooper and N. W. Donaldson be elected as Life Members of the Club

6. Presentation of Trophies.

7. Any General Business that may be legally brought forward.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year close on the Notice Board at the CLUBHOUSE on Saturday 19th June, 1993 at 4.00 pm.

By order of the Committee
W H Webster
Honorary Secretary
1st June 1993

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

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

President's Report

Fellow Members,

This is the last time that I shall have the privilege as President of addressing this short note to the members in the Annual Report.

Some months ago I notified the Committee that I would not seek re-election at the forthcoming Annual Meeting. To some of our members over the years the durability of our Presidents has been a matter of pride. There have only been four in the last 88 years. But I have come to the view that, with the vastly different scene in Club, National and International rowing, this is not in the best interests of the Club. The basis of the membership has been slowly changing and will continue to change. I, and indeed many of the older members, have found it increasingly difficult to get to know the members who are representing us in regatta racing.

A new relationship between the Club and the active members has been evolving and I feel that we should have a younger President who is able to devote more time to the activities of the Club and do more to foster the relationship.

I have greatly valued and enjoyed the privilege of being your President. We have had much success, the highlight of which must certainly be the Gold Medals won by our members at Barcelona, and I congratulate and thank the various Captains and other executive officers of the Club who have made that success possible.

I hope that you will all continue to enjoy rowing at and for Mercantile and derive over the years as much reward from your association with the Club as I have been fortunate to do. We must now work with our incoming President, Captain and Committee to keep Mercantile in front.

R R AITKEN

TO THE MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that the Committee submit to you the 113th Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Mercantile Rowing Club Inc. in respect of the year ended 30th April 1993

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part. Just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

So wrote Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1908. Almost since that time our members have been taking part in the Olympic Games, struggling and fighting but never winning. All that has now changed.

Without any shadow of a doubt the day Sunday 2nd August 1992 marked the highlight of the year and will go down in the history of the Club as the day when the Australian Men's Coxless Four, the "Oarsome Foursome" captured the Gold Medal at the Barcelona Olympic Games.

We congratulate members Andrew Cooper (Bow), Michael McKay (2), Nicholas Green (MUBC) (3) and James Tomkins (Stroke) and their coach Noel Donaldson on such an outstanding and well deserved victory.

Other members also took part and we congratulate the Australian Men's Eight which finished Fifth and which contained no less than 6 Mercantile members. We congratulate Simon Spriggs (Bow), Peter Murphy (2), Ben Dodwell (5), Sam Patten (6), David Colvin (Cox) and Brian Richardson (Coach) on their impressive performance. This young crew with less than 3 months' preparation finished just over a length behind the highly fancied Canadian and Romanian crews who captured the Gold and Silver Medals respectively. This crew will form the nucleus of Australia's assault on Gold medals in Atlanta in 1996

Full details of the Olympic Regatta racing results appear later in this report.

The success of the Club has been due to the efforts of many many people and this report records the thanks of the Club to all those who have assisted in any way, be they members of the executive, the committee, coaches, parents, friends or loyal members. Particular mention must be made of the hard working executive officers, especially our Secretary Bill Webster, and Treasurer Susan Lee, and of Andrew Evans for tying many of the loose ends together and keeping us focused on the job at hand.

We were fortunate also for the financial assistance of many members as detailed in the Treasurer's report, but special mention and thanks must go to Sean Colgan (Trader AI) who donated yet another set of oars to the Club, and to Harry Mahoney for his donation, in fact for his insistence, that the "Oarsome Foursome" as the best in the World should have the best oars in the World, and thus provided them with a set of Ultralight "Clever" shaped oars for use in winning the Gold medal in Barcelona.

During the year we were also fortunate to secure a substantial increase in sponsorship support and we were delighted that Carlton & United Breweries have entered a five year agreement with the Club for considerable financial and product assistance. Our short term plans to continue our success through to 1996 are greatly assisted by CUB's support. In addition to the annual agreement Carlton & United Breweries also contributed significantly to the successful Olympic Celebration Dinner which is mentioned later in the report of Social activities of the Club.

The negotiations regarding the leases have been going on for more than 5 years and it is pleasing to finally report that the new leases have at last been signed. Our future at Princes Bridge is secure at least for 21 years and while we will now press on with our renovations plans with the upmost vigour, we must as individuals and as a Club and indeed collectively as the 7 Princes Bridge Clubs work together to protect our interests and develop a framework for the improvement of the Boatshed areas generally. We must remember that it is not our right to occupy our site it is a privilege which we must work to ensure no-one will deny.

After 5 years as Captain I shall be handing over the reins to a new generation at the Annual General Meeting. I have been fortunate for the untiring support and guidance (and sometimes criticisms) of many members during these years and I thank all those who have had a part in the Club during that time. I especially pay tribute to those Captains before me who established the framework of the success that followed and who made my task that much easier.

While not all my ambitions were realised, a major one being the inability to further develop the Clubhouse due to the delays in securing a new lease, the Club is today on the threshold of becoming truly one of the great sporting Clubs in Australia, a fact of which each and every member can be justifiably proud.

We are now in a situation where the Rowing area of the Club will almost take care of itself with minor adjustments and assistance along the way. What is urgently needed is a review of membership requirements and development of the facilities and benefits of members to ensure that, post competitive rowing, a fabric and spirit exists to ensure the continuity of a strong, close and caring club.

The Challenges are ahead of us all to see the Club continue to grow, and in particular to foster the joys of being a member of Mercantile.

With gold medals having already been won, and with the proposed introduction of Lightweight into the Olympic program in 1996 bringing another opportunity for the ultimate success, the expectations are high. The Oarsmen and Women today have opportunities not even dreamt about even 15 years ago. With a membership working together a fair balance can be struck to ensure success, and a place and benefit for every member of the Club.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee may I record our thanks to our President, Robert Aitken, for his support and guidance throughout

the Season. We have been indeed fortunate for his leadership throughout the 10 years of his Presidency and his retirement marks the end of not just another great era, but our most successful era ever.

May his successor and the Club be blessed with a continuation of that success.

Jeff Lawrence, Captain

ROWING—GENERAL

When the "Oarsome Foursome" crossed the finish line at the Barcelona Olympics, not only did they win Gold for themselves, and for Australia, they won Gold for Mercantile Rowing Club.

Mercantile Rowing Club can boast the fact that it had the largest representation of any Club in Australia at the Olympic Games. A trend which started at Ballarat way back in 1956 and with the results of the Season just passed and the development phases underway at the moment, a trend certain to continue.

Our Coaches this Season did much to teach our rowers the necessary boat skills to win races. Steve Spurling who returned to coaching at Mercantile this Season after a number of years elsewhere used his experience and knowledge of Rowing to develop the younger members of the Senior Squad as well as pushing the experienced ones to new heights.

There is a need to develop our rowers so as they can attain their highest goals. We as coaches, rowers and members of Mercantile must establish their goals, set them out and strive to achieve them.

We must look at the future and break new ground. We have sat on the shoulders of the "Oarsome Foursome", but now we must offer more to our new rowers who will eventually take their places.

To the future—the club must continue to strive to be the best Club in the World.

Aims for next season—

- Recruiting new oarsmen and women to the club
- To have the best Coaching staff available (we are very close)
- To show the rest of Australia that we can win races at every level not just the elite
- To offer everyone a Club of greatness and support
- To put the enjoyment back into the sport

Finally, congratulations to all those members who achieved their goals this season. We put in a lot of hours, and a lot of quality work, but we cannot just go through the motions. We must steer the Club down the road of success and strive hard to attain our goals to the year 2000 and beyond.

Coaches:

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

Men's Heavyweight

Steve Spurling
Brian Richardson
David Palfreyman

Men's Lightweight

John Cumper
Peter Somerville
Noel Donaldson
Greg Johnston

Women's Heavyweight

Paul McGann

Men's Under 23

Simon Harrison

Men's Youth

Mark Mitchell

Men's Junior

Peter Shakespear
John Leeming

Novice

Tony Walker

Coxswains:

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

Senior A Men: David Colvin, Bill Webster and Susan Lee (Brett Hayman has been resident at the AIS this season)

Youth: Trevor Morgan

Junior: Ashley Warmbrand

Veterans: Amanda Gillon

Crews:

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

Men's Senior A Heavyweight

Peter Murphy, Ben Dodwell, Mal Shippen, Matt McArdle, Bryan Humphris, Brad Kerr, Duncan Ashby, Scott Reid, Jason Kovacic, Jason Kerr, Simon Quirk, Andrew Hutton, Richard Hamilton, David Colvin, Bill Webster and Susan Lee

Women's Senior A Heavyweight

Georgina Douglas and Courtney Johnstone

Men's Under 23 Heavyweight

Henry Edgar, David McCormack, Clive Madder, Brendan Darcy, Stuart Billard and Jeremy Whelan

Men's Senior A Lightweight

Simon Morrison, Gavin Hall, Richard Wraith and Alan Peckam

Men's Under 23 Lightweight

Andrew McNeil, Andrew Glass, Phil Roberts, Nick Sadler, Matt Petricola, Josh Buxton, Bill Belton and Pat Mansfield

Men's Youth

Sean Evans, Andrew McLean, Mark McNeil, Drew Ginn, Paul Crowe, Matt Anstee, Alex Robinson, Doug Peining and Trevor Morgan

Men's Junior

Guy Begley, Duncan Munro, Andrew Berman, George Patterson and Ashley Warmbrand

Scullers

Andrew Herold, Cam Jones and Bryan Humphris

Men's Novice

Giles Gemmil, Stephen Edwards, Mark Lamb and Chris McFaden

Women's Novice

Joanne Jukes, Georgie Carr, Jennifer Boykett, Sally Mills and Louise Jonas

Men's Veterans

The river is now overflowing with Mercantile Veterans particularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. While two eights participated in the annual Head of the Yarra we respect their requests for anonymity and suggest that if you are willing and able and interested in a row get yourself to the river as soon as possible to find out who they are. A regular contingent also continue their Sunday morning rowing.

Peter Murphy, Vice-Captain

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Following another season of fine performances, and some excellent achievements at the National Regatta and the two National Selection Trials, Mercantile Members have again been successful in being selected in crews to compete at the 1993 World Rowing Championships in Roudnice Czechoslovakia and the Trans Tasman Senior B Series against New Zealand.

Michael McKay was selected in the Australian Eight but unfortunately has had to withdraw due to study and work commitments.

We congratulate these members and wish them every success at the Championships and other regattas which they attend.

Members in crews are:

World Rowing Championships

Men's Eight

Peter Murphy, Ben Dodwell (Stroke), David Colvin (Cox), Noel Donaldson (Coach)

Men's Coxed Four

Brett Hayman (Cox), Steve Spurling (Coach)

Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair

Gavin Hall, Simon Morrison (Stroke)

Women's Heavyweight Coxless Four

Georgina Douglas, Courtney Johnstone

Under 23 Trans Tasman Series—New Zealand

Men's Eight

Duncan Ashby (Stroke)

MR R. R. AITKEN, MBE
PRESIDENT
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
25th June 1983—26th June 1993

On 26th June 1993, Bob Aitken will retire from the position of Club President after fulfilling the role with distinction for 10 years.

There has been no doubt that Bob has for many years exercised a guiding influence over not just Mercantile Rowing Club but Australian Rowing generally.

His services to the Club and to Rowing have been of significance on a State, National and International level.

Not only has he presided over Mercantile Rowing Club, he has presided over the Victorian Rowing Association and the Australian Rowing Council being both President and Chairman of the latter over many years. He was Chairman of the Australian Grading and Selection commission (the forerunner of today's ARC Selection committee), a Victorian selector and at other times Chairman of the Australian Umpires Committee, and Chairman of the Victorian Officials Panel, both bodies which he inaugurated.

As an Australian delegate to F.I.S.A and as a F.I.S.A. umpire he was recognised internationally as the leader of Australian Rowing.

As an active oarsman and coach his record was equally impressive, culminating in the coaching of the Australian Eight which won the bronze medal at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. As an oarsman he rowed for Geelong College (where he was Dux of the School in 1940) before joining Mercantile, and after war service in New Guinea was Senior Stroke of Club crews from 1947–1954. He stroked the winning Victorian Kings Cup crew on two occasions and coached the winning crew on two others. Not content with this record he later coached Scotch College to a Head of the River victory.

He was Captain of the Club from 1951–1956, and elected a Vice President in 1958, a position he held until elected President upon the retirement of Jim Sprigg in 1983.

He was elected a life member of the Club in 1970 and for his services to Rowing he was awarded an MBE in the same year.

His energy and enthusiasm for the Club has no bounds and his support of the Club and its members whether at the Clubhouse, at Regattas or at other functions has been exceptional. Bob's ability to involve himself in all areas of the Club and his desire to meet with and know the members young and old and everyone in between is but a small measure of the enormous respect and dignity of which he is possessed.

Mercantile has been privileged to have Bob as its President during the last 10 years. We thank him for his service, his support and his guidance.

After so many years of involvement in so many areas of the Sport we know that Bob is looking forward to the time that he can call himself—just another member of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

CLUB AWARDS

The following trophies will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 26th June 1993

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 by Andrew McNeil.

Andrew who rowed this season primarily in the lightweight division won a total of eight races. He was successful in events ranging from Senior A Eight at the Ballarat regatta through the Men's Under 23 Lightweight Straight Four Championship at the State Championships in December to the Men's Lightweight Eight Championship at the National championships in April.

Congratulations to Andrew on winning this award.

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 that the recipient should be Andrew Guerin.

Andrew has had a very full year, not only in the service of Mercantile but also in the service of rowing in general, as he was the Manager of the Rowing team that competed at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992. Andrew has also devoted many hours working on behind the scenes activities, many of which would possibly go unnoticed by the average Mercantilian. He serves on the Lower Yarra Committee and he is the Victorian Councillor to the Australian Rowing Council.

He has been instrumental in negotiations with both the Melbourne City Council in the drawn out procedures involved in settling the Boat Shed Leases and with the licensing authorities regarding the issuing of a full liquor licence for the club and has been the driving force behind the proposed new Boat Staging currently under consideration.

In all he has performed those duties without which clubs such as ours could not function and the committee was delighted to nominate him for this award.

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 Bill Webster.

Bill, who also serves as secretary, won a total of eight races during the season, ranging from Senior A Eight to Men's Under 23 Coxed Four at the National Championships in April.

We congratulate Bill on his fine season.

N. W. CAIRNES TROPHY

This trophy is made available to the most improved coxswain of the year by one of our more famous members and current Vice President Mr Norman Cairnes.

The trophy has been won by Ashley Warmbrand.

Ashley was recruited this year from Carey Grammar school at the beginning of the season and this year successfully coxed Senior C Fours, Intermediate Fours, Senior C Eights and more prominently the Junior Four in all their races including their Championship endeavours. We look forward to future input and accompanying success for Ashley in the years to come.

LATE F. R. BROWNE TROPHY

This trophy is awarded by the committee to the most improved Oarsman overall and has been awarded this year to Malcolm Shippen.

Mal rowed last year in the Men's Under 23 division and was a member of the Henley Development Crew. This year he rowed in Mercantile's successful Senior A Four and Eight at the State Championships in December and was a member of the Victorian Eight that won the Kings Cup at the National Regatta in April.

We wish Mal all the best in future years as he no doubt attempts to emulate some of the more illustrious crew members on the international stage.

H. R. FREDERICO TROPHY

This award is presented each year by Mr Justice Hubert Frederico to recognise the most improved Oarswoman in the club.

The winner of the award this year is Georgina Douglas.

Gina (the daughter of '68 Silver Medallist David Douglas) joined Mercantile at the start of the season from Yarra Yarra Rowing Club where she had rowed in the Novice, Junior and Under 23 Divisions.

This year Gina went straight to Senior A division where she rowed Eights, winning in the composite Mercantile/MULRC crew at the Henley Regatta, Fours and Senior A Pair combining with clubmate Courtney Johnstone to compete in all selection trials including the Australian Championships where they were placed in all events. Georgina's season culminated when she, along with Courtney were selected to represent Australia in the World Championships later this year in the Women's Four oared event.

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 oarsman and this year was won by Gavin Hall.

Gavin joined the club this year from the Powerhouse Rowing Club where he rowed in the Senior C division. He rowed the year as a Senior A Lightweight and finished his season by being selected along with fellow Mercantilian Simon Morrison to represent Australia at the World Championships later this year in the Lightweight Coxless Pairs event, a truly first class effort.

The committee and the club's congratulations go to Gavin on his achievement.

SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA

The 35th annual Scotch Mercantile Regatta was conducted on 13th March 1993. Due to a clash of dates and other activities on the Yarra River, the regatta was conducted this year on the Barwon River in Geelong.

The wider course and ideal conditions which prevailed on the day enabled a very high standard regatta to be conducted. Over 2600 entries were received from Schools and Clubs with several New South Wales Schools travelling to the regatta.

We are grateful to the organising committee, comprising Peter O'Brien, David Pincus, David Boykett, Graeme Boykett and Jeff Lawrence for their work in conducting the regatta on behalf of the Club. We thank also the various donors who donated trophies for the regatta and the regatta sponsors Carlton & United Breweries and Vic Health Foundation for their financial support at the regatta.

Since the inception of the regatta the regatta committee has provided considerable financial support and equipment to the Victorian Rowing Association. In addition, a loan has been made available to the Club to assist in the purchase of equipment and it is anticipated that a further loan will be made available when the Club undertakes its Building program shortly.

OBITUARY

HERBERT PRYCE SHEARS

Due to the earlier date of the Annual Meeting last year and the short time available for preparation of the Annual Report no reference was made in that Report to the death of Herbie Shears.

Herbie was one of a family of four brothers who have over the years been loyal and enthusiastic supporters of the Club. He first joined as a junior member in 1939. He was not a man of the stature necessary for Senior oarsmen today but what he lacked in size was more than made up by a determination to succeed.

Like his brothers he started his career as a lightweight (at the then 10 stone (63.5 kg) limit), first racing for the Club in the Championship Lightweight Eight in 1940. His brother Ted was in the crew and John was the cox. He raced for the Club consistently and with some success until 1942 when he joined the R.A.A.F.

On discharge from the services Herbie was quickly back to the Club and to active rowing. He won his way through the various categories Maiden (Intermediate) and Junior (Senior C) in small boats and eights and after consistent and outstanding success in the Senior division, particularly in Pairs and Fours, was selected in the King's Cup crew in 1949. After that Herbie's active racing was mainly confined to the country regattas such as Mildura and Wentworth. His main interest was then in coaching and he had an impressive record of successes, culminating in appointment as coach of the winning King's Cup crew in Perth in 1953.

Herbie's contribution to Mercantile was not limited to rowing and coaching. He first joined the Committee in 1940. After his return from the war he was elected Vice-Captain in 1947, a position which he filled with capability and distinction for five years. Always a clear thinker and careful planner, he was responsible for many of the moves which were the foundation of the Club's success during his period in office through the 1950-1960 period. He was a regular Sunday morning oarsman for many years after his retirement until a long illness prevented his active participation in the sport.

Herbie died on 8th December, 1991 at the age of 69. Fifty-two of those years had been spent in enthusiastic and loyal support of the Mercantile Rowing Club, a valued member and a true and loyal friend to many in the Club.

R R AITKEN

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment fund was established by our late President Jim Sprigg in 1986 with a view to providing for a sound and secure Mercantile financial future.

The fund continues to accumulate with shares and investments now in excess of \$75,000 in value under the control of the Endowment fund trustees, Bob Aitken, Freddy Frederico and Andrew Guerin.

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

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.

The scheme was started by Ian Wilson and Bill Morrison some years ago and funds received from the tributors continue to make a valuable contribution to the Club's revenue.

Below is a list of members who fulfilled their commitments to the fund during the season

J M Jones	A P Briggs	S M Gillon
J R Harry	G I Holyman	H R Frederico
J V Hayes	J S Adams	S G Richardson
J Burford	R J Oliver	J J Lawrence
M F McKenna	P J Ainsworth	I R Duthie
J W Bradshaw	N G Webster	W M Robertson
J P Carr	R B Wilson	P H O'Brien
H T Frederico	R R Aitken	D A Pincus
M C Connolly	H J Mahoney	A H Atkins
C P Boykett	C W Mahony	W A Unwin
A N Guerin	D E Creasy	C W Hidgcock
J R Harvey	W O Granowski	N W Cairnes
J B Bostock	R N McKay	G H Boykett
N P Batters	A W Dobbie	D J Crichton

COMMITTEE

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

Robert Aitken	8	Andrew Evans	9
Jeff Lawrence	10	Bill Webster	10
David Boykett	6	Peter Murphy	4
Susan Lee	8	Andrew McNeil	9
Andrew Glass	6	James Tomkins	2
Michael McKay	2	Andrew Cooper	2
Steve Reed	5		

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

This service in which we remember members who served in the three wars and who did not return was held on Sunday 25th April 1993 by the President Bob Aitken with the assistance of John Seammen.

For many years we have had as guests of the Club the members of the HMAS Hobart who have held their after march reunion at the Club each Anzac Day.

With the added presence of the HMAS Hobart guests on this day, the service was well attended. Lest we forget.

BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

Season 1992–1993 was a year of consolidation with our fleet after several hectic years of upgrading. That is certainly not to say that we have had a quiet year as the hard work done in earlier years to produce the best fleet in Australia is a continuing process.

The hard work done by the Club in the past three seasons in particular culminated in the large number of Mercantile members representing Australia at the Olympic Games and World Championships who had enjoyed the privilege of the fleet of World Class equipment available at the Club. The end of the Olympic Games cycle has enabled us to carefully assess our requirements and the post Olympic year and the build up to Atlanta will again see many changes occurring in our fleet.

We were delighted and particularly thankful for the donation of 6 new "cleaver" carbon fibre oars by Harry Mahoney. Harry donated the oars used by the "Oarsome Foursome" in winning Gold in Barcelona, and while these oars have in fact now been presented to the Oarsmen as a memento of their success, the oars have been replaced by the Australian Rowing Council and are now used by our Senior Heavyweight Men's Squad.

Our President Bob Aitken also kindly donated 4 new "cleaver" blades to complement the set of 6 provided by Harry Mahoney. We thank Bob for his donation.

Once again Sean Colgan (Trader Al) made a very generous donation of 8 Carbon Fibre Oars which were used by our Women and Under 23 Men's crews. Sean's generosity to the Club has been extraordinary and we were delighted to provide our hospitality to Sean during one of his brief visits to Melbourne from his home town in Bryn Mawr Pennsylvania USA at the 1992 Annual General Meeting.

With the enormous success of the "cleaver" shaped blade at the Olympic Games, the swing to this new shape has been rapid. During the past Season some 30 oars have been converted from the old "macom" shape to the "cleaver" blade. Fortunately, the process is simply the changing of the blades but this does come at a cost of some \$140.00 per oar. Still this has been cheaper than acquiring new oars currently \$576.00 each.

Only one boat was acquired during the Season, a Sykes Nomex Coxless Four as yet un-named for our Lightweight Men.

During the 1990-91 season the Club took delivery of an Ausrowtech Racing Eight named "Jeffrey Lawrence". Unfortunately the boat was not ideally suited to the Club and therefore the boat was exchanged during the year with a Sykes Eight owned by the St Josephs School in Sydney who were experiencing similar problems. An additional sum was expended to acquire this boat which was used by our Youth Eight this season. The boat still carries the name "Jeffrey Lawrence".

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

Fours—R R Aitken (1987)
 Esso (1983)
 Pairs— S & B (1986)
 Oars— Carbon Fibre (1983) x 10

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

EIGHTS

Jeffrey Lawrence	1992	Excellent
Arthur Atkins	1988	Excellent
J. G. H. Sprigg	1983	Good
Martin Owen	1976	Fair

FOURS—Racing

Un-named Sykes (Coxless)	1992	Excellent
E.C. White	1991	Excellent
N.W. Cairnes	1991	Excellent
Noel Donaldson	1991	Excellent
Graeme McCall	1990	Excellent
The Jabiru	1988	Excellent
Phil Ainsworth (coxless)	1986	Very Good
Fosters Lager (coxless)	1985	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	Good
Jean Bradshaw	1983	Very Good

—Regulation

Laurie Moll	1978	Fair
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OARS

Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'6" 10 1992 Excellent Cleaver (Senior A)

Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'6" 9 1991 Excellent Cleaver (Light-weight Men)

Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'6" 4 1992 Excellent Cleaver (Senior B)

Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'6" 8 1991 Excellent Cleaver (Youth)

Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'6" 4 1991 Excellent Cleaver (Junior)

Dreissigacker 12'7" 10 1991 Excellent Standard (Senior B)

Dreissigacker 12'7" 10 1991 Excellent Standard (Junior)

Dreissigacker—Ultralight 12'6" 4 1992 Excellent Standard (Women)

Dreissigacker 12'7" 6 1983/5 Good Standard (Women)

Dreissigacker 12'6" 9 1990 Good Standard (Veteran)

Dreissigacker 12'6" 10 1990 Good Standard (Youth # 2)

Crocker Wooden Orange 12'5" 5 1970 Fair

Assorted Wooden 12'5" 17 1970/83 Fair

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Single Axle trailer Good

Flat Bottom 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 during the early part of the Season naturally enough revolved around the Olympic Games.

The Clubhouse was abuzz on the evening of the "Oarsome Four-some's" final on August 2nd with over 200 people at the Club watching the action on the big screen. News and current affairs crews from every television station in Melbourne attended the Club to film and witness the action and the jubilation which erupted as the Four approached the finish line and claimed the gold will never be forgotten by all those present. Celebrations continued well into the night.

Upon the return of the Gold Medallists a celebration dinner was held at the unique venue of the Hamiltons Porsche Showrooms in Richmond. Combining with the Melbourne University Boat Club and again with the support of our sponsors Carlton & United Breweries, a who's who of rowing got together to celebrate and

congratulate Australia's rowing Gold Medallists. Almost 500 people, many well and truly coming out of the woodwork attended the dinner in what was without doubt the largest and most successful Rowing Dinner held in Australia for many many years.

We thank the organisers of the dinner, Andrew & Kay Evans, John and Mary Harry and Jeff Lawrence, and Field Rickards (from MUBC) for their fantastic efforts.

Campbell McComas provided his services for the evening (as the character Roly Sycamore, the starter from the 1956 Olympic Games) in recognition of the achievements of the Gold Medallists while Yellow Glen provided Champagne and Mars Confectionery provided after dinner condiments and we thank again these individuals and companies for their assistance without which such a successful dinner could not have been conducted.

After the Olympic Games celebrations were completed it was back to business as usual in the South West Corner. The South West Corner continues to function smoothly providing a modest income to the Club, however remodelling of this area is badly needed to return the function rooms and social gatherings to their former glory days and it is hoped that this can be completed in the not too distant future.

The traditional Christmas barrel was conducted on Sunday 20th December and was well attended. The annual hamper raffle organised by Susan Lee was drawn on this day.

A number of functions were as in the previous years held after major regattas with some \$5,000 being raised at functions after the State Championships in December, after the first National Selection Trial in February and after the Henley Regatta in March. Peter Murphy and Ben Dodwell are to be congratulated for their efforts in conducting these highly successful functions.

GENERAL

This year it is pleasing to report that Mercantile participation at local Club regattas increased significantly.

Also, as well as maintaining our success at the highest level in Mens Categories, at last some success is coming to our Women's program. Mercantile recaptured the VRA Senior Men's Premiership and made at least an appearance on the Women's Premiership tables.

The increased participation at local regattas also extended to the Country, and it was good to see members rediscover the joys of "pot-hunting" a highlight of this being a double achieved at the Boxing Day Regatta at Nagambie in the Men's Open Eight and Four events. (The prizemoney of \$1,250 earned by the Club for these wins adding just a small incentive to compete). Our thanks to those members named later under the racing results section who gave up their Boxing Day festivities to participate at Nagambie.

THE OARS FOUR



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AMPIONS 1992

In the past Season fifteen of our active members were either full or part time Scholarship holders of the Victorian Institute of Sport. This assistance is greatly appreciated by the athletes as they strive to achieve the goals of State and National Selection. The assistance is also appreciated by the Club in that the financial obligations of the Scholarship holders in respect of Entry Fees, Boat Transport, Travelling and Training expenses are in the main met by the Institute directly.

The VIS has evolved into a valuable supporter of Victorian Rowing and we thank members Brian Richardson (Head Coach) and Noel Donaldson (Senior Coach) for their efforts and those of the VIS over the past year. Brian has recently taken up the position of Head Coach of Canadian Rowing, and thus will be away from the Club for some time. We wish Brian well in his new appointment in Canada.

Again the Captain Jeff Lawrence has continued to put countless hours in service to the Club. During the past 5 years of his captaincy, Jeff has been the driving force behind the club—the modernisation of the fleet, the plans for renovation of the Clubhouse, the negotiation of the lease, and the Club's application for a liquor licence. These are some highlights but Jeff's major contribution to the Club has simply been 5 years of very hard work that has seen the Club through not just very successful, but also changing and troubled times, to remain Australia's premier rowing club and one of the finest clubs in the World.

Susan Lee, the Club Treasurer has continued to maintain the Club's financial affairs in a very professional manner. Late in the season the Club acquired a new computer software package to manage the membership of the Club more efficiently and this will be in operation for the 1993-1994 season. This software will replace our own creation which was developed over the past 10 years firstly by David Bowen, then Phil Ainsworth and then by Jeff Lawrence.

During the season, the Club signed a major sponsorship agreement with Carlton and United Breweries. This arrangement is for 5 years and provides the Club with a significant level of support. We thank Andrew Evans for his successful negotiation of this arrangement.

Many members have assisted the Club during the year and listed below are a few who deserve special mention.

- Harry Mahoney for the donation of Oars.
- Sean Colgan for the donation of Oars.
- Bob Aitken for the donation of Oars.
- Roger Wilson for his entertaining commentary at regattas.
- Wal Oakley for his coverage in "The Sunday Age".
- Andrew Guerin, who acted as the Olympic Team Manager, and for his continued work in negotiating the new Clubhouse leases, the proposed new boat staging and his untiring work for rowing generally.

- Peter Benjamin who acted as the co-ordinator of the Princes Bridge Rowing Clubs in the negotiation of the leases and other important matters.
- Sean Ryan who did much work behind the scenes in bringing the leases to fruition.
- The Scotch Mercantile Regatta Committee for their generous loan to the Club and indication of assistance with our renovation / rebuilding works.
- John Foley and Graeme Richardson for their regular cleaning up of the Clubhouse.
- Ted Sorani for further welding of some new boat racks.

For and on behalf of the Committee

William Webster, Honorary Secretary

V.R.A. PREMIERSHIP POINTS, SEASON 1992-93

CHAMPION CLUB—MEN

Corio Bay	31	Essendon	19
Ballarat City	28	Yarra Yarra	19
Banks	27	Bendigo	18
Hamilton	24	Mercantile	14

SENIOR PREMIERSHIP—MEN

Mercantile	58	Essendon	27
Banks	42	Wendouree-Ballarat	14
Ballarat City	32	Melbourne University	10

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP—MEN

Banks	83	St Patricks College	37
Yarra Yarra	79	Melbourne High School	28
Corio Bay	77	Scotch College	24
Geelong Grammar	56	Mercantile	20
Bendigo	54		

LIGHTWEIGHT PREMIERSHIP—MEN

Melbourne University	28	Essendon	10
Power House	16	Mercantile	8
Corio Bay	11		

CHAMPION CLUB—WOMEN

Corio Bay	37	Ballarat City	21
Yarra Yarra	37	Mercantile	3
Essendon	19		

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP—WOMEN

Corio Bay	103	Hamilton	52
Essendon	63	Warrnambool	48
Melbourne	56	Mercantile	12

RACING RESULTS

GAMES OF THE XXV OLYMPIAD Lake Banyoles, Spain 27th July—August 2nd 1992

Men's Coxless Four

1. Australia	5:55.04
Andrew Cooper—Mercantile	
Michael McKay—Mercantile	
Nichoias Green—MUBC	
James Tomkins (Stroke)—Mercantile	
Noel Donaldson (Coach)—Mercantile	
2. USA	5:56.68
3. Slovenia	5:58.24

Men's Double Scull

1. Australia	6:17.32
Steven Hawkins—Lindesfarne	
Peter Antonie—MUBC	
Tim McLaren (Coach)	
2. Austria	6:18.42
3. Netherlands	6:22.82

Men's Eight

1. Canada	5:29.53
2. Romania	5:29.67
3. Germany	5:31.00
4. USA	5:33.18
5. Australia	5:33.72
Simon Spriggs—Mercantile	
Peter Murphy—Mercantile	
Wayne Diplock—Uni of Queensland	
Jaime Fernandez—Adelaide Uni	
Ben Dodwell—Mercantile	
Sam Patten—Mercantile	
Bo Hansen—Uni of Queensland	
Rob Scott (Stroke)—Curtin Uni.	
David Colvin (Cox)—Mercantile	
Brian Richardson (Coach)—Mercantile	

Women's Four

1. Canada	6:30.85
2. USA	6:31.86
3. Germany	6:32.34
4. China	6:32.50
5. Romania	6:37.24
6. Australia	6:41.72

INTERSTATE & KINGS CUP REGATTA

Sunday 4th April, 1993

Interstate Eight Oared Championship—The Kings Cup

1. Victoria 5:36.76 2. Western Australia 5:36.85 3. Queensland 5:45.01

(M. Shippen, M. McArdle, P. Murphy, B. Dodwell, M. McKay (Stroke) D. Colvin (Cox), S. Spurling (Coach)—Mercantile

Interstate Champion Youth Eight—N. F. Wilkinson Trophy

1. New South Wales 5:46.42 2. Victoria 5:46.43 3. South Australia 5:51.39

(D. Ginn, M. McNeil, M. Anstee—Mercantile)

Interstate Champion Lightweight Four—The Penrith Cup

1. South Australia 6:22.88 2. Tasmania 6:24.68 3. Victoria 6:36.29

(R. Wraith, G. Hall, S. Morrison—Mercantile)

Interstate Champion Women's Coxless Four—ULVA Trophy

1. Victoria 6:41.8 2. New South Wales 6:43.34 3. South Australia 6:47.45

(G. Douglas, C. Johnstone (Stroke), P. McGann (Coach)—Mercantile

Interstate Champion Women's Lightweight Four—Victoria Cup

1. Victoria 7:15.12 2. New South Wales 7:15.22 3. Western Australia 7:24.38

Interstate Champion Men's Single Scull—The Presidents Cup

1. Tasmania 7:24.15 2. Queensland 7:27.78 3. New South Wales 7:29.67

AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lake Wivenhoe, Queensland

31st March—3rd April 1993

Men's Senior A Pair

1. Mercantile 2. AIS # 2 3. AIS # 3 6:41.18

Women's Senior A Pair

1. AIS 2. ANI 3. Mercantile 7:26.31

Men's Under 23 Coxless Pair

1. Banks 2. Sydney 3. Haberfield 6:48.79

Men's Lightweight Senior A Coxless Pair

1. Adelaide 2. Mercantile 3. Adelaide # 2 6:49.38

Men's Lightweight Under 23 Coxless Pair

1. MUBC 2. Toowong 3. Mercantile 7:07.42

Men's Senior A Coxed Four	
1. AIS #1 2. Sydney 3. WAIS	6:07.22
Women's Senior A Coxless Four	
1. AIS 2. Mercantile/MUBC	6:40.27
Men's Under 23 Coxed Four	
1. Mercantile 2. Toowong 3. Torrens	6:17.97
Men's Lightweight Senior A Coxless Four	
1. Adelaide 2. Haberfield 3. Mercantile/MUBC	6:04.58
Men's Lightweight Under 23 Coxless Four	
1. Mercantile 2. Uni of WA 3. Uni of Q'Ind	NTT
Men's Junior Coxed Four	
1. ANI 2. Banks 3. Mercantile	6:24.87
Men's Under 23 Eight	
1. Uni of WA 2. Mercantile 3. Sydney	5:41.57
Men's Lightweight Eight	
1. Merc/SA/Barwon 2. Merc/MUBC 3. Toowong	5:43.78
Men's Senior A Scull	
1. MUBC 2. Bendigo 3. AIS	7:08.93

**CHAMPIONSHIP AND REGATTA RACING
SUCCESSFUL CREWS**

Barwon Springding—31st October 1992

Men's Senior C Four

N. Sadler, A. Glass, A. McNeil, P. Roberts (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), P. Somerville (Coach)

Men's Senior A Four

N. Sadler, A. Glass, A. McNeil, P. Roberts (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), P. Somerville (Coach)

YARRA YARRA REGATTA

7th November 1992

Men's Senior C Four

N. Sadler, A. Glass, A. McNeil, P. Roberts (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), P. Somerville (Coach)

Men's Senior A Coxless Pair

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke)

HORSHAM REGATTA

22nd November 1992

Women's Open Four

P. Cant, C. McLean with Yarra Yarra Composite crew

BALLARAT REGATTA

28th November 1992

Men's Senior A Eight

N. Sadler, A. Glass, A. McNeil, P. Roberts, A. Peckham, G. Hall, R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), P. Somerville (Coach)

Men's Senior A Coxless Pair

R. Wraith, S. Morrison (Stroke)

VRA CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

13th December 1992

Champion Men's Senior A Eight

B. Kerr, A. Ellis, B. Humphris, D. Ashby, M. McArdle, B. Dodwell, P. Murphy, M. Shippen (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox), S. Spurling and D. Palfreyman (Coaches)

Champion Men's Senior A Four

M. McArdle, B. Dodwell, P. Murphy, M. Shippen (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox), S. Spurling and D. Palfreyman (Coaches)

Champion Men's Senior A Pair

P. Murphy, D. Dodwell (Stroke), S. Spurling and D. Palfreyman (Coaches)

Champion Men's Under 23 Lightweight Coxless Four

N. Sadler, A. Glass, A. McNeil, P. Roberts (Stroke), P. Somerville (Coach)

NAGAMBIE REGATTA

26th December 1992

Men's Open Eight

A. McNeil, A. Johnson, B. Kerr, B. Humphris, D. Peining, P. Somerville, D. Ashby, S. Morrison (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), J. Lawrence and S. Lee (Coaches)

Men's Open Four

B. Kerr, B. Humphris, D. Ashby, S. Morrison (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), J. Lawrence and S. Lee (Coaches)

ESSENDON REGATTA

6th February 1993

Women's Novice Four

J. Jukes, G. Carr, S. Mills, J. Boykett (Stroke), L. Jonas (Cox), D. Boykett (Coach)

HEAD OF THE YARRA

13th February 1993

Men's Veteran Eight

V. Mulder, T. Walker, W. Hutchins, A. Evans, J. Shanasy, G. Boykett, D. Douglas, S. Gillon (Stroke), A. Gillon (Cox)

VIC. UNIVERSITIES & SELECTION REGATTA

21st February 1993

Men's Intermediate Four

D. Munro, G. Begley, A. Berman, G. Patterson (Stroke), A. Warmbrand (Cox), P. Shakespear and J. Leeming (Coaches)

AUSTRALIAN HENLEY

27th February 1993

Men's Senior A Coxless Pair

A. Peckham, A. McNeil (Stroke), P. Somerville (Coach)

Men's Senior C Eight

S. Evans, A. Robertson, P. Crowe, M. McNeil, A. McLean, D. Ginn, D. Peining, M. Anstee (Stroke), T. Morgan (Cox), M. Mitchell (Coach)

Men's Lightweight Senior C Four

P. Mansfield, J. Buxton, M. Petricola, P. Roberts (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), G. Johnston (Coach)

Women's Open Eight

G. Douglas, C. Johnstone with MUBC Composite crew, P. McGann (Coach)

BALLARAT REGATTA

8th March 1993

Men's Junior Four

D. Munro, G. Begley, A. Berman, G. Patterson (Stroke), A. Warmbrand (Cox), P. Shakespear and J. Leeming (Coaches)

Champion Men's Senior C Eight

D. Munro, G. Begley, A. Berman, M. McNeil, S. Evans, P. Crowe, D. Peining, D. Ginn (Stroke), A. Warmbrand (Cox), M. Mitchell (Coach)

SCOTCH MERCANTILE REGATTA

13th March 1993

Men's Senior C Eight

H. Edgar, C. Holroyd, A. Glass, P. Roberts, J. Whelan, B. Darcy, C. Madder, S. Billard (Stroke), A. Warmbrand (Cox), S. Harrison (Coach)

Men's Open Pair

G. Hall, S. Morrison (Stroke), J. Cumper (Coach)

Men's Junior Four

D. Munro, G. Begley, A. Berman, G. Patterson (Stroke), A. Warmbrand (Cox), P. Shakespear & J. Leeming (Coaches)

Men's Open Eight

J Kovacic, A. Hutton, S. Quirk, G. Barden, P. Somerville, C. Brooke-Partridge, D. Ashby, R. Hamilton (Stroke), S. Lee (Cox)

BANKS REGATTA

20th March 1993

Women's Novice Four

J. Jukes, G. Carr, S. Mills, J. Boykett (Stroke), L. Jonas (Cox), D. Boykett (Coach)

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA

27th March 1993

Men's Open Eight

A. Hutton, P. Somerville, J. Kovacic, J. Kerr, G. Barden, C. Brooke-Partridge, S. Quirk, R. Hamilton (Stroke), S. Lee (Cox)

Women's Novice Four

J. Jukes, G. Carr, S. Mills, J. Boykett (Stroke), L. Jonas (Cox), D. Boykett (Coach)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA

3rd April 1993

Men's Senior A Pair

P. Murphy, D. Dodwell (Stroke), S. Spurling (Coach)

Men's Under 23 Heavyweight Four

A. Ellis, R. Shenfield (Banks), B. Kerr, D. Ashby (Stroke), W. Webster (Cox), S. Spurling (Coach)

Men's Under 23 Lightweight Four

A. Glass, R. Harvey (MUBC), S. Peele (MUBC), P. Roberts (Stroke), P. Somerville (Coach)

Men's Lightweight Eight

A. Peckham, A. McNeil, D. Colvin (Cox) with Barwon/S.AUST composite crew

NATIONAL SELECTION TRIAL

24/25th April 1993

Men's Senior A Four

P. Murphy, B. Hansen (UQBC), M. McKay, B. Dodwell (Stroke), D. Colvin (Cox), S. Spurling (Coach)

Men's Senior A Pair

P. Murphy, D. Dodwell (Stroke), S. Spurling (Coach)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mercantile Rowing Club has been successful over the past season not only on the water but to an extent financially. The following were highlights during the financial year:

A formal sponsorship agreement with Carlton & United Breweries was finalised during the year. Over the years CUB has always provided the club with Barrels for our Southwest Corner. However this year, with the new agreement, the club will receive not only Barrels but \$10,000 per annum for five consecutive years. On behalf of the club I wish to thank Andrew Evans for his role in finalising the agreement and Carlton & United Breweries for their generous support.

A number of crew were successful in regattas during the season at which prize money was awarded. The total prize money received by the club during the year was \$2,250 and was won at the following regattas. Just Jeans Regatta by our Mens Senior Eight and the Nagambie Boxing Day Regatta by dedicated Mercantilians. I wish to thank those members who competed for their contribution.

During the season the club has received generous donations from a number of members as follows: R. R. Aitken, R. A. White, Norm Cairnes, P. H. O'Brien, S. G. Richardson, A. N. Guerin, J. J. Lawrence, Jim Harvey, R. J. Oliver, I. R. Duthie, S. M. Gillon, H. R. Frederico, C. P. Boykett, R. Palmer, J. W. Bradshaw, Phil Ainsworth, R. W. Connolly, Ken Marshall and Harry Mahoney. Thankyou to those members for their support. Special mention must be made for the contributions made by both Bob Aitken and Harry Mahoney. Bob contributed over \$1,600 to the club during the year, whilst Harry Mahoney contributed the funds which enabled our Oarsome Foursome to compete with cleaver blades at the Barcelona Olympics.

With funds raised from several functions and contributions from our Southwest Corner the club was able to purchase a Mens Lightweight Four, convert seventeen of our Standard blades to Cleavers and also purchase an additional Four Cleaver blades. We were also able to fund the changeover of the Eight the "Jeff Lawrence" from an Ausrowtec to a Sykes Eight.

Despite our achievements during the year it has been somewhat difficult at times to meet our creditor payments as they fall due. This is not because of lack of funds but rather that we are unable to collect our member subscriptions as they fall due. At present all of our funds are committed to either the running expenses of the club, new equipment purchases or toward the eventual renovation of the club. Therefore I would urge all members who have not paid their annual subscription to do so as soon as possible.

Looking toward the future, and next season in particular, the club and the committee have several aims financially. These are; the continuing upgrade of our fleet of boats and oars, the upgrade of the gymnasium area and equipment, renovation of the front bar area, staircase and entrance hall and the full computerisation of our club accounting and membership. The club has recently purchased a computer package, Membership Plus, to handle all our Membership information, Subscription details, and Regatta information. It is our objective to purchase a computer for the club and an accounting package to handle the accounts.

Finally, I would like to urge all active oarspersons to take care of our fleet and equipment. Repairs and maintenance to our boats and our boathouse is one of our major expenses which could well be reduced.

Susan Lee
Honorary Treasurer

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT for the year ended 30th April 1993

1991/92		1992/93
\$	INCOME	\$
206	Interest Received	53
10,004	Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Assets	3,673
9,000	Rent Received	9,000
33,732	Subscriptions Received	29,858
7,515	Donations — General	5,835
12,550	— Social	14,100
932	— Tributors	698
2,971	— Building	10,000
4,512	Hire of Boat Racks	2,885
5,860	Hire of Club Room	3,696
242	Sundry Income	2,978
34	Profit (Loss) on Sale of Stock	(437)
5,491	Profit (Loss) on S.W. Corner	4,105
<u>93,049</u>		<u>86,444</u>
	LESS: EXPENSES	
120	Advertising	—
625	Bank Charges	578
—	Computer Expenses	520
26,534	Depreciation — Boats	30,418
3,739	— Oars	4,496
265	— Trailers	266
932	— Sundry	1,035
3,064	Fire Protection	2,593
1,109	General Expenses	(414)
—	Gymnasium Instruction Fees	400
9,883	Insurance	10,069
60	Interest Paid	42
300	Legal Fees	1,800
315	Licences & Associated Fees	223
4,114	Light & Power	3,578
—	Photograph Expenses	396
5,189	Printing, Stationery & Postage	4,596
3,019	Rates	2,164
683	Recruiting Expenses	—
312	Rent	312
—	Repairs & Maintenance	—
5,040	— Boats & Oars	7,853
4,124	— Boathouse	3,837
—	— Building Materials	185
—	— Other Equipment	19
851	Written Off Member Expenses	1,443
617	Telephone	710
—	Trophies	333
4,513	V.R.A. Affiliation	4,550
<u>75,408</u>		<u>82,002</u>
<u>\$17,641</u>	SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u>\$4,442</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April 1993

1991/92		1992/93
\$	MEMBERS FUNDS	\$
225,718	Accumulated Funds (1st May)	243,359
17,641	Accumulated Funds (30th April)	4,442
48,864	War Memorial Building Fund	48,864
<u>\$292,223</u>		<u>296,665</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
2,312	Subscriptions Outstanding	3,800
529	Sundry Debtors	5,940
2,605	Cash at Bank — General Account	—
1,059	— Building Account	15,214
184	— Boats Account	172
8	— Social Account	—
350	National Mutual Royal Bank	350
3,217	Stock on Hand — General	2,458
1,981	— Social	820
2,113	Member Expenses Outstanding	3,727
<u>14,358</u>		<u>32,481</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
—	Cash at Bank — General Account	7,203
—	— Social Account	989
868	Subscriptions in Advance	458
24,489	Sundry Creditors	19,442
16,438	Loans Unsecured	12,688
100	Olympic Fund	100
<u>41,895</u>		<u>40,880</u>
(27,537)		(8,399)
FIXED ASSETS		
142,818	War Memorial Club House	145,251
142,818		145,251
244,026	Boats — at cost	245,425
95,997	Less Accumulated Depreciation	115,740
<u>148,029</u>		<u>129,685</u>
32,469	Oars — at cost	31,850
11,441	Less Accumulated Depreciation	9,398
<u>21,028</u>		<u>22,452</u>
2,650	Trailers — at cost	2,650
1,327	Less Accumulated Depreciation	1,593
<u>1,323</u>		<u>1,057</u>
10,043	Sundry Assets — at cost	11,135
3,481	Less Accumulated Depreciation	4,516
<u>6,562</u>		<u>6,619</u>
<u>319,760</u>		<u>305,064</u>
<u>\$292,223</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$296,665</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for the year ended 30th April 1993

1991/92		1992/93
\$		\$
	Interest Received:	
292	ANZ Executors & Trustees	122
0	PW Growth Trust	0
725	SEC	0
<u>1,017</u>		<u>122</u>
	Trust Distributions:	
119	PW Growth Trust	158
	Dividends Received:	
446	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	445
462	BTR Nylex Ltd	410
54	Boral Ltd	112
0	Burns Philp Ltd	75
286	CSR Ltd	220
0	Evans Deakin Ltd	72
0	Lyon Nathan Ltd	45
259	National Aust Bank Ltd	282
116	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	244
120	Western Mining Corp Ltd	55
280	Mayne Nickless Ltd	308
4	Newcrest Mining Ltd.	0
<u>2,027</u>		<u>2,268</u>
<u>3,163</u>		<u>2,548</u>
	LESS:	
3	Government Duties	5
<u>\$3,160</u>	NET SURPLUS	<u>\$2,543</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 30th April 1993

1991/92		1992/93
\$		\$
	MEMBERS' FUNDS	
20,000	Capital Account (30/4/2002)	20,000
15,850	Capital Account (30/4/1993)	<u>16,801</u>
<u>35,850</u>		36,801
	Income Account:	
18,442	Balance at 1/5/92	21,602
3,160	Surplus for year	<u>2,543</u>
<u>21,602</u>		<u>24,145</u>
	Accounts Payable:	
0	Interest Incorrectly Credited	<u>37</u>
<u>\$57,452</u>	Balance of Members' Funds	<u>\$60,983</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	INVESTMENTS	
	Deposits:	
7,507	ANZ Executors & Trustees	236
	Shares:	
7,774	Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd	7,774
2,344	Boral Ltd	2,455
8,318	BTR Nylex Ltd	8,318
0	Burns Philp Ltd	3,696
5,639	CSR Ltd	5,639
0	Evans Deakin Ltd	3,531
0	Lyon Nathan Ltd	3,390
5,932	Mayne Nickless Ltd	5,932
4,219	National Aust Bank Ltd	4,219
5,574	Pacific Dunlop Ltd	5,574
2,555	Western Mining Corp Ltd	2,555
84	Newcrest Mining	<u>0</u>
42,439	(Market Value of shares \$67,987)	53,083
	Trust Units:	
7,506	PW Growth Trust	7,664
	(Market Value of Units \$7,231)	
<u>\$57,452</u>	Balance of Investments	<u>\$60,983</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for the year ended 30th April 1993

1991/92		1992/93
\$		\$
	Interest Received:	
20	Citicorp Australia Ltd	118
178	Custom Credit Corporation Ltd	127
30	Westpac Banking Corporation	11
<u>228</u>		<u>256</u>
	Dividends Received:	
769	Aust. Foundation Invest. Co.	887
	Other Income:	
0	Loan — R. R. Aitkin	300
		<u>300</u>
<u>997</u>		<u>1,443</u>
	LESS:	
9	Government Duties	6
52	MRC — R A Cooper Trophy	75
200	Contr. to Overseas Travel	800
800	Repairs to "T Sorani"	0
1	A/c Receivable Written Off	0
<u>1,062</u>		<u>881</u>
<u>(\$65)</u>	NET SURPLUS (LOSS)	<u>\$562</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.

R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 30th April 1993

1991/92		1992/93
\$		\$
	MEMBERS' FUNDS	
4,114	Capital Account	4,114
	Income Account:	
3,767	Balance 1/5/92	3,702
(65)	Surplus (Loss) for year	562
<u>3,702</u>		<u>4,264</u>
<u>\$7,816</u>	BALANCE OF MEMBERS' FUNDS	<u>\$8,378</u>
	These Funds are represented by:	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
	Deposits:	
646	Westpac Banking Corp	1,208
	INVESTMENTS:	
	Debentures:	
1,000	Citicorp Aust Ltd	1,000
1,500	Custom Credit Corp Ltd	1,500
<u>2,500</u>		<u>2,500</u>
	Shares:	
5,956	Aust Foundation Invest Co Ltd	5,956
<u>\$9,102</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$9,664</u>
	LESS LIABILITIES	
	Loans:	
1,286	Unsecured Loan	1,286
<u>\$7,816</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>\$8,378</u>

MEMBERS 1992—1993

The membership of the Club as at 30th April 1993 was as follows

	1993	1992	1991	1990
Life	7	7	7	7
Senior Active	162	165	155	175
Senior	13	10	11	14
Junior	43	42	41	56
Junior Student	16	34	31	32
Country	31	34	32	34
Associate	51	56	62	61
Honorary	6	4	3	2
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	329	352	342	381

LIFE MEMBERS

Ainsworth P J
Aitken, MBE R R

Bradshaw J W
Cairnes N W
Guerin A N

Owen M F
Sorani A

SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

Adams J S
Aitken M J
Anderson W
Bailey K J
Baillieu T J
Barden G I L
Batten M W
Batters N P R
Benjamin P L
Bowen D A
Boykett D H
Boykett G H
Boykett J
Briggs A P
Burford J
Cannon A M
Carr G
Colechin D J P
Colvin D E
Cooper, OAM A D
Creasy D E
Cuming S
Cussen J A
Darcy B J
Dawson R S
Dea A
Dobbie A W
Donaldson N W
Donovan M J
Douglas D G A
Douglas G C
Doyle D J
Doyle M A
Duthie I R
Eaton A R
Edwards S

Evans A M
Fazio J R
Fogarty M J
Foley J E
Franet P J
Frederico, HON H R
Frederico H T
Gemmill G
Gillon S M
Graver D R F
Gross B B
Hall G S
Hansen G
Harrison S R
Harry J R
Harvey J R
Hawkins J F
Hayes J V
Hayne J E
Herold A G
Hill J
Hooper W R
Howden J B
Howden, HON J G
Humphris B W
Hutchins W B
Hutton A H
Inglis A C
Johnson A L
Johnston G M D
Johnstone C M M
Jonas L
Jones C A
Jones J M
Joyce J W
Joyce P G

Jukes J
Kellam M B
Kerin M J
Kerr J D
Kovacic J
Lamb M
Law R I
Lawrence J J
Lee S
Madder C
Mahoney H J
Mahony C W
Manton G O V
Marshall K A
McArdle M J
McCall F
McCall G A
McDonald A W
McFaden C
McGann P R
McInnis D A
McKay, OAM M S
McKenna M F
McLean D A
McMahon G F
Mercuri P
Miller T W
Mills S
Mollard S D
Mollison D
Moreton S C
Morrison S A
Morrison W T
Mulder V G
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
Paterson R
Paton S
Patten S G B
Patterson C L
Peacock, MP A
Pearson M J
Peckham A J
Phillips T D
Philp P E M L
Pincus D A
Quirk S P
Reed S K
Reid S J
Richardson G W
Richardson R H
Richardson S G
Robertson W M
Robertson-Smith R G
Ronai-Horvath V
Ryan S P
Seymour P R
Shallue D J
Shanasy J E
Shipton J R F
Shugg A J
Sloan A T
Smyth B R
Stening S J
Stevens M D
Stockdale H J
Teschendorf D J
Tomanovits M G
Tomkins, OAM J B
Unwin W A J
Vautin W
Walker T
Wallace A M
Wallace W L N
Wallis L W
Webster A M
Webster N G
Webster W H
Wertheimer E J
Williams L S
Wilson G J
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
Cordell A M
De Guingand C J
Harding P
Hewitt H N
Redman R J
White E C
Wilson R B
Wilson W I

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Anstee M
Ashby D R
Belton W A
Bertrand L
Billard S G
Buxton J P
Cant P
Carmichael T J
Coveney S A J
Crowe D P
Crowe P
Dodwell B
Edgar P H C
Findlay P M
Glass A D
Griffiths M J
Hamilton R J
Hayman B
Herbert J
Hill K
Hutchins T A
Inglis N J
Kerr B
Mansfield P
Mason T
McCormack D
McLean A
McNeil A S
McNeil M
Mitchell M
Moreton D
Moreton R
Morgan T
Petricola M A
Roberts P G
Sadler N D J
Shippen M
Somerville P D

Stewart B J
Warmbrand A P
Whelan J J
Wilson A
Wilson D

JUNIOR STUDENT MEMBERS

Begley G K F
Berman A G
Bruce J
Carr A
Evans S J
Ginn D C
McDonald S A
Mitchell R A
Munro D I W
Patterson G G A
Piening D F
Robinson A T
Scott R W
Strang R A
West A
Yunghanns G M

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Barns G J
Bilney K A
Borthwick N
Butler S J
Capper G O J
Collier J R A
Corben M H
Cowling D S
Crothers G T
Daffy T C
Elmore M J
Everist I C
Fogarty D
Fogarty F
Granowski W O
Hidgcock C W
Holland C S
Holyman G I
Hume D J
Hume K M
Hume M C
Humphris P W
Johnson E C
Johnston S
Lachal R P
Leeming J
Loveless J

Macintyre A J H
Manning R
McConville K H
McDonald D
McKay R N
Mercer C
Middleton B J
Milligan A S
Negri R B
Nickson J H
Nuske N
Oliver R J D
Palmer R
Pamminger F
Park G A
Pirani R L
Renouf L P
Richardson B J
Richter P G
Robertson D
Seamman J W
Stanley R J
Stranks M C
White R A

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Ansell G L
Bailey W M
Baillieu W J
Borger A G
Boykett C P H
Cayzer P A
Connolly M C
Connolly R W
Crichton D J M
Donoghue J D
Garrard R J
Guinn H G
Gullock G
Hobbs S
Marley D C
McArthur, MP F S
McLean A R
McNamara, MP P J
Monger A C
Myers N J
Newcomb S H
O'Halloran M K

Olliff D
Pechan G A
Perillo V
Preece D G
Rowe J S
Schreier P J R
Shears J D
Taylor G M
Young T J

HONORARY MEMBERS

Colgan S
Gibbs S
Gumley A
Shakespeare P
Smith L
Spurling S

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cohen A L
Teschendorf S
Richardson R M



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