MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.



(Established 1880)

121st ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET 2000 - 2001

Mercantile Rowing Club thanks

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 121ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2001 AT 8,00PM.

BUSINESS

- To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th June 2000.
- 2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
- 3. To elect office bearers for the ensuing year.
- 4. Presentation of Trophies and Awards.
- 5. General Business

Any other General Business that may legally be brought forward.

1. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- 1. Motion . To change the rules of the Club in the manner indicated below to allow the Club to send notices of meeting, annual reports and other materials to members by e-mail:
- 1. To add the following sentence to rule 7 which obliges the Secretary to maintain a register of members: "With the consent of a member, the Secretary may also maintain an e-mail address of that member to which all communications to that member may be sent."
- To add the following words after the word "post" in Rule 42 (1) which concerns Notices: "or by e-mail, where an e-mail address has been provided by the member to the Secretary".

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year close on the notice board at the Clubhouse on Saturday 23rd June 2001 at 4.00pm.

By Order of the Committee

W. Webster Honorary Secretary 1st June 2001

2000 - 01 OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Mr. A. N. Guerin

VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr. N.W.Cairnes (dec Sept 00)

Hon. Justice H.R.Frederico Mr. M.F.McKenna

Mr. R.B.Wilson Mr. D.J.Yunghanns Mr. A.M.Evans

Mr. W.T.Morrison

Mr. J.J.Lawrence Mr. W.B.Hutchins Mr. D.H.Boykett

CAPTAIN

Mr. D. Colvin

VICE CAPTAINS

Mr. D. Ginn & Mr. R.Douglas

HONORARY SECRETARY

Mr. W. Webster

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr. J. Faranda

SOCIAL MANAGER

Ms. L. Farrelly

BOATS & EQUIPMENT

Mr. B. Hasforth

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS

Mr. Peter Somerville (Resigned Dec 00)

COMMITTEE

Mr. P. Batters

Mr. S. Morrison Ms. E. Wilmoth Mr.H. Edgar

Mr. K. Coventry Mr. G. Begley

SELECTORS

Mr. S. Morrison

Mr. Paul Somerville

HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr. P.R.Devenish (FCA)

(of Clarke & Co)

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Mr. R.R.Aitken

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Mr. D. A. Pincus

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Sydney Olympics were again great for the sport of rowing and Mercantile. Your Club was well represented at the Games with James Tomkins, Matt Long and coach Noel Donaldson taking a bronze medal in the pair. Mike McKay and Brett Hayman kept the nation on their feet in the eight's silver medal race. Ben Dodwell also medalled in the four and Gina Douglas made the final of the single. We look forward to Athens.

Whilst the season went well for the Club, it was not a great season. However we had our fair share of highlights. In particular, we had a large number of Victorian representatives, more members in Australian crews than our Victorian competitor clubs, good growth in our coaching ranks and the spectacular rise in the success of our women. I will let our Captain David Colvin outline these and other rowing triumphs in his report. However I will allow myself the opportunity to advise members that we are privileged to have some very fine athletes and coaches in our midst. Further, we are showing all the signs of a Club that is on the path to significant success.

Congratulations to our Captain David Colvin who has had an exhausting year without the benefit a professional coach to assist. He deserves great praise and has agreed to continue next season.

The standard of our coaching panel continues to grow each year and looks to be even better next season. Not only are we looking forward to our new head coach Ian Dryden starting in July, but also we have an expanded and experienced team which is already working very hard. We look forward to a great season with our coaches Tom Courtney, David Colvin, David Palfreyman, Anthony Bergelin and Matt Lovell.

The Club administration has also had a good, but not a great year. We informally changed the roles within the committee to allow greater focus by our key committee members. Whilst remaining the executive head of the Club, our Captain David Colvin focussed his efforts almost entirely on rowing and coaching matters to the exclusion of the administration. We propose to continue this change next season. Bill Webster headed up the administration as Secretary with Jason Faranda as Treasurer. We thank them for their fine efforts and I am pleased to advise that they have both agreed to continue again next season. Phil Batters continues to be everywhere with recruiting, Barrel's Bash and the Mercantilian to name some of his endeavours. The administration of the Club has to take some big steps forward next season as we grapple with growing professionalism and greater financial and legal responsibilities. The continued strengthening of our administration will be one of the big challenges facing the Club this season.

The other big challenge of the Club is creating a level of income that will enable us to remain a Club competing at the highest levels. These issues were outlined in the May edition of the Mercantilian. Our Vice-Presidents are looking at this issue and we look forward to the outcome of their work.

In the meantime, the Club has obtained approval for tax deductible donations to be made to the Club's equipment fund. Our aim is to find enough members who will make annual donations sufficient to maintain all new equipment purchases for the Club. Already we have had members donate \$10,000 to this fund. Please call me to discuss donations any donations that you may wish to make to this fund.

Finally, we must again mourn the passing of some great Mercantilians. Their obituaries are provided later in this report. I must add a personal note of the great contribution of Norm Cairnes to both this Club and the sport. All those who had the privilege and delight to know him revere him.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank all members for their contribution to the success of the Club this year and look for their continued support of our great Club in the coming season.

Andrew Guerin President

TO THE MEMBERS

Your committee has pleasure in submitting the 121st Annual report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April 2001.

This has been my first year as Captain of Mercantile and has been a much greater challenge than I had imagined. This year has also represented what may be looked on as a watershed year in the history of Mercs as we move into the post Sydney Olympic generation.

The season started of course in Sydney where we witnessed and celebrated the Olympic Games performances of Mike McKay in the eight, James Tomkins and Matt Long in the pair, Ben Dodwell in the four, & Georgina Douglas in the scull. It finished with us celebrating at the recent Annual Dinner the forthcoming Senior debuts of Bill Tait and Rob Douglas in the eight, David Crawshay in the quad scull, and Travis Johnstone in the coxed four. Longy is one of the very few Sydney Olympians backing up this year and his contribution to what is a brand new Australian eight will be enormous. As well as the these athletes heading for the World Championships, Lisa Farrelly has made her Australian representative debut at the just completed East Asian Games in Osaka.

In the absence of the old timers such as yours truly, a new generation is now making their mark with success wearing the Big V. Therefore, congratulations to Bill Tait, Rob Douglas, and Travis Johnstone on successfully defending the Kings Cup. Just as importantly, we should also congratulate Danni Ackland, Laura Blunden, Robyn Selby Smith, and Anthea Pyers and their coach Tom Courtney for also successfully defending the women's interstate eights for the Governor General's Trophy. These are changing times.

In many ways, this has been a year like no other in the history of Mercantile. For the first time ever, Mercantile's women have outnumbered and been more successful than the men. This now puts pressure on everyone to prepare and perform. If athletes want the better boats, they have to work more than they gave before. Mercantile has probably cruised as a Club for a few years now, and in the absence of our Olympic representatives of the last five years, that complacency as a Club has shown up this season more than ever. For Mercantile to return to where it was say, 10 years ago, requires a lot more hard work both on and off the water.

To that end, Mercantile has appointed a new Head Coach, Ian Dryden who is due to start work in July, although there are lots of athletes already into his winter training program. As you may be aware, Ian hails from Cambridge University where he has been Assistant Coach since 1994 as well as Boathouse Manager and UK National team

coach. In that time, Cambridge has been the dominant university in the Boat Race, and Ian brings that culture of success to Mercantile. We all look forward to working with him, and wish him Jane and young Oscar all the best in their journey to Australia, and Mercantile.

In any rowing season, there are many people who deserve our thanks;

• To vice-captain Drew Ginn for his ideas and help. He may consider that he doesn't do a lot but his support is invaluable, not just to me but to other coaches and athletes in the club. As we all know, Drew has had an unforgettable year. I know I won't forget the story of his year he wrote in a recent issue of the Mercantilian. With all the trials and tribulations of getting over his back problems as well as recently becoming the proud father of Kyra Margret, it has been quite a ride. We congratulate Melanie, Drew and Kyra.

 The other vice-captain Rob Douglas together with Bill Tait (a.k.a. Hyperformance) for their help in establishing winter training programs for everyone last year.

- Phil Batters for his tireless fundraising and work around the Club.
- Pete Somerville, the Club's former Head Coach, for all his efforts before heading for the UK.
- Bill Webster and Jason Faranda who keep the wheels of club administration turning.
- The President, Andrew Guerin, who is no mere figurehead but is very busy working for the Club and never lets me drift off the path.
- The coaching panel of experts of Andrew McNeil, Tom Courtney, Paul Somerville, Paul McGann, Anthnoy Bergelin, David Ochert and Matt Lovell, and also welcome back to David Palfreyman. Without their time and efforts, Mercantile does not get to first base.

This year has seen a turnaround of sorts, if in no other aspect as the enthusiasm and energy in the Club. As I have said to many people, we have plenty of "Quantity" in the club. The task now is improve the "Quality". Let's get on with it.

David Colvin Captain

TROPHIES

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY

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

This award will be announced at the AGM due to the delay in regatta results procesing

at the VRA office.

MAX BAILEY TROPHY

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy is awarded to the coxswain who has won the most Regatta and Club races during the season on the basis of one point for a win with one additional point for any championship.

This award will be announced at the AGM due to the delay in regatta results processing

at the VRA office.

DR R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is made available by the generosity of the family of the late Dr. R. A. Cooper and is awarded annually to the member who, during the year, has rendered the most outstanding service to the Club.

This year the Dr. R.A.Cooper trophy has been awarded to Anthony Bereglin. Assisted with the Under 23 squad during last winter and then enthusiastically embraced the Youth Men's squad. His energy was a tremendous boost to the squad after a slow start. His presence around the Club amongst the active rowers has been significant he is a vibrant force in the regeneration of the Club.

N. W. CAIRNES TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the most improved coxswain of the season.

This trophy has been awarded to David Fraumano. Last season was David's first at the Club and he coxed our Junior Men. David is still at school and also coxed the Carey 1st Eight to a very close second placing at the Head of the River.

JEEF WYLIE MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the most improved lightweight rower is donated by the management and staff of Edward Lumley and Sons Pty Ltd and is awarded annually in memory of the late Jeff Wylie, a former captain of the Club.

This trophy has been awarded this season to Lisa Farrelly. This was Lisa's second season as a lightweight sculler. Lisa performed very well at selection trials and was awarded a full scholarship with the Victorian Institute of Sport. As a result of her performance at the National Championships she was selected in the Lightweight Quad Scull for the Australian Team for the East Asian Games in Osaka, Japan.

LATE F. R. BROWNE TROPHY

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy is donated by the family of the late F. R. Browne for

presentation to the most improved oarsman.

This trophy has been awarded to Stuart Hardie. Stuart was a member of our Men's Youth Eight this season and gained selection in the Victorian Team for the Youth Olympics held in Sydney in January and was then selected in the Victorian Youth Eight that regained the Wilkinson Cup at the Interstate Regatta in April.

H.R. FREDERICO TROPHY

This trophy made available by the Honorable Justice H. R. Frederico is awarded

annually to the most improved oarswoman at the Club.

This trophy has been awarded to Robyn Selby-Smith. Robyn came to the Club just over a year ago with very little experience other than university Inter-Collegiate rowing. During a solid winter program her determination and athletic ability were uncovered, she rowed most of the season in the single scull and was a key member of the Women's Senior Eight. Robyn was selected in the Victorian Elite Women's Eight to contest the Governor General's Trophy. This crew had an impressive victory against more fancied opponents in the Interstate Regatta capping of Robyn's transition from novice to elite in one season.

KEITH BILNEY COACHES TROPHY

This trophy was established in the memory Keith Bilney who gave nearly 70 years of service to rowing as a coxswain, sculler, oarsman, administrator but, most of all as a coach. He gave of his time freely instilling in his charges a love of the sport, a burning desire to win but with a balanced approach to life. This trophy is awarded to the coach that is not necessarily the most successful in terms of race wins, but the one who does the most to teach oarsmen & oarswomen how to row, win races and achieve their potential and in so doing develop the foundations of the Club and build and maintain the attitudes of sportsmanship, dedication and loyalty.

This year the trophy has been awarded to Tom Courtney. Tom joined our coaching panel from Hawthorn at the start of the season and coached our Elite Women's Squad. Tom recruited a number of new members to join his squad and very quickly built the strongest Women's squad in Victoria. Tom was named as coach of the Victorian Elite Women's Eight. The crew included four Mercantile members and recorded an impressive victory at the Interstate Regatta. Tom's enthusiasm and efforts in building

the squad have been outstanding.

OBITUARIES

NORM CAIRNES.

Norman Cairnes who died on 11th September 2000 at the age of 90 gave a lifetime of service to the Club and to rowing. He made an invaluable contribution to the life of the Club in rowing, in coaching and in administration, as a guide and example to younger members and as a friend and companion to his contemporaries.

Norman joined the Club as a junior member in 1927 and was a regular competitor at regattas until the outbreak of the Second World War. As was then the practise, he moved through the Novice, Maiden and Junior categories including Lightweight (10 stone) events. He was occasionally selected in Senior and Championship crews in the late 1930's, but was not, perhaps because he was not much above lightweight, a regular member of the Club's top crews.

Norman was elected to the Committee of the Club in 1934 and was involved in the administration of the club until he joined the army in 1940. During that period he was Vice-Captain in 1936 and Captain in 1937/38. He was absent from the Club in war service in the Middle East and New Guinea until 1945. Upon his return to Mercantile he was appointed Secretary in 1946 and thereafter served the Club as committee member and Vice-President for the next forty years. When volunteers for the job of Secretary were lacking in the mid 1970's he again assumed that responsibility.

Norman did not resume competitive rowing after the war, but immediately became involved in coaching. His success with Lightweight and Junior crews earned him the appointment as senior coach. He coached the Club's Senior Eight in a series of notably successful seasons and was coach of the King's Cup crew from 1951 to 1955. Thereafter Norman gave up coaching the senior crew, but was always read to undertake any coaching task requested of him. He again had charged of the successful King's Cup crew in 1961.

Norman's interests were confined to Mercantile. He was the Club's delegate to the Victorian Rowing Association in 1946, became Assistant Secretary to that organisation in 1949 and Secretary in 1953. He was Secretary until 1962 and served on the V.R.A. executive committee for another ten years. Jointly with Roy Thursfield he was Secretary of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association conducting Melbourne Henley in pre-Moomba days when the Association ran the carnival as well as the rowing.

Norman was appointed Secretary of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council (now Rowing Australia) in 1955 and was Course Manager for the 1956 Olympics. He was active in A.A.R.C. affairs for many years serving as President in 1967. He always had clear and practical views about what should best be done in the interests or rowing whether at the Club, State or Australian level and had a great ability to persuade others to those views. If he could not do so he at least knew from preliminary discussion what practical result could be achieved without serious argument, and this was one of his greatest contributions during his time on the Council. It is perhaps worth mentioning that all these positions were without remuneration and with very little reimbursement for travelling expenses and accommodation.

During all these years Norman held a senior position in the administration of the Melbourne City Council Electricity Supply Department which he ran efficiently and profitably with, so it is said, the added benefit that the profits went to the benefit of the rate payers and did not come within the knowledge of and in consequence at the disposition of the Council.

Norman married Betty Kerr in 1935. Betty was a loyal and valued companion and helper to him throughout his life as well as being his chauffer as he did not drive a car. Norman and Betty were familiar faces at the Club and at Regattas throughout Australia until ill health prevented their attendance. Betty has survived Norman, but sadly is severely handicapped by failing sight and health.

Colonel Henry George Guinn D.S.O. E.D. (Ret) VX33 - 21/3/00 to 22/2/01

Col Henry Guinn was a key member of our Club and one with whom we were ever so proud to be associated. He was a man of great stature who achieved success in rowing, was committed to helping his fellow man and recorded a most impressive war record. He had enlisted for the First World War and can only be described as a hero who commanded an infantry battalion in World War 2.

One of the problems with a member of Henry's age is that there are few others in this world who can fill the gaps between the legend and the real person. Further, the Club has had two fires and so it's records of the period in which Henry rowed are in poor shape. However we have two photographs of Henry taken outside the Clubhouse as part of the successful maiden eight in the 1923-24 season and as part of the successful junior eight in the 1927 season. He was a member of the Champion Eight of Victoria in 1929-30 season, which included other great members such as Cecil McKay and Doug Brooke. At his death, he was not only the oldest mercantile member, but also the oldest MCC member.

Henry's war service record was distinguished. In the Second World War he commanded the second seventh infantry battalion, one of the three battalions which constituted the 17th Brigade. Many people would say that the 17th Brigade was the greatest fighting brigade of the 2nd AIF. At Domakos Pass in Greece, he commanded a noted rear guard action against a German force of enormous strength for an amazing amount of time.

In Bardia in the Desert, further distinguished action of the 2nd 7th battalion was recorded where the AIF's true colours were shown. In Africa his battalion pushed further west into the German lines than any other force. When replaced by other troops, the ground was quickly lost. In Crete, the battalion was almost destroyed with many taken prisoners. Henry reformed the battalion in Palestine training troops to recreate the famous battalion. In rising from the ashes, the battalion was thereafter known as the "fiery phoenix".

The battalion was returned to New Guinea where they saw much action in Wau, Lae and Salamaua. We understand that until a small number of years ago, he undertook a 5-mile walk each day. He was unusual as a commander as he was both highly respected and popular. These qualities were not common in this combination.

We understand that after the war he was discharged and was appointed the Director of the Bonegilla Migrant Camp. He was much loved and but feared as he exercised his military discipline on the migrants.

At the age of 99 he returned to Melbourne for Anzac Day and enjoyed some beer with his fellow members. The last member to meet Henry was Simon Newcomb who represented the Club at Henry's 100th birthday party. Henry was great Mercantilian.

David James McCullagh Chrichton - 11/5/28 to 30/10/2000

David was a very active member during the late 40's and early 50's, winning many lightweight races. He was also active on the committee being assistant secretary in 1948/49 and again in 1951/52 and secretary of the Club in 1953/54. He became an active member again in the 1970's and 1980's when his son Cameron rowed successfully at both Brighton Grammar and Mercantile. Cameron moved to Tasmania and stroked their Kings Cup crew on many occasions. David also moved to Tasmania which took him away from Club activities. His interest in Mercantile did not diminish and he was anxious to hear news of his many friends at the Club. David will be sadly missed.

GENERAL REPORT

In the last year the Club experienced a significant increase in activity. Thanks to the involvement of some new enthusiastic and energetic coaches the number of members on the water is close to present capacity. Club big boat nights on Thursdays in the first half of the season often saw up to seven Mercantile eights on the water. Mercantile's participation at regattas also increased although results are still mixed. The preliminary Rowing Victoria premiership table show that Mercantile was a close second in several categories.

The main goal of the Committee for the last 3-4 years has been to return the Club to the level of success experienced during the mid 1980's. Much has changed in our environment since the 1980's, school leavers no longer knock down our door eager for a row and professional coaches are now essential. The first steps have been to employ our first Head Coach Peter Somerville, to build the level of activity and to build a strong panel of young and enthusiastic volunteer coaches. Now we must take the next step. The arrival of our new Head Coach Ian Dryden will see a sharper focus on performance. The challenge for the Committee is to continue to grow the capacity of the Club to and support the higher level of activity and performance. To do this we must grow the income of the Club by at least 50% over the next 2 years. A number of initiatives are currently being considered by the Committee to generate new income streams for the Club. It is important that these are new income streams outside as growth from our current traditional sources of members, social functions and rental will not provide the increase required.

In December Peter Somerville resigned as our Head Coach and Chairman of Selectors to go to London with his wife. Peter was employed as our first professional Head Coach in October 1997. It was new territory for both the Club and for Peter as it was also his first professional engagement as a coach. Peter's performance was excellent, he was selected onto the National Team for the Nations Cup in 1998 and 2000, was instrumental in the establishment of the Cayzer Cup and the development of structured and disciplined winter training. Importantly he recruited and developed our current panel of volunteer coaches. Although Peter was employed on a part time basis he contributed a great deal of his own time and passion to Mercantile, his time as our Head Coach has been significant. We wish Peter well in London and note that within a few months of commencing coaching the University of London Women's Squad he has been named as coach of the British Under 23 Women's Coxless Four for the World Championships this year.

The Cayzer Cup between Mercantile and Sydney Rowing Club was established last year. This event is designed to give a focus to winter training and promote interaction between our two clubs. This year the Sydney leg of the event will be held on 25-26

August and the Melbourne leg will be held on 8-9 September. A President's Lunch will be held on the Sunday to celebrate the occasion.

Security of the Clubhouse has been improved with the installation of new steel doors and an alarm system. Members personal security and theft from vehicles within the boatshed area remain a great concern. A City of Melbourne proposal to relocate a Skate Park to the former Dorchester site has been opposed by the Club as it is inappropriate for the area and would increase our security concerns. The City of Melbourne has also sponsored and study into the future management of the boatshed area. At this stage a draft report has been received, the Club will work to ensure that the interests of rowing are furthered and that our position on the riverbank is not compromised.

The Scotch Mercantile was again conducted on the Yarra. Congratulations to Richard Wraith, the Scotch Mercantile Regatta Committee and to David Crawshay, Lisa Farrelly and Emily Wilmoth for their efforts. Next year the regatta will be held at Nagambie on the weekend before the National Championships. This scheduling is unfortunate due the compressed nature of the regatta season next year. The only alternative was that the regatta not be held.

In the next year the Club will endeavour to make greater use of the internet and e-mail. The use of e-mail to distribute reports, notices, and "The Mercantilian" should result in significant cost savings. The special business of the AGM is a motion to allow the Club to use e-mail as an official means of communication. Members are urged to support this motion and to submit their e-mail addresses to the Club. The Club website www.mercantile.org.au is also being upgraded. We thank Andrew Rees for taking on the task of upgrading the site.

Mercantile's appreciation must again be forwarded to the following:

- Philippe Batters for continuing the publication of "The Mercantilian"
- Roger Wilson for his entertaining commentary at regattas and his efforts to
 ensure that rowing receives media coverage.
- Wal Oakley for his media coverage in The Age and The Sunday Age.
- Ian Lee-Conway and Maxine Brice at the VRA office for all their assistance and understanding.
- Scotch-Mercantile Regatta Committee and in particular Richard Wraith.
- Jenny Nunn at Phil Batters' office for her administrative assistance.
- The organisers of "Barrels Bash" "The Inebri Eight" who turned on a
 great show and in the process paid for the eight "Noel Donaldson".
- Sean "Trader Al" Colgan for his continued support.

- Our caterer Degrees Catering and in particular Kathy Powers for her cooperation during the year.
- R.R. Aitken our Honorary Solicitor for his advice during the year.

William Webster Secretary

Attendance at Committee Meetings

9 meeting have be	en held since	the AGM, attendance is	s as follows
A. Guerin	6	D. Colvin	8
W. Webster	8	J. Faranda	5
Peter Somerville	5	D. Ginn	4
R. Douglas	7	K. Coventry	7
H. Edgar	8	P. Batters	7
L.Farrelly	7	E. Wilmoth	9
B. Hasforth	8	S. Morrison	7
G. Begley	3	D. Yunghanns	4

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB BOATS AND EQUIPMENT REPORT 2000/01

In the last couple of years the Committee has developed a complete boat replacement program for our fleet. This program takes into account our current fleet, our expected needs over the next five years and our financial capacity. The policy considers the different types of boats and the needs of members in terms of both elite level competition including national selection and also recreational use. Our aim is to ensure that we have the best possible fleet of boats to satisfy our members needs. Given the priority of pair oared rowing in terms of national selection, our pairs will be maintained as the youngest group of boats in the fleet. Fours will be renewed less regularly and eights will generally be kept until the end of their life.

During the last year we purchased 4 boats. An eight "Noel Donaldson" a coxless four the "McKay – Manu Forti", a coxless pair that is as yet unnamed. The pair "James Tomkins" was purchased in 99/00 and was listed as unnamed in the report last year. The "Noel Donaldson" is a club level boat primarily for the use of our Inebri Eight. The "McKay – Manu Forti" is suitable for use by our female sqaud and the unnamed pair is suitable for use by the senior men.

Thanks must also go to Walter Rotter for the repairs he has done on various boats in the shed.

A full list of the Clubs equipment and the condition thereof is detailed below:

BOAT	MAKE	YEAR CONDITION
EIGHTS GEOFF BARDEN	AUSROWTEC	1998 FXCELLENT
J.J. LAWRENCE II	SYKES	1998 ✓ EXCELLENT 1997 ✓ EXCELLENT
JEFF LAWRENCE	SYKES	1991 EXCELLENT
NOEL DONALDSON	EMPACHER	1990 EXCELLENT
ARTHUR ATKINS	SYKES	1988 GOOD
J.G.H.SPRIGG	SYKES	1983 GOOD
COXED FOURS		
W. H. WEBSTER	AUSROWTEC	1998 EXCELLENT
TRADER AL	SYKES	1994 EXCELLENT
N.W.CAIRNS	SYKES	1991 EXCELLENT
TED SORANI	SYKES	1996 EXCELLENT
COXLESS FOURS		
McKAY - MANU-FORTI	SYKES	1999 EXCELLENT
DAVID BOYKETT	SYKES	1997 / EXCELLENT
PHILLIPE BATTERS	AUSROWTEC	1996 EXCELLENT
SUSAN LEE	SYKES	1993 EXCELLENT
N.L.NEWTON	SYKES	1992 EXCELLENT
GRAEME McCALL	SYKES	1991 EXCELLENT

BOAT TRANSPORT FRAME

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	D.C.GINN			OWTEC	1999	EXCEL		
	GEORGINA DOUGLAS				1998	EXCEL		
	J. R. HARVEY	***	SYKES		1998		LENT	
	PETER (CHINA) O'BRI	EN	SYKES		1993	EXCEL		
	BARRY GROSS		SYKES			EXCEL		
	DAVID PINCUS		SYKES					
	ANDREW COOPER		SYKES			EXCEL		
	SAM PATTEN		SYKES		1991	VERY		
	ANDREW EVANS		SYKES		1990		GOOD	
	JOHN CARR			SYKES		1990	VERY GOOD	,
	SINGLE SCULLS							
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	YOUTH WOMEN			ADJUSTABLE			LLENT	
	SENIOR MEN	U.S.A. BLA	ADES		760mm		EXCELLEN	
	UNDER 23 MEN	GREEN &	GOLD		760mm		EXCELLEN	ľ
	SENIOR MEN	GREEN &	RED	10 x 3775mm	1993		LLENT	
	YOUTH	RED, BLUE	& WHITE	8 x 3755mm			LLENT	
	SENIOR WOMEN	BLACK &	RED	6 x 3720mm	1992		LLENT	
	LW MEN		YELLOW	4 x 3750mm	1992		LLENT	
	JUNIOR MEN	YELLOW		4 x 3760mm	1992		LLENT	
	INTERMEDIATE	BLUE & W	HITE	8 x 3755mm	1991	EXCE	LLENT	
	/ VETERAN	22000						
	STANDARD CARBON	OARS						
	VETERAN	RED		10	1990	VERY	GOOD	
	/ SOCIAL	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,						
	SCULLING BLADES							
	CROKER			6	1997	EXCE	LLENT	
	WOODEN STANDAR	RD OARS						
		WOODEN	17		1887	FAIR		
	MISCELLANEOUS	0.00						
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1998

EXCELLENT

Mercantile Rowing Club Inc.

2001 State Team Representatives

Men's coxed eight (King's Cup)

Bill Tait, Robert Douglas, Travis Johnston

Women's coxed eight (Governor General's Trophy)

Anthea Pyers, Laura Blunden, Danielle Ackland, Robyn Selby-Smith, Tom Courtney (Coach)

Women's youth coxed eight (Bicentennial Trophy) Emily Wilmoth, Rosie Bell

2001 Australian Representatives

Head Coach – Men's Rowing Noel Donaldson

World Championships Luzern 2001 Men's Coxed Eight Matt Long, Rob Douglas, Bill Tait

Men's Coxed Four Travis Johnston

Men's Quad Scull David Crawshay

Nation's Cup Austria Men's Coxless Four Travis Johnston

East Asian Games Osaka Japan Women's Lightweight Quad Scull Lisa Farrelly

TREASURERS REPORT

This year has been a most interesting and challenging one for the club. With changes in the tax system moving into GST and the increased level of fund raising that is needed to keep this club alive and running at its full potential. The season ahead remains an even bigger challenge again as move to the employment of a new head coach that requires reallocation from the other side of the world. Although fund raising through our members is just meeting our needs more areas or levels of income raising are needed. Areas for this are the set up the Sports Foundation where tax deductible donations can be made and the sponsorship of the Scotch — Mercantile Regatta are just a small number of areas that are available for our use.

We also look forward to the restructuring of the committee so the focus is on administration and coaching as two separate sections. As the administration team will continue to look further into the computerised world to get a system that is more efficient and user friendly. Allowing the committee to make and react on financial decisions more effectively.

Jason Faranda Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2001

	2001	2000
INCOME	S	S
	20.020.00	20 444 5
Donations Received	90,918.87	84,951.0
Distributions Received	378.89	
Interest Received		541.0
Rent Received	24,165.57	27,059.0
Subscriptions Received	59,662.52	60,722.00
Regatta Entries	6,159.80	8,156.00
Hire of Boats	1,394.55	1,680.00
Other Revenue	18,423.88	15,000.00
Surplus on sale of Non-Current Assets	14,000.00	750.00
	215,104.08	198,859.00
EXPEDITURE		
Gross Surplus from Trading	966.79	-
Administrative Costs		1,000.00
Subscriptions Written Off	15,120.00	1,000.01
Bank Charges	942.46	864.00
Cleaning	2,449.00	3,911.00
Clothing	2,746.41	549.00
Depreciation	40,117.00	46,442.00
Donations (to Endowment Fund)	1,516.00	10,112.00
Employment Expenses	2,500.00	1,052.00
Entry Fees & Boat Transport	15,834.74	18,332.00
Fee Reimbursment	10,051.71	230.00
Fire Protection	3,506.82	3.124.00
Functions	7,990.00	3,124.00
General Expenses	7,845.60	7.394.00
nsurance	14,926.23	14,240,00
nterest Paid	2,465.63	2,783.00
Light & Power	5,859.81	6,236.00
Memorabilia	1,167.73	168.00
Merchant Fees	1,792.12	1,384.00
Printing & Stationery	3,122.39	2,817.00
Rates & Taxes	2,285.04	4,086.00
Rent	208.00	208.00
Repairs & Maintenance	26,097.24	
Rowing Victoria		22,613.00
Superannuation Contributions	4,847.75	4,508.00
elephone	1,861,15	2,054.00
ravel & Accommodation	2,710.00	2,634.00
rophies	3,879.64	1,639.00
Vages	5,860.60	3,101.00
Vorkcover	26,351.93 577.16	31,759.00
TOTALOTTE	205,547.24	183,128.00
NET SURPLUS	9,556.84	15.731.00

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2001

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	149,972.81	
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	521,313.82	500,130.82
	671,286.63	500,130.82
4	687,346.52	520,377.44
6	28,612.58	13,050.09
7	230.00	
	28,842.58	13,050.09
6	39,749.06	63,428.35
	39,749.06	63,428.35
	68,591.64	76,478.44
3	618,754.88	443,899.00
	48,864.00	48,864.00
	569,890.88	395,035.00
		443,899.00
	6	39,749.06 68,591.64 618,754.88 48,864.00

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2001

	2001 S	2000 S
2 RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Other Debtors	12,214.50	15,870.00
3 INVENTORIES		
CURRENT		
Stock on Hand		915.79
Social Stock	-	51.00
	7	966.79
4 INVESTMENTS		
NON-CURRENT		
MRC Endowment Fund	136,293.09	
R A Cooper Memorial Trust Fund	13,679.72	
	149,972.81	
5 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
War Memorial Clubhouse	368,122.00	368,122.00
Boats at Cost	470,428,82	414,428.82
less Accummulated Depreciation	358,099.00	325,036.00
iess recummanded Depreciation	112,329,82	89,392.82
Oars at Cost	40,349.00	35,049.00
less Accummulated Depreciation	32,610.00	31,059.00
- Portugues	7.739.00	3,990.00
Trailers at Cost	9,650.00	9,650.00
less Accummulated Depreciation	4,419.00	3,838.00
ress recumulation perfections.	5,231.00	5,812.00
Sundry Assets	58,043.00	58,043.00
less Accummulated Depreciation	30,151.00	25,229.00
	27,892.00	32,814.00
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	521,313.82	500,130.82

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2001

	2001 S	2000 S
6 CREDITORS & BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Bank Overdraft	797.85	765.69
Trade Creditors	32,244.55	12,350.00
GST Payable	(4,429.82)	(65.60)
	28,612.58	13,050.09
NON-CURRENT		
Loans Other	5,500.00	5,500.00
Scotch Merc. Regatta		18,000.00
Westpac Building Fund	15,014.14	25,564.35
MRC Endowment Fund	19,234.92	14.364.00
	39,749.06	63,428.35
7 OTHER LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Income in Advance	230.00	~

These notes are to read in conjunction with the compilation report

SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2001

	2001 S	2000 S
Donations Received		0.000
General	1,970.56	6,012.00
Social	88,948.31	78,939.00
	90,918.87	84,951.00
Distributions Received		
Bilney Fund	378.89	14
Interest Received		
Bank of Melb General A/C		541.00
Interest Paid		
General A/C	530.00	247.00
Building Loan	1,254.48	2,536.00
MRC Endowment Fund	681.15	
	2,465.63	2,783.00
Repairs & Maintenance		
Boats & Oars	16,868.14	16,951.00
Equipment	- 44-	734.00
Boathouse	9,229.10	4,928.00
	26,097.24	22,613.00

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ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH APRIL 2001

ASSETS		S
Shares in Public Companies - at cost (Market Value \$147,226)		112,866.01
ANZ Executors & Trustees Ltd - Common Fund V2 Balance at credit of Account		4,192.16
Mercantile Rowing Club		
Balance due 30/4/00 Donations Received by Club Interest	17,037.77 1,516.00 681.15	19,234.92
TOTAL ASSETS	-	136,293.09
LIABILITIES		
Capital - Subject to accumulation to 30/4/2002 Balance @ 30/4/2000 Donations	37,941.35 1,796.00	20,000.00 39,737.35
Capital Reserve Account		15,734.73
Income Account - Balance @ 30/6/2000 Net Income for Year	54,810.71 6,010.30	60,821.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES		136,293.09
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2001		
Dividends Received Interest Received		5,017.20 999.28 6,016.48
less Fees and Duties		6.18

R A COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2001

ASSETS

Shares

Australian Foundation Investment Co. Ltd 13,711 50c Ordinary Shares _____ (Market Value \$34,552)

10155.74

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Westpac Saving Bank

Balance at Credit of Account

3523.98

13679.72

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Balance at 30th April 2000

6140.02

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance at 30th April 2000 Westpac Saving Bank 6606.62

Interest

19.94

Dividends

Australian Foundation Investment Co. Ltd

1816.71

8443.27

Less:

Donations to Crew Members Government Duties 900 3.57

903.57

7539.7 13679.72

MEMBERS 1997 - 2001

The membership of the Club as at 30th April 2001 was as follows

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Life	12	13	12	12	11
Senior	193	190	187	174	185
Junior	51	75.	65	54	54
Country	49	43	42	40	37
Associate	62	54	50	50	44
Honorary	1	1	5	5	5
	368	376	361	335	336

Life Members

Ainsworth	Phil J.	Aitken	Robert R. MBE	Boykett	David H.
Cooper	Andrew D. OAM	Donaldson	Noel W.	Ginn	Drew C. OAM
Guerin	Andrew N.	Lawrence	Jeffrey J.	McKay	Michael S. OAM
Owen	Martin F.	Sorani	Ted	Tomkins	James B. OAM

Senior Members

Anderson	Warwick	Antica	Jason F.	Ashby	Amber
Ashby	Duncan	Atkins	Arthur H.	Barden	Geoff L
Barrett	Melanie	Batten	Malcolm W. OAM	Batters	Philippe R
Black	Robert H.	Blunden	Phillip	Bolton	James
Bolton	John G.	Bostock	John B.	Boykett	Graeme H
Brooks	Robyn A	Bruce	Jamie	Burns	Donald J.
Campbell	Jacqui	Cannon	Andrew M.	Carew	William F
Carr	John P.	Castricum	Anthony	Cheales	Kelli M.G
Clark	Andrew F.	Clark	Melissa	Coates	Jeffrey
Colvin	David E.	Cordell	Anthony M.	Coventry	Kris
Crawshay	David W.	Dawson	Ray	De Guingand	Chris J.
Deasey	Denis	Deutscher	Robert J.	Dobbie	Alex W.
Donaldson	John H.	Donovan	Michael J.	Douglas	David G.
Douglas	Georgina C.	Douglas	Libby	Douglas	Robert G.
Dowling	Christopher	Downey	Peter J.	Drummond	Jacqui
Dunstan	Noel	Duthie	lan R.	Edgar	Henry C.
Evans	Andrew M.	Everist	Ian C:	Faranda	Jason M
Faulkner	Amanda	Fletcher	Anna	Fogarty	Michael J.
Foley	John E	Franet	Phil J.	Frederico	H. Tim
Frederico	Hubert R.	Gadsden	Simon P.	Gakovic	Zeljko
Gillon	Stephen M.	Giulieri	Peter	Granowski	Warwick O
Grant	Georgia E.	Grant	John G.	Griffiths	Ron
Groves	Mark S.	Hall	Gavin S.	Hansen	Greg
Harding	Paul	Harris	Fiona	Harrison	Simon R.
Harry	John R.	Harvey	Eliza	Harvey	Jim R.
Hawkins	Dale S.	Hewett	Anne L.	Hewitt	H Neil OAM
Hill	John	Holyman	G. Ian	Hutchins	Tom

Wichour thic Ti	oming ora	0 11101				
Hutchins	Warwick B.	Inglis	Anthony C.	Jefferson	Debbie W	
Jenkins	Andrew	Johnson	Anthony L.	Johnston	Gregory M.	
Jones	Cam A.	Joyce	Joseph W.	Kellam	Murray B.	
Kelly	Michael J.	Kerr	Cordelia	Kerr	Jason D.	
Kimpton	Colin M.	Koekoek	Lucas A.T.	Law	George A.	
Lindsay	Alister W.	Logan	Sarah A.	Long	Matthew	
Luckie	Katherine	Mahoney	Harry J.	Mansfield	Patrick	
Marley	Derek C.	Marshall	Ken A.	McCall	Graeme A.	
McGorlick	Michael W.	McKenna	Michael F.	McKinley	Tim	
McKenzie-McHar	Hugh W.	McTamney	Clare E.	Mollard	Stephen D.	
Moreton	Richard	Moreton	Stewart C.	Morrison	Bruce W.	
Morrison	Ian J.	Morrison	Simon A.	Morrison	WT.	
Mulder	Victor G.	Nash	Scott	Nation	Michael J.	
Negri	Ron A.	Neill	Erica	Newton	Nicholas L.	
Nickson	John H.	Noonan	Paul K.	O'Brien	Peter H.	
O'Doherty	David	Oliver	Richard J.	O'Reilly	Bernard	
O'Sullivan	Luke	Palfreyman	David	Partridge	Lea	
Patten	Sam G.	Patterson	Celia L.	Peckham	Alan J.	
Pezimenti	Lucio	Phillips	Terry D.	Philp	Peter E.	
Pincus	David A.	Price	Michael	Prowse	Paul G.	
Quah-Smith	Gordon	Reed	Stephen K.	Rees	Andrew	
Richardson	Geoff W.	Richardson	Ron H.	Richardson	S. Graham	
Roberts	Georgia K.	Robertson	W. Malcolm	Robson	Natalie	
Robertson-Smith		Roediger	Carol	Ross	Nicola	
Ronai-Horvath	Victor	Ryan	Sean P.	Schoner	Simon	
Scott	Alex	Seammen	John W.	Shanasy	John E.	
Shears	John D.	Skidmore	Thomas J.	Sloan	Alex T	
Smyth	Edward A.	Somerville	Paul G	Spriggs	Simon D.	
Squire-Wilson	Kimba	Steer	Richard A.	Strang	Robert A.	
Strang	Robert W.	Stryker	Natalie J.	Sullivan	Lynne	
Sutherland	Tanya	Tait	Bill	Taylor	Alistar	
Taylor	Robyn	Tomanovits	Martin G.	Umlauff	Marcus	
Van Schajik	Karen J.	Walker	Robert	Walker	Tony	
Wallace	Alan M.	Wallace	Bill L	Way	Simon A	
Wayne	William J.	Webster	Neil G.	Webster	William H.	
Wertheimer	John	White	Bill C.	Wilkinson	David R.	
Williams	Felicity	Wilson	Roger B.	Wraith	Richard G.	
Yunghanns	David J.	200 sea,0,40	007400			
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Junior Men	mbers				
Ackland	Danielle	Bell	Rosie	Blacker	Nalini M.
Blewett	William	Blunden	Laura V.	Boland	Martin M
Brien	Alistair	Bull	Travis S.	Butler	Jane
Chew	Fleur	Concannon	Siska	Crittenden	Sally
Cuthbert	Julia	Dawson	Jessica L	Dean	Sam
Dietrich	Stephan	Doody	Elizabeth	Elliott	Cameron B.
Elston	Adam R	Farrelly	Lisa	Fraumano	David
Garnys	Eleanor	Gilbertson	Michael	Groves	Callum E.

Hardie	Stewart G.	Harrison	Nicholas H. R.	Hasforth	Blair H.
Hayden	Melanie	Hayton	Sam	Johnston	Tanya
Johnston	Travis	Kupcis	John P.	Kupcis	Peter D.
Latimer	Owen	Lovell	Petrice	Moore	Rory C.D.
McKenzie-Mc	Har Daisey	Pearce	Callie	Peck	James WA
Peck	Laurence SK	Phillips	Matthew	Pyers	Anthea E.
Savage	Miles	Schwartz	Leah	Selby-Smith	Robyn
Sloan	Robert R.	Smithwick	Nicholas	Squires	Morgan C
Van Burren	Laura	Walmsley	James	Wilmoth	Emily

Country Members

Adams	James S.	Ansell	Gael L.	Bailey	William M.
Baillieu	William J.	Boykett	Peter H.	Cayzer	Phil A.
Connolly	Mark C.	Connolly	Rob W.	Daffy	Tom C.
Dodwell	Benjamin	Donoghue	J. Doug.	Doody	Leith McD.
Garrard	Richard J.	Glass	Andrew	Gross	Barry B.
Gullock	Gary	Hayes	John V.	Hayman	Brett
Hobbs	Sam J.	Horne	Cameron R.	Jickell	Ian J.
Kallir-Preece	David G.	Kovacic	Jason	Lee	Susan
Maginn	Paul T.	McArthur	Stewart F_	McLean	Russell A
McNamara	Pat J.	McNeil	Andrew N.	McNeil	Andrew S
Munro	David I.	Murphy	Peter J	Newcomb	Smon H.
O'Halloran	Martin K.	Parmenter	Brian R.	Pechan	Greg A.
Phillips	Andrew	Robinson	Alex T	Rowe	John S.
Schreier	Paul J.	Somerville	Alexandra	Somerville	Peter D.
Spriggins	Anthony	Storrs	John A.	Taylor	Geoffrey M
Tyrrell	Marcus C.	Voller	Jon J.	Wilson	Ian W.
Young	Tim J.				

Associate Members

Adams	Arthur W.	Angliss	Thomas R	Batten	Philippa
Begley	Guy K.	Benjamin	Peter L.	Bergelin	Anthony P
Blackburn	Justin D	Bland	Peter J.	Blewett	Stephen
Boileau	Nic	Briggs	Andrew P	Burt	Roger J.
Cahir	John P.	Corben	Mal H.	Cowling	David S.
Crothers	Grant T	Fast	Andrew	Fast	Stephanie
Ferdinand	Jeffrey R.	Foulkes	Katie	Goodwin	Rayne
Hearn	Narelle	Heath	Justin	Holland	Craig S.
Hume	David J.	Hume	Ken M.	Hume	Michael C
Humphris	Peter W.	Johnson	E. Ted C.	Johnston	Peter A.L.
Johnston	Yvonne J.	Jones	Robin A	Jordan	Noel R
Lachal	Bob P	Lausberg	Johan	Leeming	John
Loveless	Jay	Loyell	Matthew D.	McDonald	Andrew W.
McDonald	Doug	McDonald	Wesley K.	McGann	Paul R.
McLean	Andrew	Meachem	Rebecca	Milligan	Angus S.
Morrison	Andrea J.	Morrissey	Ben	Murchie	Andrew

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Silverston Paul A
Wallis Lindsay W.
Williamson Richard

Ray Rushford Smith Watson Wolf Jonothon Robert J. Murray D. Jay Felicity Redman Sill Unwin White Roger Anthony C. Bill A. Russell A.

Honorary Members

Colgan

Sean P.

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