

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.



(Established 1880)

125th ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET 2004 - 2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 125TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2005 AT 8.00PM.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th June 2004.
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.

Nominations for Office-Bearers for the ensuing year close on the notice board at the Clubhouse on Saturday 18th June 2005 at 4.00pm.

By Order of the Committee

W. Webster
Honorary Secretary
1st June 2005

2004 - 05 OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Mr. N. P. R Batters

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BOARD MEMBERS

ROWING AUSTRALIA

Mr D. Pincus

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first President's report and prior to proceeding I would like to say thank you to Andrew Guerin for handing the Club Stewardship over to me in such good order and for being such a help to me in my first year.

We are truly blessed at Mercantile with highly capable, enthusiastic contributors who spend an enormous amount of their time ensuring that the Club runs smoothly and grows. Particular mention needs to be made of the constant contribution of members such as Bill Webster, Bill Tait, Tom Courtney, Alice Mentiplay, Mark Groves, David Colvin and many other enthusiastic members who have given so much time and effort to ensure the continuing success of the Club.

We are the equal top rowing club in the land and I am so very proud of what has been achieved by our athletes.

Our members selected for international representation this year are:

Senior Team:

David Crawshay – Men's Single

Pauline Frasca – Women's Sweep

Robyn Selby-Smith – Women's Sweep

Fleur Chew – Women's Sweep

Bill Tait – Coach Women's Sweep

Noel Donaldson - High Performance Director

In the Under 23 team :

Chris Riddell – Men's VIII

Although we celebrate our successes loudly, recognition is almost as important for our athletes who have not had the success they yearned for in the past season, yet they too have to had to toil in the gym and on the water putting in the long hours to achieve their goals. By their participation Mercantile becomes the very strong Club that we strive to be.

We rejoice in the quality of our coaches so ably led by Tom Courtney. Mercantile coaches are of the highest quality and their largely unrewarded efforts are exemplary and so very much appreciated by all members.

Tom Courtney, David "Chipper" Colvin, Graham Orcher, John Leeming, Blair Hasforth, Simon Harrison, Peter Woollard, Marty Francis, David Fraumano and Rhys Tyrrell.

A new member group at the Club are our kayakers who joined our membership this season and already have made strong contributions to the Club by their presence and we welcome them warmly into our fold.

Sadly we have lost some venerable members such as past president Bob Aitken, John Hill, John "Thumbscrew" Carr and Alec Dobbie. Our condolences go to the families of these wonderful Mercantilians who will be very missed around the Club.

Thanks to Tyson Chambers and Sarah Forbes we now have our website up and running properly and I recommend all members keep in touch with the Club via this facility. It is especially important that we keep our stationery and postal costs at the bare minimum so please be active on the net.

A special thank you to Jeff Lawrence and his team at Sykes Racing for their generosity and looking after the Club so well over the year.

Finances.

Our finances continue to be a constant balancing act and we are very lucky to have Alice Mentiplay and Bill Webster administering their skills in keeping us on the right path. The loss of the Fosters beer sponsorship was a deeply felt blow and we have to keep actively searching for a replacement sponsor and I ask all members to speak to me with any suggestions in this area.

Boathouse.

The present changing rooms are clearly inadequate and Mark Groves and Rob Deutcher have been very actively redesigning the shed area to better house our ladies and school tenants.

Mark Groves has taken on the responsibility of looking after general works around the shed and he has cheerfully accomplished this in his usual capable and unflappable manner.

I would like to put on record how much work John Lausberg has put in over a number of years.

New Boats.

We proudly named pairs after Garth Manton, David Douglas, Tony Walker and Neil Hewitt and our new eight after Andrew Guerin

Social.

We have held numerous functions during the year which have been well attended, but there are so many members that we never see. Could I please implore you to attend regularly so that the Club's finances are made healthier and it is important that we continue to have a strong umbilical cord with our membership, particularly as they retire from active rowing. We would love to see you.

Special mention needs to be made of Kathy Powers and her amazing team at Degrees Catering who feed us so well and with such good humour when luncheon and dinner numbers vary by 20%!

Memorabilia.

We were indeed fortunate to be given the late Bob Aitken's rowing memorabilia from his distinguished Olympic, Commonwealth Games, World Championship and domestic championships collection which is now proudly displayed in the clubrooms.

If any members or their families have rowing memorabilia that is not required the Club would be delighted to receive them. Please do not throw them out!

History.

Andrew Guerin has been compiling a history of Australian rowing on the Internet and this gargantuan task can be inspected via the Sykes Racing website. www.sykes.com.au

Andrew is also organizing the updating of the Club's history which was published in 1980 and is sorely in need of reprinting prior to memories fading.

The Future.

The major enemy facing our Club is complacency.

We are the equal top club in Australia which means that if we are not diligent we will commence the downward slide into the middle order and that is not what Mercantile is about.

Now is the time to capitalise in our success, to ensure that the administration runs smoothly, to ensure the flow of money by paying subscriptions on time and attending Club functions.

The athletes have their job to do, but the rest of the Club needs to put muscle into pushing the Club forward with their support and energies so that we do not only rely on the successes of our older athletes who eventually will retire and if we are not careful this will leave our weaknesses painfully exposed unless we ensure the next generation of success, and the next. It reminds me of the story of a man seeing two men chipping away at a rock. He asked the first man what he was doing and he replied "I'm chipping away at a rock you blithering idiot". He moved over and asked the other man chipping at a rock what he was doing and he replied "I'm building a cathedral".

Let's all work together to build that cathedral.

Philippe Batters
President

TO THE MEMBERS

Your committee has pleasure in submitting the 125th Annual report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April 2005.

I am writing this report from my hotel room on Lago De Varase, home of the new AIS 'Euro-Hub' elite training facility and as I cast my mind back over the last 12 months I am drawn to the realisation that my first year as Captain of the great Mercantile Rowing Club has taken me on an amazing roller coaster ride, living out of suitcase, rigging boats, and cheering the red and white through a racing season which will long be remembered.

The 2004/05 season began for me by spending four months living with my predecessor David 'Chipper' Colvin, doing my apprenticeship with the master. Chipper left the club in a great position after a quadrennium of dedication and passion. My task was to continue our foray into the world of professionalism in sport development and elite performance. With a number of new faces on the committee we got the ball rolling very well. The group worked solidly on fundraising, the Elite Club Funding application processes, a restructuring of our banking processes (a task which is much more complicated than it sounds), our fantastic new web site, the quality range of new merchandise, and planning for the future Capital works. About the only thing not addressed this year was our ongoing search for major sponsorship, but we had to leave something for the 2005/06 committee. The gratitude of every club member goes to the committee members for the tireless work and dedication to keeping us in a position to offer the best Elite rowing opportunities in a strong social environment.

Back in May 2004 the Rowing Department, lead by Tom Courtney, sat down to plan our season ahead. A few key additions to the program included the clubs commitment to sending both men's and women's eights to the Head of the Charles regatta in North America, and a refocus on using the eight as a training boat throughout the whole year.

Of course our domestic winter training phase was to take a back row seat to the pursuits of our Mercantile Olympians in Greece. We, of course, did our part to support the endeavours of Drew, Jimmy and the Crawsh, by turning up in our hundreds for the traditional Olympic festival and parties. It began on opening ceremony morning with a gala breakfast, and ended with approximately 300 Mercantilians getting their faces on the television (again...) screaming the national anthem along with our golden boys. Our tradition of providing the Aussie National and Olympic teams continued in the finest possible way.

Over the winter months a great deal of effort was put into the preparation and fundraising for our HOC men's and women's eights. The HOC fundraising sub-committee showed us how, with a little effort, Mercantile can and should aim to offer overseas performance development opportunities. The experience gained from this trip was used to great effect in the 'big boat' races at the State and National Championships later in the season.

A highlight of winter '04 was the Saturday morning breakfasts provided by our fantastic parent group. Not only did this offer obvious nutritional benefits for our hard working athletes, but also provided us all with a great opportunity to enjoy our fantastic location and facilities in a much more relaxed and civilized manner.

The racing season began with great representation and success at the Melbourne Head Regatta in November. The hard work continued over the Christmas holiday period with a club training camp in Geelong, and a number of our athletes and coaches travelling to Canberra for National Camps.

The regatta results continued to impress leading to a good deal of optimism going into the State and National Championships. However, I don't think anyone really expected to see as many red and white zooties in the centre of the podium. Fantastic results in singles, pairs, doubles, fours and quads were perhaps only just outdone by the Clubs collection of the Senior State titles in both the Men's and Women's eights, and followed up by a significant victory at the National Championships in the Women's eight.

To be honest, there were so many placing's at the National's and State's that it would take a whole page to describe them all. My two biggest highlights for the racing season was watching David Crawshay become the first Mercantilian to win the Senior Single Scull at the National Championship for a number of decades, and the amazing efforts of Sarah- Jane Blunt in the last two days of the Nationals collect the gold in the U23 Double, Quad and Interstate Quad (Apologies to Robbo, Gilligan, Chewy, Pauls, Rach, Forbsey, Alison, Wawny and Fitz who also became Senior National Champions this season).

The final piece of the puzzle for 2004/05 was National Selection. Again Mercantile was at the forefront in supplying members for our National Teams.

Congratulations to all of our members who are pulling on the Green and Gold this year, particularly to Pauline Frasca and Chris Riddell who will be doing so for the first time.

What's next? Well as I mentioned at the beginning of the report I am currently in Italy following three of our Aussie senior representatives around as they take on the worlds best. We have already achieved some great success. Pauline Frasca and Robyn Selby-Smith collected the bronze medal in the Eton World Cup regatta, nudging the reigning Olympic champions from Romania into the potato position, and they were joined by Fleur Chew in the Eight to defeat Germany, Great Britain and France in the Versailles regatta in Paris. These athletes, along with our underage Aussie representatives will be training solidly in Canberra towards the World Championships.

On the riverbank, we must push hard to increase our financial sustainability. This means looking at more diverse revenue options, and hunting down further sponsorship. In these matters we need the help of our full membership base. If you think you can help, I implore you to get

involved. Become active on the committee, or offer to help in specific areas where you have experience or expertise. We need anybody with a 'can do' attitude, and it doesn't mean you will need to give up too much of you own free time.

It's a very exciting time at Mercantile Rowing Club. If you don't recognise some of the nicknames used in this report, please come down to the Thursday night Barrel and meet our active members. I'm sure they, like I, am very keen to be able to put a personality to the faces on the walls

Bill Tait
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.

The Captain's Trophy has been won by David Crawshay. David returned from the Athens Olympic Games and continued his training in the single scull. As well as many winning the National Championship in the single scull he also had a number of wins in club quads and in the Club Senior Eight at the State Championship.

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.

The Max Bailey Trophy has been won by David McGrath. David coxed our Men's Senior Eight to victory at the State Championship and had many other fine wins coxing our Senior Men.

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 Andrew Guerin, Jeff Lawrence and Sean (Trader Al) Colgan. These three gentlemen have been major contributors to the club for a many of years. In the last year they came together and donated the funds to allow the club to purchase our new eight. It has been at least a decade since such a significant donation has been to the club.

N. W. CAIRNES TROPHY

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

This trophy has been awarded to Kate Fitzgibbon. Kate coxed our Female Youth squad and our Senior Women's Eight to victory at the State Championships and the National Championships. It was Kate's first season at Mercantile.

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 Sarah-Jane Blunt. Sarah-Jane worked extremely hard over the winter to make the transition to lightweight rowing and sculling and showed steady improvement over the season. Her results at the National Championships and Interstate Regatta were nothing short of sensational in winning the U23 Double and Quad and being called up to represent Victoria, winning the Victoria Cup.

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 Chris Riddell. Over the last year Chris has gone from strength to strength. A solid winter training program saw him selected in the Victorian Youth Cup Team and then the Victorian Team for the Olympic Youth Festival. A member of our victorious Men's Senior Eight at the State Championships he was selected in the Victorian Youth Eight to contest the Wilkinson Cup at the Interstate Regatta. Following the Nationals Chris was then selected in the Australian Under 23 Eight for the World Championships in July.

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 Pauline Frasca. After being a member of the Victorian elite Women's squad for 3 years, this year Pauline made the breakthrough and was selected in the Australian Women's Eight to contest the World Championships in Japan at the end of August.

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 Bill Tait. Bill took control of our Senior Women's Squad last winter. Already the strongest club squad in the country, this year our Senior Eight won the National Championship and three members have been selected in the team for the World Championships in Japan in August. Strong results were also recorded in the Under 23 division at the Nationals. As mentioned earlier in the report Bill has been selected to coach the Australian Women's Eight.

HEAD COACH REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present the Head Coaches report for Mercantile Rowing Club's members for the 2004/2005 Competition season.

Olympic Games

As no doubt it's already being mentioned in this report, Mercantile athletes performed exceptionally well at the Olympic Games. James Tomkins and Drew Ginn winning Gold in the pair, whilst Michael McKay claimed bronze in the Men's eight. Katie Foulkes coxed the women's eight to sixth place and David Crawshay was in the Men's Quad Scull which won the B final. The achievement of all these athletes was sensational and I would like to congratulate all of them for their fine performance in representing the club at the ultimate event in world sport.

National Representation

As is common in all post Olympic Years, there was a large changing of the guard in the elite squad and Mercantile was well placed to take advantage of this opportunity. I would like to congratulate Pauline Frasca, Robyn Selby Smith and Fleur Chew on their selection in the Women's Eight for the World Championship as well as Bill Tait on his selection on the national coaching panel. These athletes have continued on from their consistent performances over the last 3 years and are now reaping the rewards of their hard work. David Crawshay has been chosen to represent Australia in the Men's Single Scull. This is a momentous occasion for the club, as we have never had a male World Championship Single Sculler representative. David had a magnificent season and was arguably the best sculler in the country in 2005. Chris Riddell has been chosen in the U23 Men's Eight which is a fine performance for an 19 year old athlete. We wish all our athletes and coaches the best in their tours this year, and they will no doubt do the club proud.

National Championships

The National Championships saw Mercantile emerge as the equal No 1 club in the country. This is a huge achievement for all our athletes and coaches. The most positive aspect was the spread of results across categories. The club won medals in Junior Men and Women, U23 Men and Women and Senior A Men and Women. A full list of the national championship results is below. Mercantile was also well represented in the Interstate racing on the Sunday, with David Crawshay and Drew Ginn in the Kings Cup, Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, Robyn Selby Smith, Sarah Forbes and Emma Wawn in the Governor Generals Women's Eight, Alison Withers and Sarah Jane Blunt in the Victoria Cup Women's L/W Quad, Robyn Selby Smith again in the Women's Scull, Alistair Taylor in the Presidents Cup Single Scull and Chris Riddell, Nick Mitchell, Courtney Date and Alexander Machin in the Men's Youth Eight. Congratulations go to all the athletes and the coaches for their performance throughout the Nationals week.

Boston

As mentioned in last year's Annual report, the Club sent two eights to the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. The trip was primarily for the development of our younger athletes. Both eights had at least four youth rowers. The tour consisted of a long weekend camp at Brown University in Providence RI and then the weeks training at Harvard University prior to the

race on the Saturday. The Women's Eight performed extremely well finishing 4th out of 36 entries whilst the Men's eight finished 10th out of 55 entries in the club division. I would like to personally thank Trader Al (Sean Colgan) for the tremendous support he was able to give us in the sourcing of boats and training venues.

Coaching

As I have mentioned many times before, Mercantile has one of the best coaching line ups in the country. Whilst many clubs struggle to attract volunteer coaches, we can boast that we have 8 volunteer coaches who enable all athletes are looked after as best as we can. This year saw a reorganisation of some of our coaching resources to meet the clubs changing demands. I have moved primarily over to the Men's side of the program with Bill Tait returning back to the Women's side, after last year leading the Men's program. As mentioned above, Bill has been selected to coach the Women's eight at this years World Championships, and we wish him well. David Ochert has returned to the club and is looking after our next generation of U23 Women with vigour. David Colvin has continued his excellent work with the L/W Women, again producing many National medals. David Fraumano has continued on developing our intermediate rowers and has been the lead coach in our new relationship with Monash University. David also toured to Boston coaching the Women's eight. Blair Hasforth has been joined by Simon Harrison in coaching of our Youth men, and together these coaches have developed a strong committed group. Martin Francis was joined this year by Rhys Tyrrell in coaching the Youth Women, and this group shows good promise. Last but not least, Pete Woollard continues to build and improve the Women's Intermediate squad. I would like to thank these coaches not only on my behalf, but on behalf of all the members of the club for their tireless work.

Equipment

Again we were fortunate to obtain great quality equipment from Sykes racing. This year the club has purchased a Men's H/W Eight and 4 coxless pairs. These boats have been put into great use, and all boats were "medal" winners at the Nationals. This year we are budgeting for a Men's Coxless four, Men's Coxed four and a Women's L/W Double. After this year's purchases, the club would have updated the majority of our fleet, which will allow us to buy and sell boats for minimal cost to the club. However, we need to continue our fundraising to allow this to occur.

Elite Club Status

As part of Rowing Australia's review post Athens, funding has become available to Elite clubs through State Institutes. These clubs must fit a number of RA criteria of consistent performance, compliance with the national program and employ a professional coach. Mercantile was successful in obtaining funding initially for the next two years. The other "funded" Elite clubs are UTS, MUBC, QUBC, and SUBC. We are the only non University club to receive this funding. I would like to thank Rowing Australia for promoting the role that Club's have in the preparation of our elite athletes. We look forward to working more closely with RA and the VIS in the meeting of their objectives. This year also saw a changing of the guard at the VIS with Noel Donaldson moving to a new position as High Performance Director at Rowing Australia and Chris O'Brien leaving MUBC to fill Noel's position at the VIS. We wish both these gentlemen all the best in their challenging new roles.

SUPPORT

I take this opportunity to thank all the people who have been supporting the rowers throughout the season. Special mention must be to the team of parents under Jenny Fraumano's leadership who have been cooking breakfasts for all athletes and coaches on Saturday mornings. It has been greatly appreciated. Also a special thanks to all the parents and supporters who ventured to Sydney for the National Championships and prepared lunch everyday for the athletes. It was very welcoming to the athletes to be able to relax at the Mercs tent and be looked after so well. Coaches included!

Once again, it has been a great pleasure to lead Mercantile as the Head Coach for another year. We have achieved a lot as a club in 2004/2005, however we are now starting to realise the potential in many of our members. 2005/2006 will be a very exciting season with many members already preparing with hard training for the new season. We regularly have over 50 members at most sessions which is the biggest number we have seen at winter training for many years. Next season again will be a season for new highs for Mercantile.

Thomas Courtney

Head Coach & Chairman of Selectors

RESULTS**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS****Interstate Races*****Men's Senior Eight (Kings Cup) Silver***

Drew Ginn, Karsten Forsterling (MUBC), **David Crawshay**, James Marburg (MUBC), Nick Phelps (MUBC), Jason Heard (MUBC), Christian Ryan (MUBC), George Jelbart (MUBC), Marc Douez (MUBC)

Coach: Chris O'Brien,

Men's Single Scull (President's Cup) Bronze

Alistair Taylor

Coach: Reinhold Baatschi

Men's Youth Eight (Wilkinson Cup) 5th

Chris Riddell, Tom Larkins (MUBC), Nick Burchell (MUBC), Alistair Tubb (MUBC) Lachlan McKenzie (Wen-Ball), **Nick Mitchell**, **Courtney Date**, **Alexander Machin**, Tim Deveson (MUBC)

Coaches: Sam Pullin, Julian Voller

Women's Senior Eight (Governor General's Cup) GOLD

Sarah Head (MUBC), **Pauline Frasca**, **Fleur Chew**, Emily Martin (Wen-Ball), **Robyn Selby Smith**, Siska Concannon(Barwon), **Sarah Forbes**, **Emma Wawn**, Lizzy Patrick (MUBC)

Coach: **Bill Tait**

Women's Senior L/W Quad Scull (Victoria Cup) GOLD

Alison Withers, Reginna Kennedy (PowHouse), Sally Muir (MUBC), **Sarah Jane Blunt**

Coach: Tim Dolphin

Women's Single Scull (Nell Slater Trophy) 4th

Robyn Selby Smith

Coach: Lyall McCarthy

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GOLDS

Women's Open Eight

Sarah Forbes, Pauline Frasca, Fleur Chew, Emily Martin, Robyn Selby Smith, Rachel Skevington, Emma Wawn, Alison Withers, Kate Fitzgibbon

Coach: **Bill Tait, David Orchert, David Colvin**

Women's Open Four

Sarah Head, Emily Martin, Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca

Coach: **Bill Tait**

Men's Senior Single Scull

David Crawshay

Coach: Chris O'Brien

U23 Women's L/W Double

Sarah Jane Blunt, Mija Fidler

Coach: **David Colvin**

Men's Open Quad Scull

Ben Southwell, Craig Jones, Alistair Taylor, Henry Gundry

Coach: Reinhold Batschi

Women's Open Quad Scull

Amber Bradley, Sally Kehoe, Robyn Selby Smith, Sonia Mills

Coach: Lyall McCarthy

U23 Women's L/W Quad

Sally Muir, Sarah Jane Blunt, Heidi Wilson, Andrea Dixon

Coach: Tim Dolphin

SILVER MEDALS

U23 Men's Eight

Chris Riddell, Tom Larkins, Nick Burchell, Alistair Tubb, Lachlan McKenzie, Courtney Date, Nick Mitchell, Alexander Machin, Tim Deveson

U23 Men's Quad

Tim Linke, Corey Hester, Chris Riddell, Nick Mitchell

Coach: **Tom Courtney**

Women's Senior L/W Single Scull

Alison Withers

Coach: **David Colvin**

U19 Men's Quad Scull

Andrew Pascoe, Daniel Vratc, Tommy Bertand, Tim Wright

Coach: **Simon Harrison, Tom Courtney**

U19 Women's Coxless Four

Victoria Prowse, Jane Harding, Sophie Byrne, Jessie Smith

Coach: **Tom Courtney, Rhys Tyrrell**

U23 Women's Coxless Four

Sarah Forbes, Sassi McCarthy, Alice King, Rachel Skevington

Coach: **David Orchert, John Acton**

Women's Senior L/W Double Scull

Alison Withers, Reginna Kennedy

Coach: **David Colvin, Mark Baxter**

BRONZE MEDALS

Men's Senior Single

Alistair Taylor

Coach: Reinhold Baatschi

Men's U23 Coxless Pair

Chris Riddell, Nick Mitchell

Coach: **Tom Courtney**

Women's U23 Coxless Pair

Sarah Forbes, Rachel Skevington

Coach: **David Orchert**

Women's Senior Coxless Pair

Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca

Coach: **Bill Tait**

Open Men's Four

Karsten Forsterling, Drew Ginn, Christian Ryan, George Jelbart

Coach: **Chris O'Brien**

Mercantile Regatta Wins Season 2004-05

Dimboola Regatta

Male Open Eight

David Crawshay, Corey Hester, Thomas Haag, Michael Young, Henry Edgar, Alistair Taylor, Patrick Blain, Thomas Nickson, David McGrath (cox)

Female Open Eight (composite)

Claire Szatsznajder, Elisha Gartner, Sarah Forbes, Rachael Skevington, Siobhan Moran

Male Open Four

David Crawshay, Alistair Taylor, Henry Edgar, Michael Young, David McGrath (cox)

Male Intermediate Four

Patrick Blain, James Pinnis, Ant Scarff, Mark Lucani, Claire Szatsznajder (cox)

Male Intermediate Pair

James Pinnis, Ant Scarff

Colac Regatta

Male Under 23 Single Scull

Nick Mitchell, coach Tom Courtney.

Male Intermediate Eight

Corey Hester, Nick Mitchell, Henry Edgar, Thomas Haag, Courtney Date, Patrick Blain, Geoff Greaves, Steven Rowley, David McGrath (cox)

Melbourne Head Regatta

Male Open Eight

Corey Hester, David Crawshay, Alistair Taylor, Michael Young, Nick Mitchell, Chris Riddell, Tim Linke, Henry Edgar, David McGrath (cox).

Male Intermediate Eight

Thomas Haag, Courtney Date, Patrick Blain, Luke Richards, Matthew Kenfield, Steven Rowley, Geoff Greaves, Thomas Nickson, Hugh Hindle (cox).

Female Open Eight

Robyn Selby Smith, Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, Sarah Forbes, Alison Withers, Emma Wawn, Rachael Skevington, Kate Fitzibbon (cox), coach Bill Tait.

Male Senior Single Scull

Alistair Taylor

Head of the Yarra

Female Open Eight

Robyn Selby Smith, Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, Emma Wawn, Sarah Forbes, Rachael Skevington, Alison Withers, Hannah Schunker (cox), coach Bill Tait.

Carrum Regatta

Female Open Four

Pauline Frasca, Fleur Chew, Robyn Selby Smith, coach Bill Tait.

Female Open Single

Robyn Selby Smith, coach Bill Tait

Male Youth Pair

Courtney Date, Patrick Blain, coaches Blair Hasforth & Tom Courtney

Male Youth Lightweight Single

Nick Mitchell, coaches Blair Hasforth & Tom Courtney

Male Youth Single

Chris Riddell, coaches Blair Hasforth & Tom Courtney

Male Under 23 Single

Nick Mitchell, coaches Blair Hasforth & Tom Courtney

Male Senior Single

David Crawshay

Male Senior Double Scull

David Crawshay, Drew Ginn

Male Senior Quad

David Crawshay, Drew Ginn, Chris Riddell, Joseph Braden, coach Tom Courtney

Rutherglen Regatta

Male Open Four

Henry Edgar, Michael Young, Mark Lucani, Geoff Greaves, Bill Webster (cox)

Male Intermediate Pair

Henry Edgar, Michael Young

Wendouree – Ballarat Regatta

Female Senior Pair

Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, coach Bill Tait.

Female Senior Four

Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, Emma Wawn, coach Bill Tait.

Female Senior Double

Emma Wawn, Katrina Garvey, coach David Ochert

Male Youth Eight

Sandy Machin, Courtney Date, Thomas Haag, Chris Riddell, Patrick Blain, Andrew Pascoe, Hamish Low, Thomas Nickson, Ronal Caldwell (cox), coach Blair Hasforth

Male Senior Single Scull

David Crawshay

Male Under 23 Pair

Tim Linke, Corey Hester, coach Tom Courtney.

Male Senior Double

David Crawshay

Ballarat Regatta

Male Senior Single Scull

David Crawshay

Male Senior Double Scull

David Crawshay, Corey Hester, coach Tom Courtney

Male Under 23 Pair

Chris Riddell, Nick Mitchell, coach Blair Hasforth & Tom Courtney

Male Intermediate Four

Chris Riddell, Nick Mitchell, Thomas Haag, Sandy Machin, Ronal Caldwell (cox), coach Blair Hasforth.

Male Youth Eight

Thomas Haag, Chris Riddell, Nick Mitchell, Courtney Date, Patrick Blain, Richard McDonald, Sandy Machin, Thomas Nickson, Ronal Caldwell (cox), coaches Blair Hasforth & Tom Courtney.

Male Under 23 Single Scull

Corey Hester, coach Tom Courtney

Male Lightweight Single

Tom Nickson, coach Blair Hasforth

Female Senior Single Scull

Alison Withers, coach David Colvin

Female Senior Double Scull

Alison Withers, coach David Colvin

Female Under 23 Pair

Sarah Forbes, Rachael Skevington, coach Bill Tait.

Female Lightweight Single Scull

Sarah-Jane Blunt, coach David Colvin

Victorian Universities Regatta (State Championships)

Male Senior Eight

Drew Ginn, David Crawshay, Chris Riddell, Michael Young, Thomas Haag, Courtney Date, Corey Hester, Henry Edgar, David McGrath (cox), Coach Tom Courtney.

Male Senior Single Scull

David Crawshay

Male Under 23 Single Scull

Chris Riddell, coach Tom Courtney

Male Under 23 Pair

Tim Linke, Corey Hester, coach Tom Courtney

Male Lightweight Double Scull

Thomas Nickson

Male Intermediate Eight

Jared Otto, Shayne Barnett, Scott Mitchell, Steve Jacobs, Steven Rowley, Dylan Raeburn, Scott Cosgriff, Toby Lawrence, David McGrath (cox), coach David Fraumano.

Female Senior Eight

Sarah Forbes, Pauline Frasca, Fleur Chew, Emma Wawn, Claire Szatsznajder, Siobhan Moran, Rachael Skevington, Alison Withers, Kate Fitzgibbon (cox), coaches Bill Tait, David Colvin, David Ochert.

Female Senior Pair

Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, coach Bill Tait

Female Senior Four

Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, Sarah Forbes, Emma Wawn, coach Bill Tait

Female Under 23 Pair

Sarah Forbes, Rachael Skevington, coach Bill Tait.

GENERAL REPORT

The Club successfully applied for Elite Club funding from Rowing Australia. Under this new program RA is providing funding to selected clubs to assist with the provision of coaching for our elite athletes. Mercantile has for many years devoted significant resources to elite level rowing, this has included employing a professional coach since 1997. It is hoped that this trial program will be a success.

The Commonwealth Games next March will cause severe disruption to our activities and potentially our revenue. The river and precinct area will be central to a number of games activities and events. Access to the boathouse and river may be hindered during this time. Member functions may also be threatened which would severely impact our revenue. Your Committee is currently negotiating with the games authorities minimise the impact to our rowing and seek a satisfactory financial arrangement.

In the next season Rowing Victoria intends to introduce a new system of rowers status classification. A new individual score will replace the old system of Senior, Intermediate, Novice and Beginner classifications. Similar to a golfer's handicap it will be adjusted up or down according to a rower's race results. The system should allow greater flexibility in forming crews for local regattas and facilitate greater participation by removing the previous restrictions on entering crews based on rigid classifications. RV is to be applauded for this initiative.

Members will have noticed the presence of a number of kayaks in the boathouse. The Yarra Kayak Club and VIS Kayak squad, homeless since the demolition of the old State Swimming Centre have joined the Club and will now compete under the Mercantile banner. At this stage it is planned to house up to 25 kayaks in a specially constructed storage unit on the MGS side of the boathouse behind the main stairs. As a group the kayakers have similar focus on the elite level and have fitted in well and made a strong contribution to the fabric of the Club.

The ladies change rooms are now woefully inadequate. The number of ladies rowing has grown substantially in recent years and the Committee has drawn up plans to address this problem. The redevelopment plans will also separate the changing rooms from the function area and provide a better work space for our Head Coach and proper storage for all tables and chairs. Five of the seven rowing clubs currently have redevelopment plans and these have been presented to the City of Melbourne as part of a precinct plan. The council has indicated their support for these plans. Members may be aware that our lease expires in only 9 years. It is intended to seek early council agreement to another lease term before we proceed with the redevelopment.

The Scotch-Mercantile Regatta suffered from a scheduling clash with the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta. This meant a significant reduction in entries and consequently revenue. Richard Wraith as Regatta Secretary again did a fantastic job to organise the regatta with limited volunteer resources. Thanks to the many race sponsors the regatta continued to be profitable for the club.

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

- Rowing Australia and in particular Noel Donaldson for the implementation of the Elite Club Funding program.
- Chris O'Brien and the Victoria Institute of Sport for their support of our elite athletes.
- Philippe Batters for continuing the publication of "The Mercantilian" organisation of "Barrels Bash" and efforts in revising the website.
- Roger Wilson for his entertaining commentary at regattas and his efforts to ensure that rowing receives media coverage.
- Grant Cosgriff and Zoe Ryan at the RV office for all their assistance and understanding.
- Phil Cayzer as Patron and Namesake of the Cayzer Cup.
- Scotch-Mercantile Regatta Committee and in particular Richard Wraith.
- Jim Harvey, the stalwart of the Sunday Barrel.
- Jenny Nunn at Phil Batters' office for her administrative assistance.
- Sean "Trader Al" Colgan for his continued support.
- Our caterer Degrees Catering and in particular Kathy Powers for her cooperation during the year.
- Andrew Guerin for his advice as Honorary Solicitor.
- Gina Peele for her work as a board member of Rowing Victoria.
- David Pincus for his continued good work as a board member at the State and National level.
- Bentleys MRI as Honorary Auditor.

William Webster Secretary

Attendance at Committee Meetings

9 meetings have been held since the AGM, attendance is as follows

P. Batters	8	W. Tait	5
W. Webster	8	A. Mentiplay	8
G. Greaves	4	C. Pearce	3
T. Courtney	6	M. Groves	7
H. Edgar	5	D. Forbes	5
K. Chambers	3	T. Chambers	2
C. Szatsnajder	5	J. Fraumano	5
D. Crawshay	4	A. Bergelin	4
D. Yunghanns	3		

MERCANTILE KAYAK CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

Formation of the Mercantile Kayak Club

The Mercantile Kayak Club was effectively formed in early 2005 when the name of the Yarra Canoe Club was changed by unanimous vote to the Mercantile Kayak Club (MKC).

The Yarra Canoe Club was once a strong club, which had a number of representatives in Australian Teams. When the club's home base at the State Swim Centre was demolished the club's ability to maintain members and therefore its strength was drastically reduced. Now that club has a home base at the Mercantile Rowing Club we hope and expect that the MKC can again enjoy success.

The MKC's office bearers are Justin Quill, President, John Ferguson, Secretary and Peter Flockhart and Tim Altman as committee members. The club hopes to increase the number of committee members in 2005-2006 and also hopes to have representation on the committee of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

Looking further into the future, it may be that the MKC will merge completely with the Mercantile Rowing Club.

MKC Membership

As soon as the MKC was formed (by the changing of the name of the Yarra Canoe Club), membership increased. The membership of the club is presently running at approximately 25 members. All members of the MKC are also members of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

The membership is almost solely determined by storage space. MKC regularly turns away people because it doesn't have enough storage space to accommodate more members.

Update on kayak storage facility

One of the main issues for the MKC in 2005-2006 will be ensuring completion of the kayak storage facility behind the external stairs at the side of the clubhouse. This will free up room for rowers in the main clubhouse and also provide the MKC with a real home.

It is hoped and expected that the kayak storage facility will be finished in the first quarter of 2005-2006.

It is not envisaged that the kayak storage facility will drastically increase the ability of the MKC to increase its membership base at this stage. That is, the kayak storage facility will basically only cater for present members.

Looking beyond 2005-2006 it may be that the MKC will need to work with the Mercantile Rowing Club to look at other storage options.

Competition

The MKC competes in the same uniform as the Mercantile Rowing Club.

In its first year of competition the MKC completely dominated the Victorian Titles winning

almost all senior events. At National Titles the MKC won medals in open competition. The focus of the club is to have as many members as possible in national teams. This is a realistic aim for season 2005-2006. In pursuit of this aim the 2005-2006 MKC elite squad has been formed and is being guided by Tim Altman and Craig Pickett.

One can already feel the growth of the Mercantile spirit in the MKC competitors and the reputation of the MKC is already a formidable one.

Affiliation with the Mercantile Rowing Club

In its first year of operation it would be remiss to not include in this annual report an acknowledgment of the incredible welcome the MKC members have received from the members of the Mercantile Rowing Club. The MKC could not be happier in its new home. The atmosphere and facilities are perfect for the MKC. The spirit of co-operation between the MKC and the Mercantile Rowing Club is evident and all MKC members feel part of the wider Mercantile community.

The MKC thanks the Mercantile Rowing Club and looks forward to many years of combined success.

Justin Quill.

OBITUARIES**Robert (Bob) Aitken b 21-7-1922 d 5-12-2004**

One of our most esteemed and highly regarded members, Bob Aitken, died during the season. Bob joined Mercantile Rowing Club in 1946 and rowed competitively for the next seven years. He greatly enjoyed country regattas. He stroked Victoria's interstate men's eight in 1951, 1952 and 1953: they came second in 1951 and won the King's Cup in the two following years.

Bob made a significant contribution to the sport as an oarsman, coach, selector and administrator. He had a good eye for rowing skill and how a boat should travel through water, and a good knowledge of training.

He was for many years a successful school, club, state and national coach, and a state and national selector. The bronze medal won by the eight he coached at the Olympic Games was a highlight.

The qualities that enabled Bob to succeed as a lawyer, combined with his understanding and love of rowing, made him an obvious choice for leadership roles in rowing, including captain and president of his club, Mercantile; president of Rowing Victoria, and the first elected chairman of Rowing Australia.

He was the inaugural chairman of both the Victorian and Australian umpires' panels that improved the standard of umpiring throughout Australia.

These organisations made important decisions while under Bob's guidance. In the mid-1970s rowing was a fully amateur sport and produced only occasional success internationally through exceptional crews. Bob, as chairman of Rowing Australia, together with honorary secretary John Coates and chairman of selectors Jim Howden, appointed a professional coach from Europe to provide improved coaching, training and selection methods.

It was an inspired appointment that initiated the necessary changes to make Australia one of the world's top rowing nations. This decision required the sport to take a huge leap of faith in its ability to pay for such a coach, and also transformed the sport from purely amateur administration with no funds to the beginnings of a professionally run body. Bob was involved in persuading a deeply cautious membership, accustomed to amateurism and the use of volunteers, of the benefits. Without his support, the decision would not have been implemented.

Bob was never happier than at club level where he taught many generations of Mercantile members the joys of rowing, coaching, club administration and, most of all, club life. He valued the lifelong friendships gained from rowing.

John P. "Thumbscrew" Carr b. 29-10-1919 – d. 20-05-05

After serving in the RAAF in WWII in Darwin and the SW Pacific, Jack joined Mercantile in 1948 at the beginning of a new golden era in the Club's history.

He rowed in maiden, junior and open events and got his nickname by breaking a thumbscrew

before the start of a regatta race in 1949. Thumbscrew travelled extensively to country regattas around the late 40's and early 50's.

Jack was also one of the Mercantile boys in the very early days of the Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club where the Late Herbert Shears was President.

Thumbscrew was active in repairing damaged boats and he donated one guinea to the fire alarm fund in 1951 after the MGS shed burnt down. Mercantile named a boat after Thumbscrew some years ago.

Jack served on the Mercantile Committee between 1951 and 1953 and Joan drew a wonderful sketch of the Mercantile Clubhouse in the 1960's which is still a treasured possession of many older Mercantilians.

Jack had retired from competitive rowing by the mid-fifties but remained successfully involved in many "off water" Mercantile activities for many years. These "off-water" events included the Club Dinners, dances, barbeques, parties, buck nights but most significant was his efforts at the Mercantile Annual General Meeting where he orchestrated the mayhem.

In the late 60's there was a group of about 20-30 retired Mercantile oarsmen who kept rowing twice per week and were known as the "Cock Robins". Jack did not row very often in this group but he was very active in the "off water" side of things and eventually became Commander-in-Chief of the "Cock Robins D (drink) Force Brigade.

As previously stated, they actively supported most social events but their most concerted effort was where the whole force came together to oppose any form of order and decorum at the Club's Annual General Meeting.

The oratory and the level of interjection in the rousing skirmishes between the President J G H Sprigg and Thumbscrew fired up the enthusiastic assembly for many years until the late 1980's when the club committee decided to bring forward the commencement time of the AGM to 6pm.

This effectively prevented the Cock Robin Brigade from having their necessary warm up in local pubs and thus they were in no fit condition to carry out the manoeuvres of the evening.

For the last 30 years of his life, Jack experienced many health problems which he overcame until the final massive infection at Epworth on 20th May 2005.

In about 1975 he had an artificial knee installed and removed. Several years later he needed a shoulder reconstructed and artificial joint implanted which was never of adequate strength. Again several years later he had a triple by pass. About 6-7 years ago he had lower back surgery followed by intense infection. He survived them all until his recent hospitalisation. Another nickname for him was Repco because he had to many spare parts.

He will be sadly missed at Mercantile.

By Paul Harding.

Alex Dobbie

The Dobbie family have been part of Mercantile for most of the Club's 125 year history. Alex's father Arch was a great oarsman and administrator of the Club and he was Captain from 1908 to 1918 and the President for 22 years between 1933 and 1955.

Alex has been closely associated with Mercantile for over 80 years. He began coxing Mercantile crews from the age of 8 and continued until he went to Scotch College at the age 12. He then rowed throughout his time at Scotch before rowing again for Mercantile when he joined the Club in 1934. Alex raced for Mercantile in maiden 4's and 8's and finally junior 8's before he left for the war. He enlisted on the 27th May 1940.

Since World War II Alex has been a very constant oarsman on Sunday mornings come hail, rain or shine.

The Club has had a boat named after a member of the Dobbie family for about 80 years and the Dobbie name will continue to be held in the utmost respect at Mercantile and we will miss Alex because he was a very very fine gentleman.

We are proud to have been such a part of his life.

John Hill b.01-01-1921 d. 27-02-05

Educated at Xavier College, John joined Mercantile prior to WWII. Whist not amongst the champions of the club John always maintained his interest and passion for Mercantile. A long time Sunday oarsman and supporter of the Sunday Barrel he rowed for many years with Alex Dobbie, Graham Richardson and Mick Williams. Although his grandson lived in Sydney, John would often bring him down for a row and introduce him to the traditions of the Club a row when he visited Melbourne.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
BOATS AND EQUIPMENT REPORT 2004/05

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 2004/2005, the club purchased five boats, the eight "Andrew Guerin" and pairs "David Douglas", "Garth Manton", "Neil Hewitt" and "Lucky Tony Walker". Ted Hale continued to provide 2 double sculls and 2 single sculls for the use of our elite women during the season. The coxed four "N. W. Cairnes" and pairs "James Tomkins", "James Harvey" and "Peter China O'Brien" were sold. The eight 'J.J. Lawrence II' previously reported as written off was able to be re-built and is once again in excellent condition.

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:

<u>BOAT</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>
EIGHTS			
ANDREW GUERIN	SYKES	2002	EXCELLENT
DAVID COLVIN	SYKES	2003	EXCELLENT
GEOFF BARDEN	AUSROWTEC	1998	VERY GOOD
J.J. LAWRENCE II	SYKES	1995	EXCELLENT
NOEL DONALDSON	EMPACHER	1989	VERY GOOD
ARTHUR ATKINS	SYKES	1988	POOR
J.G.H.SPRIGG	SYKES	1983	GOOD
COXED FOURS			
W. H. WEBSTER	AUSROWTEC	1998	GOOD
TRADER AL	SYKES	1994	VERY GOOD
TED SORANI	SYKES	1996	EXCELLENT
COXLESS FOURS			
SIMON MORRISON	SYKES	2001	EXCELLENT
McKAY - MANU-FORTI	SYKES	1999	EXCELLENT
DAVID BOYKETT	SYKES	1996	VERY GOOD
PHILLIPE BATTERS	AUSROWTEC	1996	VERY GOOD
SUSAN LEE	SYKES	1993	VERY GOOD
N.L.NEWTON	SYKES	1992	GOOD
GRAEME McCALL	SYKES	1991	GOOD
COXLESS PAIRS			
GARTH MANTON	SYKES	2002	EXCELLENT
DAVID DOUGLAS	SYKES	2002	EXCELLENT
LUCKY TONY WALKER	SYKES	2002	EXCELLENT
NEIL HEWITT	SYKES	2002	EXCELLENT
BEN DODWELL	SYKES	2002	EXCELLENT

MATTHEW LONG	SYKES	2000	EXCELLENT
BARRELS BASH	SYKES	1998	EXCELLENT
KATHY POWERS	SYKES	1998	EXCELLENT
D.C.GINN	AUSROWTEC	1999	VERY GOOD
GEORGINA DOUGLAS	AUSROWTEC	1999	VERY GOOD
DAVID PINCUS	SYKES	1993	EXCELLENT
SAM PATTEN	SYKES	1991	VERY GOOD

COXED PAIR

Laurie Moll	SYKES	1988	FAIR
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SINGLE SCULLS

ALEX DOBBIE	HALE	2002	VERY GOOD
PAUL MCGANN	HALE	2002	VERY GOOD
MATT LOVELL	HALE	2002	VERY GOOD
ANDREW "MACDADDY" MCNEIL	AUSROWTEC	2001	VERY GOOD
TOM COURTNEY	AUSROWTEC	2001	VERY GOOD
JOHN "LARRY" LEEMING	JOHNSON	2001	VERY GOOD
PAUL SOMERVILLE	JOHNSON	2001	VERY GOOD
ANTHONY BERGELIN	SYKES	1995	VERY GOOD
SYKES WOODEN (YELLOW)	SYKES	1990	GOOD

SQUAD

SWEEP OARS

	IDENTIFICATION	QUANTITY	YEAR	CONDITION
SENIOR WOMEN	Croker	10 Adjustable	2002	EXCELLENT
SENIOR MEN	Croker	8 Adjustable	2001	EXCELLENT
YOUTH WOMEN	Concept II Standard	9 Adjustable	1998	EXCELLENT
U23 MEN	Concept II Vortex 10 x 3760mm	1995		EXCELLENT
YOUTH MEN	Concept II Smoothie	10 x 3760mm	1994	EXCELLENT
SOCIAL	Concept II Standard	6 x 3720mm	1992	EXCELLENT
MASTERS	Concept II Standard	8 x 3760mm	1991	EXCELLENT
NOVICE	Concept II Macon	8 x 3840mm		VERY GOOD
ASSORTED WOODEN	STANDARD OARS	17	1987	FAIR

SCULLING BLADES

CROKER	M1 - M8	9	2002	EXCELLENT
CROKER	W1 - W6	6	2001	EXCELLENT
CROKER	M9, M10, W7, W8	4	1997	EXCELLENT
CONCEPT	W9, W10	2	1997	EXCELLENT

MISCELLANEOUS

FALCON UTILITY		1	2002	VERY GOOD
CONCEPT II D ERGOMETER		3	2003	EXCELLENT
CONCEPT II C ERGOMETER		3	2001	VERY GOOD
CONCEPT II ERGO SLIDERS		8	2000	EXCELLENT
ROWPERFECT ERGOMETER		2	2001	VERY GOOD
SYKES TANDEM AXEL BOAT TRAILER		1	1998	EXCELLENT
ALUMINIUM HULL SPEEDBOAT		2	1998	VERY GOOD
OUTBOARD BOARD MOTORS		2	1999	VERY GOOD

FINANCE REPORT

The 2004/2005 season stretched the club's financial resources to the limit. Whilst continuing to operate without the support of a financial sponsor the club has managed to maintain our fleet and the boathouse in good order.

Late in 2004 the club welcomed the Mercantile Kayak Club to share our facilities and have gained integral new members from the merge. The decrease in membership numbers is due the application of a stronger write off policy.

Mercantile has welcomed a brand new mens' eight and 4 pairs in excellent condition to the fleet in the past year. Our key objective is to continue upgrading the boat fleet in the year to come – with the aim of sustaining an entire shed of boats less than 7 years old. It should be noted however, that upgrading the club's equipment has not been without a significant weakening in the club's financial position.

In the past year the club has taken in excess of \$90,000 through a number of social fundraisers, the most prominent being the Olympic celebrations. In addition to this, the Head of the Charles committee raised \$24,000 in the later half of 2004. I would personally like to thank everyone who has been involved in coordinating these social functions for their tireless efforts - we recognise that these events are Mercantile's primary source of income at this time. It is a tribute to the spirit of Mercantile that our members and friends are so openhanded when we call on them.

A number of generous donations were made to the club over the past year and special thanks go to the following people: P. Ainsworth, R. Aitken, A. Atkins, A. Adams, S. Colgan, A. Cordell, P. Crawshay, M. Donovan, D. Duncan, A. Guerin, J. Hill, W. Hutchins, M. Kellam, J. Lawrence, H. Mahoney, G. Manton, G. McCall, L. Moran, R. Oliver, P. Selby Smith, R. Wilson.

Whilst the overall position of the club continues to improve when considering the substantial investment into our rowing fleet, we cannot ignore that there are difficult times ahead. With the proposed improvements of both the boat fleet and proposed extension to the clubhouse, it becomes ever more crucial that Mercantile finds an external revenue stream. We cannot continue to rely on the generosity of our members and friends alone to continue funding the club's operations. I would like to call upon every member to do their part in ensuring a better financial future for Mercantile.

Alice Mentiplay
Honorary Treasurer

R A Cooper Fund

This fund was established by the Late Dr R A Cooper to enable a trophy to be awarded to the Club Member of the year. The surplus, if any, can be utilized for special purposes of the Club but in particular any member who represents the Club overseas. Last year the Trustees awarded \$600 to each of Robyn Selby Smith and Emma Wawn.

Robert Aitken, one of our Trustees, unfortunately died during then year. Also Hubert Frederico sought retirement as a trustee. The Committee approved the appointment of David Colvin as a new trustee.

The finances of the Fund were again satisfactory with income and assests growing. Further the Fund received a generous bequest of \$10,000 from the Estate of the Late R R Aitken.

**Andrew Guerin,
Trustee**

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND

The Fund was established initially by the Late J G H Sprigg with a donation of \$20,000, which at his request, was to be retained in and invested by the Fund for a period of 20 years. That period has now expired. The trustees have determined that the Fund should reach a capital sum of \$1,000,000 before any income is spent on recurrent expenditure. The trustees have also determined that the Fund is not likely to contribute to the current rebuilding programme.

Over the years the Fund has been built up with donations and bequests from members and their families. In the current year, the Fund received bequests of \$10,000 from the Estate of the Late R R Aitken, \$5,000 from the Estate of the Late S G Richardson and several smaller donations from several members amounting to nearly \$2,000.

The Club borrowed funds from the Fund mainly for building purposes and the outstanding amount is currently \$22,620.36. A four percent interest rate applies to this loan.

Whilst the cost of the portfolio as at 30th April 2005 was \$181,112.73, the market value was \$328,791.47. The Trustees, upon advice received by them, sold three investments, which created a net loss of some \$3,000. This loss has been set off against the many other realized gains of earlier years. With a strong market during the year, the overall growth in the value of the investments was well over 40% with over \$40,000 remaining in cash. It is unlikely that such good results will be repeated in future years.

Following the sad loss of Robert Aitken during the year, the Club appointed Jeff Lawrence in his stead. He joins Andrew Guerin and David Boykett as the current trustees. The continuing trustees acknowledge the superb work of Bob Aitken in managing the Fund from its inception and his many generous donations to the Fund.

Mercantile Rowing Club Inc
Endowment Fund
Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2005

ASSETS**Shares**

At cost \$181,112.73
 (Market value \$328,791.47)

CASH

ANZ EXECUTORS & TRUSTEE LTD

Balance of account \$ 7,915.53

ADELAIDE BANK CASH TRUST

Balance of account \$ 33,223.87 \$ 41,139.40

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Australian Taxation Office

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC \$ 25.00

Balance due at 30 Apr 2004

\$ 22,005.35

Less paid -\$ 1,585.00

Donations received on account of the Fund \$ 1,330.00

Interest \$ 870.01 \$ 22,620.36 \$244,897.49

TOTAL ASSETS**LIABILITIES**

Capital \$ 20,000.00

Donations

Balance 30 April 04 \$ 90,333.35

Estate R R Aitken \$ 10,000.00

Estate S G Richardson \$ 5,000.00

Sundry \$ 1,968.50 \$107,301.85

Accounts payable

Cooper Fund \$ 10,000.00

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Capital Reserve Account \$ 8,046.96

Loss on sale of investments

AAC Sale proceeds \$ 6,735.00

Cost -\$5,000.00 \$ 1,735.00

National Foods Sale proceeds \$18,899.79

Cost -14,229.00 \$ 4,670.79

Biota Sales proceeds \$ 417.50

Cost - 3,655.40 -\$ 3,237.90 \$ 11,214.85

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance at 30 April 2004 \$ 81,026.91

Net Income for the year \$ 15,353.88 \$ 96,380.79

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$244,897.49

INCOME ACCOUNT

Dividends \$ 14,163.68

Interest

ANZ Executors & Trustee Ltd 283.93

Bank of Adelaide Cash Trust 54.76

Mercantile Rowing Club 870.01 \$ 1,208.70

\$ 15,372.38

EXPENDITURE

Gov duties -\$ 18.50

\$ 15,353.88

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	41,579	49,997
VRA Grants & Affiliations	5,426	-
Beer Sales		4,473
Donations	114,384	81,650
Distributions	1,764	1,037
Interest	150	59
Sports Foundation	28,567	22,527
Donation - Bequest	5,362	10,000
Rent Received	40,276	36,188
Regatta entries	10,024	7,888
Entry Fees Levy		406
Hire of Boats	442	1,805
Surplus on Sale of Equipment	15,489	9,429
Rack Hire	2,421	1,519
Insurance Received	16,396	
Other Income	7,717	11,563
	<u>289,996</u>	<u>238,541</u>
EXPENSES		
Bad Debts	25	16,655
Bank Charges	1,697	2,350
Beer Purchases	1,841	1,541
Boat & Equipment Hire		3,487
Boat Transport		-
Cleaning	8,692	3,650
Clothing	444	-733
Depreciation Expense	51,885	42,289
Entry Fees	11,063	9,519
Fines & Penalties		450
Fire Protection	3,190	4,650
Function Catering	6,804	5,990
General Expenses	12,350	7,243
Insurance	23,149	29,839
Interest	1,585	1,785
Licences & Permits	347	291
Light, Power & Gas	3,132	3,911
Memorabilia	1,775	1,948
Merchant Fees	486	1,324
Motor Vehicle	5,295	1,642
Printing & Stationary	1,808	1,940
Postage	653	1,562
Rates		1,497
Rent	104	105
Repairs & Maintenance	40,228	24,410
Wages & Salaries	49,461	54,167
Super	6,541	6,600
Coaching Expenses	14,068	17,952
Workers Compensation		666
Rowing Victoria	13,252	7,383
Telephone	4,696	2,559
Travel & Accomadation		3,504
Trophies	1,071	-387
Website	1,589	614
Other Exp	6,551	
Water	672	852
Total Expenses	<u>274,453</u>	<u>261,255</u>
Net Deficit	<u>15,544 -</u>	<u>22,714</u>

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
R. A. COOPER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2005**

ASSETS

Shares

Australian Foundation Investment Co Ltd		
14,711 50¢ Ordinary shares	\$	13,076.29
Market Value (\$)		
Account receivable	\$	10,000.00
Bank of Melbourne (Westpac)	\$	3,808.18

LIABILITIES

Capital Account

Balance as at 30th April 2004	\$6,140.02
Donation Est Late R R Atken	\$ 10,000.00

Income Account

Balance as at 30th April 2004	\$9,925.51
Australian Foundation Investment Co Ltd	
Dividends	\$ 2,169.87
Bank of Melbourne (Westpac) Interest	\$ 2.77
	<u>2,172.64</u>
	\$28,238.17

Less:-

Contribution to expenses of representative		
Members	\$ 1,200.00	
Mercantile Rowing Club - trophies	\$ 150.00	
Government Duties	\$ 3.70	\$ 1,353.70
		<u>1,353.70</u>
	\$26,884.47	\$26,884.47

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH APRIL 2005**

	2005 \$	2004 \$	
ASSETS			
Subscriptions Outstanding	10,453		10,618
Refundable Deposits	1,648		1,648
ASF Donations Accrued Contra Account			
Cash On Hand			
Cheque Account	25,725	2,728	
Social Account	639	639	
Bilney Fund Account	2,415	2,415	
Cash Management Account		-70	
Total Cash	<u>28,779</u>	<u>5,712</u>	
Total Current Assets	40,880	17,978	
Property & Equipment			
Clubhouse			
Clubhouse at Cost	368,122	368,122	
Total Clubhouse	<u>368,122</u>	<u>368,122</u>	368,122
Boats			
Boats at Cost	625,693	563,693	
Boats Accum Dep'n	-503,791	-463,772	
Total Boats	<u>121,902</u>	<u>99,921</u>	99,921
Oars			
Oars at Cost	48,368	48,368	
Accumulated Depreciation	-44,025	-40,692	
Total Oars	<u>4,343</u>	<u>7,676</u>	7,676
Trailers			
Trailers at Cost	9,650	9,650	
Trailers Acc'd Dep'n	-6,259	-5,836	
Total Trailers	<u>3,391</u>	<u>3,814</u>	3,814
Car			
Car	24,337	24,337	
MV Acc'd Dep'n	-11,367	-6,813	
Total Car	<u>12,970</u>	<u>17,524</u>	17,524
Sundry Assets			
Sundry Assets at cost	67,122	67,122	
Sundry Assets Accum dep'n	-47,135	-43,579	
Total Sundry Assets	<u>19,987</u>	<u>23,543</u>	23,543
Total Non Current Assets	530,715	520,600	
TOTAL ASSETS	571,595	538,578	
LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors	5,418	7,212	
Trade Creditors	68,005	43,617	
Total BAS Liabilities	1,521	2,799	
Income in Advance		0	
Total Current Liabilities	74,944	53,628	
Long-Term Liabilities			
Loan Accounts			
Loans Other	8,500	13,500	
Car Loan	12,336	16,519	
Contra	9,769	-317	
Bilney Fund	250	250	
MRC Endowment Fund	6,861	16,861	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>37,715</u>	<u>46,813</u>	46,813
TOTAL LIABILITIES	112,660	100,441	
NET ASSETS	<u>458,935</u>	<u>438,137</u>	
EQUITY			
Members Funds			
War Memorial Fund	48,864	48,864	
Total Members Funds	<u>48,864</u>	<u>48,864</u>	48,864
Accumulated Surplus	394,007	411,985	
Surplus (Deficit) Earned This Year	15,544	-22,714	
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>458,416</u>	<u>438,135</u>	438,135

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	41,579	49,997
VRA Grants & Affiliations	5,426	-
Beer Sales		4,473
Donations	14,384	81,650
Distributions	1,764	1,037
Interest	150	59
Sports Foundation	28,567	22,527
Donation - Bequest	5,362	10,000
Rent Received	40,276	36,188
Regatta entries	10,024	7,888
Entry Fees Levy		406
Hire of Boats	442	1,805
Surplus on Sale of Equipment	15,489	9,429
Rack Hire	2,421	1,519
Insurance Received	16,396	
Other Income	7,717	11,563
	289,996	238,541
EXPENSES		
Bad Debts	25	16,655
Bank Charges	1,697	2,350
Beer Purchases	1,841	1,541
Boat & Equipment Hire		3,487
Boat Transport		-
Cleaning	8,692	3,650
Clothing	444	-733
Depreciation Expense	51,885	42,289
Entry Fees	11,063	9,519
Fines & Penalties		450
Fire Protection	3,190	4,650
Function Catering	6,804	5,990
General Expenses	12,350	7,243
Insurance	23,149	29,839
Interest	1,585	1,785
Licences & Permits	347	291
Light, Power & Gas	3,132	3,911
Memorabilia	1,775	1,948
Merchant Fees	486	1,324
Motor Vehicle	5,295	1,642
Printing & Stationary	1,808	1,940
Postage	653	1,562
Rates		1,497
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MEMBERS 2004 - 2005

The membership of the Club as at 30th April 2005 was as follows

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Life	13	12	12	12	12
Senior	265	273	180	190	193
Junior	13	23	48	38	51
Country	51	51	52	50	49
Associate *	N/A	N/A	71	74	62
Honorary	1	1	1	1	1
	343	360	364	365	368

* Associate category discontinued after 1 May 2003

Life Members

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

Senior Members

Ackland	Danielle	Adam	Douglas	Adams	Arthur W.
Allen	Roger	Altman	Tim	Anderson	Warwick
Atkins	Arthur H.	Ball	James G.	Barden	Geoff I.
Batters	Phillip R.	Beach	Andrew	Beach	Clare
Begley	Guy K.	Benjamin	Peter L.	Bergelin	Anthony P.
Blacker	Nalini M.	Blain	Patrick	Bland	Peter J.
Bland	Stuart	Blunden	Laura V.	Blunden	Phillip
Blunt	Sarah-Jane	Boland	Martin M	Bonney	Damon
Bosler	Danae	Bostock	John B.	Boykett	Graeme H.
Brain	Robbie	Breen	Shannon A	Briggs	Andrew P.
Brook	Stewart D.	Burns	Donald J.	Burrows	Philippa
Burton	Ian	Buxton	Josh	Cahir	John P.
Campbell	Richard	Cannon	Andrew M.	Carr	John P.
Carrie	Alistair	Castricum	Anthony	Chambers	Kim D.
Chambers	Tyson E.	Cheales	Kelli M.G.	Chew	Fleur
Chibnall	Sarah E.	Christrasen	Piers	Clark	Melissa
Cordell	Anthony M.	Cosgriff	Scott	Courtney	Tom
Cowling	David S.	Crawshay	David W.	Daffy	Tom C.
Date	Courtney	Dawson	Ray	De Garis	Peter C.
De Guingand	Chris J.	Deasey	Denis	Dempster	Robert
Deutscher	Robert J.	Donaldson	Murray	Donovan	Michael J.
Douglas	David G.	Douglas	Georgina C.	Drummond	Chris
Duncan	Mia R.	Duthie	Ian R.	Edgar	Henry C.
Edwards	Roderick	Evans	Andrew M.	Everist	Ian C.
Faranda	Jason M.	Farrelly	Lisa	Ferdinand	Jeffrey R.
Ferguson	John	Fogarty	Michael J.	Foley	John E.
Forbes	Sarah	Francis	Martin	Franet	Phil J.
Frasca	Pauline	Fraumano	David	Fraumano	Jenny
Frederico	H. Tim	Frederico	Hubert R.	French	Mathew
Gakovic	Zeljko	Gargiulo	Peter	Garrett	Patrick
Gartner	Elisha	Garvey	Katrina M.	Gillon	Stephen M.
Giulieri	Peter	Granowski	Warwick O.	Greaves	Geoffrey J.

Gross	Barry B.	Groves	Mark S.	Haag	Thomas
Hall	Gavin S.	Hansen	Greg	Hardie	Stewart G.
Harding	Paul	Harrison	Simon R.	Harvey	Jim R.
Hasforth	Blair H.	Hayton	Sam	Hegerty	Ben
Hester	Corey W	Hewitt OAM	H. Neil	Hodges	Kristy
Holyman	G. Ian	Howard	Annemarie	Howden	James
Hubbard	Nick	Hume	David J.	Hume	Ken M.
Hume	Michael C.	Huntsman	Emy	Hutchins	Tom
Hutchins	Warwick B.	Inglis	Anthony C.	Jefferson	Debbie W
Jenner	Sebastian	Jickell	Ian J.	Johnson	Anthony L.
Johnson	E. Ted C.	Johnston	Gregory M.	Johnston	Travis
Jones	Judy A	Joseph	David R.	Kellam AO	Murray B.
Kelly	Daniel	Kerr	Jason D.	Kimpton	Colin M.
King	Stuart	Koekoek	Lucas A.T.	Kupcis	Peter D.
Lachal	Bob P.	Lausberg	Johan	Law	George A.
Lawler	Rowena E.	Lawrence	Toby	Leeming	John
Linke	Timothy D.	Long	Matthew	Loveless	Jay
Lovell	Matthew D.	Mackinder	Guy	Mackinder	Suzanne
MacKinnon	Duncan C	Mahoney	Harry J.	Manton	Garth
Marley	Derek C.	Marshall	Ken A.	Mate	Daniel L.
McArdle	Matthew J.	McCall	Graeme A.	McDonald	Doug
McDonald	Tim	McDonald	Wesley K.	McGann	Paul R.
McGorlick	Michael W.	McKinley	Tim	McLean	Andrew
Mentiplay	Alice	Milligan	Angus S.	Mitchell	Nicholas P.
Moffatt	Alexander	Mollard	Stephen D.	Moore	Denis P.
Moore	Rory C.D.	Moran	Siobhan	Moreton	Richard
Moreton	Stewart C.	Morrison	Bruce W.	Morrison	Ian J.
Morrison	Simon A.	Morrissey	Ben	Muider	Victor G.
Nation	Michael J.	Newitt	Joseph	Newton	Nicholas L.
Nickson	John H.	O'Brien	Peter H.	Oliver	Richard J.
O'Reilly	Bernard	Otto	Jared	Palfreyman	David
Pang	Chris	Parker	Caroline	Patten	Sam G.
Patterson	Melinda C.	Peppard	Judy	Perillo	Roberto E.
Phillips	Andrew	Phillips	Matthew	Phillips	Terry D.
Philp	Peter E.	Pincus	David A.	Powers	Kathy
Price	Michael	Pring	Lucy	Randies	Will
Reed	Stephen K.	Richards	Sara K.	Richardson	Geoff W.
Richardson	Ron H.	Riddell	Christopher J.	Ristig	Jochem
Robertson	W. Malcolm	Robertson-Smith	R. Glen	Ronai-Horvath	Victor
Rowley	Steve	Ryan	Sean P.	Sargent	Hugh
Schmidt	Trent	Schober	Antony	Schunker	Hannah
Selby Smith	Robyn	Shanasy	John E.	Shears	John D.
Shippen	Malcolm	Shirrefs	Stephen	Shorten	Peter
Singleton	Glenn	Skevington	Rachel	Skidmore	Thomas J.
Sloan	Alex T.	Sloan	Robert R.	Smith	Murray D.
Smyth	Edward A.	Soderstrom	Matthew	Somerville	Alexandra
Somerville	Peter D.	Spriggs	Simon D.	Squires	Morgan C.
Stewart	Merinda E.	Strang	Robert A.S.	Strang	Robert W.A.
Szatsznajder	Claire	Tait	Bill	Taylor	Alistar
Thompson	Jeffrey	Tomanovits	George	Tomanovits	Martin G.
Toohy	Julian T.	Tutone	Mario	Vowles	Kevin
Walker	Tony	Wallace	Alan M.	Wallis	Lindsay W.
Walmsley	James	Watson	Jay	Wawn	Emma
Wertheimer	John	White	Bill C.	Wiegard	Paul

Wilmoth	Emily	Wilson	Roger B.	Withers	Alison
Wolf	Felicity	Wraith	Richard G.	Young	Michael
Yunghanns	David J.				

Junior Members

Blaubaum	Katrina J.	Bowen	Cal-Zak	Braden	Joseph
Byrne	Sophie	Chambers	Ellese M.	Chudleigh	Laura
Dempster	Georgia	Drury	Ben J.	Low	Hamish W.
Nickson	Thomas J.	Prowse	Victoria	Reed	Charles S.A.
Stark	Kieran				

Country Members

Adams	James S.	Ansell	Gael L.	Ashby	Duncan
Bailey	William M.	Baillieu	William J.	Batten	Malcolm W.
Boykett	Peter H.	Brosnan	Susan	Cayzer	Phil A.
Clark	Andrew F.	Connolly	Mark C.	Connolly	Rob W.
Corben	Mal H.	Diamond	Ron	Dodwell	Benjamin
Donoghue	J. Doug.	Douglas	Robert G.	Garrard	Richard J.
Harry	John R.	Hayes	John V.	Hobbs	Sam J.
Home	Cameron R.	Kallir-Preece	David G.	Kovacic	Jason
Maginn	Paul T.	McArthur	Stewart F.	McLean	Russell A.
McNamara	Pat J.	McNeil	Andrew S.	McNeil	Neville
Meyer	Iain R.	Munro	David I.	Murphy	Peter J.
Newcomb	Simon H.	O'Halloran	Martin K.	Parmenter	Brian R.
Patterson	Celia L.	Pearce	Callie	Pearce	Victoria
Pechan	Greg A.	Rowe	John S.	Schoner	Simon
Schreier	Paul J.	Sill	Anthony C.	Somerville	Paul G.
Spriggins	Anthony	Taylor	Geoffrey M.	Tyrrell	Marcus C.
Wallace	Bill L.	Wilson	Ian W.	Young	Tim J.

Honorary Members

Colgan	Sean P.
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