

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.



(Established 1880)

**129th
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
2008 - 2009**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 129TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC. WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2009 AT 6.30PM.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5th July 2008.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect office bearers for the ensuing year.
4. That the Members approve the following change to the Rules, by a majority of 75% of those Members present in person or by proxy at the Annual General Meeting:

That Rule 3 (1) be amended in order that the Club's Financial Year be deemed to end on 30th June, commencing in the current Financial Year.

5. To vote on the motion that D. Crawshay be elected as a Life Member of the Club.
6. To vote on the motion that S. Colgan be elected as a Life Member of the Club.
7. Announcement of Trophy and Award winners.
8. 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 15th August 2009 at 4.00pm.

By Order of the Committee

S. Macek
Honorary Secretary
23rd July 2009

2008 - 09 OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Mr. N. P. R Batters

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Mr. S. Macek

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Ms. J. Matthies

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Mr. W. Tait (resigned January 2009)
Mr. A. Isherwood (appointed April 2009)

COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. Fraumano
Mr. M. French
Mr. A. Isherwood (General committee until April 2009)

Mr. T. Bertrand
Mr. D. MacKinnon

HONORARY AUDITOR

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Mr. A.N.Guerin

BOARD MEMBERS

ROWING VICTORIA

Mr. A. N. Guerin
Mr. D. Pincus

ROWING AUSTRALIA

Mr. P. J. McNamara
Mr. M. McKay

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am enjoying a winter's night with a cup of Lan-Choo and the countryside burning brightly in the grate. Contemplating our year at Mercantile is itself a source of natural warmth and the opportunity to rejoice in the quality of the people who make us such a very fine club.

When Bill Tait moved over to the Victorian Institute of Sport we were seriously concerned about how on earth we were going to replace such a talented coach. We commenced our recruitment process and at the end of a very thorough search we found that the top echelon of candidates were right under our roof and we chose Alastair Isherwood. Al stepped straight into the role and it became immediately apparent that we had another wonderful coach to guide the club and we have continued the momentum with his particular style of vim, vigour and vitality.

It is not only Al that shines in our coaching department. We are blessed with a sensational group of coaches including Pete Somerville, Chipper, Ian Taylor, Simon Harrison, Anthony Barton, Guy Begley, Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Mark Baxter, Tom Abramowski and Sam Hutchison.

John Nickson deserves considerable thanks for the wonderful job he does steering our finances and bringing his own style of management to our organising. Being treasurer must surely be one of the most challenging executive tasks at Mercantile and we are very, very appreciative of his efforts.

Steve "Magic" Macek is doing a wonderful job as secretary after the retirement of Bill Webster who accomplished so much over so many years in the role. The management of our ongoing licensing issues with the Liquor Commission, Melbourne City Council and the Licensing Police is being handled by Steve and hopefully when concluded will put an end to the uncertainty of our future revenue from hall hire.

The enthusiasm and energy of Henry Edgar in his role as club captain is a continuing reason for our success on and off the water. Henry's clear thinking has slalomed the club through sometimes dangerous waters to a safe harbour.

Many thanks to all our committee members for their considerable input and contribution to the management of the club.

Our finances are always tight but we're short of nothing we've got! We need every members help here to ensure that we prosper. Please pay your membership and race fees on time. Please support our lunches and barrels. If you have a few dollars left around tax time please make a tax-deductible contribution via the Australian Sports

Foundation. We all need some oven scouring honesty to ensure that all our members contribute to the well being of the club and don't hide in the corner to avoid being a financial member of Mercantile.

My thoughts also turn to our older members and the contribution they have played in the development of The Gold Medal Factory. When I first came to Mercantile in the early 1960's (rowing with Brighton Grammar) I looked like I had seen more dinner times than dinners. Our older members were in the prime of their rowing careers and now they are elderly gentlemen who have long since put their oar in the rack. Many have passed away and it is absolutely vital that younger members realise what these elderly gentlemen achieved on and off the water to push the bowball of Mercantile forward over the years. I urge young and old Mercantilians to talk to each other at functions or just around the club. Find out about each other and fraternise. A good start would be to come to the Presidents Lunch where we will celebrate the Mercantilians who have competed for Australia.

The great capital of Mercantile is our athletes and what a remarkable group of young men and women wear our colours. The energy, skill and enthusiasm of our athletes means that we are very well placed to proceed towards the London Olympics with a new crop of Mercantilians wearing the Australian zootie and hopefully replicating the success of Drew Ginn and David Crawshay in Beijing. Let us all do everything we can in our own little way to make sure our dreams become golden.

Philippe Batters
President

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

In the Club's 129th year, I am pleased to submit the Mercantile Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 30th April 2009.

It has been a challenging and rewarding year for Mercantile.

Olympic & Australian Representation

There are no prizes for guessing that the GOLD medals won by David Crawshay and Drew Ginn at the Olympic Rowing Regatta in Beijing was the absolute highlight of the past 12 months (if not the club's entire history). "The Gold Medal Factory" was a term coined by a Crikey journalist in an article written about Mercantile before the Olympics. It was of course lived up to in fine fashion on that most memorable night. Many a Shanghai Larger was cracked to celebrate success that all present will never forget. In total we can be very proud of our 7 Olympians and 6 non-Olympic representatives, whose number also included James Tomkins as the (Mercantile) Olympic Flag bearer.

Rowing Department

As Bill Tait rounded out a successful year as Head Coach, a new challenge began to replace him. The process encompasses a national and international search. I am always impressed by the reach of Mercantile's reputation. Applicants from some of the finest clubs, institutes and national programs all sought interviews for the position. However, Mercantile is fortunate to have great depth in its coaching department. Our voluntary coaches are the envy of all other clubs. So it should not be unexpected that often it is from these ranks that our Head Coach is recruited.

Alistair Isherwood was signed up as Head Coach just as the National Championships were being held this year. Alistair had already made a valuable contribution to our female youth program and demonstrated success with his school program at Genazzano. I am also pleased to report that he has made a terrific start to his appointment.

In addition to hiring a Head Coach, we also set about hiring a Development Coach. As part of the Rowing Australia funding arrangement. This appointment was made in November of last year. Peter Somerville was the successful applicant. He of course also came from our pool of talented voluntary coaches. This position has been an extension of the good work he has been doing in female youth coaching and recruiting. It is also worth mentioning that Peter did a great job as Acting Head Coach during most of the racing season.

Nationals

More great results for Mercantile at the 09 National Championships in Tasmania. The club maintained its position as a top tier medal winning club, which is a fine result for a club that was transitioning between head coaches. These results are once again a great reflection on not only the established athletes but also the new talent coming through.

Equipment & Building

The Committee has relied heavily on the expertise of Anthony Bergelin in improving facilities of the club. During the year improvements were made to storage with the addition of an accessible container at the top of the stairs. It also saw the refurbishment of the ladies showers and a big working bee to repaint the hall.

Boats

The Frederico Equipment Fund remains a meaningful way for all Mercantilians to make an impact on the performance of our athletes. Funds donated are tax deductible and go directly to the purchase of new boats and gym equipment. During the year we were able to purchase three new fours, several sets of new oars, an ergo machine and an array of gym equipment. As always special thanks goes to Trader Al for his generosity in this area.

Finances

08/09 saw an improvement in general club finances, thanks largely to the success of a new rental agreement with Firbank, some successful club functions and a break in wage expenses for the Head Coach. However, challenges remain on the hall hire front with licensing issues persisting; an area the club has sought much high level advice.

Obviously, a club like Mercantile always has growing expenses and the ever present challenge of finding income streams. The membership at large has the relatively simple responsibility to remain financial by paying subscriptions and entry fees on time. The Club is again thankful for the guidance offered by our Hon. Treasurer John Nickson and administrative skills shown by our Secretary Steve Macek.

Social

Highlighted by the Olympics, the Club held two very successful functions during 08. The Olympic Finals weekend was obviously a great event with media watching us watching them, 80 free slabs of beer from CUB and hundreds of screaming Mercantilians. What more could you want? Well the follow up event, Evening of Excellence was also a huge success. A gathering of club luminaries at the Lexus

Centre forming a night those present will always remember. Our thanks go to the organising committee of Kelly Allen, Wendy Nickson & Jenny Fraumano.

So in all, a remarkable year, as highlighted by our elite athletes competing at the highest level and a workman-like performance at club level. Taking into account the transition of head and development coaches, and the ongoing work to facilitate stronger rowing squads, Mercantile has much to look forward to in the coming year.

Henry Edgar
Captain

TROPHIES

All trophy winners will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

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.

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.

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.

N. W. CAIRNES TROPHY

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

JAY LOVELESS TROPHY

This trophy was established as a result of a bequest from the estate of the late Jay Loveless. Jay was the mother of Ricky Loveless, who coxed for the Club but was tragically killed in a road accident. Jay remained a supporter of the Club until her passing in late 2006. It was Jay's wish that a trophy be established for the Most Outstanding Oarswoman each season.

MOST OUTSTANDING OARSMAN TROPHY

With the establishment of the Loveless Trophy, the Committee deemed it appropriate to establish a trophy for the Most Outstanding Oarsman.

HEAD COACH'S REPORT

Having only begun my tenure at the beginning of April I find myself reflecting on the past season on behalf of Bill Tait, our former Head Coach, and the plethora of volunteer coaches that took up the reigns in the middle of January. These volunteer coaches typify the spirit that evolves from the great athletes that have carried boats from our shed, pulling together to ensure the performances on the water were the best possible. Two thousand and eight will be a year remembered by all for the triumphs of two of Mercantile's greatest athletes, Drew Ginn and David Crawshay. For Drew, a third Gold medal further reinforcing the fact that he will be remembered as one of Australia's greatest Olympians. For David his personification of persistence culminated in a magnificent victory in the men's double. The reaction at Mercantile to two Gold medals for Australia by our fellow members was full of equal portions emotion and exhilaration. We cannot forget the amazing James Tomkins and the aura of excellence that surrounds him. To have a Mercantilian carrying the Australian flag into the Beijing Olympic stadium was a magnificent moment for James, and for our club. The success, confidence and perfection that James has projected throughout Mercantile will go on forever and one can only wonder if we will once again see James in Green and Gold. Never say never!

Pre Season

The preparation phase for Mercantile athletes is dominated by NTC time trials and Melbourne's fine Head Regatta calendar. The NTC time trails were once again dominated by Mercantile athletes with an average of 50% of the top 20 in the four time trials from September to December coming from "The Mecca of Rowing". The series of time trials were dominated by Mercantile's Tom Swann with Chris Coventry, Chris Riddell, Alex Scharp, Tom Bertrand, Jo Gray, Regina Kennedy, James Wilson, and as expected, David Crawshay also dominating the top ranks of each time trial.

No pre season would be complete without some racing in the Head races. In the Melbourne Head regatta Tom Swann, Kris Coventry and Alexander Scharp managed a trifecta in the Men's A 1x, coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. In the Head of the Yarra the Men's 8 was defeated by a mere 0.36 of a second by MUBC. In the women's event the margin was not much greater with MUBC defeating Mercantile by only 3.38 seconds.

Rowing Camp – Falls Creek

Following the success of the previous year, over 60 Mercantile athletes headed up to Falls Creek for a ten-day intensive rowing and cross-training camp at the beginning of January. Not only was it fantastic to see a return of so many of our senior athletes but the absolute dominance of male and female youth athletes to the

camp signalled the beginning of a great development season for Mercantile. Over the ten days the athletes completed many kilometres on water (often a challenge in the wind, frost and fog of Falls Creek!), on foot and on bike.

On the third day of camp the athletes took the challenge of riding the 30km from Mt Beauty up to the Falls Creek summit. With the big questions being asked (would anyone beat Eddie's time from the previous year? Was it Row Boy's time? Would Young Yung's test ride up the day before be an advantage or disadvantage?), it was Tom Bertrand for the boys and Carley McKay for the girls who led the climb to the top. Other notable mentions must go to first-timer Greg Baxter (who pushed the senior boys the whole way and came in a close fourth), Niccolo Mornati (who completed the climb in bike shorts and runners) and Ed Nicolette (who held up the team for the coxes completing the ride on a mountain bike).

With the coaches determined to make the cross training challenge of 'Commando' a step up from the previous year – the teams were selected, uniforms picked, strategies set (which for one team meant the strategic placement of a car!) clues and coaches placed around the mountain and all were ready to go. Between pushing the ute across the dam, paddling out to the middle of the dam, climbing the hills of falls creek and performing a plethora of sit ups, squats and bike riding challenges (all while balancing a selection of uncooked eggs!) each team battled it out to win Commando 2009 but it was Young Yung School of Guns that triumphed in 2009.

As always all the Mercantile athletes rose to every challenge that was set for them in their singles, big boats, on bike, ergo or foot over the 10 days and emerged from the camp ready to take on the racing season! A huge thanks must go to all the coaches who attended camp and worked hard to ensure that all aspects of organisation, coaching and preparation ran as smoothly as it did, Thank you! And to the Vice Captains, Tom Nickson and Kate Fitz-Gibbon, for organising the final nights entertainment!

State Championships

Mercantile had a successful State Championships winning numerous events. Of note were the performances of some of our younger members with Nick Schouten taking out the U17 single scull and Jacob Manifold and Greg Baxter winning the U17 & U19 double sculls event. This was a great effort for these young lads coached by Pete Somerville.

Mercantile also achieved a quadrella in the Men's Open Single with David Crawshay, Niccolo Mornati, Kris Coventry and Al Taylor obtaining positions 1st to 4th respectively. Not surprisingly Niccolo and David went on to win the Men's double scull later in the day. Pauline Frasca won the women's pair rowing with Phoebe Stanley (MUBC). Sonia Mills and Amanda Nickson teamed up brilliantly

to win the women's double scull, Alex Scharp was part of the winning coxless four composite crew and our youth boys, Zac Smith, Chris Bush, Daniel Brighthope and Josh Dunkley-Smith, coxed by Emily O'Brien took an excellent victory in coveted Men's Youth Four.

National Championships

The Australian Rowing Championships were once again held at the picturesque Lake Barrington in Tasmania. Just being in a position to compete at the National Championships takes an enormous amount of training and dedication so all athletes must be congratulated on their commitment to being the best they can be.

Mercantile finished third on the Nationals Medal Tally with 8 gold and 7 bronze medals. Many of our scholarship athletes did the club proud, racing with plenty of power and passion throughout the week. Highlights included David Crawshay's win in the open single scull, Tom Swann's win in the men's open four, Pauline Frasca's win in the women's open pair and four, Tom Bertrand's win in the U23 lightweight double, Josh Dunkley-Smith's win in the U23 pair, and finally Tom Bertrand and James Wilson's win in the U23 lightweight four. It was also great to see Mercantile have a big boat win in the Men's Open Coxed Four of Josh Hooper, Lachie McKinnon, Chris Riddell and Alister Taylor, coxed by Dave McGrath. Being the best in your country is certainly a great achievement and all of these athletes should be extremely proud.

In addition to the wins above it was great to see some of our younger Mercantile members having great success winning medals with Daniel Brighthope (Bronze U19 pair & U23 4-), Zac Smith, Rich Linke, Josh Dunkley-Smith (Bronze U23 4-), Steph Radford, Bec Daniher, Amanda Nickson (Bronze Open 8+), Olivia Hannan, Maddie Frost, Prip Lodge, Alice Alexander, Kate Scott, Chloe Jones, Eloise Hollins, Clare Canty and cox Sarah Banting (Silver U19 8+, representing Genazzano FCJ College) and Chloe Jones, Alice Alexander, Eloise Hollins and Clare Canty (Silver Schoolgirl 4x+).

At the end of the week the interstate regatta was held with a huge Mercantile presence in the Victorian crews. David Crawshay, aka Captain Victoria, took out the President's Cup in fine fashion, whilst Josh Dunkley-Smith, Danny Brighthope, and Zac Smith all enjoyed their win in the Men's Youth Eight event known as the Wilkinson Cup. Finally Jo Gray, Emy Huntsman and Pauline Frasca dominated the Governer General's Cup to win in fine style. Other representatives included:

- King's Cup (Silver): Kris Coventry, Chris Riddell, Alex Scharp, Tom Swann, David Crawshay and David McGrath
- Victoria Cup (women's lightweight quad): Regina Kennedy

- Bicentennial Cup (women's youth eight): Harriet Chesterfield, Bec Daniher, Maddie Wood & Pete Somerville. Mercantilian Nadia Gehrich also rowed for Tasmania in this event
- Penrith Cup (Men's lightweight four): Tom Bertrand and James Wilson

Australian Team Selection

A good reflection of the effectiveness of the development programs offered by Mercantile Rowing Club is the number of athletes that are given scholarships to assist them in overcoming the final hurdles to become the best in the world. Mercantile had a number of scholarship holders throughout the 2008-2009 season. These included:

VIS:

- David Crawshay
- John Linke
- Alex Scharp
- Pauline Frasca

AIS:

- Lachlan McKinnon
- Chris Riddell
- David McGrath
- Tom Swann

It is not surprising that many of these athletes have gone on to represent Australia. Making the Australian National Team is a huge honour. With a new High Performance Manager, this process is becoming more ruthless with more consistent and impressive performances being demanded of our athletes. It is with this in mind that the following athletes must be congratulated on an awesome effort to be selected to represent their country in 2009:

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| • Tom Swann | Men's 8+ |
| • David Crawshay | Men's 4x |
| • Alex Scharp | Men's U23 8+ |
| • Josh Dunkley Smith | Men's U23 8+ |
| • Tom Bertrand | Men's U23 Lwt 4- |
| • Danny Brighthope | Men's Jnr 4- |

Volunteer Coaches

One of the most unique aspects of Mercantile Rowing Club and the program that is run here is the commitment of the coaches. In this past season this was emphasised to an even greater extent with all coaches taking on added responsibility in the

absence of a Head Coach from the middle of January through till after the Nationals regatta. With the assistance of Pete Somerville, all volunteer coaches pulled together to make this past season as exceptional as always. For those coaches that give their own time to assist the athletes to achieve their own aspirations and goals, we thank you very much. Coaching is always demanding as it takes great patience, understanding and commitment and when this is then coupled with the individuals need to earn a living and devote time to a partner, family and friends the commitment becomes quite significant and cannot be underestimated. Great thanks must go to the team of volunteer coaches during the 2008-2009 season:

- David Colvin
- Simon Harrison
- Mark Baxter
- Ian Taylor
- Guy Begley
- Kate Fitz-Gibbon

More recently we have had some new additions to our coaching line up with Tom Abramowski, Sam Hutchinson, Anthony Barton and John Chestney joining the team, with these individuals having already played a crucial role in our preparations for the 2009-2010 season. Thank you to all the above for the role you have played and no doubt will play in the future, in making Mercantile Rowing Club a hugely positive and successful environment for our athletes.

Alistair Isherwood
Head Coach & Chairman of Selectors

RESULTS**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS****Interstate Races***Men's Senior Eight (Kings Cup) - SILVER***Kris Coventry, Chris Riddell, Alex Scharp, Tom Swann, David Crawshay, David McGrath***Men's Single Scull (President's Cup) - GOLD***David Crawshay***Men's Youth Eight (Wilkinson Cup) - GOLD***Josh Dunkley-Smith, Zac Smith, Daniel Brightthope***Women's Senior Eight (Governor General's Cup) - GOLD***Pauline Frasca, Emy Huntsman, Joanna Gray, coach Bill Tait***Women's Senior L/W Quad Scull (Victoria Cup)***Regina Kennedy***Women's Youth Eight (Bicentennial Cup)***Harriet Chesterfield, Rebecca Daniher, cox Maddie Woods, coach Peter Somerville****Nadia Gehrich - Tasmania***Men's Lightweight Four (Penrith Cup)***Tommy Bertrand, James Wilson****GOLD***Men's Open Scull***David Crawshay, Coach: Chris O'Brien***Men's Open Coxless Four***Tom Swann, Tom Larkins, Fergus Pragnell, Dominic Grimm***Women's Open Coxless Pair***Pauline Frasca, Phoebe Stanley***Women's Open Coxless Four***Pauline Frasca, Phoebe Stanley, Liz Kell, Sarah Heard***Men's U23 LW Double Scull***Tom Bertrand, Angus Tyers***Men's Under 23 Pair***Josh Dunkley-Smith, William Lockwood – coach Simon Harrison***Men's Under 23 Lightweight Four***Tommy Bertrand, James Wilson, James Osbourne, Angus Tyers,***Men's Open Coxed Four***Josh Hooper, Lachlan McKinnon, Chris Riddell, Alister Taylor, cox David McGrath, coach Al Isherwood**

BRONZE

Men's Under 19 Pair

Michael Poulter, **Daniel Brighthope**, coach **Simon Harrison**

Men's Open Double Scull

Niccolo Mornati, **David Crawshay**

Men's Open Scull

Niccolo Mornati

Men's Open Pair

Fergus Pragnell, **Tom Swan**

Men's Under 23 Coxless Four

Zac Smith, **Richard Linke**, **Daniel Brighthope**, **Josh Dunkley-Smith**, coach

Simon Harrison

Women's Open Eight

Stephanie Radford, **Megan Bagworth**, **Rebecca Daniher**, **Amanda Nickson**,

Carley McKay, **Emy Huntsman**, **Joanna Gray**, **Pauline Frasca**, cox **Kate**

Fitzgibbon, coaches **David Colvin**, **Mark Baxter**

Men's Open Quad

Chris Riddell, **Tom Swann**, **Danjels Reedman**, **Jared Bidwell**

Mercantile Regatta Wins Season 2008-09

Melbourne Head

Male A Scull

Tom Swann

Male B Four

Chris Bush, **Richard Linke**, **Josh Hooper**, **Josh Dunkley-Smith**, cox **Emily O'Brien**, coach **Simon Harrison**

Carrum Regatta

Female B Pair

Samara Radford, **Louise Parry**, coach **Peter Somerville**

Rutherglen Sprint Regatta

Female B Four

Katherine Raw, **Nadia Gehrich**, **Rebecca Daniher**, **Harriet Chesterfield**, cox **Maddie Wood**, coach **Peter Somerville**

Ballarat Regatta

Female B Eight

Louise Parry, **Katherine Raw**, **Morgana Allen**, **Samara Radford**, **Harriet Chesterfield**, **Rebecca Daniher**, **Samantha Stewart**, **Nadia Gehrich**, cox **Maddie Wood**

Female A Quad

Amanda Nickson, Carley McKay, Joanna Gray, Emy Huntsman

Male Under 21 Four

Zac Smith, Chris Bush, Daniel Brighthope, Josh Dunkley-Smith, cox Em O'Brien, coach Simon Harrison

Female B Four

Stephanie Radford, Nadia Gehrich, Rebecca Daniher, Harriet Chesterfield, cox Maddie Wood, coach Al Isherwood & Peter Somerville

Male A Scull

David Crawshay

Male A Pair

Niccolo Mornati, Alex Scharp

Female A Four

Stephanie Radford, Nadia Gehrich, Rebecca Daniher, Harriet Chesterfield, cox Maddie Wood, coach Al Isherwood & Peter Somerville

Barwon Regatta

Female Under 21 Four

Stephanie Radford, Harriet Chesterfield, Rebecca Daniher, Nadia Gehrich, cox Ed Nicolette, coach Al Isherwood & Pete Somerville

Wendouree-Ballarat Regatta

Male Open Eight

Chris Bush, Kris Coventry, Josh Hooper, Al Taylor, Alex Scharp, Josh Dunkley-Smith, Niccolo Mornati, David Crawshay, cox Kate Fitzgibbon, coach Al Isherwood

Victorian State Championships Regatta

Male U17 Scull

Nicholas Schouten, coach Pete Somerville

Male Open Scull

David Crawshay

Female Open Pair

Pauline Frasca, Phoebe Stanley, coach David Colvin

Female Open Double Scull

Sonia Mills, Amanda Nickson, coach David Colvin

Male U17 & U19 Double Scull

Jacob Manifold, Greg Baxter, coach Pete Somerville

Male Open Double Scull

Niccolo Mornati, David Crawshay

Male Open Four

Alex Scharp, Matt Ryan, James Marburg, Cameron McKenzie-McHarg

Male U21 Four

Zac Smith, Chris Bush, Daniel Brighthope, Josh Dunkley-Smith, cox Emily O'Brien, coach Simon Harrison

Australian Henley Regatta

Female Open Scull

Samara Radford

Female Open Eight

Katherine Raw, Morgana Allen, Nalini Blacker, Louise Parry, Katrina Blaubaum, Amy Propsting, Brianna McShane, Samara Radford, cox Bill Webster, Coach: Mark Baxter

GENERAL REPORT – “A FEW WORDS OF MAGIC”**The Past Year**

When I agreed to take on the role of Club Secretary 12 months ago I didn't quite know what to expect. If there is one thing that I have learnt over the past year it's that, for a little man, Bill Webster left very large shoes to fill. Always one to undersell his input, Bill has continued to be of support as I have slowly come to terms with the position.

For me personally, the past year at Mercantile will forever be defined by two truly special evenings last August. The first – Wednesday 6th – saw the Mercantile family gather at the sheds to mark the passing of a champion human being, Damon Bonney, in what was one of the more emotional and intense nights I have ever experienced. Just ten days later, we gathered again to witness both Drew and Crawsh claim Olympic Gold, teaming with adopted Mercantilians Duncan Free and Scotty Brennan respectively.

Reflecting on the year just gone, and on these two evenings in particular, I was reminded of two reasons as to why it's so important to make the most of each and every opportunity that is presented to us. Firstly, because the challenge of achieving success at any difficult endeavour dictates that no opportunity be wasted; and secondly, because none of us know when our individual journey will end.

On an international scale, no sportsman's life encapsulates this better for me than that of American distance runner Steve “Pre” Prefontaine. Despite being told that he would never make it as a runner because he was born with one leg longer than the other, Pre burst onto the national scene whilst competing for the University of Oregon. He took the sport by storm with his aggressive style and found himself gracing the cover of Sports Illustrated in June 1970 as a 19yo. He would go on to win seven NCAA titles.

At the age of 21 he was selected to represent his country at the 1972 Munich Olympics in the 5,000m (also known as the 3-mile). The youngest athlete in the final by two years, his tactics were simple – let the known pacemakers in the field take the race out hard, before taking the lead himself and running the last mile in under 4min. Early in the race the pace was slower than expected. Pundits would later suggest that this was due to the additional nerves associated with the delayed running of the race, caused by the hostage crisis that had blackened the Games. Undeterred, Pre charged to the lead as planned with a mile to go.

He would hold the lead in a toe-to-toe battle with the great Finnish runner Lasse Viren (who had already won the 10,000m) and Mohammed Gammoudi from Tunisia (Olympic 5,000m champion from Mexico City in 1968) until 150m to go.

The slow early pace meant that Pre's more experienced rivals still had the legs to get by him at the business end of the race. Both Viren and Gammoudi passed him on the final bend. He was then pipped for bronze in the final 15m, ultimately finishing fourth. Viren had won the 5,000m / 10,000m double, a feat that he would go on to repeat four years later in Montreal.

Tragically, Pre would never get another chance to fulfil his Olympic dream. The sporting world was denied an eagerly awaited re-match when he was killed in a car accident in May 1975, aged 24. Prior to his death he held every American track and field record from 2,000m to 10,000m and had won 120 of the 153 races he had entered in his career – a staggering success rate of 78%. Known for his many quotable lines, perhaps Pre's most famous saying was:

“To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.”

Closer to home, Damon's life, along with the Olympic success of both Drew and Cawsh, provides a shining example for any of us who might strive to live up to this creed.

The Road Ahead

With no shortage of challenges ahead of us, the coming year will provide ample opportunity for all Mercantilians to give their best. This applies not just to the on-water activities of our athletes, but also to the various administrative and commercial aspects associated with making Mercantile successful. As Bill indicated in his General Report last year, the Committee has moved to a portfolio structure, which has resulted in a more efficient use of time at Committee meetings. In order to comply with the Safety Management Plan provided by Rowing Victoria, it has been necessary to add a Safety Officer. Duncan Mackinnon has volunteered to take on this role and is already tackling it with gusto.

In addition, a successful recruiting campaign initiated by Al Isherwood and Pete Somerville has seen the number of Junior members at the Club grow dramatically in the past three months. For Mercantile to have a bright future, it is vital that we continue to attract the best young talent. Since accepting the role as Head Coach, the efforts of Al and the rest of the coaching team in this regard have provided an excellent foundation for us all to build on. You may notice in the Member's Roll that appears later in this volume that our numbers have declined slightly over the past 12 months. This is due primarily to a concerted effort on the part of the Finance Sub-Committee (John Nickson, Michael Young and myself) to clean up the Club's debtor book. The end result is that we can be confident that those who remain on the Club's records are current, active and, most importantly, financial. This position, coupled with the youth that is currently being attracted to the Club, will help to create a strong footing for the future.

In closing, on behalf of the Committee, I ask each and every one of you to give thought to what you can contribute to the Club, be it large or small, so that we can collectively make it the best place to row in the world.

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

- Rowing Australia and Rowing Victoria for the ongoing assistance provided to our young emerging athletes via the National Elite Development Program.
- Chris O'Brien, Bill Tait and the Victorian Institute of Sport for their support of our elite athletes.
- Bill Webster for always saying yes when his assistance is asked for.
- Roger Wilson for his entertaining commentary at regattas and his efforts to ensure that rowing receives media coverage.
- Peter Somerville for ensuring that "The Mercantilian" continues to grace members' letterboxes.
- Daniel Hutchison, Alice Evans and the rest of the team at Rowing Victoria.
- Phil Cayzer as both Patron and Namesake of the Cayzer Cup.
- Scotch-Mercantile Regatta Committee and in particular Richard Wraith.
- Jim Harvey, the stalwart of the Sunday Barrel.
- Sean "Trader Al" Colgan for his continued support.
- Andrew Guerin for his advice as Honorary Solicitor and tireless work as President of Rowing Victoria.

Steven Macek
Honorary Secretary

Attendance at Committee Meetings

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

H. Edgar	11	J. Nickson	10
P. Batters	8	S. Macek	8
J. Matthies	8	D. MacKinnon	8
K. Fitz-Gibbon	7	T. Nickson	7
A. Isherwood	7	J. Fraumano	7
M. Young	6	A. Bergelin	6
M. French	6	T. Bertrand	4
W. Tait	1		

SOCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The social calendar for all involved at Mercantile over the past year has been a busy one. It started back in August with the Olympic Function, followed by a welcome home party at the Lexus Centre (The Evening of Excellence), as well as numerous steak nights and barrels to keep us all entertained.

As this was the first Olympics party attended by many at Mercantile, it certainly was one to remember. With Drew Ginn, Duncan Free, David Crawshay and Scott Brennan all winning gold, it made for a very impressive party with everyone having a great time celebrating Mercantile's success on the biggest stage. This night was very profitable for the club, raising over \$7,000. This money will go into supporting athletes to achieve the ultimate goal of Olympic Gold. This night would not have been a success without the efforts of Patrick Blain and Thomas Nickson. Such dedication and planning made sure everything went smoothly over the weekend, particularly on the Saturday. Thanks must also go to Fosters for donating the cases of Shanghai Beer for the night.

To welcome home and celebrate the success from their respective international competitions, Mercantile held "The Evening of Excellence". This event was held at the Lexus Centre in October. The night was enjoyed by all with Nick Green being our guest speaker. Vice captains Thomas Nickson and Kate Fitzgibbon interviewed Mercantile's Olympic stars making it one of the highlights of the evening. This night was a huge success and would not have been possible without the support from the Mercantile parents. In particular, thanks must go to Jenny Fraumano, Wendy Nickson and Kelly Allen who were the principle organisers of the event. The night concluded with a live auction and raffle, which proved to be very popular. Thanks must also go to those who donated the prizes. The success of the evening enabled Mercantile to purchase new boats, ensuring the club continues to provide its athletes with the best possible chance of reaching their full potential.

Mercantile has continued to have very successful and enjoyable steak nights. These nights would not have been success if not for Tracey Tanner, Amanda Nickson and Charlie Cunningham. Thursday night barrels have also been an ongoing success and they always receive a great turnout from club members looking for a feed after a hard session on the water. The most recent steak night was run by Mercantile's U23 and Junior athletes in order to help support their team mates travel and succeed overseas. This night also encouraged many of the new youth athletes to come and mingle and embrace the Mercantile Culture.

Mr Mercantile is back on the social calendar and everyone is eagerly waiting in anticipation for this year's event on Saturday the 29th of August. With everyone back in training it is sure to be a memorable event. Amanda Nickson has already

put in a great amount of time to ensure this events success. Principle sponsors for the night include Endura, Red Rock Leisure and Emma and Tom's Juice.

Finally as always there is more than one person organising the social events for Mercantile, so thanks must go to Amanda and Thomas Nickson, Tracey Tanner, Charlie Cunningham, Alex Law, and all the club members that contribute to the Thursday Barrel nights.

Looking forward to another enjoyable year of social events at Mercantile Rowing Club.

Thanks for all your efforts.

Jennifer Matthies
Social Manager

MERCANTILE KAYAK CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

The Mercantile Kayak Club is marking the commencement of the new financial year, and new racing season, with a vaguely new-look squad. These changes have come about following the retirement of a number of our senior paddlers. The focus will be on developing team boat skills and combinations (K2 and K4), plus encouraging Victoria's junior and U'23 paddlers involved in both sprint canoeing and surf lifesaving. So far, our Saturday morning sessions have been well attended - with an increase in the number of girls, we've been able to put a couple of K4's on the water, and hopefully that number will soon be matched by the boys.

The squad's new head coach is Tim Altman, who is also heading up a sprint/surf squad on the Barwon River in Geelong with the same development focus as that being applied here at Mercantile. He will be assisted by coaching stalwart Craig Pickett, along with special comments from Peter Foster, Pete Gargiulo and Allison Mitchell.

The past 12 months has seen members of the squad race in various disciplines, all over the country. Most notably, club president Mathew French qualified to represent Australia in the Wildwater World Cup event, this year being held in Tasmania. Bring on a Mercantile road trip! That's an awesome result for Foo, and one we all well appreciate after witnessing his months of training for the selection trials, and now continuing preparation for the upcoming international event. Hopefully we can get as many of us as possible down to Tassie in late October to support Foo, as well as the rest of the Aussie team. Racing commences on Saturday 24th October, and culminates in the final rapid sprint event in Cataract Gorge on November 7th.

Ross MacDonald was the only member to compete at the National Sprint Canoeing Championships, at the new Champion Lakes course in Perth. As a new member of the National Development Squad, Rossco made various finals appearances in K2 and K4. At the earlier National GP events, he was joined by Aaron Coutts and Allison Mitchell. GP1, held at Westlakes in Adelaide, resembled a washing machine and all Mercs paddlers returned home rather disillusioned, unable to see the effects of training through the winter months after struggling in the tricky conditions. Conditions at GP2 - at our favourite course, SIRC in Penrith - were far more realistic. Rossco was paired with new National Development Squad members, and made finals in K2, and also made top 5 in the K4 1000m final. Allison teamed up with long-time K2 partner, Perth paddler Jenni Bateman, to record some notable K2 heat results and go on to make top 5 in the finals. Aaron had a number of strong performances in K1 against some world-class competition.

The National Marathon Championships were held in Maroochydore, and attended by Rossco, and surrogate junior member, Marlena Ahrens. Rossco managed an outstanding 4th place in the hotly contested Mens K1 event, whilst Marlena and doubles partner Cat MacArthur, won the U'18 girls K2 race, securing them a position in the Australian team for the Marathon World Cup in Denmark, and World Championships in Portugal. Well done girls!

The Victorian Sprint Canoeing Championships again graced the shores of the Nagambie Lakes regatta course in February. Mercantile paddlers dominated the senior events, claiming every men's open K1, K2 and K4 event, every women's open K1, K2 and K4 event, and even the prestigious mixed K2 200m! Special congrats must go to Em Wilmoth, former Australian lightweight rowing champion, and now state champion sprint canoeist! After joining us on the 'dark' side last year, she managed placings in all K2 events and top 5 finishes in all her K1 events at this, her first kayak regatta.

The Kayak Squad has welcomed a few new members – namely Peter Foster - bronze medallist in the K2 1000m at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. He also has a few Australian Surf Lifesaving titles under his belt plus the experience of more than 25 years of elite training and racing. Although refusing to train when the temperature is forecast below 6 degrees (!), Fozzie is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to elite level training and competition. He has already proven to be a worthy addition to the squad, and a fantastic training partner for Foo in preparation for the World Cup.

We were also excited by the arrival in early December, of Oliver Schleiger – first child for club member Tim Schleiger and his wife, Lara. Congratulations also to former member, Olivia Cottrill and husband Mike, who are expecting their first child later this year, plus Alistair and Annie Carrie who are expecting their second – a brother or sister for Patrick. At this stage, it looks like Mercantile is on track to field an U'18 K4 at the 2025 National Championships. Stay tuned.

Congratulations to Ross MacDonald who accepted a scholarship position in the National Talent ID Squad for sprint canoeing, based in Maroochydore, QLD. After joining the program in January, he has already had exposure to a vast array of coaches and approaches to training and has made a smooth transition into living and working in Queensland. We wish Rossco all the best as he follows his dreams.

Alison Mitchell
Secretary

OBITUARY

DAMON BONNEY

28/07/83 - 04/08/08

On 4th August, Mercantile Kayak Club, plus the wider Mercantile Rowing Club community, lost a valued and much loved member, Damon Bonney.

Damon had been an integral member of the kayak squad since moving to Melbourne from Tasmania in 2004. His nickname, “Massive”, was not based solely on his amazing upper body musculature – surely the envy of most male rowers! “Massive” also represented his truly genuine personality, wicked sense of humour, a sense of fun, plus intelligence and belief in his own abilities and that of others.

Damon’s ultimate goal was to represent Australia in Sprint Kayaking, after already having done so in the Wildwater discipline. His speed and strength was legendary within the sport, and each year, in the National level 500m K1 events, he was able to lead the field for 100 metres further than he had the previous year. Of course, the aim was to eventually lead the field all the way through 500m, just in time for selection in the 2012 Olympic Team. Now, we can only wonder what could have been.

Our thoughts are regularly with his parents, John and Helen, whom we are still in contact with, as well Damon’s other half, Lyndsay, who has become an adopted member of the kayak squad.

The kayak squad would like to sincerely thank the entire Rowing Club community – immediate club members and partners, coaches and associated parents – for their ongoing support, friendship and understanding. Also, thankyou to those who penned their memories of Damon, and allowed us to lean on them when times were tough.

If any of us needed reminding of our mortality, or encouragement to live every moment to the max, then surely the loss of a fantastic mate, friend, team mate and club member has provided a substantial kick in the rear-end for all of us.

BOATS, EQUIPMENT, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE REPORT

It has been another massive 12 months at Mercantile.

Clearly the highlight of the year was the Olympic Games held in Beijing. The significant representation of Mercantile athletes, coaches and officials who were on the team reflects depth of talent across the board at Mercantile. The achievements of Drew and David were the icing on the cake!

The Olympic Party that was held at the sheds during the finals was also testament to the structural integrity of our clubhouse. The solid foundations of our club being Yarra silt and mudstone resinated in such a way as the “Goat” came through the 1500m mark that tsunami warnings were issued up and down the west coast of New Zealand.

This year we have been very active in securing new assets and maintaining / upgrading the clubhouse to ensure our athletes and coaches have the best possible environment to train in and excel. Some highlights of the year were:

- Finally completing the walkway to the container.
- Painting the main hall.
- Renovating the ladies shower block.
- Replacing the balustrade at the main entrance.
- Numerous other “behind the scene” upgrades that were crucial to keep the place running.
- Finding the rat!

During the year the following boats and sets of oars were purchased:

- The “David Crawshay”: Men’s Sykes 4-/4x
- The “Fleur Chew”: Women’s Sykes 4-/4x
- The “Richard Wraith”: Women’s 4+
- Concept Sweep Smoothie 2: 10 blades
- Concept Big Blade: 10 Blades

I have enjoyed the spirit of committee and club members this year in terms of working towards defined goals of equipment procurement and also projects / working bees at the club. Clearly the majority of current members are keen to participate when asked to help out and I especially appreciate those with initiative who just get on with it and do the job.

This will be my last year as Building and Equipment Manager, it has been an honour to serve the club in this capacity and I wish my successor all the best.

GO MERCANTILE!

Anthony “Berge” Bergelin
Building & Equipment Manager

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			
HENRY EDGAR	SYKES	2006	EXCELLENT
ANDREW GUERIN	SYKES	2001	VERY GOOD
DAVID COLVIN	SYKES	2003	VERY GOOD
J.J. LAWRENCE II	SYKES	1996	GOOD

COXED FOURS			
RICHARD WRAITH	SYKES	2008	EXCELLENT
BILL TAIT	SYKES	2006	EXCELLENT
W. H. WEBSTER	AUSROWTEC	1998	FAIR
TRADER AL	SYKES	1994	GOOD

COXLESS FOURS			
DAVID CRAWSHAY	SYKES	2008	EXCELLENT
FLEUR CHEW	SYKES	2008	EXCELLENT
R.R.AITKEN	SYKES	2001	GOOD
McKAY – MANU-FORTI	SYKES	1999	GOOD

COXLESS PAIRS			
PETER PHILP	SYKES	2005	VERY GOOD
ROBYN SELBY SMITH	SYKES	2004	POOR
HARRY MAHONEY	SYKES	2003	VERY GOOD
GARTH MANTON	SYKES	2002	GOOD
DAVID DOUGLAS	SYKES	2002	VERY GOOD
LUCKY TONY WALKER	SYKES	2002	VERY GOOD
NEIL HEWITT	SYKES	2002	GOOD
BEN DODWELL	SYKES	2002	VERY GOOD
DAVID PINCUS	SYKES	1993	FAIR

<u>SINGLE SCULLS</u>			
JOHN NICKSON	PRIME	2007	GOOD
DALE FORBES	PRIME	2007	GOOD
BLAIR HASFORTH	PRIME	2007	GOOD
JENNY FRAUMANO	PRIME	2007	GOOD
JOHN BOSTOCK	PRIME	2007	GOOD
MARK GROVES	PRIME	2007	GOOD
SIMON HARRISON	PRIME	2007	GOOD
PETE WOOLLARD	PRIME	2007	GOOD
MERCS 9	SYKES	1999	GOOD

<u>SQUAD</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>YEAR & CONDITION</u>
SWEEP OARS	ASSORTED MAKES	8 FULL SETS	VARIOUS
SCULLING BLADES	ASSORTED MAKES	20 SETS	VARIOUS

<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
TOYOTA HILUX UTILITY		1	2005 EXCELLENT
CONCEPT II D ERGOMETER		7	2006 GOOD
CONCEPT II ERGO SLIDERS		8	2000 GOOD
ROWPERFECT ERGOMETER		2	2001 VERY GOOD
SYKES TANDEM AXEL BOAT TRAILER		1	1998 VERY GOOD
ALUMINIUM HULL SPEEDBOAT		2	1998 VERY GOOD
OUTBOARD BOARD MOTORS		2	1999 VERY GOOD

FINANCE REPORT

The 2008/9-year was a better year financially for the Club with a profit of \$15,139 after depreciation as against a loss of \$21,292 in the previous year. The result for the year was aided by the Olympic year events especially the excellent final nights at the Club, and who can forget the great results of Drew Ginn and Duncan Free to be followed by the double of David Crawshay and Scott Brennan.

The Olympic spirit continued with a gala event “Evening of Excellence” held at the Lexus Centre (organized by Jenny Fraumano, Kelly Allen and Wendy Nickson) to welcome home all our Olympians. Both functions together with the Presidents Lunches the Thursday barrels and venue hire are a great boost to our finances.

The much better financial health of the Club has enabled the women’s showers to be renovated, and further improvements will be carried out on the boathouse in the coming year. The boathouse, through lack of funds has been neglected for a number of years and finances willing, improvements will gradually be made.

I mentioned last year that the Committee was investigating our lease arrangements, and this has resulted in a positive increase in the rental we are receiving from Firbank Grammar School. All lease arrangements will be kept under review with movements to commercial terms where and when possible.

We have continued to review our banking arrangements, however without freehold property it is very difficult to achieve improved terms when it comes increasing our standby facilities however we will continue to pursue our requirements with the banks.

The provision of funds through the NEDP programme administered by Rowing Victoria has enabled Mercantile in recent years to employ on a part time basis a further coach, currently Pete Somerville, to assist our Head Coach, Alastair Isherwood, in the development of tomorrow’s champions. This programme is a great initiative and has enabled us to develop a formidable under 23 male and female squads. The NEDP programme is competitive and the amount received depends on our success on the water. We are hopeful that Mercantile can gain a greater share of the amount to be distributed annually by Rowing Victoria.

The never-ending need to keep our fleet up to date, to provide our athletes with the best equipment, has been ably assisted with funds via the Frederico Fund. This year the Club has purchased 3 new Fours, The Crawshay, Chew and Wraith, a new coaching speedboat, oars and gym equipment. None of this would be possible without the generous donations from our members.

Donations via the Australian Sports Foundation, to the Frederico Fund, are vital in meeting our equipment funding requirements. Special thanks must go to many members for their generous support specifically: A. Guerin, S Colgan, P Selby Smith, W Hutchins, W Webster, D Colvin, H Edgar, R Edwards, P O'Brien, A Adams, H Mahoney, A Evans, A Sinn, Hon Justice M Kellam, J Nickson, A Sloan, R Oliver, G McCall, D Moore, V Mulder, P Ainsworth, G Holyman, D MacKinnon, S Davies, G Manton, P Somerville, J Rowe, D Marley, R Linke, A McNeil, R Wilson, A Atkins, M Fogarty, C Browne, M Connolly, D Burns, D Yunghanns, and A Cordell.

In addition many members have generously contributed their time in coaching, maintenance of the Club and its administration. Without their generous help, ends would not meet.

The year ahead will not be any less challenging, the costs of running and maintaining a Club such as ours and the provision of the best fleet, gym, coaching and coaching aids as possible, will require careful thought and creative ways to provide the required funds. We need also to keep in mind that Mercantile is a Club to be enjoyed by all members be they be our younger active, Masters or members who wish to relive their past enjoyment with the sport of rowing.

Finally, we can all do our part to ensure the Clubs' finances are kept in shape by paying our subscriptions as early as possible and supporting Club activities and for those able to make donations to the Frederico fund via the Australian Sports Foundation.

John Nickson
Honorary Treasurer

R A COOPER FUND

Report and Balance Sheet not available at the time of printing.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND

Report and Balance Sheet not available at the time of printing.

HUBERT FREDERICO EQUIPMENT FUND

Report and Balance Sheet not available at the time of printing.

BILNEY FUND

The Bilney Fund was been established for the encouragement of coaching and your trustees are Richard Wraith and Simon Morrison.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.
KEITH BILNEY MEMORIAL COACHES TRUST FUND
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
for the year ended 30th April 2009

2007/08	INCOME	2008/09
	Dividends Received:	
	Bankers Trust Funds Management Limited	
	99.45 Dividends re-invested	94.48
198.88	99.43 Dividends paid to bank account	94.46
198.88		188.94
	 LESS: EXPENSES	
	95.00 Donation to Mercantile RC for Trophy & Coaches Assistance	95.00
103.88	SURPLUS FOR YEAR	93.94

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INC.
KEITH BILNEY MEMORIAL COACHES TRUST FUND
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30th April 2009

2007/08	MEMBERS FUNDS	2008/09
9,773.75	Capital Account 1/5/08	9,927.63
50.00	Donations Received	0.00
	Income Account:	
103.88	Surplus for Year	93.94
9,927.63	BALANCE OF MEMBERS FUNDS	10,021.57

REPRESENTED BY:
CURRENT ASSETS

1,138.09	Cash at Bank	1,137.55
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INVESTMENTS

Trust

Units:

BT Split Growth Trust

8690.09	Balance 1/5/08	8789.54	
	Investments during 08/09	0.00	
8,789.54	99.45 Dividends re-invested 08/09	94.48	8,884.02

(Market value at 30/4/2001 \$7,384.28)
(Market value at 30/4/2002 \$6,153.48)
(Market value at 30/4/2003 \$4,588.47)

(Market value at 30/4/2004	\$5,263.83)
(Market value at 30/4/2005	\$5,508.34)
(Market value at 30/4/2006	\$7,356.18)
(Market value at 30/4/2007	\$7,920.21)
(Market value at 30/4/2008	\$6,578.85)
(Market value at 30/4/2009	\$4,834.49)

9,927.63

TOTAL ASSETS

10,021.57

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
REG No. A0005436H

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	381,772	292,031
Employee benefits expense		(79,846)	(77,161)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(58,844)	(58,228)
Boat and oar expenses		(12,727)	(18,338)
Affiliation fees, regattas and events		(59,128)	(54,325)
Insurance		(25,397)	(22,271)
Repairs and maintenance		(18,809)	(13,212)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(108,501)	(66,010)
Borrowing costs expense	3	<u>(3,381)</u>	<u>(3,778)</u>
Profit		<u>15,139</u>	<u>(21,292)</u>
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from Transactions with owners as owners		<u>15,139</u>	<u>(21,292)</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
REG No. A0005436H

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2009

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		31,097	24,414
Trade and other receivables	4	3,778	387
Other	5	-	375
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>34,875</u>	<u>25,176</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	471,375	477,018
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>471,375</u>	<u>477,018</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>506,250</u>	<u>502,194</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	32,761	36,962
Interest-bearing liabilities	8	7,408	6,883
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>40,169</u>	<u>43,845</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	3,500	3,500
Interest-bearing liabilities	8	13,190	20,597
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>16,690</u>	<u>24,097</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>56,859</u>	<u>67,942</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>449,391</u>	<u>434,252</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Reserves		48,864	48,864
Retained profits		400,527	385,388
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>449,391</u>	<u>434,252</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

	Retained Earnings	General Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 May 2007	406,680	48,864	455,544
Profit attributable to members	<u>(21,292)</u>	-	<u>(21,292)</u>
Transfers to and from reserves			
Balance at 30 June 2008	<u>385,388</u>	48,864	<u>434,252</u>
Profit attributable to members	<u>15,139</u>	-	<u>15,139</u>
Transfers to and from reserves			
Balance at 30 June 2009	<u>400,527</u>	48,864	<u>449,391</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
REG No. A0005436H

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members		271,007	229,308
Operating grant receipts		28,820	50,010
Donations and bequests received		81,404	12,401
Payments to suppliers and employees		(301,116)	(218,452)
Interest received		541	311
Borrowing costs		(3,381)	(3,778)
Net cash provided by operating activities	9(b)	<u>77,275</u>	<u>69,800</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		21,991	23,182
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(85,701)	(77,444)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(63,710)</u>	<u>(54,262)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		(6,882)	(14,069)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(6,882)</u>	<u>(14,069)</u>
Net increase in cash held		6,683	1,469
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>24,414</u>	<u>22,945</u>
Cash at end of financial year	9(a)	<u>31,097</u>	<u>24,414</u>

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria and the following applicable Accounting Standards:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment

AASB 117: Leases

AASB 118: Revenue

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied. The report is also prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

(a) Fixed Assets

Other fixed assets are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset was held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The carrying amount of fixed assets is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

(b) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred

(c) Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

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	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE			
Operating activities			
- function income		71,120	17,993
- interest	2(a)	541	311
- rent, venue and equipment hire income		91,847	89,034
- member subscriptions		58,010	55,306
- operating grants		28,820	18,192
- donations and bequests		81,404	57,856
- other revenue		<u>50,030</u>	<u>53,339</u>
		<u>381,772</u>	<u>292,031</u>
 (a) Interest from:			
- financial institutions		<u>541</u>	<u>311</u>
		<u>541</u>	<u>311</u>
 NOTE 3: PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Profit (losses) from ordinary activities has been determined after:			
(a) Expenses			
Borrowing costs		3,381	3,778
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		<u>58,844</u>	<u>58,228</u>
 NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
CURRENT			
Other debtors		<u>3,778</u>	<u>387</u>

2009	2008
\$	\$

NOTE 5: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT

Prepayments	-	<u>375</u>
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NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**BUILDINGS**

At cost	<u>368,122</u>	368,122
Total land and buildings	<u>368,122</u>	<u>368,122</u>

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Plant & equipment

At cost	789,272	774,042
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(710,715)</u>	<u>(694,481)</u>
	<u>78,557</u>	<u>79,561</u>

(b) Improvements

At cost	3,580	3,580
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(993)</u>	<u>(537)</u>
	<u>2,587</u>	<u>3,043</u>

(c) Motor vehicles

At cost	52,426	52,426
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(32,938)</u>	<u>(26,682)</u>
	<u>19,488</u>	<u>25,744</u>

(d) Computer equipment

At cost	2,195	2,195
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,921)</u>	<u>(1,647)</u>
	<u>274</u>	<u>548</u>

(e) Furniture, fixtures & fittings

At cost	2,471	-
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(124)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,347</u>	<u>-</u>

Total plant and equipment	103,253	108,896
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Total property, plant and equipment	471,375	477,018
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	2009	2008
	\$	\$

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities

Trade payables

Sundry payables and accruals

21,525	30,263
<u>11,236</u>	<u>6,699</u>
<u>32,761</u>	<u>36,962</u>

NON-CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities

Loans from associates

<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
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NOTE 8: BORROWINGS

CURRENT

Secured liabilities

Finance lease liability

<u>7,408</u>	<u>6,883</u>
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NON-CURRENT

Secured liabilities

Finance lease liability

<u>13,190</u>	<u>20,597</u>
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	2009	2008
	\$	\$

NOTE 9: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash at bank	31,097	<u>24,414</u>
 (b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from Ordinary activities after income tax		
Surplus (Deficit) from ordinary activities after income tax	15,139	(21,292)
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities		
Depreciation	58,844	58,228
Net (gain) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	10,509	(2,273)
 Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease in receivables and other assets	(3,016)	1,750
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(4,201)	<u>33,387</u>
Cash flows from operations	77,275	<u>69,800</u>

NOTE 10: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the association is:

Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated

Boatshed 5

Boathouse Drive

Melbourne Victoria 3004

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 8:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated as at 30 April 2009 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Steven Macek

John Nickson

Dated this 9th day of June 2009

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Steven Macek of Boathouse Drive, Melbourne, Victoria, and I, John Nickson of Boathouse Drive, Melbourne, Victoria certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated.
- (b) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (c) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this 9th day of June 2009

Steven Macek (Honorary Secretary and Committee Member)

John Nickson (Honorary Treasurer and Committee Member)

**MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED**

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 April 2009 being the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, notes to the Financial Statements and the Statement by Members of the Committee. The committee is responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated as at 30 April 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the financial year then ended.

9 June 2009
Melbourne, Australia

Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants
Authorised audit company number 294178 (ACN 115 749 598)

Gregory Marino, Director
Registration number 8626

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DISCLAIMER TO THE MEMBERS OF
MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED

The additional financial data presented on page 13 is in accordance with the books and records of the association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the association for the financial year ended 30 April 2009. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Mercantile Rowing Club Incorporated) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

9 June 2009
Melbourne, Australia

Gregory Marino, Director (auditor registration number 8626) on behalf of
Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants
Authorised audit company registration number 294178 (ACN 115 749 598)

MEMBERS 2008 – 2009

The membership of the Club as at 30th April 2009 was as follows

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Life	13	13	13	13	13
Senior	224	260	266	284	265
Junior	29	25	25	13	13
Country	45	47	56	56	51
Associate	4	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Honorary	2	1	1	1	1
	317	347	361	367	343

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

Abramowski	Tom	Adam	Douglas	Adams	Arthur W.
Adams	Tristan	Aitken	Martin	Allen	Roger
Altman	Tim	Anderson	Warwick	Atkins	Arthur H.
Auchinleck	James	Bailey	William M.	Barden	Geoff I.
Batters	Philippe R.	Beattie	Thomas	Benjamin	Peter L.
Bergelin	Anthony P.	Bertrand	Tommy	Blacker	Nalini M.
Blain	Patrick	Bland	Stuart	Blaubaum	Katrina
Blunt	Sarah-Jane	Boland	Martin M	Bolsin	Christopher
Boyce	Roger	Boykett	Graeme H.	Brain	Robbie
Briede	Breanna	Briggs	Andrew P.	Browne	Laura
Bruce	Stephanie	Burns	Donald J.	Bush	Chris
Cahir	John P.	Campbell	Richard	Cannon	Andrew M.
Carlstrom	Fredrik	Carrie	Alistair	Carrie	Ella
Chapman	Scott	Cheales	Kelli M.G.	Chew	Fleur
Chibnall	Sarah	Christrasen	Piers	Chudleigh	Laura

Collingwood	Stewart	Connor	Timothy J.	Cordell	Anthony M.
Coutts	Aaron	Coventry	Kristopher D.	Cowling	David S.
Crawshay	David W.	Croft	Anna	Davies	Stuart L.
Dawson	Ray	Day	Jonathan W.	De Garis	Peter C.
De Guingand	Chris J.	Deutscher	Robert J.	Donaldson	Murray
Donovan	Michael J.	Douglas	David G.	Douglas	Robert G.
Dunckley-Smith	Josh	Duthie	Ian R.	Earley	Jonathan
Edgar	Henry C.	Edwards	Roderick	Evans	Andrew M.
Everist	Ian C.	Field	Alex	Fitz-Gibbon	John
Fitz-Gibbon	Kate	Fogarty	Michael J.	Foran	Brydie
Forbes	Sarah	Frasca	Pauline	Fraumano	David
Fraumano	Jenny	Frederico	H. Tim	Frederico	Hubert R.
French	Mathew	Gakovic	Zeljko	Gargiulo	Peter
Garvey	Katrina M.	Gehrich	Nadia	Gillon	Stephen M.
Graham	Matthew	Gray	Joanna	Griffiths	Ronald I.
Gross	Barry B.	Groves	Mark S.	Hansen	Greg
Harding	Paul	Harris-Neve	Charlotte	Harrison	Felicity
Harrison	Simon R.	Harvey	Jim R.	Hasforth	Blair H.
Heath	Christopher J.	Heath	Sonia	Henricus	Salvador
Hewitt OAM	H. Neil	Holyman	G. Ian	Hooper	Joshua J.
Howden	James	Hume	David J.	Hume	Ken M.
Huntsman	Emy	Hutchins	Tom	Hutchins	Warwick B.
Inglis	Anthony C.	Isherwood	Alastair	Jacobs	Steve
Jefferson	Debbie W	Jenner	Sebastian	Johnson	Anthony L.
Jones	Judy A.	Keaney	Ryan	Kellam AO	Murray B.
Kennedy	Regina	Kimpton	Colin M.	King	Stuart
Lachal	Bob P.	Lane	Ian M.	Law	George A.
Lazarou	Nicholas	Leeming	John	Linke	John
Lynch	Andrew	Macek	Steven C	MacKinnon	Duncan C
Madsen	Christie	Mahoney	Harry J.	Manton	Garth
Marley	Derek C.	Marshall	Ken A.	Martin	Emily
Matthies	Jennifer	McCall	Graeme A.	McDonald	Ross
McDonald	Wesley K.	McGann	Paul R.	McGee	Sean
McGorlick	Michael W.	McGrath	David	McKay	Carley
McKinnon	Lachlan	McMinn	Euan	McSweeney	Ellen
Meredith	Shane	Millar	Alison	Minehan	Kerryn
Mitchell	Allison	Mollard	Stephen D.	Moore	Denis P.
Moran	Siobhan	Moreton	Richard	Moreton	Stewart C.

Morgan	Briony A.	Mornati	Niccolo	Morris	David
Morrison	Bruce W.	Mulder	Victor G.	Nickson	Amanda M.
Nickson	John H.	Nickson	Thomas J.	O'Brien	Emily
O'Brien	Peter H.	Palfreyman	David	Patten	Sam G.
Pearce	Callie	Perillo	Roberto E.	Phillips	Andrew
Phillips	Terry D.	Philp	Peter E.	Pincus	David A.
Powers	Kathy	Purcell	Felicity	Quill	Justin
Radford	Samara	Ratcliffe	Christopher J.	Raw	Katherine
Richardson	Geoff W.	Richardson	Ron H.	Riddell	Christopher J.
Ryan	James	Sargent	Hugh	Scharp	Alexander L.
Schleiger	Tim	Shears	John D.	Shirrefs	Stephen
Singleton	Glenn	Sinn	Andrew	Skidmore	Thomas J.
Sloan	Alex T.	Sloan	Robert R.	Smith	Robert M.
Somerville	Peter D.	Spriggs	Simon D.	Strang	Robert A.S.
Strang	Robert W.A.	Swann	Thomas	Szatsznajder	Claire
Tait	Bill	Tait	Sarah	Taylor	Alister
Thompson	Jeffrey	Tierney	Scott	Walker	Tony
Wallace	Alan M.	Wallace	Bill L.	Ware	Thomas A.
Wertheimer	John	White	Bill C.	Wiegard	Paul
Wilmoth	Emily	Wilson	James S.	Wilson OAM	Roger B.
Withers	Alison	Wood	Madeline	Wraith	Richard G.
Young	Michael	Yunghanns	David J.		

Junior Members

Allen	Edward	Allen	Morgana	Andrews	Ben
Bade	Harrison	Baxter	Greg	Canty	Clare
Chesterfield	Harriet	Cook	Matthew	Daniher	Rebecca
Dick	Alexander	Donnellan	Joshua	Fitzpatrick	Angus
Frawley	Chelsea	Gnauck	Matthew	Hardy	Sean
Hollins	Eloise	Johnson	Alistair F.	Manifold	Jacob S.
Mann	William E.	McCurdy	Daniel	McNeil	Cate V.
McNeil	Sean	Morton	Chris	Nicollete	Edward
Radford	Stephanie	Redhead	James D.	Schouten	Nicholas
Scott	Kate	Smith	Zachary		

Country Members

Ansell	Gael L.	Baillieu	William J.	Batten OAM	Malcolm W.
Boykett	Peter H.	Brosnan	Susan	Burton	Ian W.

Campbell	Sten	Campbell	Zak	Cayzer	Phil A.
Connolly	Mark C.	Corben	Mal H.	Date	Courtney
Dennis	David	Dodwell	Benjamin	Donoghue	J. Doug.
Harry	John R.	Jickell	Ian J.	Johnson	E (Ted) C.
Kallir-Preece	David G.	Kovacic	Jason	Lewis	Colin D.
McArthur	Stewart F.	McLean	Russell A.	McNamara	Pat J.
McNeil	Andrew S.	McNeil	Neville N.	Mitchell	Nicholas P.
Morrison	Simon A.	Newcomb OAM	Simon H.	O'Halloran	Martin K.
Parmenter	Brian R.	Patterson	Celia L.	Price	Michael
Pritchard	Iain	Propsting	Amy	Rowe	John S.
Schreier	Paul J.	Selby Smith	Robyn	Shanasy	John E.
Somerville	Paul G.	Taylor	Geoffrey M.	Tyrrell	Marcus C.
Wilson	Ian W.	Youd	Jo	Young	Tim J.

Associate Members

Begley	Guy K.	Peele	Georgina C.	Ryan	Sean P.
Woollard	Peter				

Honorary Members

Colgan	Sean P.	Somerville	Alexandra		
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