

# **MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB**



**134<sup>th</sup>  
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'Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though chequered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.'

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mercantilians, I am pleased to provide my President's message for this, our 134th Annual Report.

### Club Member Honours

In 1986 Thomas Keller presented a medal to my crew at the Luzern regatta. It was clear on that day that he was very pleased to see Australia attain the long awaited top step, could Tommy have foreseen the Aussie success to come?

This year at Luzern Drew Ginn O.A.M was awarded the highest honour in world Rowing, the Thomas Keller medal as an expression of Drew's wonderful career and contribution to Rowing. Mercantile now has 3 recipients of this rare medal, the most from any Australian rowing club. We will celebrate Drew's achievement in the New Year with a dinner at the club.

David Boykett has received the O.A.M award for a life time of service to Rowing. David excelled in all aspects of the sport of rowing, as a competitor, coach, team manager, boat race official and administrator. Most of all, David Boykett is an eternal club man with a kind heart and the best interests of sportsmanship at all times.

Congratulations also to long standing member Stuart McArthur AM for receiving his award for services to the community via a long and distinguished political career.

### Member Gifting

Once for Mercantile always for Mercantile.

The foundations of our club are literally built upon the generosity and foresight of our Members. It is very pleasing to

confirm this culture of giving is alive and well nurtured by Andrew Guerin and friends. Andrew has an ambition to repay our bank loan and replenish to self-sustainability the Freddy Frederico equipment fund. Pledges are well advanced on this ambition.

Barry Gross was a much loved member and veteran of the Vietnam war. Barry's funeral was held at the club, this was a very moving event that exemplified his commitment to be with Mercantile. Barry's friends in the "Shilling Club" have generously donated funds to purchase a new men's 8 to be named after Barry.

We also recognize the significant and kind donation from Joan Burford to donate funds associated with her late husbands and past captain, John Burford's estate. Joan's donation has allowed us to purchase a much needed new eight for the women's team.

We also are pleased to recognize the Carbine Club and the generous donation of a Coxed 4, thanks to Andy Cannon for his facilitation and to Octor Wilson for christening the boat.

We honour the thoughtful and generous support from the above and other donors throughout the year.

Sincere thanks to selfless members who have included Mercantile in their will. May their pledge be long in coming.

### Racing Teams Review

Our Domestic season commenced very well with the successful defence on both our Women's and Men's senior 8 at the head of the Yarra.

Mercantile was well represented in the winning circle at the 100<sup>th</sup> running of the Henley regatta on the Yarra.

We then have seen strong success the NSW and Vic champs culminating on crews winning National Championships in Penrith. Congratulation go to our Queens Cup crew, winning their 10<sup>th</sup> race in succession.

Mercantile has won the senior title from VRA this year.

The culmination of the team's efforts has seen a total of 15 gain national team selection across the categories with more medals to add to our prized chest. Josh Dunkley-Smith has added to his impressive medal list for his bronze in the 4-. Congratulation to all our National team members.

Well done also to our master's team who competed throughout the season leading up to winning performances at the World Masters at Ballarat.

Mercantile has once more competed as a club internationally with our Henley 8 winning at Dorney and competing very well at the Henley race. It was great to see MERCS on the international stage.

Well done also to our Youth men for participating in a 24 hour ergo challenge to raise money for "Kids with Leukaemia" and inadvertently letting loose youth combined with the Mercantile spirit to bag a world ergo record.

### **Thanks to our coaches**

Thanks to all our coaching team for another excellent year. Thanks in particular to David Colvin, David Fraumano, Dave McGrath and Ian Duthie for the work during the season, in particular for the extra load

shouldered at the Nationals and world cup, as well as for the work on the Henley campaign.

We are pleased to welcome Simon Gadsden as our full time Talent pathway coach, this role is partially funded by the national talent ID program.

Thanks also to John Saunders for the great work during the winter season with the youth men.

Rowing Australia is so pleased with the contribution of our head coach, Mark Fangen-Hall that they decided to hire him! We thanks Mark for his contribution and wish him and the AIS team all the best of success for the future.

This year above others has seen our dedicated coaching team work tirelessly for our crews. Without our coaches our team would a flounder upon the water.

My thanks and gratitude to each and all our coaches.

### **Clubhouse and Equipment**

We are nearing the end of our 12 month warranty period with the penultimate are of works now installed with a new audio visual system in place.

The final items of hanging once more our considerable memorabilia has re commenced with the cheerful aid of Graeme Boykett at the helm with friends coming in to support the work. We look forward to viewing the arrangements at the coming AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

It is a pleasure to see rowers St Catherine's and Brighton Grammar enjoying the excellent facilities.

During the year via donations and direct purchase we have supported the fleet with a Men's 8, 3 coxed 4s, 5 single sculls, and 2 sets of oars. We have also upgraded 2 utes for towing needs.

The club house is performing very well and fleet in good order.

### **Breakfast and newsletters continue with success**

Our Saturday breakfast is now a tradition that literally keeps the team fuelled and ready for more. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for their constant support. Thanks also to parents of St Catherine's for pitching in and supporting the breakfast.

Our thanks to Dee Bosler for the work on the newsletter and for the editorial quality and organisational efforts needed to get 'copy' to print. The newsletter in an important window into the going on the club.

### **With thanks to our trustees and generous supporters**

Mercantile stands to the fore because we rely on the leadership and vision of our past office bearers. We recognise and thank the trustees for their support and governance: David Colvin, David Boykett, Jeff Lawrence, Andrew Guerin, Steve Gillan, Henry Edgar, Warwick Hutchins and Timothy Frederico.

We thank our boat race officials, who have once more umpired and officiated

at the regattas. Thanks also to all the team including Dee Bosler, Richard Wraith and Bill Webster for the excellent organisation of the Scotch-Mercantile Regatta.

Thanks to our executive committee for providing the steady hand to the tiller as we navigate our path through the smooth and choppy waters over the year. Particular thanks to Secretary and Team Manager Jenny Fraumano for the unending support provided to the club, to Treasurer Duncan MacKinnon for his ever reliable assistance and steady council, to Captain Robyn Selby-Smith for the ergo battles and valuable council and leadership, to Vice President Phil Batters for his support.

Thank you to our Vice Captains and general committee members.

We recognize the important contribution of Henry Edgar for his service as our nominee for the liquor licence. Thanks also to Andy Phillips for his work as Club house maintenance manager

We have completed a year of consolidation of our financial foundations and success on the water.

Thank you again to all the generous contributions provided by our members, office bearers and coaches.

GO MERCS !

**Mal Batten OAM  
President**



## CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Mercantile has had another year of successes. Mercantile athletes can be found in all of the Australian Rowing Teams and raced a club crew with much success in Henley. The Mercantile M8+ in Henley was narrowly beaten out of the final by the eventual winner. Special mention also to our Head Coach Mark Fangen-Hall for coaching the LW2x at the World Championships to 5<sup>th</sup>. Overall, the Australian results at the World Rowing Championships were good. I was, however, sad to see the W8+ out of the A final.

Each time I reflect upon Mercantile and its place in Australian rowing I am amazed, humbled and a little horrified at how much time, talent and money is volunteered to the club and how much the club relies on it. To build a strong rowing club takes a long time. Young, talented, school age athletes training hard today will not be in Olympic teams for well over 4 years (it took me 13 years from starting to row at Mercantile). So the effects of today's Mercantile will only be seen in the top levels of Australian rowing performance in 5 to 10 years and beyond. And even if Mercantile is doing a fantastic job of supporting young athletes to develop, those athletes will also need support from the State and National Institutes and Rowing Australia.

Mercantile is a fundamental and interwoven part of rowing in Australia, its impact is impossible to separate out and quantify accurately. This is why the massive input of volunteers at Mercantile amazes me and horrifies me.

It horrifies me because I worry about what happens if that volunteerism dips. It would take a long time for the effect to be obvious and if it could be turned around it would be a very long and difficult process.

Amazing to me, is that so many people volunteer so much for such intangible return. Time and money is just poured to a leaky bucket. I don't know the specific effect of all that time and money, but I am very sure that if it stopped rowing in Australia would suffer hugely - and not just on the Olympic medal tally, at every level, right down to the vitality of Boathouse Drive.

I wonder whether the AUS W8+ missing out on the A final at the 2014 World Championships is an effect of no Australian women racing internationally in an 8+ for the three years between the Beijing and London Olympics. Since 2013 Australia has had junior, U23 and open AUS W8+s. Building a program, however, is much more difficult than keeping one going. Whether and how long it will be until Australia is again fighting for a top spot in the W8+ is impossible to know.

There is no way to appropriately thank the volunteers who make Mercantile the place it is. I hope that the appreciation of all club members is obvious from the enjoyment they get from being a member of Mercantile and the Australian rowing community.

**Robyn Selby Smith**  
**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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Captain's Trophy is awarded to Charlotte Sutherland.

### **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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Max Bailey Trophy is awarded to Sarah Banting.

### **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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Dr R. A. Cooper Memorial Trophy is awarded to Hannah Lewis.

### **N. W. Cairnes Trophy**

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

For the 2013/14 season, the N.W. Cairnes Trophy is awarded to Annabelle Orr.

### **Jeff 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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy is awarded to James Wilson.

### **F. R. Browne Memorial Trophy**

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy is donated by the family of the late F. R. Browne for presentation to the most improved oarsman.

For the 2013/14 season, the F.R. Browne Memorial Trophy is awarded to Salvador Henricus.

### **H.R. Frederico Memorial Trophy**

This trophy, made available by the late Honourable Justice H. R. Frederico, is awarded annually to the most improved oarswoman at the Club.

For the 2013/14 season, the H.R. Frederico Memorial Trophy is awarded to Michelle Yann.

### **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

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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Keith Bilney Coaches Trophy is awarded to David Fraumano.

### **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 Ricky was tragically killed in a road

desire to win but with a balanced approach to life.

accident while riding to Mercantile and 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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Jay Loveless Trophy is awarded to Jennifer Cleary.

### **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.

For the 2013/14 season, the Most Outstanding Oarsman Trophy is awarded to Josh Dunkley-Smith.



## HEAD COACH'S REPORT

The winter training period started with the club in full refurbishment mode. While we had a record number of member's competing for the various National Teams we also had a sizable core group who were training inside the shell and of course mostly outside in the winter weather that proved very challenging to all.

The South East corner was resurrected but on this occasion as a make shift gym. Amidst dust, rubble and either rainwater or drain water the hard core continued their development. The ergs too took a tremendous battering not only from the athletes but also the testing conditions.

At the Junior World Championships in Trakai, Lithuania the following Mercantile members represented Australia:

Name	Boat	Seat	Result
Liam Donald (St Kevins)	JM4-	4	8 <sup>th</sup>
Andrew Maglio (BGS)	JM4-	3	8 <sup>th</sup>
Amanda Bateman (Firbank)	JW4x	3	7 <sup>th</sup>
Olivia Zago (Genazzano)	JW8+	1	7 <sup>th</sup>
Lucy Tomanovits (Genazzano)	JW8+	2	7 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel Engle (Carey)	JW8+	3	7 <sup>th</sup>
Sophie Coltman (Lauriston)	JW8+	4	7 <sup>th</sup>

At the Under 23 World Championships in Linz, Austria the following Mercantile members represented Australia:

Name	Boat	Seat	Result
Charlotte Sutherland	BW4-	3	GOLD MEDAL
Sophie Sutherland	BW8+	2	4 <sup>th</sup>
Rachael Hooper	BW8+	1	4 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Cleary	BW8+	6	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Banting	BW8+	Cox	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sean Lake	LM1x	1	10 <sup>th</sup>
Tim Cleary	BM4x	2	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jordan Hooper	BM8+	1	10 <sup>th</sup>

At the Senior World Championships in Chungju, South Korea the following Mercantile members represented Australia:

Name	Boat	Seat	Result
Josh Dunkley-Smith	M4-	4	SILVER MEDAL
Charlotte Sutherland	W4-	3	BRONZE MEDAL
James Wilson	LM4x	1	5 <sup>th</sup>
Charlotte Sutherland	W8+	7	5 <sup>th</sup>
Katrina Bateman	W8+	4	5 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Swann	M2x	1	8 <sup>th</sup>
Jenifer Cleary	W4x	3	8 <sup>th</sup>
Rebekah Hooper	W4x	1	8 <sup>th</sup>
Katrina Bateman	W2-	1	12 <sup>th</sup>

The following coaches were also selected to coach on the National Teams:

Mark Fangen-Hall – BW4-, W4- and co-coach W8+

David "Fradge" Fraumano – BLM1x

Dave “Coach” McGrath – U21 Team  
Sandy Mitchell – U21 Team  
Tom Abramowski – JW8+

Upon the return of the national teams there was very little time before everyone was required to start the 2014 season. NTC Trials loomed as did the ever-popular Heads in November.

To help start the Head season we targeted Goulburn Head with wins in FO8+, MO4x, MO4- and MC1x

To follow we used the Melbourne Head as a warm up for the Head of the Yarra. In the morning we had wins in the MO2x (Day & Day) but the main events were held in the afternoon so we could continue the all-important training for the Head of the Yarra the following week. This time MUBC MO8+ took they honours but our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VIII's came second and third respectively. The success of the day though was with the FO8+ where our ladies came 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – the second crew only 2 second behind the MUBC 1<sup>st</sup> VIII.

A week later the big event was upon us. The usual competition was expected from our local and interstate rivals but this year the return of an “All star crew” in the FO8+ was the biggest challenge to our domination of the whole event.

While the men had been beaten the previous week we were confident that was not going to happen for a second time and we would peak for this most important Head race of all.

2013 Head of the Yarra will be remembered as a great club day. Wins in the MO8+ as well as the FO8+ were only just more exciting than the incredible performances of the second crews. The Male B crew came in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall while the women's second crew racing in FO8+ were only 4 seconds off the All Star Crew and at points in the

race ahead of this composite crew. This year a male B crew of recent ex-athletes also took to the waters stroked by Eddie Inostroza.

Interest now focused on the December National Trials and then the Club Annual Camp. The Trials were held in Penrith, NSW and were a series of 5Km time trials. After the Christmas break we all convened at the Club on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and moved much of the clubs fleet and ergs to Johnsonville.

The purpose of the camp is three fold: to build volume, try new skills and drills, and to confirm line-ups for the regatta season. It is a long camp of ten days and this may well be too long now that most are completing a challenging annual programme but without doubt the crews return in good form and eager to race. This camp also saw the arrival of our new Youth and some Junior members.

We returned to Melbourne on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> and some go straight onto the National Training Camps but for the rest it's time to continue the volume and preparation for our traditional warm up regatta at Barwon. With 13 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze we ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> on the medal table behind the local hosts of Barwon who are fast becoming a strong club competitor.

This season the committee gave permission for a crew to train and prepare for Henley Royal Regatta. Due to the costs involved we decided to invert the normal training programme so that they could build their training towards departure date of June. This meant reducing the focus in January and February and then ramping the loading post Nationals.

Meanwhile Barwon Regatta was not the only practice that we get before we travel north to NSW State

Championships. This year we sent the non NSW crews plus a few others to Wendouree Ballarat for further practice for NSW but also a recce for the Vic State Champs.

Mercantile topped the medal table with 7 Gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze. The Henley crew dominated their events and the rest all showed good speed for the upcoming State Championships.

At the NSW State Champs this year, like last year, the results in the small boat events, which we concentrate on, decide the selection for the World Cup 1 which would be held in March the following month.

The following were selected for the National Team in World Cup 1:

Name	Boat	Seat	Result
Jennifer Cleary	W4x	Stroke	GOLD MEDAL
John Linke	M4x 1	Bow	GOLD MEDAL
Josh Dunkley-Smith	M8+ 1	Stroke	GOLD MEDAL
Josh Dunkley-Smith	M4- 2	Stroke	BRONZE MEDAL
David Crawshay	M8+ 2	6 seat	4th
David Crawshay	M4- 3	Bow	5th
Fiona Albert	W2x 2	Stroke	7th
Michelle Yann	W2- 4	Stroke	9th
Pauline Frasca	W2- 2	Bow	8th
Katrina Bateman	W2- 3	Bow	10th
Charlotte Sutherland	W2- 1	Bow	11th

While the NSW State Champs have taken on a new importance with

selection for the National Teams at stake (in 2015 they will form the selection for Final Trials) we returned eager to perform at our own Victoria State Championships. In the weekend in between though we were delighted to race at the Australian Henley. This provided good format training for the Henley Royal crew in the MO8+ but we also entered the FU4+, FO1x, MO1x and FO8+ who won all their events.

This year the Vic State Championships returned to Ballarat. Due to the draught many had not rowed at this Olympic venue. True to predictions there were some testing conditions but this was one of those events where every single member and of course each coach played a vital role in the huge success of the weekend. To say Mercantile dominated the Championships does not do justice to the efforts of the crews. With 24 Gold, 13 Silver and 5 Bronze our club had more than double the amount of GOLD of the next and nearest club and also won more SILVER than that same club and the same number of BRONZE. In total we won 42 medals and MUBC achieved 25. We simply had a great weekend!

In what is now becoming a more familiar format for the Scotch Mercantile Regatta the selected State Team athletes were on show at the mainly schoolboy regatta. Due to the predominance of the junior events we did not win the medal table but still came away with 5 GOLD, 4 Silver and 2 BRONZE.

To end the normal club season the Nationals were once again held at the Sydney Olympic venue in Penrith.

To end the season for those who competed in the Final Trials the selections were as follows:

Junior Team

Name	Boat	Seat
Amanda Bateman (Firbank)	JW1x	
Lachlan May (MGS)	JM4+	Stroke
Andrew Judge (MGS)	JM4+	3
Angus Beckingsale (MGS)	JM4+	2
Angus Robinson (MGS)	JM4+	Bow

**U23 Team**

Name	Boat	Seat
Addy Dunkley-Smith	BW8+	2
Katrina Werry	BW8+	3
Sarah Banting	BW8+	Cox

**Senior A Team**

Name	Boat	Seat
Josh Dunkley-Smith	M4-	Stroke
David Crawshay	M8+	2
Jenifer Cleary	W4x	Stroke
Kate Hornsey	W8+	Stroke
Michelle Yann	W8+	7
Pauline Frasca	W8+	5
Katrina Bateman	W8+	3
Charlotte Sutherland	W2-	Bow

Fiona Albert	Women Sculling Reserve	
John Linke	Men Sculling Reserve	

2015 Season

Winter training can be challenging at the best of times but we now have a shed that we can be really proud of. The club stands out for many reasons and not least the freshness of the exterior; inside the new layout and modern facilities are truly inspiring and downstairs there are new boats to accommodate almost all our needs. Very few clubs have this advantage and we have the committee to thank for their vision and energy to see the refurbishment project through.

We can also welcome Simon Gadsden to our coaching team. Simon has been the State HPDC and has been immersed in all the high performance successes so we are delighted to have him on board at Mercantile – his old club!

**Mark Fangen-Hall**  
**Mercantile Head Coach**

## RESULTS - SEASON 2013 / 14

### Head of Goulburn

MO4-: S. Jackson  
FO8+: Sutherland  
MOL4-: Day

### 2013 Dimboola Regatta

M1x A Grade: W. Day  
M2x A Grade: W. Day, T. Day  
Mixed 2x: Wells, Day

### 2013 Carrum Regatta

Open M1x: W. Day  
Open M2x: W. Day, T. Day

### 2013 Melbourne Head

MO2x: W. Day, T. Day  
MM8+: W. Webster  
WO8+: C. Sutherland, S. Sutherland, P. Frasca, K. Bateman, M. Yann, J. Cleary, K. Hornsey, S. Tait, S. Banting  
MClub 1x: T. Sholl  
WClub 1x: C. Canty

### 2013 Head of the Yarra

B M8+: A. Cleary, D. Frawley, L. McKinnon, J. Hooper, A. Curnow, C. Grace, P. Browne, W. Day, A. Morgan  
Open F8+: S. Tait, K. Hornsey, J. Cleary, M. Yann, K. Bateman, P. Frasca, R. Hooper, C. Sutherland, S. Banting.  
Open M8+: R. Matthews, S. Jackson, J. Wilson, P. Boomer, S. Lake, D. Crawshay, F. Pragnell, J. Dunkley-Smith, A. Morgan.

### 2014 Barwon Regatta

U21 F2-: E. Biasotto, O. Sibillin  
U23 F2-: K. Werry, A. Dunkley-Smith  
U23 M2-: Donald, Curnow  
U23 F1x: J. Cleary  
U23 M1x: R. Matthews  
Open F1x: J. Cleary  
Open M4+: P. Boomer, L. McKinnon, Donald, Curnow, Morgan  
Open F2x: F. Albert, J. Cleary

Open M8+: S. Lake, D. Frawley, Henricus, L. McKinnon, P. Boomer, Curnow, Donald, J. Cleary, Morgan  
B Grade M2-: O'Malley, Curnow  
Open F8+: K. Werry, C. Canty, J. Cleary, F. Albert, B. Steele, Daniher, O. Sibillin, E. Biasotto, A. Orr  
Open M1x: S. Jackson  
B Grade M2x: Creber, Creber

### 2014 Wendouree Ballarat Regatta

Open F2-: K. Werry, A. Dunkley-Smith  
Open M2-: L. Donald, A. Curnow  
Open M1x: J. Wilson  
U21 F4+: R. Engel, S. Coltman, E. Biasotto, O. Sibillin, S. Banting  
Open M2x: J. Wilson, D. Jackson  
Open M4-: P. Boomer, A. Curnow, L. Donald, Cleary  
Open M4x: A. Curnow

### 2014 Australian Henley

U21 F4+: R. Engel, S. Coltman, E. Biasotto, O. Sibillin, Z. Carr  
A Grade F1x: J. Cleary  
A Grade M1x: S. Jackson  
Open F8+: K. Werry, A. Dunkley-Smith, B. Daniher, B. Steele, M. Yann, S. Sutherland, P. Frasca, K. Hornsey, S. Banting  
Open M8+: S. Lake, J. Linke, P. Boomer, A. Curnow, L. Donald, D. Crawshay, F. Pragnell, J. Dunkley-Smith, A. Morgan

### 2014 Scotch Mercs

Open M1x: J. Linke  
Open MLW1x: J. Wilson  
Open M2-: J. Dunkley-Smith,  
Open F2-: C. Sutherland  
Open F4-: P. Frasca, Sutherland

### 2014 Australian Nationals

Open F4x: C. Canty  
Open F2-: M. Yann  
Open W8+: C. Sutherland, P. Frasca, K. Bateman, M. Yann  
Open M4x: S. Jackson



Open M2-: J. Dunkley-Smith  
U23 W8+: A. Dunkley-Smith, K. Werry,  
O. Sibillin, R. Hooper, S. Coltman, R.  
Engel, A. Marulli, E. Biasotto, S. Banting  
U21 W4+: O. Sibillin, E. Biasotto, S.  
Coltman, R. Engel  
Club M4-: D. Frawley, P. Boomer, L.  
McKinnon, S. Henricus

**2014 Banks Masters**

MM2-: C.Kimpton  
MM4+: R.Dawson  
XM4x+: G.Hansen, D.MacKinnon

**2014 Geelong Masters**

MM2-: C.Kimpton  
MM4+: A.Phillips  
MM8+: R.Perillo

**2014 Geelong Regatta**

MM2x: R.Perillo  
MM4+: W.Webster

**2014 Victorian Masters**

MMF2x: R.Perillo  
MMD4+: W.Webster  
MMD8+: W.Webster  
MME8+: W.Webster

**2014 Australian Masters**

D M4+: W. Webster  
E M4+: W. Webster  
E M8+: W. Webster  
G M4+: W. Webster  
G M8+: W. Webster  
H M8+: W. Webster



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

It certainly has been a big year for Mercantile, with amongst other things, settling into our renovated boathouse

### **Committee**

The work on the Committee front never seems to end and the keenness of Committee members to put up their hands to assist is fantastic.

In my first year as secretary, I have been very grateful for the continued assistance of Dee Bosler, for her work on the Mercantile Web Site and the Mercantilian, a newsletter that I know all the members look forward to.

Our Treasurer Duncan MacKinnon's endless help is appreciated- he seems to be able to locate past documents in a flash at any hour, and has chaired many of our Committee meetings (in addition to being our Treasurer)

Thanks to all who have participated in the preparation of the Annual Report, with the majority of reports being sent in on time made the exercise a lot easier.

Our Vice Captains Hannah and Shane have been a vital link between the Executive, Committee and the Athletes, and their assistance is really appreciated.

The work of the Executive seems endless, with endless hours being put in by Mal Batten, Robyn Selby- Smith, and Duncan MacKinnon, bringing different skills and views to the many decisions to be made.

### **The Spirit of Mercantile**

I never cease to marvel at the magnificent Mercantile Spirit. It is evident at Saturday morning breakfasts, where the newest and oldest athletes

mingle and chat together during the break between the sessions.

After 24 hours on the ergo our youth boys were still firing away, after breaking the under 19 world championship 24 hour ergo record at 9.30am, with choruses of "Go Mercs" as they all supported each other through the final part of the challenge.

The 2014 Henley Eight "The Brotherhood" were impressive, and a pleasure to travel with. Not only did they row well, but were well liked and highly respected by other crews and all on the Riverbank.

The help of so many makes for the smooth running of the Club and travel to Regattas. Thanks in particular to Bob Lachal for assisting with driving our trailer interstate.

The athletes rally around to support their colleges raising funds for overseas travel and representation in the Australian under 23 crews.

Only last week during breaky, Red Mathews broke the Mens lightweight 30 minute ergo, with the assistance of other athletes on five minute rotations.

I suspect it is this Mercantile spirit that may have been our secret weapon over many years, and has been instrumental in Mercantile's success

Thanks to James Harvey for his work in keeping all the older members up to date with happenings at the Club. It is always a pleasure to see the wider spectrum of membership at the President's Lunches and I do enjoy reading the stories of adventures of past



times. It would appear that many AGMs were lively affairs!

Thanks to all the parents and supporters who make the breakfasts possible, particularly welcomed by the athletes during the winter training period

To all of our athletes who have been training hard over Winter, I wish you every success in the coming season

**Jenny Fraumano**  
**Honorary Secretary**

**Attendance at Committee Meetings**

At the time of printing, six meetings have been held since the 2013 AGM. Attendance is as follows:

H. Edgar	2	M. Batten	5
D. Bosler	3	M. Groves	0
P. Batters	0	R. Selby Smith	5
A. Sinclair	2	S. Phillips	3
D. MacKinnon	6	A. Phillips	3
J. Fraumano	6	R. Matthews	2
H. Lewis	6	S. Jackson	5
M. Fangen-Hall	1	T. Scholl	3
M. French	1	D. Frawley	2





## BOATS & EQUIPMENT REGISTER

A full list of the Club's equipment and the condition thereof is detailed below:

<b>Boat</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Condition</b>
John Burford	Hudson	8+	2013	Excellent
Barry Gross	Sykes	8+	2011	Excellent
5429 <i>Unnamed</i>	Sykes	8+	2011	Excellent
Henry Edgar	Sykes	8+	2005	Excellent
David Colvin	Sykes	8+	2003	Very Good
Andrew Guerin	Sykes	8+	2003	Very Good
Geoff Barden	Ausrowtec	8+	1998	Good
JJ Lawrence 11	Sykes	8+	1997	Good
Noel Donaldson	Empacher	8+	1990	Poor
Kate Hornsey	Sykes	4-/4x	2011	Excellent
Sarah Tait	Sykes	4-/4x	2011	Excellent
Emily Martin	Sykes	4-/4x	2011	Excellent
David Crawshay	Sykes	4-/4x	2009	Excellent
Fleur Chew	Sykes	4-/4x	2009	Excellent
Richard Wraith	Sykes	4-/4x	2008	Excellent
R R Aitken	Sykes	4-	2002	Good
Warwick Hutchins	Sykes	4+	2014	Excellent
Jenny Fraumano	Sykes	4+	2014	Excellent
Carbine Club	Sykes	4+	2012	Excellent
M Teasdale	Johnston	4+	2006	Very Good
Trader Al	Sykes	4+	1994	Fair
Josh Dunkley-Smith	Sykes	2-/2x	2011	Excellent
5192 <i>Unnamed</i>	Sykes	2-/2x	2011	Excellent
Bill Tait	Sykes	2-/2x	2011	Excellent
Pauline Frasca	Sykes	2-/2x	2010	Excellent
Roger Wilson	Sykes	2-/2x	2008	Excellent
John Shears	Sykes	2-/2x	2008	Excellent
Bob Lachal	Sykes	2-/2x	2006	Excellent
Peter Philp	Sykes	2-/2x	2004	Excellent
Robyn Selby Smith	Sykes	2-/2x	2004	Excellent
Andrew Cannon	Sykes	2-/2x	2005	Excellent
David Fraumano	Sykes	2-/2x	2004	Excellent
Harry Mahoney	Sykes	2-/2x	2003	Good
Lucky Tony Walker	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
Neil Hewitt	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Good
David Douglas	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair

Garth Manton	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
Ben Dodwell	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Good
David Pincus	Sykes	2-/2x	1993	Fair
White Double The Breakfast Mums	S&B	2x		Fair
Duncan MacKinnon	Sykes	1x	2014	Excellent
<i>Unnamed</i>	Sykes	1x	2014	Excellent

**Oars**

		Mixed sweep & sculling		
146	Croker/Concept	oars		Good

**Ergometers**

13	Concept 2 Model D		2011	Good
22	Concept 2 Ergo Sliders		2011	Good

**Speed Boat**

LL513		Quintrex	2008	Good
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**O/B Motors**

	Yamaha	20 HP	2008	Good
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**Vehicles**

BF95BI	Toyota Hilux Utility		2010	Very Good
YOM276	Nissan Navara		2011	Very Good
D61456	Sykes Boat Trailer		1997	Good
Q72331	Tracer Boat Trailer		1996	Good
S54002	Dunbier Speedboat Trailer		2008	Very Good

## FINANCE REPORT

It's certainly an interesting time in the club's 134 year history to be treasurer! In October last year we completed the majority of the \$2m renovation and moved in on time & under budget. Even after the welcome support from the Endowment Fund and our two tenants, Brighton Grammar School and St Catherine's School, we have needed a \$250k loan to fund the balance. We are chipping away at it, and I exhort members to make tax-deductible donations (using the online facility or downloadable form available on the club's website) to help extinguish the debt as soon as possible.

Of course it's not all about the boathouse. On our shiny new racks we've added to our fleet by buying two Vllls (thanks to the generosity of the Schilling Club and Joan Burford), a double, three singles, ten sweep oars, two wattbikes, an erg – and a replacement ute. With these acquisitions we've been assisted by the Frederico Fund and generous payment terms provided by Jeff Sykes & Associates. In addition, we have gratefully received donations from members, some of whom are listed at the front of this report, while others remain anonymous. No matter how

large or small the donation, the Club appreciates your support.

In our spare time(!), Andy Phillips and I have moved our accounting system to "the cloud", which has significantly reduced our workload, by providing faster invoicing, statement generation and reconciliation of bank balances. We're looking forward to adding a membership management system later this year which should assist in keeping track of all our Mercantilians, old & new.

In terms of the overall result, the auditors hadn't completed their review at the time of going to press and so I am unable to report a result. The report will be available at the Annual General Meeting and will be published on the website soon after.

**Duncan MacKinnon**  
**Honorary Treasurer**





## R.A. COOPER FUND

The Cooper Fund provides funds for members who have been selected into Australian teams. No distributions were made this year and the market value of investments increased by 30%.

Your trustees are David Colvin and Andrew Guerin.



## MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund was established in 1980, by past President Jim Sprigg with a substantial donation. The fund is intended to provide the Club with a level of security in an uncertain world.

The Club does not have an institutional or government backer to provide assistance in our attempts to remain at the leading edge of the sport. The Trustees have agreed with the Club to back the rebuilding project with the full resources of the fund. However the trustees do require that the fund be

replenished through income from rentals upon completion.

The Fund has an existing project, namely to support the establishment of the Frederico Fund. The net income of the Fund is provided to the Frederico Fund to assist in the establishment of its capital base.

The trustees are David Boykett, Andrew Guerin and Jeff Lawrence.



## HUBERT FREDERICO EQUIPMENT FUND

The Frederico Fund is designed to provide the Club with a regular annual amount for equipment purchases. The fund draws its income from donations and in particular the Australian Sports Foundation donations received from members. The trustees would like to thank Sean Colgan for his generous

support of the Fund. The trustees are trying to build up the capital of this fund. This year, an excess distribution of \$3,046 was made and market value of investments has increased by 37%.

Your trustees are Warwick Hutchins, Tim Frederico and Andrew Guerin.



Coxswain John Chatzky, flanked by his 1978 pair-with boatmates, Bruce Ibbetsen (left) and Sean Colgan.



## MEMBERS 2013/ 14

MEMBERS 2013 / 14								
	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	Total	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Life	0	16	16	16	15	15	15	15
Senior	45	144	189	192	196	253	238	
Junior	47	58	105	56	28	41	60	
Country	5	33	38	33	32	42	42	
Associate	4	14	18	16	10	18	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>363</b>	

### Life

Ainsworth	Phil	Hawkins	John
Boykett OAM	David	Hewitt OAM	H. Neil
Guerin	Andrew N	Holyman	G. Ian
Harvey	James	Hume	Ken
Owen	Martin	Kellam AO	Murray
Sorani	Ted	Lachal	Bob
Colgan	Sean	Lewis	Colin D
Colvin	David	Mahoney	Harry
Cooper OAM	Andrew D	Manton	Garth
Crawshay	David	Marley	Derek
Donaldson	Noel	McCall	Graeme W
Ginn OAM	Drew	Mulder	Victor
Lawrence	Jeffrey	O'Brien	Peter
McKay OAM	Michael	Oliver AM	Richard
Tomkins OAM	James	Palfreyman	David
Webster	William	Richardson	Ron H
		Rowe AM	John S
		Shanasy	John
		Shears	John
		Walker	Tony
		Wallace	Bill
		Wilson OAM	Roger
		Yunghanns	David J.
		Ahrens	Marlena S.
		Albert	Fiona
		Allen	Roger
		Altman	Timothy J.
		Arnold	Timothy
		Banting	Sarah
		Barden	Geoff
		Barns	Graeme
		Bateman	Katrina
		Batten	Philippa
		Batten OAM	Malcolm
		Bergelin	Anthony

### Senior

Adams QC	Arthur		
Anderson	Warwick		
Atkins DFC	Arthur		
Bailey	William		
Batters	Philippe		
Bostock	John B		
Boykett	Graeme		
Dawes	Brian		
Dawson	Ray		
De Guingand	Chris		
Douglas	David		
Duthie	Ian R.		
Evans	Andrew M		
Fogarty	Michael		
Gillon	Stephen		
Harding	Paul		

Bongiorno	Harrison J	Hester	Meghan
Boomer	Patrick J	Holovics	Adam
Bosler	Danae	Hooper	Rachael
Boulton	John	Hornsey	Kate
Brain	Robert	Hutchins	Tom
Brighthope	Daniel	Hutchins	Warwick
Browne	Peter	Inglis	Anthony
Burns	Donald	Inostroza	Eduardo D
Bush	Chris	Jackson	Shane
Campbell	Angus	Jefferson	Debbie
Cannon	Andrew	Jenner	Sebastian
Canty	Clare	Johnson	Anthony
Carrier	Lachlan F.D.	Kimpton	Colin
Carty	Elizabeth	King	Melinda P
Chew	Fleur A	Kovacs	Andrew
Cleary	Jennifer	Lake	Sean
Cleary	Tim	Law	Alex
Crabtree	MaryJane	Lewis	Hannah
Crawshay	Siobhan	Lincoln	John
Crouch	James	Linke	John
Curnow	Andrew	Linke	Richard
Daniher	Rebecca	Macek	Steven
Day	William	MacIntosh	Callie
De Garis	Peter	Mackay	Sue-Virginia
de Lang	David	MacKinnon	Duncan
Donovan	Michael	Mardjetko	Joanna
Dunkley-Smith	Addy	Marshall	Ken
Dunkley-Smith	Josh	Martin	Emily
Edgar	Henry	Marulli	Adriana
Edwards	Rod	Matthews	Redmond
Fangen-Hall	Mark	McDonald	Bridget
FitzPatrick	George C	McDonald	Douglas
Foster	Peter	McDonald	Wesley
Fraumano	Jenny	McKinnon	Lachlan
Frawley	Darcy	McMinn	Euan
Frederico	H. Tim	McVicker	Hugh R S
French	Mathew	Miller	Brodie M
Furlong	Jonathan C	Moore	Denis P.
Grace	Conor	Moreton	Stewart
Greenland	Kade A R	Morgan	Alice
Griffiths	Ronald	Morris	David
Hansen	Greg	Morrison	Bruce
Harrison	Simon	Morrison	Simon
Hasforth	Blair	Moseley	Rod
Hayden	Sam	Nickson	John
Hedditch	Tom	Orr	Annabelle
Henricus	Salvador E	Pane	Anna T



Johnston	Nicholas	Turek	Evelyn E
Jones	Jazz	Ward	Clare M
Jones	Majella	Waters	James M.
Judge	Andrew P	Wheeler	Jack
Keeble	Hunter H M	Widdicombe	Angus
Keppell	Olivia A	Williams	Alexandra (Didi)
Kerr	Isabella M	Williams	Oscar J
Kinsman	Alex	Zago	Olivia
Kloufetos	John	Zammit	Jessica E
Lawrence	Charlotte	Zhang	Roy
Legge	William		
Lehnacker	Will	<b>Country</b>	
Lincoln	Thomas	Corben	Mal
Loschiavo	Sophia	Johnson	E. Ted
Maglio	Andrew	McArthur AM	Stewart
Maimur	Ellyse L	McLean	Russell
Maloney	Angus F	Newcomb OAM	Simon H
March	Bailey R	Wilson	Ian
May	Lachlan H C	Aitken	Martin
McNeil	Cate V	Baillieu	William
McNeil	Sean	Blacker	Nalini
Michelson	Adela M	Blain	Patrick
Mullaly	Nicholas	Boykett	Peter
Osianlis	Dimitri	Burton	Ian
Page	Emilie R A	Cayzer	Philip
Petryshyn	Kimberley	Connolly	Mark
Petsinis	Jack A	Daffy	Tom
Pike	Harrison	Date	Courtney
Ponsford	Fraser G	Dodwell	Benjamin
Poynton	Nathaniel	Donoghue	J. Doug
Puddy	Rhiannon	Ginn	Dennis R
Roberts	Archie	Groves	Mark
Robertson	Jack D	Harry	John
Robinson	Gus	Kennedy	Regina
Robinson	James	Kovacic	Jason
Ruscoe	Betsy	McDonald	Emily
Schlaghecke	Louis J	McNamara	Pat
Shaw	Emily L	McNeil	Andrew S.
Sibillin	Olivia	McNeil	Neville N
Simm	Georgia	Nickson	Amanda
Snell	Abbey V	O'Halloran	Martin
Spargo	Jack W	O'Neill	Cameron
Stefanac	Alexander	Parmenter	Brian
Stewart	Georgia L	Patterson	Celia
Titeu	David M	Patterson	George
Tomanovits	Lucy	Pritchard	Iain
Tunbridge	Benjamin G	Schreier	Paul

Somerville  
Tyrrell  
Young

Paul  
Marcus C.  
Tim

Moreton  
Nickson  
Pincus  
Tennent  
Watkins

Richard  
Thomas J.  
David  
Jan M.  
Rod

**Associate**

Ambrose  
Cleary  
Curnow  
Doyle  
Fowles  
Fox  
Frasca  
Fraumano  
Fraumano  
Lovell  
Matthies  
McGann  
McGrath

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