



MERCANTILE  
ROWING CLUB  
139<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
2018-2019

“IT IS HARD TO MAKE THAT BOAT GO AS FAST AS YOU WANT TO. THE ENEMY IS THE RESISTANCE OF THE WATER. BUT THAT VERY WATER IS WHAT SUPPORTS YOU AND THAT VERY ENEMY IS YOUR FRIEND. SO IS LIFE: THE VERY PROBLEMS YOU MUST OVERCOME ALSO SUPPORT AND MAKE YOU STRONG IN OVERCOMING THEM.”

—GEORGE POCOCK

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# President's Report

ANTHONY JOHNSON

PRESIDENT

They say time flies when you are having fun and my first year as President seems to have gone past so quickly that there may be some truth to the saying. Mercantile is indeed a very busy place with many milestones throughout the year for training, racing, social events and club operational tasks. So here are some thoughts as I look back on the last 12 months.

Our success on the water both domestically and internationally has been excellent. This success has been documented throughout the year and elsewhere in this report but here are a few highlights: Mercantile won 15 titles at the Victorian State Championships and 6 at the Australian Rowing Championships. Mercantile was awarded Champion Senior Club at 2019 Rowing Victoria Awards Evening. Mercantile sent two fours to Royal Henley, The Wyfold crew raced in the semifinal and the Britannia Four made it all the way to the final. Both crews did a fantastic job and these events offer our younger athletes and club racers the incentive and opportunity to compete on the international stage early in their club careers. Our international efforts continued with Mercantile members medaling at the World Under 23 and Senior Championships this year. Our Youth eight coaches, David Fraumano and Zac Smith have been busy in recent months recruiting for the coming season. Their efforts have been rewarded with a number of new members joining the club and two eights training on the water. We look forward to strong results in 2020. My appreciation extends to all coaches at Mercantile for their efforts in the past year and I would like to specifically thank our Head Coach Nick Mitchel and Women's Coach Brigette Carlile for their leadership and coordination of the coaching team.

Our Masters rowers continue to train and race throughout the year. Thursday evenings are a weekly focus point with up to three eights on the water. The session finishes at Trader's Bar with a few drinks and some food, the men content with a BBQ sausage in bread washed down with a beer while the ladies go for more upmarket fare of cheeses, breads and dips and with a pinot grigio or a glass of bubbles. I'm perfectly fine with a sausage in bread but I'm inclined to paddle the mixed eight more often. I wish all Masters crews the best of racing in the Head races later in the year.

At my first committee meeting last year I waited until the last agenda item to raise the long-running and contentious issue of our club blazer. I know this topic has been the source of some considerable discussion. At our 2018 AGM I took a photo of two of our members, Phillippe Batters and Gary Fraumano standing together outside Mercantile. Phillippe was wearing the long-standing navy blazer and Gary the more recent striped blazer. Both men looked fantastic and were clearly identifiable as Mercantile members. A glance around the crowd revealed the being worn in equal numbers. It seemed to me that both blazers should be continued. One as our "dress blazer" and the other as our "regatta blazer". Buy and wear one, buy and wear the other or buy both and have the option depending on the event. I bravely put these thoughts forward for discussion amongst the committee and to my surprise and relief the decision was unanimous. We now have two official club blazers and the choice is yours. There is a link and order form on our website for all members interested in getting on board with the club blazers.

Communication is a vital part of a vibrant club and for some time our contact with members was infrequent and inadequate. I thank our editorial team of Hamish Fitzsimmons,

Andrew Guerin and Faith Gasparini for the resurrection of a regular newsletter. Our database is incomplete and a work in progress. I encourage you to check and update your details and alert the club to members you suspect may not be getting our newsletters.

Another recent initiative has been our reunion lunches. I thank Geoff Barden for taking charge of arranging these important and fun social events. Last year the 1988 Mercantile Development Eight met at Mercantile for a quick row followed by a long lunch and tall stories where their Henley victory in the Ladies Plate 30 years ago was fondly remembered. Our next event is scheduled for late September. This one is based around Phil Ainsworth and his Australian Men's Junior Coxed Fours 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987.

It has been a thrill to see a great Mercantilian and long-term super coach, Noel Donaldson return to Australia from a lengthy tour of duty at Rowing New Zealand. Noel has returned to take up the role of Head Coach of Rowing at the Victorian Institute of Sport. Noel is responsible for the overall coaching of categorised athletes in the Victorian rowing program. Mercantile along with Melbourne University are the two pathway clubs providing the great majority of these rowers so we are blessed to have Noel back at Mercantile working with our coaches to provide the best possible training and coaching experience.

A great club cannot survive without passionate members and a strong volunteer base. We have both working throughout our club in administration, coaching, event organisation and fundraising. In particular I would like to thank our Captain Bill Webster and Treasurer, Duncan McKinnon for their dedication and great work throughout the year. I would also like to make special mention of Jenny Fraumano. Jenny has done excellent work in planning and event management for rowing camps, State and National Championships and Royal Henley. Jenny also played a key role in the organisation of a most successful fundraising event for our international rowers this year. My thanks also extends to those who assisted in this success, namely Julie Orr, Leanne Quinn, Monique Hooper and Claire Clarke.

Our volunteer spirit and success is also on weekly display at the Mercantile Breakfast Club. This long running tradition of feeding hungry athletes and coaches continues and grows in popularity. It is wonderful to see our club rowers and coaches sitting down to a hearty breakfast alongside school rowers from Brighton Grammar, St Catherines and Melbourne Grammar. I am coaching the St Kevin's 3rd crew this year so those boys are now part of the Mercantile breakfast crowd and there is a waiting list to get in that boat on Saturday. The parents and club members giving their time and effort to this great endeavour are to be congratulated.

Our great club continues on its winning ways and I wish all mercantile members their families and supported the very best for the year ahead.



Regards,  
**Anthony Johnson**  
President



# Captain's Report

## WILLIAM WEBSTER

On behalf of the Executive and the Committee it gives me great pleasure to submit this, the 139th Annual Report.

We began the season with a new Head Coach, Nick Mitchell who quickly settled into his new role. Under the RA National Training Centre (NTC) and Pathway model a key role for Mercantile, as a Pathway Club, is to prepare rowers for selection to the NTC. At the October 2018 NTC selection Amanda Bateman and Jessica Morrison gained NTC scholarships. No other club had more than a single inductee (male or female) in 2018. Both these members were subsequently selected in the Australian Team and their excellent results are detailed elsewhere in this report.

The Club again recorded wins in every regatta we contested through the season and this spread of winners included club, masters, underage and elite categories. At the Victorian State Championships Mercantile was the most successful club and we won the Victorian Senior Premiership for the season. At the National Championships, although our members performed strongly we were not quite as successful as past years. Many podiums, not as many wins. Mercantile members were pleasingly at the forefront of Victoria winning the Penrith Cup for the first time in 23 years. Well done to Michael McNamara, Red Matthews, Jayden Grey and coach James Wilson.

This year we had eleven members selected to compete internationally on to the Australian Rowing Team, six in the Senior Team and five in the Under 23 Team. Three members Katrina Werry, Mitchell Hooper and Benjamin Canham returned home as World Champions. Two members Jess Morrison and James Rook won Silver Medals (Jess won 2!) and Imogen Purcell won a Bronze Medal. Amanda and Katrina Bateman also claimed medals at the World Cup regattas this year. Our Head Coach Nick Mitchell was selected as the coach of the U23 Coxed Four in his first Australian Team coaching assignment. A Gold Medal with two Mercantile members in the boat was a fantastic result to cap off a very successful first year as our Head Coach. Well done Nick. Brigette Carlile was selected to coach the Junior Women's Coxed Four, this was a crew of athletes still at school. The crew made the A Final and we look forward to seeing some of these athletes racing for Mercantile in the next season.

As a Club we are and need to be very supportive our Club coaches taking National Team opportunities. Although these opportunities involve coaches being absent for periods our current coaching team is very conscientious about sharing responsibility so that winter training proceeds without interruption. The experience gained by Nick and Brigette this year will benefit to Mercantile and our athletes.

We took three boats to Henley Royal Regatta this year. Red Matthews in the Diamond Sculls, a coxless four in the Wyfold Challenge and a coxed four in the Britannia Challenge. David Fraumano coached the crews and did a superb job preparing them from a later than desired start. The crews arrived at the start line focused and ready to race and represented the Club in the best possible manner. The Britannia four was a development boat with younger athletes and it was especially pleasing to see the way they developed through the campaign and the regatta. We look forward to seeing these young members capitalize on the their experience in the coming season.

It was very pleasing to welcome Noel Donaldson back to Victoria in the role of VIS Head Coach. His experience and wealth of coaching knowledge are a welcome addition to the high-performance environment in Victoria. Our relationship with the VIS changed towards the end of the financial year. The VIS chose to exit our previous partnership arrangement with RA and RV and now operates as a service provider to the RA Pathway Program. The Club has entered into a new agreement with RV and RA which maintains our direct funding and allows some of the funds previously controlled by the VIS to be channeled directly to athlete support. This new agreement takes us through to the end of the Tokyo Olympic cycle.

The Mercantile Foundation continues to grow. The Foundation aims to build up a reserve of capital through donations and bequests to support the Club in four areas. These areas are: Maintenance of our Clubhouse. Roughly every 20 years we need to substantially renovate or refresh our building which requires significant capital funds. Providing the best boats and equipment to our members. Our members aspire to and train for the highest levels of competition, we simply must provide them with the best equipment and training environment.

Assisting Club athletes to compete overseas. Australian representation at underage level is very expensive for the athlete – at a time in their life when they usually either students or at the very beginning of a career. Support to coaching at the Club. The Club has several paid coaches – a full time Head Coach and others part time/casual and some volunteers. This is the modern reality and what we must do in order to be successful, however it is very expensive.

It will take a number of years to build the Foundation to the level where it will be able to support all of these objectives. Currently we are about one third of the way there. We thank the donors to the Foundation for their support and we also thank the Trustees, Andrew Guerin, John Harry, Warwick Hutchins, Jeff Lawrence and Tim Frederico for their excellent work.

With thanks to Andrew Guerin the Club is now in a position lead the way in the emerging area of Coastal rowing. Coastal rowing has developed enormously in Europe over the last twenty years and is now at the point where it is being seriously considered for inclusion in the Olympic program. Sadly, this will probably be at the expense of lightweight rowing. Port Philip Bay provides an ideal training environment for coastal rowing and we see a great opportunity for Mercantile to be at the forefront of this discipline. Coastal rowing can provide an additional pathway for our flatwater rowers and also opens the Club to attracting new members to this exciting new aspect of our sport.

Our values of Excellence, Respect, Friendship and Health underpin everything we do at Mercantile, through the Executive, the Committee, our coaches and rowers. This drives our culture and club spirit. From time to time these values get tested both through the endeavours we undertake and our behaviour. Success for the Club, like a crew requires shared effort. Occasionally there are those that put their own interests ahead of their crew and/or the Club. The Committee and our Head Coach are firm in their resolve that when such behaviour emerges it will be quickly eliminated.

Mal Batten retired as President at the last AGM after seven years of tremendous leadership and was replaced by Tony Johnson. Tony has brought fresh energy to the role and provided great support both to me and to our Head Coach. He has deliberately tried to be more visible in the role and has kept the Committee centered around our values. Thank you Tony.

Duncan MacKinnon will commence his tenth year as our Treasurer at the AGM. His diligence and tirelessness are fantastic assets for the Club. Duncan's contribution has been and continues to be immense, thank you. Jenny Fraumano has again rallied the Breakfast Mums (and some dads) to feed the stomachs of our rowers and nourish the spirit of the Club on a Saturday morning. To all those that have helped on a Saturday morning thank you. Jenny and Julie Orr also revived and coordinated our fundraising cocktail party, which gave all our travelling athletes a very handy contribution to their seat fee, great job ladies. Jenny also successfully managed travel and accommodation arrangements for our many camps and regattas during the year, including our successful Henley campaign. Our website has continued to be a brilliant source of information, photos, history and all things Mercantile thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of Andrew Guerin.

Finally, I would like to thank our Head Coach Nick Mitchell who has lead a refreshed and dynamic group of coaches who are committed to the success of the Club and who always put their athletes first.

**W. Webster**  
Captain



# Head Coaches Report 2019

NICK MITCHELL

Ingrained in the DNA of Mercantile is the pursuit of excellence. It is this ethos that leads us to never sit still, to never be satisfied. And this spirit leads us to look back at the 2019 season; to celebrate its success to learn from its failures and seek out the opportunities for future success.

This introspection always puts our athletes first and keeps our values of excellence, respect, friendship and health at the core of our future decisions.

There were a number of large successes during the 2019 Season with Mercantile retaining the Victorian Senior Premiership due to consistent performances across all of the club's squads.

This result highlights the diligent work completed by the club's coaches and the application of our athletes to extract as much from our coaches as they can.

Our core coaching team of David "Chipper" Colvin, Brigette Carlile, Dave Fraumano, Zac Smith, Casey Cobb, David Pincus, James Wilson and Bill Webster was additionally supported by Tom Courtney and David McGrath. I cannot thank enough these coaches for their hard work, creativity, collegiality and generosity that has led to the club's ongoing successes.

A clear example of the work that our dedicated coaches have completed over many years is in the performance of Victoria's 2019 Penrith Cup Crew. The crew of Matthews, McNamara, Crouch (Banks), and Grey won the Penrith Cup for the first time since 1996. This win was the culmination of a number of years hard work by a core group of Mercantile athletes and a number of Mercantile coaches, notably David "Chipper" Colvin, Pete Tomanovits, Mick McKay and James Wilson that together produced the best lightweight squad in the country.

These lightweights were joined by Emmie Frederico, Mimi Tuddenham, Mimmi Balaam, Ruby Gioulekas, Sky Froebel and coach Brigette Carlile in the Women's Youth Eight (3rd), Phoebe Wolf, Meg Hester and coach David "Chipper" Colvin in the Lightweight Women's Quad (4th), Liam Donald, Angus Widdicombe, James Rook and Ed Northrop in the King's Cup (2nd), Katrina Bateman in the Women's single scull (2nd), and Kat Werry and Jess Morrison in the Queen's Cup (2nd).

The past season also saw a group of Mercantile men take on the challenge of heading across the ditch to compete at the NZ national championships. This group coached and managed by David Pincus notably, to the chagrin of the locals, won silver in the club men's eight and gold in club men's four. The four of Jack Kelly, Angus Maloney, James Hoban and Carl Tomzack backed this performance up to win gold in both the club men's four and eight at our national championships and then continue on reach the semifinal in the Wyfold Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta.

Henley Royal Regatta also saw Red Matthews race in the Diamond Challenge Sculls and a four of Joel Cain, Lukas Matic, Will Achermann, Alex Clarke and Lachlan Goller race to a valiant 2nd in the Britannia Challenge Cup under the guidance of Dave Fraumano.

The season also saw some strong individual performances by our athletes to make the 2019 Australian Team.

Brigette Carlile coached the junior women's coxed four to 6th place.

The club was represented on the under 23 team by Alex Wolf, Mitch Hooper and Jack Robertston in the men's eight (6th), by Imogen Purcell winning bronze in the women's coxed four and by Mitch Hooper and Ben Canham who after leading from the start secured the World Championship Gold Medal in the men's coxed four.

The club was represented in the senior team by Angus Widdicombe (men's eight), Liam Donald (reserve), Amanda Bateman (women's double scull), Katrina Bateman (women's quad scull), Jess Morrison (women's pair and eight), Kat Werry (women's four) and James Rook (women's eight). This group of athletes qualified helped qualify the women's eight, four, pair and double and men's eight for next year's Olympic Games.

They also set the club's standard of excellence incredibly high by winning medals at World Cup 2 & 3 and at the World Championships. Notably, Kat Werry became a dual World Champion and Jess Morrison won silver medals in both the eight and pair.

2020 brings the excitement of the Tokyo Olympics with a number of our athletes poised to star and the added excitement of a strong group of athletes at the club aspiring to rise to the standard before them and perform in 2024.

Heading forward we still have a number of challenges including the need to collaborate and work with our athletes as they consider pursuing education and sporting success in the US. In 2019 alone 9 Mercantilians have taken up opportunities to row and study in the US. The US collegiate system is both a threat and an opportunity to the medium term success of our u21 and u23 age groups.

Further, we continue to make every dollar go as far as we can as we manage the need to invest in equipment and people to stay competitive on the national and international stage. We also face an increasingly congested waterway to train on with ever increasing numbers of school athletes and commercial vessels using the Yarra.

We overcome all of these challenges thanks to a dedicated group of coaches that will expand for the coming season with Sam Fennessy, Michael McNamara, Fi Albert and Ed Fuller joining an already strong group. I'd also like to thank David Pincus for his tireless work over the past seasons.

Our coaching panel will be further enhanced in 2020 with us welcoming a great Mercantilian, Noel Donaldson, as the new Head Coach of the VIS. Noel brings a huge amount of experience to this role with Mercantile coaches and athletes ready to benefit from his presence on the tow path.

Finally, the club is looking to embrace coastal rowing in 2020 as it looks to respond to the push from FISA and the IOC to make rowing more accessible and relevant.

**Nick Mitchell**  
Head Coach



# Secretary Report

As a group the Mercantile committee continues to lead the club to achieve our goals and to be the great club that we are throughout this and every season. I would personally like to thank every member of our committee who has assisted in any shape or form this year.

As a group we have continued to engage with our members both current and past. With thanks to Andrew Guerin and Hamish Fitzsimmons for taking the lead with the reintroduction of the Mercantile newsletter. We have also strived to re-engage past members to keep them involved and in the loop with the happenings of the club via our \$99 Alumni membership. We have been fortunate to see the number of Alumni members rise, with the hope of this trend to continue.

The integral support of the club's building fund has been recognised as needing replenishment and restocking. As a result, sources of additional income and areas to reduce expenses have been investigated, thus allowing for the building fund to be restored to its pre renovation levels. This will allow us in future to provide the club the financial support that was made available for the renovation, without the need for large scale fundraising or loans to be undertaken.

With the club's ever increasing global presence via international exposure such as our Australian team members and our club athletes competing at events such as Henley, the international travel policy to help support and select these athletes has been finalised to allow for the club to continue to grow and enhance our image both domestically and internationally. Being fortunate enough to have been at Henley three years in a row, it is amazing to see how well known our club is and the high regard Mercantile is held in as a result of past and present travelling athletes.

The ever changing and increasing demands of our amazing Head Coach Nick Mitchell has not gone unnoticed, with the recognition for the need for further assistance to him required. One form of this is the establishment of the coaches subcommittee to help support Nick and the fellow coaches in their decisions and the requirements of what they do to achieve the goals of this great club.

Through the leadership and energy of this committee we continue to drive this club to achieve greatness in all we do. Whether it be international results at events such as Henley, or on the world stage representing Australia, or by the ever-improving recognition of the club and who we are. It is amazing to receive emails from overseas rowers who are coming to Melbourne to live, study or even to holiday and know the mercantile name and want to visit to see who we are as a club. This is all a testament to the committee and the hard work that is undertaken by the group. I look forward to this club continuing to grow with the support of this great group of people.

## Attendance at Committee Meetings

There have been 8 committee meetings since the Last AGM.

William Webster	8
Angus Maloney	8
Anthony Johnson	7
Meghan Hester	6
Duncan MacKinnon	5
David Colvin	5
Sebastian Jenner	5
James Hoban	5
Nick Mitchell	4
Hamish Fitzsimmons	4
Tom Courtney	4
Madeleine Thomas	4
Madeline Farrar	3
Jayden Grey	3
Alex Clarke	3
Henry Edgar	2
Roy Zhang	2

# Treasurer's Report

## DUNCAN MACKINNON

### HONORARY TREASURER

As reported last year, the Club's operational accounts have been combined with those of the Endowment Fund, and the financial statements reflect that aggregation. Thanks to the help of Andy Phillips, the member who looks after the accounting of the Mercantile Foundation, the Foundation's accounts and the Club's account now coexist within the Xero accounting package, making the accounting and reporting significantly easier - although I acknowledge that there still needs to be some tidying to make them simpler to read. That will be my job over the summer.

After removing the Foundation's activities (which are strongly linked to the generosity of our donors), the Club made an accounting loss of \$62k, however much of this was due to \$128k of depreciation of our fleet and other assets. This is \$20k better than the \$82k shortfall reported last year.

Of course as I have suggested previously, I consider cashflow is a better indication of the Club's operations, and after \$661k went through the club's books, we returned a minor shortfall of \$3k.

In terms of capital, the Club changed over a number of boats, bought a new Women's Hudson VIII, updated the Head Coach's ute, spent \$17k on oars and bought three Concept2 bikes. Fortunately we were supported by the generosity of the Frederico Fund.

We have also reduced expenditure on boat and oar repairs this year, spending \$15k this year compared with \$24k last year.

As I do every year, let me close in drawing your attention to the list of donors at the front of the Annual Report. We are very fortunate to be the recipients of their generosity (and others who choose to remain anonymous) and I exhort you to join them to secure the continued success of the Club.

### Duncan MacKinnon

Honorary Treasurer



# Trophies

## CAPTAIN'S TROPHY

This is awarded annually to the rower who has won the most regatta races during the season on the basis of one point for a win with one additional for a championship.

For the 2018/19 season, the Captain's Trophy has been won by **Jayden Grey**.

## MAX BAILEY TROPHY

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

For the 2018/19 season, the Max Bailey Trophy has been won by **Lily Arnoul**.

## JEFF WYLIE MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Perpetual Shield and Trophy for the most improved lightweight rower was 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 2018/19 season, the Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Phoebe Wolf**.

## 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 2018/19 season, the F.R. Browne Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Lukas Matic**.

## H.R. FREDERICO MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is made available by the late Honorable Justice H.R. Frederico, is awarded annually to the most improved oarswomen.

For the 2018/19 season, the H.R. Frederico Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Jessica Morrison**.

## N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY

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

For the 2018/19 season, the N.W. Cairnes Trophy is awarded to **Phillip Tran**.

## 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 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 2018/19 season, the Jay Loveless Trophy is awarded to **Katrina Werry**.

## MARTIN OWEN TROPHY

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 each season. Following the passing of former Captain and Club great Martin Owen this year, the Club sought the approval from his widow Susan to name this award in Martin's honour.

For the 2018/19 season, the Martin Owen Trophy has been awarded to **Benjamin Canham** and **Mitchell Hooper**.

## KEITH BILNEY COACHES TROPHY

This trophy was established in the memory of Keith Bilney who gave nearly 70 of service to rowing as a coxswain, sculler, oarsman, administrator but most of all coach. He gave his time freely, instilling in his charges a love of the sport, and a burning desire to win, but with a balanced approach to life. The trophy is awarded to the coach that is not necessarily the most successful in terms of race wins, the one who does the most to teach oarsmen and 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 2018/19 season the Keith Bilney Coaches Trophy is awarded to **James Wilson**.





# Season Wins 2018-2019

## MERCANTILE WINS

### HEAD OF THE MITCHELL

Female A Grade Scull – **Madeleine Thomas**

Mixed Quad Scull – **Gemma Sibillin, Joel Cain, Alex Kinsella, Madeleine Thomas.**

Mixed Masters Quad – **Greg Hansen, Hugh McVicker (composite)**

### HEAD OF THE GOULDBURN

Male Open Eight – **Joel Cain, Mitchell Hooper, Angus Maloney, Alexander Clarke, Tom Hunt, Ed Northrop, Ben Canham, Carl Tomczak, cox Roy Zhang.**

Female Open Eight – **Jacqui Hart, Gemma Sibillin, Georgia Stewart, Mimi Tuddenham, Daisy Butterworth, Georgie Gleeson, Kirstie Green, cox Jamima Jameison.**

Male Open Quad – **Jack Kelly, Michael McNamara, James Hoban, Jayden Grey.**

Female Open Quad – **Meghan Hester, Fiona Albert, Madeleine Thomas, Ria Thompson.**

### MELBOURNE HEAD

Male Open Scull – **Red Matthews**

Male Open Double Scull – **Red Matthew, Jayden Grey.**

Female Open Double Scull – **Fiona Albert, Ria Thompson.**

Male Club Eight – **William Achermann, Timothy Benton, Alexander Salemba, Tom Murray, Harry Cathcart, Eric Low, Ben Clarke, James Kelly, cox Phillip Tran.**

Male Open Eight – **Red Matthews, Alexander Clarke, Joel Cain, Josh Dunkley-Smith, Ben Canham, Ed Northrop, Tom Hunt, Carl Tomczak, cox James Rook.**

Female Open Quad Scull – **Ria Thompson, Anna Boada, Fiona Albert, Madeleine Thomas.**

Male Club Scull – **Alex Kinsella**

### HEAD OF THE YARRA

Male B Grade Eight – **William Legge, James Hoban, Joel Cain, Mitchell Hooper, Antone Lagouge, Callum Nott, Angus Maloney, Carl Tomczak, cox Jordan King.**

Female Open Eight – **Katrina Werry, Fiona Albert, Katrina Bateman, Amanda Bateman, Jessica Morrison, Addy Dunkley-Smith, Anna Boada, Jennifer Cleary, cox Jamima Jameison.**

### MURRAY ROWING ASSOCIATION (RUTHERGLEN) REGATTA

Female Masters Scull – **Val Dowell**

Male Masters Coxed Four – **Brenten Rasheed, Greg Hansen, Colin Kimpton, Hugh McVicker, cox Bill Webster**

### BALLARAT REGATTA

Male Open Pair – **Mitchell Hooper, Ben Canham**

Male Open Scull – **Jayden Grey**

Male U21 Scull – **Eric Low**

Male LW Scull – **William Legge**

Female Open Scull – **Madeleine Thomas**

Male Open Double Scull – **Alex Kinsella, Alexander Clarke**

Female Open Double Scull – **Georgie Gleeson, Madeleine Thomas**

Male Open Four – **Alex Wolf, Joel Cain, Mitchell Hooper, Ben Canham**

Male Open Quad – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Angus Maloney**

Female Open Quad – **Meghan Hester, Kate Duggan, Georgie Gleeson, Madeleine Thomas**

Male Open Eight – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly James Hoban, Angus Maloney, Alex Wolf, Joel Cain, Mitchell Hooper, Ben Canham, cox James Rook.**

Female U21 Eight – **Mimmi Balaam, Eleanor Millea, Daisy Butterworth, Ruby Gioulekas, Mimi Tuddenhan, Sky Froebel, Phoebe Wolf, Emmie Frederico, cox Lily Arnoul.**

### BARWON REGATTA

Male U21 Coxed Four – **Tom Murray, Lukas Matic, Eric Low, William Achermann, cox Phillip Tran.**

Female A Grade Double Scull – **Meghan Hester (composite)**

### WENDOUREE - BALLARAT REGATTA

Male Open Pair – **Ed Northrop (composite)**

Male U21 Scull – **Eric Low**

Female U21 Pair – **Emmie Frederico, Mimi Tuddenham**

Female U21 Scull – **Sky Froebel**

Male Open Eight – **Tom Hunt, Joel Cain Alex Wolf Ben Canham, Mitchell Hooper, Ed Northrop, cox James Rook (composite)**

Male Open Four – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Angus Maloney.**

Male LW Four – **Michael McNamara, William Legge, Jayden Grey, Red Matthews**

Female Open Quad – **Georgia Stewart, Fiona Albert, Katrina Bateman, Madeleine Thomas.**

Male LW Double Scull – **Jayden Grey, Red Matthews**

Female LW Double Scull – **Meghan Hester (composite)**

Female U21 Eight – **Mimmi Balaam, Eleanor Millea, Daisy Butterworth, Ruby Gioulekas, Sky Froebel, Phoebe Wolf, Mimi Tuddenhan, Emmie Frederico, cox Lily Arnoul.**

Male Open Quad – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Angus Maloney.**

### NAGAMBIE REGATTA

Male Open Pair – **Ed Northrop (composite)**

Male U23 Pair – **Mitchell Hooper, Ben Canham**

Male U23 Scull – **Alexander Clarke**

Male U21 Scull – **Lukas Matic**

Female Open Scull – **Katrina Bateman**

Female U21 Scull – **Sky Froebel**

Female LW Scull – **Meghan Hester**

Male Open Four – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly James Hoban, Angus Maloney**

Male Open Double Scull – **Jayden Grey, Red Matthews**

Female Open Double Scull – **Fiona Albert, Katrina Bateman**

Female LW Double Scull – **Meghan Hester (composite)**

Female U21 Eight – **Mimmi Balaam, Eleanor Millea, Daisy Butterworth, Ruby Gioulekas, Sky Froebel, Phoebe Wolf, Mimi Tuddenhan, Emmie Frederico, cox Lily Arnoul.**

### AUSTRALIAN HENLEY

Male Open Eight – **Michael McNamara, Alexander Clarke, Joel Cain, Mitchell Hooper, Ben Canham, Alex Wolf, Ed Northrop, cox Roy Zhang.**

Female Open Eight – **Kate Duggan, Gemma Sibillin, Georgia Stewart, Jacqui Hart, Kirstie Green, Georgie Gleeson, Madeleine Thomas, Anna Boada, cox Lily Arnoul.**

Male U21 Eight – **Tom Murray, Harry Cathcart, Tim Benton, Lukas Matic, Eric Low, William Achermann, John Polinak, Connor Knight, cox Phillip Tran.**





#### NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Female Elite Double Scull – **Amanda Bateman**

Female Elite Four – **Jessica Morrison**

Male Elite Four – **Angus Widdicombe**

Female Elite Eight – **Jacqui Hart, Georgie Gleeson, Kirstie Green, Katrina Bateman, Amanda Bateman, Jessica Morrison, Fiona Albert, Katrina Werry, cox Lily Arnoul.**

#### NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Male Senior Four – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Angus Maloney**

#### VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Male Open Pair – **Ed Northrop (composite)**

Male LW Pair – **Michael McNamara, William Legge.**

Male LW Scull – **Jayden Grey**

Male U21 Scull – **Lukas Matic**

Female U21 Scull – **Sky Froebel**

Female LW Scull – **Meghan Hester**

Male Open Four – **Ed Northrop (composite)**

Male LW Four – **Michael McNamara, Ben Clarke, Jayden Grey, William Legge**

Male Open Double Scull – **Jayden Grey, Red Matthews**

Female LW Double Scull – **Meghan Hester (composite)**

Female U21 Eight – **Mimmi Balaam, Eleanor Millear, Daisy Butterworth, Ruby Gioulekas, Sky Froebel, Phoebe Wolf, Mimi Tuddenhan, Emmie Frederico, cox Lily Arnoul.**

Male Open Quad – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Angus Maloney**

Female Open Quad – **Georgia Stewart, Kate Duggan, Gemma Sibillin, Madeleine Thomas**

Female LW Quad – **Meghan Hester, Phoebe Wolf**

Male B Grade Scull – **Alex Kinsella**

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Female Open Pair – **Jessica Morrison (composite)**

Male U19 Eight – **Lukas Matic (composite)**

Male LW Four – **Michael McNamara, Jayden Grey, Red Matthews**

Male Club Four – **Carl Tomczak, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Angus Maloney**

Male Club Eight – **William Legge, Jean Noury, William Achermann, Jack Kelly, James Hoban, Carl Tomczak, Evan Kennedy, Angus Maloney, cox Jamima Jameison.**

Male Interstate LW Four – **Michael McNamara, Jayden Grey, Red Matthews.**



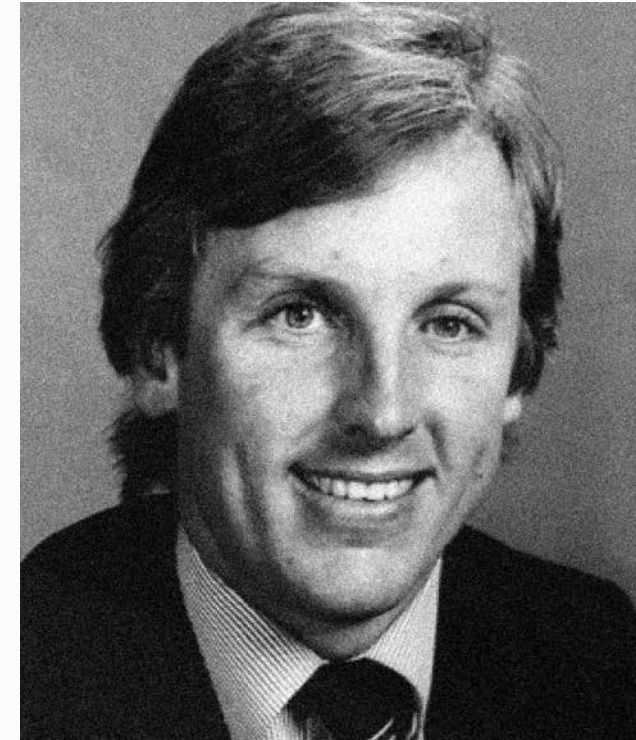
# Member Roll

Phil Ainsworth	Life	40+	Irena Benjamin	Senior	Mitchell Hooper	Senior	Simon Spriggs	Senior
Malcolm Batten OAM	Life		Anthony Bergelin	Senior	Christin Howgate	Senior	William Stark	Senior
Phillippe Batters	Life	40+	Anna Boada Peiro	Senior	Tom Hunt	Senior	Georgia L Stewart	Senior
Sean Colgan	Life	40+	Danae Bosler	Senior	Warwick Hutchins	Senior	Rod Stewart	Senior
David Colvin	Life		John Boulton AM	Senior	Anthony Inglis	Senior	George Theodossiou	Senior
Andrew D Cooper OAM	Life		Robert Brain	Senior	Debbie Jefferson	Senior	Madeleine Thomas	Senior
David Crawshay	Life		Hollie Brodribb	Senior	Sebastian Jenner	Senior	Ria Thompson	Senior
Noel Donaldson	Life		Maddison Brown	Senior	Anthony Johnson	Senior	Jeffrey Thompson	Senior
Jenny Fraumano	Life		Carolyn Browne	Senior	Joseph Joyce	Senior	Scott Tierney	Senior
Drew Ginn OAM	Life		Donald Burns	Senior	Jack Kelly	Senior	Peter Tomanovits	Senior
Andrew N Guerin	Life	40+	Daisy Butterworth	Senior	James Kelly	Senior	Carl Tomczak	Senior
James Harvey	Life	40+	Joel Cain	Senior	Alex Kennedy	Senior	Mimi Tuddenham	Senior
Jeffrey Lawrence	Life	40+	Margi Caine-Dammenhayn	Senior	Evan Kennedy	Senior	Clare M Ward	Senior
Michael McKay OAM	Life		Angus Campbell	Senior	Colin Kimpton	Senior	Katrina Werry	Senior
Martin Owen	Life	40+	James Campbell	Senior	Alex Kinsella	Senior	Angus Widdicombe	Senior
James Tomkins OAM	Life		Benjamin Canham	Senior	Antoine Lagouge	Senior	Pernette P. Wijnen	Senior
William Webster	Life		Andrew Cannon AM	Senior	Alex Law	Senior	Jennifer Williams AM	Senior
Arthur Adams QC	Senior	40+	Brigitte Carlile	Senior	John Leeming	Senior	Rohan Wilson	Senior
Warwick Anderson	Senior	40+	Harry Cathcart	Senior	William Legge	Senior	James S. Wilson	Senior
Arthur Atkins DFC	Senior	40+	Adelaide Cester	Senior	Steven Macek	Senior	Phoebe Wolf	Senior
William Bailey	Senior	40+	Lynne Charge	Senior	Duncan MacKinnon	Senior	Alex Wolf	Senior
John B Bostock	Senior	40+	Alexander Clarke	Senior	Angus F Maloney	Senior	Richard Wraith	Senior
Graeme Boykett	Senior	40+	Benjamin Clarke	Senior	John Manolitsas	Senior	Roy Zhang	Senior
Ray Dawson	Senior	40+	Jennifer Cleary	Senior	Redmond Matthews	Senior	William Achermann	Junior
Chris De Guingand	Senior	40+	Anthony Collier	Senior	Andrew McDonald	Senior	Lily Arnoul	Junior
David Douglas	Senior	40+	Tom Courtney	Senior	Paul McGann	Senior	Mimmi Balaam	Junior
Ian R. Duthie	Senior	40+	James Crouch	Senior	Euan McMinn	Senior	Timothy Benton	Junior
Andrew M Evans	Senior	40+	Dylan A Curnow	Senior	Michael McNamara	Senior	Olympia Binos	Junior
Michael Fogarty	Senior	40+	Georgia Deacon	Senior	Hugh R S McVicker	Senior	Mardi Bray	Junior
Stephen Gillon	Senior	40+	Peter DeGaris	Senior	Nick Mitchell	Senior	Romy Cantwell	Junior
H. Neil Hewitt OAM	Senior	40+	Liam Donald	Senior	Richard Moreton	Senior	Antonietta Di Cosmo	Junior
Murray Kellam AO QC	Senior	40+	Michael Donovan	Senior	Stewart Moreton	Senior	Stephanie Ferrali	Junior
Bob Lachal	Senior	40+	Val Dowell	Senior	Jessica Morrison	Senior	Orietta Fitzsimmons	Junior
Colin D Lewis	Senior	40+	Kate Duggan	Senior	Kerry Morrison	Senior	Millie Fraumano	Junior
Garth Manton	Senior	40+	Addy Dunkley-Smith	Senior	Simon Morrison	Senior	Emmie Frederico	Junior
Derek Marley	Senior	40+	Josh Dunkley-Smith	Senior	Rod Moseley	Senior	Emily Gibson	Junior
Bruce Morrison	Senior	40+	Henry Edgar	Senior	Jan Naylor	Senior	Ruby Gioulekas	Junior
Victor Mulder	Senior	40+	Maddy Farrar	Senior	Thomas J. Nickson	Senior	Gavrill Gourevitch	Junior
Ron Negri	Senior	40+	Hamish Fitzsimmons	Senior	Edward Northrop	Senior	Hannah Harvey	Junior
Simon H Newcomb OAM	Senior	40+	Peter Foster	Senior	Jean Noury	Senior	Lachlan Hayter	Junior
John Nickson	Senior	40+	Pauline A. Frasca	Senior	Sam Patten	Senior	Jamima Jamieson	Junior
Richard Oliver AM	Senior	40+	David Fraumano	Senior	Andrew Phillips	Senior	Imogene Jones	Junior
David Palfreyman	Senior	40+	H. Tim Frederico	Senior	Rod Pilmore	Senior	Connor Knight	Junior
John S Rowe AM	Senior	40+	Mathew French	Senior	David Pincus	Senior	Asia Letch	Junior
John Shears	Senior	40+	Skyla Froebel	Senior	Justin Quill	Senior	Alice Levin	Junior
Tony Walker	Senior	40+	Faith Gasparini	Senior	Brenton Rasheed	Senior	Mabel Li	Junior
Bill Wallace	Senior	40+	Georgie Gleeson	Senior	Christopher Ratcliffe	Senior	Eric Low	Junior
Colonel John Wertheimer, AM RFD	Senior	40+	John Grant	Senior	Jack D Robertson	Senior	Angelline Mansfield	Junior
Roger Wilson OAM	Senior	40+	Kirstie Green	Senior	Bibi Rogers	Senior	Lukas Matic	Junior
David J. Yunghanns	Senior	40+	Nick Green OAM	Senior	James Rook	Senior	Luke McVicar	Junior
Marlena S. Ahrens	Senior		Jayden Grey	Senior	Sean Ryan	Senior	Eleanor Milllear	Junior
Fiona Albert	Senior		Mark Groves	Senior	Hugh Sarjeant	Senior	Piper Montag	Junior
Roger Allen	Senior		Alexis Louise Hancock	Senior	John Saunders	Senior	Jack Moorfoot	Junior
Timothy J. Altman	Senior		Greg Hansen	Senior	Simon Schoner	Senior	Anna Morrison	Junior
Timothy Arnold	Senior		Simon Harrison	Senior	Robyn Selby Smith	Senior	Kate Morrison	Junior
Duncan Ashby	Senior		Jacqueline Hart	Senior	James Shipton	Senior	Tom Murray	Junior
Nicholas J. Baker	Senior		Sarah Harte	Senior	Gemma Sibillin	Senior	Katherine Murrell	Junior
Geoff Barden	Senior		Blair Hasforth	Senior	Olivia Sibillin	Senior	Tim Nothnagel	Junior
Oliver Barden	Senior		Tom Hedditch	Senior	Glenn Singleton	Senior	John Poliniak	Junior
Graeme Barns	Senior		Meghan Hester	Senior	Andrew Sinn	Senior	Caitlin Powell	Junior
Amanda Bateman	Senior		James Hoban	Senior	Alex T Sloan	Senior	Harry Ross	Junior
Katrina Bateman	Senior		Adam Holovics	Senior	Christopher A Smith	Senior	Caitie Seal	Junior
Philippa Batten	Senior		Louise Honman	Senior	Peter Somerville	Senior	Sasha Selemba	Junior



# Obituaries

Brigit Somerville	Junior
Emily Sutherland	Junior
Georgia Thomson	Junior
Phillip Tran	Junior
Imogen van den Berg	Junior
Nick Vlach	Junior
Rebecca Wain	Junior
Mal Corben	Country 40+
E. Ted Johnson	Country 40+
Stewart McArthur AM	Country 40+
Peter O'Brien	Country 40+
John Shanasy	Country 40+
William Baillieu	Country
Ian Bates	Country
Pierre Billet	Country
Mark Connolly	Country
Tom Daffy	Country
Benjamin Dodwell	Country
J.Doug Donoghue	Country
Rod Edwards	Country
Rachel Engel	Country
John Harry	Country
Jason Kovacic	Country
Pat McNamara	Country
Cate V McNeil	Country
Andrew S. McNeil	Country
Sean McNeil	Country
Celia Patterson	Country
George Patterson	Country
Imogen Purcell	Country
Paul Schreier	Country
Tim Young	Country
Andrew Ambrose	Associate
Lucas Batten	Associate
Mark Doyle	Associate
Gary A. Fraumano	Associate
Jessica Hoffman	Associate
Anna Johnson	Associate
Belinda Johnson	Associate
Maryrose Johnson	Associate
Sally Kehoe	Associate
Teneille Linehan-Downes	Associate
Julie Orr	Associate
Anna Suchankova	Associate
Hugo Tribe	Associate



## MARTIN OWEN – LIFE MEMBER. DIED 15 JULY 2019 AGED 68

Martin was one of the great life members of the Club. He was a highly intelligent, enthusiastic, motivating, energetic and driven man who kept the Club as a senior Club at a time of its greatest need, when it lost most of its oarsmen through retirement and the boathouse through fire. We are indebted to his great work as Captain through that period.

Martin was also a successful coxswain, oarsman and an Australian senior team coach.

Martin commenced his rowing career as a coxswain at Mercantile in 1963, aged 13 whilst at school. In the 1965-66 season, Martin coxed many crews at the State Championships including a senior four which dead heated with Banks on the Lower Yarra. He also coxed the victorious Australian Champion Mercantile Junior Eight. By 1968 his coxing career was coming to an end and his rowing career was blossoming. He successfully raced a lightweight maiden pair at Henley with David Baxter with Mark Connolly as cox. He also honed his winning ways with a Morrell Eight win that year in the two seat.

In 1971 Martin was elected to the Club Committee and he subsequently became the youngest Chairman of Selectors, youngest Captain (in 1972) and youngest VRA representative. Martin credits his mentor John Burford with showing him how to recruit and motivate oarsmen.

In May 1973 the Clubhouse was burnt down by a fire lit by an arsonist. Martin had the unenviable task of leading the rebuilding a boathouse, recruiting many new rowers and doing so with a limited fleet of boats. For anyone else, these efforts would have been too much and limited success at one of these endeavours would have been expected. No so with Marty Owen, he led both activities well and both were successful. Fortunately, he was not alone in these endeavours. The

Club rallied to Martin's, and his Vice-Captain Ian Duthie's, call and unbelievable work was undertaken by many, many members.

With no clubhouse to evidence the Club, Marty recruited a Australian Championship winning junior eight and also a National Championship winning lightweight eight in 1974. These crews were the basis of the Clubs revival as a senior Club. The Club history records:

It was a credit to the club's administration and particularly to the young captain of this time, Martin Owen, that the club was still able to achieve success on the water despite the considerable effort of active members in assisting in rebuilding the clubhouse. The intense club loyalty and spirit that was developed in the many working parties overcame several of the impediments to success created by the club's commitment to the new clubhouse.

Martin was still actively rowing during this time. He won National Championships in lightweight eights in (1974-77 inclusive), a remarkable effort. He did however have two selection disappointments in those years. The first was in 1976 when the Australian Rowing Council (now Rowing Australia) failed to approve the selection of the Mercantile lightweight eight as the national eight. Despite great international lightweight success in 1974 and 1975 and considerable depth in Australian lightweight rowing, no lightweights were selected for the world Championships that year. Mercantile won the National lightweight eight and four that season and the all Mercantile Penrith Cup crew won their race by 8.5 seconds.

The next selection disappointment was in 1977 after performing well as a member of the winning lightweight eight. The Australian selectors preferred others in place of Martin for the Australian eight. Sadly the justification for that decision was weak. In 1978, the Mercantile lightweight eight suffered a serious car crash at the National Championships in Tasmania which left Martin with a broken back and internal injuries. Fortunately he recovered and was able to race again in 1980 for his final season. He rowed as well as coached in 1980 taking the lead with the Club lightweights.

He coached Mercantile lightweights to great success in the period 1980-8. During this period he made some strategic decisions for the Club including the recruitment of Noel Donaldson and the pair of James Tomkins and Chris Gilford. This was the beginning of yet another great era of Mercantile in heavyweight rowing.

In 1989, Martin was appointed coach of the Australian lightweight four that raced at the Bled World Championships. His crew made the final but finished sixth.

Sadly words cannot describe the devotion, energy, drive, skill and motivation that Martin brought to the Club and the legacy he left behind. However just ask anyone who was around the Club during those years about Martin and the responses will give you an inkling of the influence he had on our Club.

# Boats and Equipment Register

## LIBBY DOUGLAS DIED 17 JULY 2019 AGED 70

Libby was the wife of one of our champions, David Douglas, 1968 Olympic silver medalist. She was also the mother of Mercantile members Georgina and Robert, both of whom raced for Australia.

Libby was a great supporter of the Club and rowing.

## PETER GILLON DIED 6 DECEMBER 2018 AGED 79

Peter started his rowing at Xavier College where he raced in their first crew in both 1955 and 1956. He continued his rowing outside school at Yarra Yarra and then Mercantile. His career was long and distinguished and included the following representative crews:

1960 Interstate Men's Eight Championship emergency  
1960 Olympic Games – Men's Coxless Four three seat – eliminated in repechage  
1964 Olympic Games – Men's Coxless Four stroke – eliminated in repechage  
1965 – Interstate Men's Eight Championship two seat – Second

## BRIAN DAWES DIED 26 MARCH 2019 AGED 89

Brian started his rowing at Geelong Grammar before joining Mercantile.

He was a successful King's Cup oarsman being emergency for 1955 and 1956 crews and raced in the winning 1957 crew.  
In 1956 he was an emergency for Australian Olympic VIII Bronze Medal Crew

## BOATS

BOAT	MAKE	TYPE	YEAR	CONDITION
David D Browne	Empacher	8+	2015	Excellent
Dr Bibi Colgan	Hudson	8+	2013	Excellent
John Burford	Hudson	8+	2013	Excellent
Sean Colgan	Sykes	8+	2011	Excellent
Henry Edgar	Sykes	8+	2005	Excellent
David Colvin	Sykes	8+	2003	Very Good
Andrew Guerin	Sykes	8+	2001	Very Good
JJ Lawrence	Sykes	8+	1997	Good
Joan Burford	Sykes	4-/4x	2015	Excellent
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
Warwick Hutchins	Sykes	4+	2014	Excellent
Jenny Fraumano	Sykes	4+	2014	Excellent
Trader Al	Sykes	4+	1994	Fair
Celia Patterson	Sykes	2-/2x	2017	Excellent
6709	Sykes	2-/2x	2016	Excellent
Katrina Werry	Sykes	2-/2x	2015	Excellent
John Harry	Sykes	2-/2x	2015	Excellent
Arthur 100	Sykes	2-/2x	2015	Excellent
Thomas Abramowski	Sykes	2-/2x	2015	Excellent
6074	Sykes	2-/2x	2014	Excellent
Nick Baker	Sykes	2-/2x	2012	Excellent
Josh Dunkley-Smith	Sykes	2-/2x	2011	Excellent
David McGrath	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
Harry Mahoney	Sykes	2-/2x	2003	Good
David Douglas	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
Garth Manton	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
Ben Dodwell	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Good
The Breakfast Mums	Sykes	1x	2014	Excellent
Duncan MacKinnon	Sykes	1x	2014	Excellent
Sgt William Cumberland MSM	Sykes	1x	2014	Excellent



# Office Bearers

## COACHES SPEEDBOATS

AU/BLU12223F516 SL493	Trekker	3.45m speedboat	2015	Excellent
AU/BLU12186F516 SL494	Trekker	3.45m speedboat	2015	Excellent

## OARS

150	Croker/Concept	Mixed sweep & sculling oars		Good
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## COACHES SPEEDBOATS

AU/BLU12223F516 SL493	Trekker	3.45m speedboat	2015	Excellent
AU/BLU12186F516 SL494	Trekker	3.45m speedboat	2015	Excellent

## OARS

150	Croker/Concept	Mixed sweep & sculling oars		Good
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## ERGOMETRES

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

## VEHICLES

1MJ9SW	Isuzu D-Max		2017	Excellent
D61456	Sykes Boat Trailer		1997	Good



## SEASON

SEASON	PRESIDENT	CAPTAIN	HONORARY SECRETARY	HONORARY TREASURER
1880-1881	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1881-1882	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1882-1883	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1883-1884	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	WILSON E	WILLIAMS F S
1884-1885	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	CLEGG G	WILLIAMS F S
1885-1886	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	CUNNINGHAM C S	WILLIAMS F S
1886-1887	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	WILSON E	GREGGERSON F
1887-1888	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1888-1889	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1889-1890	WHITTY J B	BOYD W S	MILLAR F	GILCHRIST T R
1890-1891	WHITTY J B	BOYD W S	MILLAR F	GILCHRIST T R
1891-1892	WHITTY J B	CUNNINGHAM C S		
1892-1893	WHITTY J B	DUNN H	WEINHEIM S	BEST J T
1893-1894	WHITTY J B	MILLAR F R	JOHNSON C F	GIBBS F S
1894-1895	WHITTY J B	GIBBS F S	CUPIT C J	BROWN W S
1895-1896	WHITTY J B	GIBBS F S	CUPIT C J	STRONG J A
1896-1897	WHITTY J B	GIBBS F S	BRENNAN T F	STRONG J A
1897-1898	WHITTY J B	GIBBS F S	KAIBFELL J G	STRONG J A
1898-1899	WHITTY J B	GIBBS F S	KAIBFELL J G	STRONG J A
1899-1900	WHITTY J B	GIBBS F S	MOSES A R	STRONG J A
1900-1901	WHITTY J B	SLOAN A B	MOSES A R	STRONG J A
1901-1902	WHITTY J B	SLOAN A B	ALWYN A R	IVENS P C
1902-1903	WHITTY J B	SLOAN A B	ALWYB A R	IVENS P C
1903-1904	BLACKWOOD A R	SLOAN A B	HOOF A E	IVENS P C
1904-1905	BLACKWOOD A R	SLOAN A B	DOBBIE A L	IVENS P C
1905-1906	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SLOAN A B	DOBBIE A L	IVENS P C
1906-1907	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SLOAN A B	MILLS A C	IVENS P C
1907-1908	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SLOAN A B	CAMEERON D	IVENS P C
1908-1909	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	WOOD J A	IVENS P C
1909-1910	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	IVENS P C
1910-1911	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	GUINN S
1911-1912	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	GUINN S
1912-1913	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	GUINN S
1913-1914	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	HILL C
1914-1915	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	HILL C
1915-1916	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	HILL C
1916-1917	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	CLARKE C A R
1917-1918	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	CLARKE C A R
1918-1919	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	DOBBIE A L	JOSEPH W	CLARKE C A R
1919-1920	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	KENNY E	BANNERMAN W G	CLARKE C A R
1920-1921	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	KENNY E	BETTS F W	CLARKE C A R
1921-1922	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	KENNY E	BETTS F W	CLARKE C A R
1922-1923	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	KENNY E	BETTS F W	CLARKE C A R
1923-1924	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	MOUNSEY J L	DUNSTAN J T	CLARKE C A R
1924-1925	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	MOUNSEY J L	DUNSTAN J T	CLARKE C A R
1925-1926	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	MOUNSEY J L	CASTREAU G B	CLARKE C A R
1926-1927	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	MOUNSEY J L	NICHOLLS C J	CLARKE C A R
1927-1928	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SPRIGG J G H	NICHOLLS C J	CLARKE C A R
1928-1929	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SPRIGG J G H	NICHOLLS C J	CLARKE C A R
1929-1930	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SHANNON A R	SLOSS A	CLARKE C A R
1930-1931	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	SHANNON A R	RAVEN C F	CLARKE C A R
1931-1932	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	MILLER A P	SOWARD R S	CLARKE C A R
1932-1933	MORELL Sir Stephen J Kt B	HORDER G J	BOLTON R S	CLARKE C A R
1933-1934	DOBBIE A L	MILLER A P	BOLTON R S	CLARKE C A R
1934-1935	DOBBIE A L	GREGG R V	MACRAE S C	CLARKE C A R
1935-1936	DOBBIE A L	RAVEN C F	MACRAE S C	CLARKE C A R
1936-1937	DOBBIE A L	BAILEY J H	MACRAE S C	CLARKE C A R
1937-1938	DOBBIE A L	CAIRNES N W	NEWPORT F P	CLARKE C A R
1938-1939	DOBBIE A L	ROSS W G	NEWPORT F P	CLARKE C A R
1939-1940	DOBBIE A L	ROSS W G	NEWPORT F C	CLARKE C A R
1940-1941	DOBBIE A L	CLARKE J H P	JOSEPH W	CLARKE C A R
1941-1942	DOBBIE A L	GORDON A	JOSEPH W	CLARKE C A R
1942-1943	DOBBIE A L	GORDON A	PALFREYMAN D B	CLARKE C A R
1943-1944	DOBBIE A L	GORDON A	PALFREYMAN D B	CLARKE C A R
1944-1945	DOBBIE A L	BLAIR-HOLT J	PALFREYMAN D B	CLARKE C A R
1945-1946	DOBBIE A L	BLAIR-HOLT J	PALFREYMAN D B	CLARKE C A R
1946-1947	DOBBIE A L	CLARKE A H G	CAIRNES N W	CLARKE C A R
1947-1948	DOBBIE A L	CLARKE A H G	NEILL J S	ROBERTSON J N
1948-1949	DOBBIE A L	MORGAN D J R	MORRISON W T	ROBERTSON J N





# Profit and Loss

## Mercantile Rowing Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019
<b>Trading Income</b>	
Annual Awards Night	6,801.38
April Trials Revenue	6,300.00
ASF Receipts	28,925.00
Beer & Wine Sales	18,700.78
Club Functions	736.36
Corporate Training	727.27
December Camp Revenue	5,209.14
Elite Club Funding	72,727.28
Endowment Fund (REVENUE)	176.00
Frederico Fund	50,000.00
General Donations	51,917.00
Grants	(24,225.00)
Hire of Boats	2,590.91
Interest Income	3.96
Jan Camp Revenue	26,609.24
Locker Hire	790.94
Miscellaneous Income	6,047.35
Nationals Accommm	22,572.80
NSW Champs Accommm	8,827.31
President's Lunches' Revenue	2,896.61
Regatta Entry Fees Collected	28,598.64
Rent Received	189,841.20
Rowing Victoria Affiliation Revenue	244.54
Scotch-Mercantile Regatta	5,141.89
Subscriptions	76,989.64
Surplus on Sale of Equipment	4,569.62
Venue Hire	15,249.99
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>608,969.85</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	
Contract Coaching	11,862.50
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>11,862.50</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>597,107.35</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Accounting & Auditing	1,350.00
Accounting Subscriptions (Xero)	692.28
April Trials Costs	8,147.37
Bad Debts	(542.72)
Bank Charges	(32.84)
Bank Charges - Merchant	2,915.51

	2019
Beer & Wine Purchases	9,793.50
Boat Repairs (Labour)	8,638.40
Boat Repairs (Parts)	5,215.70
Boat Transport	1,690.06
Boathouse Expenses	1,319.39
Boathouse Repairs	3,290.22
City Link Tolls	2,812.95
Club Functions and Catering	1,893.67
Coaches' Expenses	4,443.69
Coaches' Honoraria	1,363.65
Coaches' Travel & Accommodation	3,101.18
Computer - Software	768.09
Computer - Website	2,872.99
December Camp Costs	5,422.25
Depreciation Expense	127,625.63
Donations made by the Club	88,631.02
Electricity	4,992.49
Evening of Excellence Costs	5,839.62
Fire Protection	6,331.19
Function Cleaning	2,900.00
Gas	1,046.67
General Expenses	159.09
Government charges	1,034.31
Henley Expenses	1,824.41
Insurance Boats & Equipment	24,891.76
Jan Camp Costs	31,621.89
Lift Repairs	2,270.00
Memorabilia	844.77
Miscellaneous Expenses	18.37
Motor Boat Expenses	1,289.62
Motor Vehicle Expenses - FUEL	6,188.47
Motor Vehicle Expenses - SERVICE	3,249.87
Nationals Costs	26,363.14
New Member Clothing	2,578.20
NSW Champs Costs	11,494.67
Oar Repairs	1,154.94
Postage	91.95
President's Lunches' Costs	2,728.59
Printing & Stationery	1,245.24
Rates and Taxes	2,253.56
Regatta Entry Fee Charges	28,090.12
Regatta Fines & Penalties	68.19
Routine Cleaning	18,332.99
Rowing Victoria Affiliation Costs	8,410.00
Rubbish Skip	2,150.04
Scotch Mercs Regatta	981.82
Staff Expenses & Training	450.00
Superannuation	13,268.47

2019

Telstra Landline	1,601.67
Telstra Mobile	1,963.68
Voluntary Hours	5,201.84
Wages and Salaries	150,364.02
Water	3,350.30
Workcover	1,426.04
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>659,483.99</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(62,376.64)</b>

Mercantile Foundation is Unassigned.

# Balance Sheet

## Mercantile Rowing Club Inc. As at 30 June 2019

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### Assets

#### Bank

ANZ Credit Card	81.91
Deposit Account	155.11
Undeposited Funds	552.07
Working Account	13,652.09
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>14,441.18</b>

#### Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	9,319.63
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>9,319.63</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Boathouse at Cost	408,312.70
Boathouse Renovation	1,984,098.17
Boats at Cost	1,091,463.83
Ergometers	24,825.57
Gym Equipment	3,684.55
Kitchen Assets	8,350.91
less Boathouse Accum Dep'n	(297,290.18)
less Boats Accum Dep'n	(831,892.44)
less Ergometers Accum Dep'n	(14,730.46)
less Gym Equipment Accum Dep'n	(3,684.55)
less Kitchen Assets Accum Dep'n	(8,174.42)
less Motor Boat Accum Dep'n	(13,372.98)
less Motor Vehicle Accum Dep'n	(10,655.62)
less Oars Accum Dep'n	(68,771.32)
less Sundry Assets Accum Dep'n	(71,102.45)
less Tents Accum Dep'n	(4,788.63)
less Trailers Accum Dep'n	(10,072.71)
Motor Boat	27,400.16
Motor Vehicle at Cost	40,627.27
Oars at Cost	107,822.36
Sundry Assets at cost	71,102.45
Tents	5,477.27
Trailers at Cost	13,409.09
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,452,038.57</b>

#### Total Assets

2,475,799.38

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	52,307.64
GST	2,489.93



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Historical Adjustment	(76,449.58)
Other Accounts Payable	(34,087.01)
PAYG Withholdings Payable	6,607.00
Provision for Annual Leave	11,004.72
Superannuation Payable	3,370.35
Suspense	(0.01)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(34,756.96)</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>	
Endowment Fund LIABILITY	31,236.75
OLD Endowment Fund Liability	587,502.00
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>618,738.75</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>583,981.79</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,891,817.59</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Current Year Earnings	(62,376.64)
Retained Earnings	1,905,330.23
War Memorial Fund	48,864.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,891,817.59</b>

Mercantile Foundation is Unassigned.

Monday, September 30, 2019

Michael Flint  
Smart Audit Pty Ltd  
25/20 Enterprise Drive  
BUNDOORA VIC 3083

**RE: Management Representation - Mercantile Rowing Club Inc.**

This representation letter is provided in connection with your review of the financial report of Mercantile Rowing Club Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2019, for the purpose of you expressing a conclusion as to whether anything has come to your attention that causes you to believe that the financial report is not, in all material respects, presented fairly in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and with Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria).

We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the financial report is in with the Australian Accounting Standards and with Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria).

*We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief the following representations made to you during your audit; having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:*

**Financial report**

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated 15 July 2019, for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001; in particular the financial report gives a true and fair view in accordance therewith.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. (ASA 540)
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. (ASA 550)
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial report and for which Australian Accounting Standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. (ASA 560)
- The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial report as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter. (ASA 450)

**Information provided**

- The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial report as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter. (ASA 450)
- We have provided you with:
  - Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
  - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial report of the association has been prepared in accordance with the *Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30th June 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
- and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as referred to in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Mercantile Rowing Club Inc. to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 [Victoria]* As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Mihael Graham Flint, CPA

Auditor's address: 25/20 Enterprise Drive, BUNOORA VIC 3083

Dated: 02-10-2019

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