



Mercantile Rowing Club

140th Annual Report - 2019-2020

The premier high performance club in Australia



When you can do something well, it's almost your responsibility to see how far you can take it. James Tomkins, member since 1984

Previous: Mercantile open women's and men's eights off the start at the State Championships before the lock down. Both crews won. The last races for Mercantile in the 2019-20 season

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(and previously Chairman of Selectors)

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Tom Courtney

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Jenny Fraumano

BOATHOUSE AND EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Tom Courtney to Apr 2020

Simon Morrison

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William H Webster

COMMITTEE

Madeleine Farrar to Feb 2020

Hamish Fitzsimmons

Sebastian Jenner

Julie Orr

Gemma Sibillin

Peter Somerville from Apr 2020

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President Anthony Johnson addresses the Christmas luncheon



Christmas lunch guest speaker Drew Ginn with some of the younger members

President's Report

Anthony Johnson

Barely a day goes by without some form of challenge appearing for us to overcome. However, it would be fair to say that 2020 has presented us with the most difficult of times. The entire world has felt the impacts of COVID 19 and in the Australian context Melbourne has had a particularly challenging experience.

At the time of writing this report, we are in the middle section of stage 4 restrictions. No access to the boathouse, no club social activities, no rowing and no coaching on the water. My heart goes out to our athletes, our coaches and supporters. It is so very hard and frustrating to train and prepare for racing without being able to row. *I am full of admiration for our coaches and athletes. For their willingness and ability make do in these times with creative thinking and flexibility.* There have been online physical challenges to measure meters rowed, kilometres ridden on bikes, and sessions of running completed. The road bike skills of our rowers have also been challenged and extended during the earlier lockdown period to include track cycling at Brunswick velodrome.

The lockdown has not just affected our coaches and younger rowers. Our committee members and volunteers who are usually involved in planning and coordination of social functions, logistics at camps, regattas and fundraising events have seen these activities on hold for much of the year and the foreseeable future. These challenges and restrictions, however, have allowed the committee more time to focus on formalising annual and strategic plans, review and amendments to the club constitution, changing to a new membership database system and the roll out of a

new and improved club website. My sincere thanks goes to all those committee members for their hard work on these important initiatives. Now our master's rowers, of which I am one, have found this time difficult as well. Without the ability or desire to spend countless hours engaged in alternative land training sessions that have kept our elite rowers busy we have, in many cases been forced to spend additional time around the home completing that long list of chores we never wanted to do.

Recently a special general meeting was conducted to vote on the amendments to the club constitution. Once again the spectre of COVID 19 resulted in this meeting being conducted remotely in place of the traditional gathering at the club. It was with some trepidation that I began the meeting fearing the remote format would rob this event of any spontaneity or fun. I was thrilled to see a good turnout to the meeting and that so many "hung around" for a chat and some light hearted banter after the business of the day was concluded. As has been the case in the past at the club meetings James Tomkins took the floor to ask the difficult questions and had Michael McKay outline his coaching philosophy and methods. Michael gave us all an insightful summary and was judged by one at the meeting as having answered this question better than anyone before. Well done Michael.

We are in good hands with a fine coaching team. I look forward to the exciting results we will all see in the coming months and years from our coaching team.

Whilst we are primarily a rowing club, we are very pleased to have kayak members who are also achieving great things. For the rowers, you will find the report of Geoff Moss of great interest.

Our kayakers have purchased a new K4 in Mercs livery and we look forward to the naming of that boat along side the naming of some rowing boats. It will be a grand affair.

After 4 years of fine service as Captain, Bill Webster has taken the decision to step down. Bill has done a fabulous job leading the club during this time and has calmly and diligently led us through the cold winter months of training, the detailed work and planning for rowing camps and regattas plus getting deeply involved in the planning and running of our social functions.

Bill has been at the helm during the changes of head coaches, presidents and committee members. He has worked as our delegate to Rowing Victoria and has taken the difficult phone calls from other clubs when we are seen to be doing too well at their expense.

A captain needs to be seen around the club and seen to be active. Bill has done just that and in fine style. He has been on the river bank coaching, behind the bar helping with Saturday breakfast club, behind the bar serving drinks on Thursday nights, in the boat coxing in masters training sessions and regattas. Bill has loaded boats, towed boat trailers and been there to lead and assist at

every turn. It is hard to think of a part of Mercantile that he has not been actively involved in.

Bill has been a wonderful source of information and advice in my first two years as President and I know all Mercantilians will agree that his contribution to our club has been most significant. I thank Bill for everything he has done for Mercantile and I am comforted in the knowledge that he is staying close by and will continue to be a visible and positive influence both inside the boathouse, along the river bank and at future regattas.

Finally, our new website is a vast improvement and gives us all a clearer window into our fine club. I draw your attention to our strategic plan under the Documents tab. It contains four significant objectives with ambitious targets that we will achieve. I welcome your input and assistance wherever you think you may be able to assist.

We have an exciting and challenging time in front of us. As a united team of coaches, athletes and members, Mercantile will push forward strongly in the next 12 months and beyond.



Victorious men's and women's open eights celebrate together at the Victorian Championships

Captain's Report

William Webster

Last season threw many unprecedented challenges at the Club. For each challenge, your Committee and coaches have risen to the task of keeping the Club thriving. *The Club values of Excellence, Respect, Friendship and Health were always at the forefront of our decision-making and continue to serve us very well.* Despite the pandemic and the accumulated time off the water, the Club is in a stronger position and better placed for success and growth than a year ago.

In October last year Nick Mitchell stepped down from his position as Head Coach. Whilst this was a very unsettling time for our athletes and the coaching group, the Committee acted swiftly to fill the void. **Paul McGann** was appointed as Performance Director through to the conclusion of the season at the end of April. This appointment did two things, first it put an experienced and enthusiastic person in charge of our program. Secondly it bought the Club time and enabled a thorough review of our rowing and coaching structure. Thank you Paul.

This structure of a Head Coach and some part time assistants had basically been unchanged for 20 years and had come to the end of its life. To serve our athletes and better enable them to compete it was apparent we needed to commit more full-time coaching resources otherwise we would be left behind.

The other clubs at the top of Australian rowing have funding from either universities or poker machines that enable them to employ their coaching staff. We have neither, we must rely on ourselves, our desire and our ingenuity. It means we are in charge of our own

destiny and it's why I would always rather be at Mercantile.

Our new structure splits the Club's rowing into two streams: Club & High Performance. The High-Performance stream comes under the direction of the High-Performance Director who sits on the Club Executive. This replaces the previous position of Chairman of Selectors. The Club stream including masters and coastal is under the direction of the Captain assisted by the 2 Vice Captains.

Tom Courtney in his high-performance report delves into the rationale for this change in more detail.

*After a rigorous international search for our new senior high performance coach, we were thrilled to announce that one of our own, **Mike McKay** was the outstanding candidate.* Mike commenced work in June and **Alistair Matthews** was appointed as a performance coach in July.

Whilst Mike's rowing achievements are well known, he impressed us with his thoughtfulness, intellect and his desire to take Mercantile forward. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and a second lockdown, it is fantastic to see the new discipline, thoroughness and level of engagement with athletes. There has been a step change in recruiting, and our coaches have capitalised on the absence of school winter sport to ensure recruits stayed engaged with rowing and transition seamlessly from school to Mercantile. This sets us up very well.

We welcomed two new coaches in **Dylan Curnow** and **Sam Fennessy** to the coaching group and we are pleased to see both continuing their coaching in the new season. Despite not being head coach, **Nick Mitchell** continued

coaching our senior athletes well. He now takes up the director of coaching role at Xavier College and we wish him every success. The evergreen **David Colvin** continued his fantastic coaching service with the Club and our Youth Men were also assisted by **Nick Lloyd**. **David Fraumano** moved to Canberra in December to take up the role of ACT Academy Head Coach. After 5 years coaching our Youth Women, **Brigitte Carlile** resigned in June. Brigitte built our Youth Women's squad to be the strongest in the country as demonstrated by Victorian wins in the Bicentennial Cup in 2017 and 2018 that were underpinned by Mercantile victories in the U21 4+ and 2-. In 2017, 2018 & 2019 Brigitte coached on the Australian Underage Team. We thank Brigitte for her service and wish her well in her expanded role at St Catherine's.

Our season was disrupted by two significant events, bush fire and pandemic. Back in December the National Selection Trial had to be relocated from Penrith to Canberra due to smoke. Even in Canberra the event was severely restricted due to smoke. The annual training camp on the Tambo River at Johnsonville had to be relocated back to Princes Bridge at the last minute due to the Gippsland fires. Thanks to the flexibility and ingenuity of our coaches, our athletes were able to push through these disruptions. The final day of both the NSW and Victorian State Championships were also lost to bad weather. However, stirring victories in the Men's and Women's Open Eights at the Victorian Championships gave a demonstration of the progress made over the season and indicated great prospects for the Nationals. Sadly, those races were to be the last ones before the season was shut down by the pandemic.

Prior to the onset of the pandemic the Olympic Trials were held at Penrith. **Jess Morrison** clearly stood out as the best performed athlete and was selected in the Women's Pair. World Champion **Katrina Werry** fought off months of

injury to claim a seat in the Women's Eight, with **James Rook** selected as Coxswain. **Amanda and Katrina Bateman** were selected in the Women's Sculling squad. In the men's trials **Angus Widdicombe** and **Liam Donald** were selected in the Men's Eight squad. **Red Matthews** was named as Reserve for the Men's LW Double Scull. This was a fantastic achievement. All these members are now back in training and ready to go through it all again on the journey to Tokyo and we wish them every success.

Our Pathway agreement with Rowing Victoria has been extended to the end of 2020. In the coming months we look forward to negotiating a new agreement.

Last year we welcomed **Noel Donaldson** back to Victoria as the Head Coach of the VIS. We are very grateful for the support Noel and the VIS have provided to our athletes over the last year. The VIS has been part of the high-performance landscape in Victoria for nearly 30 years and although their role in the Pathway system is still evolving the Club and Victoria is definitely the better for their continued involvement. Congratulations to Noel Donaldson for being made a Life Member of Rowing Australia, richly deserved!

For the Club to survive, develop and grow we cannot afford to focus too narrowly on High-Performance. In separating out the Club rowing stream we are looking to expand our number of active rowers and our rowing horizons. We have capacity in our fleet for greater utilisation and there is a need to provide a wider range of options to help fulfil our ideal of 'once a member, always a member'. The Club stream should complement our High-Performance stream, some members will switch between streams from time to time. We shall seek out racing opportunities at home and abroad for this group such as Henley Royal, Canadian Henley and NZ Championships. It should be competitive and fun to rebuild the sense and spirit of belonging to a club rather than pursuing a goal at a training centre.

Coastal rowing will also be part of this, we are ready to hit the beach with two coastal quads. FISA will shortly propose Coastal Rowing for inclusion in the Paris Olympics in 2024, we need to be ready. Our rowing alumni can stay connected with the Club and their mates through Masters rowing whether social or competitive.

This year we have put in place a plan to better manage, maintain and utilise our fleet. After an audit of the fleet and a projection of our medium to long term requirements a number of boats were sold. As the VIS disposed of its fleet we purchased 4 pairs and 4 racing sculls. It is further planned to purchase a coxed four and 4 more sculls. There is now the facility in our new website for a boat booking system. Aside from a small number of the high-performance boats, members are now able to book and use most of the fleet on a sessional basis. **Rob Manning** has returned to the Club and is now looking after our fleet maintenance and repairs. With a solid burst of activity during Lockdown 1 the fleet is in excellent shape.

The Club has recently agreed a partnering arrangement with Monash University. Initially Mercantile will assist with the preparation of the Monash Men's and Women's eights for the annual intervarsity regatta. In the next year we shall seek to develop our relationship with Monash to provide opportunities for our members and increase the resources of the Club.

A small team of **Andrew Phillips, Andrew Guerin, David Colvin** and **Duncan MacKinnon** took on the task of redeveloping our website. They did a great job, thank you gentlemen. The new site went live on 1 July and provides much greater functionality, it allows members to manage their member account, purchase Club merchandise, book equipment for use and of course there is the regular updates of Club events and activities.

In days gone by the bar was the main conduit to the friendship and

camaraderie of Club life, these days it is more often our splendid Saturday morning breakfast. Each Saturday (other than regatta days) **Jenny Fraumano** and **Julie Orr** organise a roster of parents, friends and members to prepare a generous breakfast to refuel our hungry rowers. Breakfast is open to all members and I invite you to come along, have a toastie and get to know our rowers. In the period between lockdowns it was great to see the breakfast up and running - in compliance with all the guidelines of course!

In addition to members mentioned elsewhere in this report, I would like to thank the following people for their particular efforts over the last year:

- **Jenny Fraumano, Julie Orr, Alison Legge, Claire Clarke, Leanne Quinn, Marisa Sibillin, Louise Cain, Felicity Frederico, Josie Achermann and John Leeming** for our sensational Saturday breakfasts. The team were also assisted by parents from BGS & St Catherine's.
- **Peter Somerville** for stepping in as Chairman of Selectors and assisting with the recruitment of our new coaches.
- **Jenny Fraumano** for our Team Travel & Accommodation.
- **Geoff Barden** for developing Club merchandise and organising an excellent reunion of the 84-87 Junior Fours.
- **Henry Edgar** for being our Liquor Licence nominee.

This has been a very challenging year for the Club but members can take heart that we have people with knowledge and experience on our Committee and Executive to give leadership and guidance. The pandemic will continue to stretch the Club's resources and test our resolve for many more months yet. As it continues the hopes, dreams and emotions of our young rowers will be clouded in uncertainty. *The strength of Mercantile is in its members and our shared values, together we will be stronger.*



Breakfast at Mercantile prepared by our great team led by Jenny Fraumano

On this Saturday, from the left: Alison Legge, Amelia Fraumano, Jenny Fraumano, Jennifer Irwin-Persson, Josie Ackermann and Marissa Sibillin

Performance Director's Report

Tom Courtney

High Performance Report

As a result of the Strategic Review undertaken by the Committee in 2019, a new committee position called the High Performance Director was created to take the place of the Chairman of Selectors. The High Performance Director's (HPD) role, which formally began in April 2020, is to ensure the implementation of the clubs strategic plan for High Performance in conjunction with the Club's professional coaches.

In addition, the HPD assists in managing the relationship the Club has with Rowing Victoria and the Victorian Institute of Sport with our Pathway funding agreement. This ensures that our Performance athletes have the best possible support to fulfil their ambitions of representing Victoria and Australia as well as gaining selection into the National Training Centres in Penrith and Canberra. One of changes which has arisen from our Strategic Review was moving to two full-time Performance coaches who can spend 100% of their working time looking after Mercantile Athletes.

The changes to our coaching team have been covered in detail in the Captain's report and so are not repeated here.

Thanks also go to Rowing Victoria who is our funding partner for the High Performance Program through the Victorian Pathway Program as well as the Victorian Institute of Sport as a service provider to our categorized athletes.

Covid-19 has been a challenge for the club over the past six months with the cancellation of the National Championships, World Cups, World Rowing Championships for U19/U23 and ultimately the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics. However, the club has

used this time well and has been able to embed our new High Performance Structure in the extra time we have had over winter. Recruitment has been a big emphasis and the coaches have recruited aggressively and well, resulting in over fifty new Youth athletes as well as nurturing relationships with schools that allow us to have a pipeline of junior talent coming through the club. In addition, our U23 and Open athletes have trained extremely well over the challenging period of lockdown to be in a much better position leading into the 2021 season than 2020. It is exciting to see over 120 athletes involved in the clubs online challenges and zoom ergo/weights sessions.

Running a High Performance program is very costly. As we compete against University and external funded clubs, I urge all members to participate fully in fundraising initiatives so we can maintain our strong independence in Australian Rowing. If you know of any sponsors who are willing to partner with our High Performance program please contact the club. Your sponsorship and fundraising will have a direct impact in assisting our athletes to be the best.

2021 is promising to be a fantastic season for Mercantile. Tokyo is on the horizon for our club members at the National Training Centres and training at the club, whilst our younger athletes will be striving for National and International successes.

It is incumbent upon our Club to be prepared to meet any eventualities, whether pandemic or otherwise. *By the steps we have taken, we are now ready for these challenges and Mercantile will continue to be the home of National, World and Olympic Champions.*



2019 Rower of the Year awards – Jess Morrison receives the Gina Reinhardt Rowing Leadership Award from Mrs Reinhardt



2019 Rower of the Year awards - Katrina Werry responds on behalf of her crew after winning the crew of the year award

Hon Secretary's report

Andrew Guerin

Good administration does not win gold medals, rowers and coaches do that. Equally true is that poor administration will prevent gold medals from being won. The greatest accolade that an administrator can receive is that they have provided the platform from which athletes can achieve their goals.

I recall the story told to me by a Mercantile member who witnessed junior football administration when his son was playing. The successful clubs had consistently good administration so the players and coaches could do their best work. The unsuccessful clubs were poorly organised and did not provide the basis for the players and coaches to perform.

This year your Committee has undertaken significant administrative changes to ensure we are successful over the next Olympiad and have a strong base for the longer term.

The most important of these changes was the adoption of a new strategic plan.

The plan is available to members on the Club's website.

The plan has four objectives which once achieved, will demonstrate to all that Mercantile is the premier high performance club in Australia.

The changes already undertaken under the plan include:

- the implementation of the new high performance strategy;
- the commencement of the club rowing strategy;
- implementation of the new membership management system
- improved membership management;
- creation of the new website;

- introducing coach inductions;
- creation of new and revised policies;
- updating safety management plan;
- implementation of a boat replacement plan;
- commencing a boathouse maintenance program;
- implementing robust investment management and governance of the Foundation;
- updating the constitution; and finally
- undertaking better communication with members.

Andrew Phillips has taken on the membership management role to ensure that we service our member base well and maintain good membership systems.

Member recognition continues with some 200 member profiles now published and monthly member profiles in our newsletters.

The popularity of the Alumnus membership is pleasing. This membership category is designed for those members who want to remain members for life but have no need to use the Club's equipment. It priced at a modest cost per annum to make it easy for past rowers to abide by the Club's ethos of *once a member, always a member*.

Given the nature of the sport, safety management is important. Whilst it is practised daily by all participants, these days we need to maintain a safety management plan and appoint safety officers. The safety management plan was updated during the season and **Angus Maloney** and **Alistair Matthews** have been appointed as the new safety officers for the 2020-21 season. Thanks to our retiring safety officer **Duncan MacKinnon**.

We have introduced an induction program for all our coaches with a well-considered induction pack. This innovation recognises the vital role played by our coaches and their influence on our rowing members.

Our communications team is led by **Hamish Fitzsimmons**, with **Faith Gasparini** and **Angus Maloney** managing social media channels and **Andrew Guerin** the website. They have been very active and maintained a good website and social media presence throughout the year. We are particularly pleased with the new website and how it has retained all the recent history of the Club.

The strategic plan requires much more work to be undertaken over the next season. The objectives include the reactivation of social events from Saturday morning breakfasts, Thursday night drinks to the proposed Henley on Yarra eve cocktail party. **Jenny Fraumano** will be leading these activities.

We look forward to the support of members in achieving these critical objectives.

Our responsibilities to the sport. As a significant member of our sport, your Club continues to provide our sport with some of the best and brightest.

One of these responsibilities is the provision of umpires. Your Club has provided umpires to local, national and international rowing events. Our international level umpires are **William Webster** and **Andrew Guerin**, our national umpire **Duncan MacKinnon** and local umpire **Graeme Boykett**. We thank them for their work.

Another responsibility to the sport is to provide administrators to our sport. We thank **Ben Dodwell** for serving as Rowing Australia board member.

We also thank **Joe Joyce** for his remarkable work at Rowing Victoria both as President and as interim CEO during the transition of CEOs. He has

undertaken this massive task with great expertise and enthusiasm. The sport owes much to him.

The new Rowing Victoria CEO is another Club member and past rower, **Ian Jickell**. Ian will bring a great deal of expertise and experience to this important role.

Member **Noel Donaldson** continues his role as head rowing coach of the VIS, as does **Roger Wilson** continue his announcement duties at regattas.

To paraphrase Geoffrey Blainey, we stand on the shoulders of others, and in our case, many great rowers, coaches and administrators who have together made Mercantile a great and world renowned Club. It is incumbent on us to add to this legacy.

Committee attendances

The Committee has met on 14 occasions since the last annual general meeting through to September 2020. Vice-President **Henry Edgar** has also been a regular attendee. The attendances for this period were:

	Meetings	Attended
Anthony Johnson	14	14
William Webster	14	14
Angus Maloney	12	11
Meghan Hester	12	9
Andrew Guerin Duncan	14	14
MacKinnon	14	13
Jenny Fraumano	14	14
Tom Courtney	14	14
Simon Morrison	3	3
Andrew Phillips Hamish	14	12
Fitzsimmons	14	11
Sebastian Jenner	14	12
Gemma Sibillin	12	7
Madeline Farrar	4	3
Julie Orr	14	9
Peter Somerville	9	6
David Colvin	5	3

Hon Treasurer's Report

Duncan MacKinnon

What interesting times in which we live! Never would I have imagined that the State Championships in February would be the end of club racing for the season, and on-water training would continue to be so limited six months later.

From a strictly financial point of view, not going to Nationals meant that the club saved the money it would normally spend on transporting coaches & boats to Sydney, and accommodating coaches for the week that they would be there. But of course we exist to row, and no rowing would quickly close the doors of the boathouse.

To further rowing, once we can resume in earnest, we have purchased four pairs, four singles and, in anticipation of the future, two coastal rowing quads. We have been able to fund this from the club's cashflow, without seeking a donation from the Frederico Fund (since we have drawn down more of our annual allocation in previous years). In addition, we have been able to repay the Endowment Fund \$50k, under the terms of our agreement, with a view to rebuilding its capital in time for the next renovation.

In terms of the financial year, we will be reporting a small surplus. While there have been a few savings in lockdown (such as reduced utility bills), many of our expenses are ongoing, such as insurance and fire alarm monitoring. We have also taken the opportunity to catch up on maintenance, spending \$24k on boats, oars & equipment maintenance, and \$6k around the boathouse. More is needed to be done to keep our facility in suitable shape for the coming years.

We have fortunately attracted support from the State and Federal Governments to offset some of the burdens of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we continue to be reliant upon our members, our tenants, funding agreements and donors to survive.

It will therefore be very important for us all to reconvene as soon as it is safe to do so. While the connections of our membership ensure the financial viability of our 140 year-old institution, it is the connections of our membership which ensure that our dynamic, vibrant, beloved club continues into the future.

Donors

One of the key elements of maintaining the financial base of the Club is donations. We thank our donors for their generous support.

- Malcolm and Pip Batten
- Sean and Bibi Colgan
- Tim Frederico
- Andrew and Sally Guerin
- John Harry
- Warwick and Margaret Hutchins
- Jeff Lawrence
- Duncan MacKinnon
- Martin and Susan Owen
- Justin Quill
- David Yunghanns

Once COVID-19 is all over, let us gather by the river, and celebrate our friendships, in the way we have it at Mercantile

The financial statements and auditors opinion are in a separate document.

Foundation Report

Andrew Guerin

Success on the water is the primary way of protecting our future. We must always be vigilant to aim for excellence. However, the Club also requires a financial base upon which its future can be assured. The Club has been fortunate to have a history of generous benefactors who have led to the creation of a Foundation.

The Foundation objectives are:

- Maintenance of a suitable boathouse (Sprigg account) - by 2033, build up a reserve of \$1 million to enable the Club to renovate the boathouse at the time of the next lease renewal. Currently approximately \$200,000 is held for this purpose. The Club is in the process of repaying the loan to it for the previous renovation.
- Maintenance of a good fleet (Frederico account) - this part of the Foundation was established through the generosity of **Sean and Bibi Colgan** and maintains a fund of \$1 million to assist the Club with equipment purchases.
- Athlete assistance (Colgan account) - build up a fund of \$1 million to assist our athletes in international competition. Currently approximately \$200,000 is held in this account with grants made annually.
- Coaching assistance (Bilney account) - build up a significant fund to support coaching. This area is aspirational and will not commence until the boathouse and athlete assistance objectives are first met.
- Volunteer support (Cooper account) - support and recognise volunteers at Mercantile.

The Foundation administrators are **Malcolm Batten, Tim Frederico, Andrew Guerin, John Harry and Jeff Lawrence.**

The most significant activity this year was the adoption of a new investment policy, documenting the governance and responsibilities of all parties and the engagement of a renowned investment manager to both advise them and implement the portfolio. This places the Foundation on a sound footing going forward. It is a tobacco-free investment portfolio.

Given that the objectives of the Foundation are all long term, and it is more concerned with long term returns than volatility, a growth portfolio has been adopted.

The Foundation missed the worst of the March downturn holding a large amount of cash at the time. A gradual reinvestment program is underway into the new portfolio.

The Foundation relies upon the incredibly generous donations of members to build up the Foundation. In recent times, the Foundation received significant donations from:

- Malcolm and Pip Batten
- Sean and Bibi Colgan
- Tim Frederico
- Andrew and Sally Guerin
- John Harry
- Warwick and Margaret Hutchins
- Jeff Lawrence
- Martin and Susan Owen

We also thank other donors whose contributions are equally important. We would welcome further donors and if you would like to find out more about the Foundation and how to make a tax deductible donation, please speak with any of the administrators of the fund.

The Foundation is a critical part of securing the Club's future and will need many more donations and bequests to achieve its aims and provide a lasting legacy for the Club and future members.

Kayak Report

Geoff Moss

What a tumultuous year it has been, not only for members of the Mercantile Kayak Club, but society in general. The year had started out well, with members **Rebecca Mann** and **Hannah Scott** representing Australia at the world canoe marathon titles, at a spectacular venue in Shaoxing, China, last October.

Hannah competed in three events, women's short course K1 (WK1), under 23 WK1 and the WK2 events, and, with Rebecca competing as the Australian team in the WK2, achieved a 9th position.

A super effort, marathon kayaking being one of the most gruelling events in the canoeing discipline, requiring extreme endurance fitness, the ability to sprint as required to ensure you stay in lead group, close understanding of currents and other competitors lines and a sharp edge to ensure you are not "squeezed" out of the race by other competitors. Backing up for three events at a regatta is extremely demanding. This result is a testament to the amount of work Rebecca and Hannah put it to the sport.



Rebecca Mann and Hannah Scott finish top ten in the women's K2

Sprint Kayaking was fortunate that the Victorian and National titles were conducted early in the year, with the team achieving great results.

Victorian titles

Mens Open k1 200 Metres

- Adam Holovics 1st
- Chris Smith 4th

Mens K1 1000 and K1 500

- Chris Smith 4th

Mens K2 200

- Adam Holovics and Justin Quill 1st
- Chris Smith and Noah Cameron 2nd

Mens K4 200 and 500

- Adam Holovics, Justin Quill, Logan Dutton and Chris Smith 1st

National titles

Mens K2 1000

- Logan Dutton 6th

Karl Russell and I competed in Surf Safari event on the Derwent in Tasmania, a long standing 21km open water event from Sandy Point. This is a Surf Lifesaving event for Surf Lifesaving Tasmania and has surf skis and surf boats competing. Karl is a previous winner of the event when he lived in Tasmania over 20 years ago and it was great to see the camaraderie amongst the competitors and officials when they

saw Karl, truly a great reflection of the spirit of kayaking and surf lifesaving.

Peter Foster, our club Treasurer turned 60 this year. Many of the members provided some of the fabulous paddling history of Peter, both in Kayaking and Surf lifesaving, dating back over 30 years. May I thank Peter for the continuing work as treasurer of the club, he does an outstanding job of all the aspects of ensuring we are financially viable and up to date with all fees.

It is great to see that our club has retained some of the older paddlers and actively encourages and supports our younger members, truly a great sport and fraternity when you can say you are still out there, doing your thing with paddlers you met more than 3 decades ago.

The club was successful in obtaining a Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package, a sporting community grant of a thousand dollars as part of the Covid response and Peter will put the funding to good use. I would like to thank the Victorian Government for this initiative and the local Member Nina Taylor MP, MLC for the pleasing advice we have been successful.

During the year, **Justin Quill** kindly sourced and donated a K4 for the club. This has enabled the club to have a full contingent of Olympic class sprint Kayaks, (K1, K2 and now K4). Justin has been an energetic behind the scenes organiser this year of the K4, our elite training programs and generally providing great support to our younger members. A big thank you to Justin for both his energy at the club and the K4 and we look forward to the club christening the boat.

Justin secured an elite training program this year for our members, from Ramon Anderson, head Coach of the WAIS. In these Covid times, remote coaching and programs are not as unusual as they may once have been.

The Covid Pandemic has caused major disruptions to all levels of society and

our club has not been immune - from all levels of our club, from the elite members to all other members.

Our response has been measured, in accordance with state requirements and may I thank both **Peter Foster** and **Justin Quill** for providing excellent sounding boards for decision making and direction for the club. Whilst we sometimes had conflicting views, we always settled on a pragmatic, safe way to proceed. May I also thank each of the members for respecting the clubs directions during this time, the incongruence of elite training and striving for excellence, countered against a bigger issue, community health (physical and mental). I know personally it is quite challenging from a health and well being perspective and do expect better times are ahead. Many of the debates and suggestions on our club WhatsApp group indicated the healthy nature of our ability to voice our opinions. I look forward to when I can go to the club, get in the K4, get on the water for a burn and, after the session, have a shower and get dressed in a changeroom. The response of each of the members, whether it be social distancing, training time allocation has been outstanding and may I thank each of you for your efforts in ensuring we are recognised not only for our paddling successes, but also as a safe and healthy place to be.

Better times are always ahead. We would not be the Mercantile Kayak club unless we were part of a bigger family of the Mercantile Rowing club and may I also extend my thanks and appreciation to our Rowing club cousins who have provided excellent advice and support during the year, and, more specifically "covid" times.

When we are allowed back on the water, I would like to think a K4 v Quad Mercantile challenge could be inaugurated. May I thank you all for the support you have given me as President over the last 12 months and may next year be much, much better than this one.

Trophies

Captain's Trophy

This 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 2019 /20 season, the Captain's Trophy has been won jointly by **Paige Barr, Sophie Reinehr & Tom Murray.**

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 2019 /20 season, the Max Bailey Trophy has been won by **Lily Arnoul.**

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 2019 /20 season, the Dr RA Cooper Memorial Trophy is awarded to two important volunteers. **Peter Somerville** who assisted in the transition to the new high-performance arrangements in the roles of Chairman of Selectors and volunteer coach. **Red Matthews** who undertook superb work with our athletes devising and conducting athletic competition during the lockdown. His work was significant in keeping our athletes motivated and training hard during this difficult period.

N W Cairnes Trophy

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

For the 2019 /20 season, the NW Cairnes Trophy is awarded to **Eyrin McCarthy.**

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 2019 /20 season, the Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Meghan Hester.**

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 2019 /20 season, the F. R. Browne Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Nick Vlachodimitropoulos**

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 2019 /20 season, the H.R. Frederico Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Georgie Gleeson.**

Keith Bilney Coaches Trophy

This trophy was established in the memory of Keith Bilney who gave nearly 70 years of service to rowing as a coxswain, sculler, oarsman, administrator but, most of all coach He gave of 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 2017 /18 season, the Keith Bilney Coaches Trophy is awarded to **Paul McGann** who stepped into the breach as the high performance coach mid-season in 2019.

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 2019 /20 season, the Jay Loveless Trophy is awarded to **Jessica Morrison** who was preselected into the women's pair, the number one ranked women's boat for the Olympics, before the shutdown.

Martin Owen Trophy

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

For the 2019/20 season, the Most Outstanding Oarsman Trophy is awarded jointly to **Angus Widdicombe** and **Liam Donald** who are members of the Olympic men's eight squad.



Mercantile members enjoy the Rowing Australia Rower of the Year awards

Season Wins 2019-2020

Mercantile wins

Head of the Barwon

Male A-D Scull - Alexander Kinsella

Mixed Quad Scull - Alexander Kinsella, Gemma Sibillin

Head of the Mitchell

Mixed Quad Scull - Ray Dawson

Head of the Goulburn

Male C Grade Eight - Alexander Kinsella, Alexander Selemba, Stearns Weil, William Kalikman, Jordan Roberts, Tom Murray, Nick Vlachodimitropoulos, cox Lily Arnoul.

Male Open Scull - Red Matthews

Melbourne Head

Female Open Scull - Katrina Bateman

Male Club Eight - Stearns Weil, Alexander Kinsella, Timothy Benton, Alexander Clarke, Tom Murray, William Kalikman, Jordan Roberts, Marcus Cain, cox Lily Arnoul.

Female Club Eight - Paige Barr, Stephanie Ferrali, Rhiannon Morgan, Gemma Sibillin, Madeleine Thomas, Kate Duggan, Sophie Reinehr, Louisa Bongrain, cox Eyrin McCarthy.

Female Open Eight - Phoebe Wolf, Gemma Sibillin, Rhiannon Morgan, Kate Duggan, Madeleine Thomas, Katrina Bateman, Mimi Tuddenham, Sky Froebel, cox Lily Arnoul.

Carrum Regatta

Male U21 Pair - William Achermann, Lukas Matic.

Male Open Scull - Alexander Kinsella.

Female Open Scull - Katrina Bateman.

Female U21 Scull - Sophie Reinehr.

Male U21 Coxed Four - Marcus Cain, Stearns Weil, Tom Murray, William Kalikman, cox Phillip Tran.

Female B Grade Double Scull - Rhiannon Morgan, Paige Barr.

Rutherglen Regatta

Male Masters Scull (800m) - Rod Edwards.

Male Masters Double Scull (800m) - Greg Hansen.

Male Master Double Scull (500m) - Greg Hansen.

Ballarat Regatta

Male U21 Pair - Nick Vlachodimitropoulos, Tom Murray.

Male U21 Scull - Eric Low.

Female U21 Scull - Louisa Bongrain.

Female Open Pair - Mimi Tuddenham, Georgie Gleeson.

Female Open Scull - Sky Froebel.

Female C Grade Four - Rhiannon Morgan, Lulu Murrell, Alice Levin, Faith Zehfuss, cox Eyrin McCarthy.

Female U21 Eight - Louisa Bongrain, Alice Levin, Stephanie Ferrali, Eleanor Millear, Teagan Blythe, Paige Barr, Emily Sutherland, Sophie Reinehr, cox Lily Arnoul.

Female Open Four - Phoebe Wolf, Sky Froebel, Mimi Tuddenham, Georgie Gleeson.

Male Open Pair - Ben Canham, Alexander Wolf.

Barwon Regatta

Male U21 Coxed Four - Marcus Cain, William Kalikman, Tom Murray, Nick Vlachodimitropoulos, cox Phillip Tran.

Female U21 Coxed Four - Teagan Blythe, Paige Barr, Emily Sutherland, Sophie Reinehr, cox Lily Arnoul.

Male U21 Eight - Stearns Weil, Alexander Selemba, Jordan Roberts, Connor Shugg, Marcus Cain, William Kalikman, Tom Murray, Nick Vlachodimitropoulos, cox Phillip Tran.

Female U21 Eight - Louisa Bongrain, Alice Levin, Stephanie Ferrali, Eleanor Millear, Teagan Blythe, Paige Barr, Emily Sutherland, Sophie Reinehr, cox Lily Arnoul.

NSW Small Boat Regatta

Female Elite Pair - Jessica Morrison.

Male U21 Pair - Lukas Matic, William Achermann.

Male U21 Scull - Eric Low.

NSW State Championships

Female Elite Pair - Jessica Morrison.

Female Elite Four - Jessica Morrison.

Nagambie Regatta

Male U21 Pair - Stearns Weil, Marcus Cain.

Female Open Pair - Kate Duggan.

Female U21 Pair - Stephanie Ferrali, Eleanor Millear.

Female U21 Scull - Louisa Bongrain.

Female U21 Coxed Four - Teagan Blythe, Paige Barr, Emily Sutherland, Sophie Reinehr, cox Lily Arnoul.

Male U21 Eight - Stearns Weil, Jordan Roberts, James Forwood, Alexander Selemba, Marcus Cain, Connor Shugg, Timothy Benton, William Kalikman, cox Phillip Tran,

Female U21 Eight - Louisa Bongrain, Olivia Sargeant, Stephanie Ferrali, Eleanor Millear, Tegan Blythe, Paige Barr, Emily Sutherland, Sophie Reinehr, cox Lily Arnoul.

Australian Henley

Female Open Eight - Teagan Blythe, Phoebe Wolf, Emily Sutherland, Paige Barr, Georgie Gleeson, Mimi Tuddenham, Sky Froebel, Sophie Reinehr, cox Lily Arnoul.

Male Open Scull - Kane Grant.

Female Open Scull - Meghan Hester.

Male B Grade Eight - Joe Christie, Nick Szigeter, Oscar Kingham, Alexander Selemba, Alexander Kinsella, Stearns Weil, Jordan Roberts, William Kalikman, cox Phillip Tran.

Victorian State Championships

Male Open Pair - Alexander Wolf, Ben Canham.

Male U21 Pair - Tom Murray, Nick Vlachodimitropoulos.

Male Open Scull - Kane Grant.

Male U23 Scull - Joel Cain.

Female U23 Pair - Georgie Gleeson, Sky Froebel.

Female U21 Scull - Louisa Bongrain.

Male Open Eight - Lukas Matic, William Achermann, Joel Cain, Kane Grant, Ben Canham, Alexander Wolf, Tom Murray, Nick Vlachodimitropoulos, cox Phillip Tran.

Female Open Eight - Stephanie Ferrali, Paige Barr, Teagan Blythe, Mimi Tuddenham, Emily Sutherland, Georgie Gleeson, Sky Froebel, Sophie Reinehr, cox Eyrin McCarthy.

Male Open Double Scull - Joel Cain, Ben Canham.

Female LW Quad - Phoebe Wolf, Meghan Hester.

Sadly, the season ended prematurely with all regattas cancelled after the Championships due to the pandemic.

Member Roll

Andrew Phillips

The Club has commenced an ambitious aim of increasing membership by 175 pa going forward until it reaches 1,000 members. Whilst the strategic plan calls for greater rowing members, the vast majority of these additional members will come in the alumnus membership category, which comprises past rowers, coaches and administrators of the Club. The Committee wants the Club ethos of “*once a member, always a member*” to be true. The alumnus subscription level is modest and enables all past rowers to maintain their affiliation with the Club

and support the next generation of rowers.

We are also trying to recognise all those members of 40+ years’ continuous membership in the membership roll. Given the lack of Club records, this list is not accurate and we would welcome corrections to get it right. Your assistance would be appreciated.

We thank all members for their continued support of the Club.

MEMBERS 2019 / 2020 <i>‘Once a member, always a member’</i>								
	Female	Male	Total 2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Life	1	15	16	17	17	16	16	17
Senior	65	176	241	195	172	183	190	193
Junior	7	2	9	47	39	65	67	58
Country	2	21	23	24	25	23	27	25
Associate	5	4	9	14	25	26	17	25
	80	218	298	297	278	313	317	318
<i>Female #</i>			80	94	65	72	81	84
<i>Male #</i>			218	203	213	241	236	234
<i>Female %</i>			27%	32%	23%	23%	26%	26%
<i>Male %</i>			73%	68%	77%	77%	74%	74%

Life Members

Ainsworth, Phil	Life	40+
Batten OAM, Malcolm	Life	
Batters, Philippe	Life	40+
Colgan, Sean	Life	40+
Colvin, David	Life	
Cooper OAM, Andrew D	Life	
Crawshay OAM, David	Life	
Donaldson, Noel	Life	40+
Fraumano, Jenny	Life	
Ginn OAM, Drew	Life	
Guerin, Andrew	Life	40+
Harvey, James	Life	40+
Lawrence, Jeffrey	Life	40+

McKay OAM, Michael	Life	
Tomkins OAM, James	Life	
Webster, William	Life	
Senior members		
Achermann, William	Senior	
Adams QC, Arthur	Senior	40+
Ahrens, Marlena S.	Senior	
Allen, Roger	Senior	
Altman, Timothy J.	Senior	
Ambrose, Andrew	Senior	
Anderson, Warwick	Senior	40+
Arnold, Timothy	Senior	
Arnoul, Lily	Senior	
Ashby, Duncan	Senior	

Atkins DFC, Arthur	Senior	40+	Deacon, Georgia	Senior	
Bailey, William	Senior	40+	DeGaris, Peter	Senior	
Baker, Jack	Senior		Dempster, Peter	Senior	
Baker, Nicholas J.	Senior		Di Cosmo, Antonietta	Senior	
Balaam, Mimmi	Senior		Donald, Liam	Senior	
Barden, Geoff	Senior		Donovan, Michael	Senior	40+
Barden, Oliver	Senior		Douglas, David	Senior	40+
Barns, Graeme	Senior	40+	Doyle, Mark	Senior	40+
Barr, Paige	Senior		Duggan, Kate	Senior	
Bateman, Amanda	Senior		Dunkley-Smith, Josh	Senior	
Bateman, Katrina	Senior		Duthie, Ian R.	Senior	40+
Batten, Philippa	Senior		Edgar, Henry	Senior	
Benton, Timothy	Senior		Edmonds, Shane	Senior	
Bergelin, Anthony	Senior		Engel, Rachel	Senior	
Binos, Olympia	Senior		Evans, Andrew M	Senior	40+
Blythe, Teagan	Senior		Evans, Charlie	Senior	
Bongrain, Louisa	Senior		Farrar, Maddy	Senior	
Bosler, Danae	Senior		Ferrali, Stephanie	Senior	
Bostock, John B	Senior	40+	Fitzsimmons, Hamish	Senior	
Boulton, John	Senior		Fogarty, Michael	Senior	40+
Boykett, Graeme	Senior	40+	Forwood, James	Senior	
Brain, Robert	Senior		Foster, Peter	Senior	
Brown, Maddison	Senior		Fox, Russel	Senior	
Cain, Joel	Senior		Frasca, Pauline A.	Senior	
Cain, Marcus	Senior		Fraumano, Amelia	Senior	
Cain, Michael	Senior		Fraumano, David	Senior	
Cameron, Noah	Senior		Frederico, Emmie	Senior	
Campbell, Angus	Senior		Frederico, H. Tim	Senior	40+
Campbell, James	Senior		Froebel, Skyla	Senior	
Canham, Ben	Senior		Gasparini, Faith	Senior	
Cannon AM, Andrew	Senior	40+	Gillon, Stephen	Senior	40+
Carolyn Browne	Senior		Gleeson, Georgie	Senior	
Cathcart, Harry	Senior		Grant, Kane	Senior	
Christie, Joe	Senior		Green OAM, Nick	Senior	
Christine Howgate	Senior		Grey, Jayden	Senior	
Clarke, Alexander	Senior		Groves, Mark	Senior	
Cohen, Andrew	Senior		Hancock, Alexis Louise	Senior	
Colgan, Bibi	Senior		Hansen, Greg	Senior	
Collier, Anthony	Senior		Harrison, Simon	Senior	
Coltman, Sophie	Senior		Harte, Sarah	Senior	
Courtney, Tom	Senior		Hasforth, Blair	Senior	
Crawley, Hamish	Senior		Hawkins, John	Senior	40+
Crouch, James	Senior		Hedditch, Tom	Senior	
Curnow, Dylan A	Senior		Hester, Meghan	Senior	
Dawson, Ray	Senior	40+	Hewitt OAM, H. Neil	Senior	40+
de Guingand, Chris	Senior	40+	Hoban, James	Senior	

Holovics, Adam	Senior		McVicker, Hugh R S	Senior	
Hunt, Thomas	Senior		Millear, Eleanor	Senior	
Hurst, Madeleine	Senior		Moreton, Richard	Senior	
Hutchins, Warwick	Senior	40+	Moreton, Stewart	Senior	40+
Inglis, Anthony	Senior	40+	Morrison, Bruce	Senior	40+
Irena Benjamin	Senior		Morrison, Jessica	Senior	
Jamieson, Jamima	Senior		Morrison, Simon	Senior	
Jan Naylor	Senior		Moseley, Rod	Senior	
Jefferson, Debbie	Senior		Moss, Geoff	Senior	
Jenner, Sebastian	Senior		Mulder, Victor	Senior	40+
Jennifer Williams AM	Senior		Murray, Tom	Senior	
Johnson, Anthony	Senior		Murrell, Katherine	Senior	
Joyce, Joseph	Senior		Negri, Ron	Senior	
Kellam AO, Murray	Senior	40+	Newcomb, Simon H	Senior	40+
Kelly, Jack	Senior		Nickson, John	Senior	40+
Kerry Morrison	Senior		Nickson, Thomas J.	Senior	
Kimpton, Colin	Senior		Northrop, Edward	Senior	
Kingham, Oscar	Senior		Nothnagel, Tim	Senior	
Kininmonth, Eugene	Senior		Oliver AM, Richard	Senior	40+
Kinsella, Alex	Senior		O'Malley, Cameron	Senior	
Lachal, Bob	Senior	40+	Orwin, Anthony	Senior	
Law, Alex	Senior		Palfreyman, David	Senior	40+
Leeming, John	Senior	40+	Patten, Sam	Senior	40+
Legge, William	Senior		Pernette P. Wijnen	Senior	
Letch, Asia	Senior		Phillips, Andrew	Senior	
Levin, Alice	Senior		Pilmore, Rod	Senior	
Lewis, Colin D	Senior	40+	Pincus, David	Senior	40+
Lopez Garza, Daniel	Senior		Platts, Jason	Senior	
Louise Honman	Senior		Purcell, Imogen	Senior	
Low, Eric	Senior		Quill, Justin	Senior	
Low, George	Senior		Quirk, Simon	Senior	
Lynne Charge	Senior		Rasheed, Brenton	Senior	
Macek, Steven	Senior		Ratcliffe, Christopher	Senior	
MacKinnon, Duncan	Senior		Rees, Andrew	Senior	
Maloney, Angus F	Senior		Reinehr, Sophie	Senior	
Manning, Rob	Senior		Roberts, Jordan	Senior	
Manton, Garth	Senior	40+	Robertson, Jack D	Senior	
Marley, Derek	Senior	40+	Rook, James	Senior	
Matic, Lukas	Senior		Rowe AM, John S	Senior	40+
Matthews, Redmond	Senior		Russell, Karl	Senior	
McCarthy, Eyrin	Senior		Ryan, Sean	Senior	40+
McDonald, Andrew	Senior		Sargeant, Olivia	Senior	
McGann, Paul	Senior	40+	Sarjeant, Hugh	Senior	
McLean, Russell	Senior	40+	Saunders, John	Senior	
McMinn, Euan	Senior		Schoner, Simon	Senior	
McNamara, Michael	Senior		Seal, Caitie	Senior	

Selby Smith, Robyn	Senior		Yunghanns, David J.	Senior	40+
Selemba, Sasha	Senior		Zhang, Roy	Senior	
Shears, John	Senior	40+	Junior Members		
Shipton, James	Senior		Planincic, Eliza	Junior	
Shugg, Connor	Senior		Whitehead, Amelia	Junior	
Sibillin, Gemma	Senior		Bennett, William	Junior	
Sim, Michael	Senior		Cantwell, Romy	Junior	
Singleton, Glenn	Senior		Fitzsimmons, Orietta	Junior	
Sinn, Andrew	Senior		Morrison, Anna	Junior	
Sloan, Alex T	Senior	40+	Powell, Caitlin	Junior	
Sloan, Rob	Senior		Somerville, Brigit	Junior	
Smith, Christopher A	Senior		Wellink, Christophe	Junior	
Somerville, Peter	Senior		Country Members		
Spriggs, Simon	Senior		Baillieu, William	Country	40+
Stanley, Timothy	Senior		Billet, Pierre	Country	
Stark, William	Senior		Connolly, Mark	Country	40+
Stewart, Georgia L	Senior		Corben, Mal	Country	40+
Stewart, Rod	Senior		Daffy, Tom	Country	40+
Sutherland, Emily	Senior		Dodwell, Benjamin	Country	
Szigeter, Nicholas	Senior		Donoghue AM, J. Doug	Country	40+
Theodossiou, George	Senior		Edwards, Rod	Country	40+
Thomas, Madeleine	Senior		Harry, John	Country	40+
Thompson, Jeffrey	Senior		Johnson, E. Ted	Country	40+
Thompson, Ria	Senior		Kovacic, Jason	Country	40+
Tierney, Scott	Senior		Law, Robert	Country	
Tomanovits, Peter	Senior		McArthur AM, Stewart	Country	40+
Tomczak, Carl	Senior		McNamara, Pat	Country	40+
Trainor, Annie	Senior		McNeil, Andrew S.	Country	
Tran, Phillip	Senior		McNeil, Cate V	Country	
Tuddenham, Mimi	Senior		McNeil, Sean	Country	
Val Dowell	Senior		O'Brien, Peter	Country	40+
Vennemann, Johanna	Senior		Patterson, Celia	Country	
Vlachodimitropoulos, Nicholas	Senior		Patterson, George	Country	
Walker, Tony	Senior	40+	Schreier, Paul	Country	
Wallace, Bill	Senior	40+	Shanasy, John	Country	40+
Ward, Clare M	Senior		Young, Tim	Country	40+
Warwick, Amelia	Senior		Associate Members		
Werry, Katrina	Senior		Batten, Lucas	Associate	
Wertheimer AM RFD, COL John	Senior	40+	Duncan, Robert	Associate	
Widdicombe, Angus	Senior		Fraumano, Gary A.	Associate	
Wilson OAM, Roger	Senior	40+	Johnson, Anna	Associate	
Wilson, James S.	Senior		Johnson, Belinda	Associate	
Wilson, Rohan	Senior		Johnson, Maryrose	Associate	
Wolf, Alex	Senior		Morell, Tim	Associate	
Wolf, Phoebe	Senior		Orr, Julie	Associate	
Wraith, Richard	Senior		Richardson, Rosemary	Associate	

Obituaries

Kevin Wickham



Kevin Wickham died on 4th July 2020. Whilst he was primarily a Banks member, he spent a season at Mercantile assisting Phil Cayzer with a young junior eight. That crew was greatly improved by his contribution. We send our sincere condolences to his family and we mourn his passing. A profile of Kevin's sporting life can be found in our member profiles or through the following link: <https://www.rowinghistory-aus.info/rower-profiles/wickham-kevin>.

Denis Ginn



Denis on the right in 2014 when Drew was awarded the Keller medal

In March we advised members of the passing of Denis Ginn, father of Drew, and great

friend to the Club. He passed away on 27th March 2020 at Yancowinna, Cape Paterson. Our sincere condolences to Drew, Melanie and their family, and also to Denis' wife Christine. The notice in The Age advised that he was fiercely independent and in good humour to the end.

Robert Connolly



Rob in the four seat of 1968 National Champion lightweight eight

Also in March we advised members with great regret of the passing of Robert Connolly on 20th of that month. As one of his lightweight colleagues said, *an immortal lightweight*. He was a good bloke who will be remembered as such. Many in the Club will not know of Rob as he has been living in Queensland for a long time and ceased his competitive rowing back in 1969. Rob had been ill for a long period but was still able to make it back for the funeral of his great mate Tim Hogan last year. Rob joined the club in the 1963-64 season but we do not have any record of his racing in his first three seasons. Our first recorded win was in the intra-club Dobbie Fours in 1966. That was the same year in which he enticed his younger brother Mark down to the Club to do some coxing. Rob's best season was in 1967-68 when he finished with a National Championship in the four seat of the Club's lightweight eight after stroking several winning junior eight races.

In the 1968-69 season, he won a string of winning lightweight eights including the Victorian Championship. In those days there were not annual National Championships so the Interstate Championships were the pinnacle of lightweight achievement. He

raced in the Interstate Championships in the two seat of the Victorian lightweight four.

At season's end, Rob left for New Guinea. Rob became a country member where he remained. Our condolences to his wife Sandra and family.

Sandy Mitchell



Many members were deeply saddened by the death of Sandy Mitchell. Sandy was a man of great intellect and will, who has left a considerable mark on the sport of rowing. Despite his abilities, his academic life was not outstanding, although his Scotch College education provided him with two lasting loves, rowing and music. Sandy started his rowing at school and coxed the first crew for three consecutive years, being Captain of Boats in 1983, his final year. Following school, and before he went to university in Queensland, he coxed at Mercantile. He then went onto a superb career in music. He was assistant manager of an orchestra in Brisbane, then assistant company manager of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and then company manager and sometime conductor of the Tasmanian Symphony orchestra: all at a very young age. His experiences at a young age taught him many things, including management and standing firm to his convictions: traits that he held throughout his life. He then suffered significant illness and his life was in peril. Medical science intervened to give him a second life. He devoted it to his family, friends and rowing. His vision for an inclusive rowing club for the LGBTI community was realised through the establishment of the Argonauts Rowing Club in Melbourne. He established this club with three others who shared his vision. He

enjoyed coaching crews and was very good at it.

He then became a talent identification coach at Mercantile and a coach of national significance in that area. He spent much time at the Australian Institute of Sport and at the Club coaching many great rowers: rowers who went onto international success. He developed many great rowers such as our own Katrina Bateman who moved from surf lifesaving to international rower.

Brighton Grammar recognised his talent and he spent many years coaching successfully and being a superb mentor. He was also a rowing administrator, primarily at the Argonauts, but also at Rowing Victoria. He was a Board Member, and for a time between CEOs, the CEO of that body. He was a key supporter and designer of the grade rowing system which has been used in Victoria for many years, and subsequently copied in other States. He was an analytical and deep thinker, who took the time to make the correct decisions. He was firm in his commitments during implementation once the decision was made. He will be missed by rowers throughout Victoria and at the Club. A guard of honour of Mercantile, Brighton Grammar and Argonauts rowers guided his casket on its final journey.

Julie McCall



Last September, we advised with deep sadness of the passing of Julie McCall, widow of Graham, mother of rowers Felicity and Duncan, and grandmother of current rowers Alex and Phoebe Wolf.

Our condolences to all of her family who are so much part of Mercantile.

Julie was a much loved person who endeared herself to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She had many long and special friendships at Mercantile Rowing Club and the rowing community through supporting Graham, her children Felicity and Duncan whilst rowing, and more recently her grandchildren. She cared for Graham through his long illness and died after her own long illness.

The Club is so much the poorer for the loss of these member and our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Other significant losses to the rowing community



Other significant members of the rowing world also died in the past period and the sport mourns these losses. In particular, we highlight Stephen Hinchy OAM of Commercial Rowing Club in Brisbane, Ray Hammon of Essendon Rowing Club and John Ward of Rutherglen Lake Rowing Club.



Alex Wolf and Ben Canham win the open pair at the Ballarat Regatta

Boats and Equipment Register

Simon Morrison

We are in the process of creating a structured fleet, boathouse and equipment plan.

The aims of the Fleet plan are to:

- Maximise fleet utilisation
- Minimise lifecycle costs
- Optimise the quality and type of boat available to the various active member demographics.

So far this year we have:

- Implemented a formal booking process for general club boats
- Undertaken a comprehensive repair and maintenance program on the existing fleet
- Implemented a 'Slack' based process for the ongoing repair of minor damage.

The aims of the Building plan are to:

- Keep the boathouse to a standard that provides members and tenants with a facility that meets requirements
- Is attractive to those who wish to hire it.
- Does not overcapitalise in the lead up to the next lease and renovation cycle in 2033

A building maintenance plan is in the process of being reviewed, costed and prioritised.

Initial work to repair the roof has been undertaken to address long overdue water ingress and damp issues at source, as well as internal patching and painting.

BOATS

Name	Make	Type	Serial Number	Year	Condition
Ex VIS SN 7086 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	1x	7086	2018	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7090 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	1x	7090	2018	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7092 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	1x	7092	2018	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7093 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	1x	7093	2018	Excellent
The Breakfast Mums	Sykes	1x	Ci008	2014	Excellent
Duncan MacKinnon	Sykes	1x	Ci006	2014	Excellent
Sgt William Cumberland MSM	Sykes	1x	Ci009	2014	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7095 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	2-/2x	7095	2018	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7096 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	2-/2x	7096	2018	Excellent
No Name SN 6709	Sykes	2-/2x	6709	2016	Excellent
Arthur 100	Sykes	2-/2x	6092	2015	Excellent
Nick Baker	Sykes	2-/2x	5650	2012	Excellent
Josh Dunkley-Smith	Sykes	2-/2x	5189	2011	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7097 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	2-/2x	7097	2018	Excellent
Ex VIS SN 7098 (purchased 2020)	Sykes	2-/2x	7098	2018	Excellent
No Name SN 6074	Sykes	2-/2x	6074	2014	Excellent
Katrina Werry	Sykes	2-/2x	6312	2015	Excellent
Thomas Abramowski	Sykes	2-/2x	5502	2012	Excellent
David McGrath	Sykes	2-/2x	5192	2011	Excellent
Bill Tait	Sykes	2-/2x	5294	2011	Excellent

John Harry	Sykes	2-/2x	6484	2015	Excellent
Ben Dodwell	Sykes	2-/2x	3137	2002	Good
Garth Manton	Sykes	2-/2x	-	2002	Fair
Celia Patterson	Sykes	4-	7189	2017	Excellent
Emily Martin	Sykes	4-	5331	2011	Excellent
Joan Burford	Sykes	4-	6110	2015	Excellent
Sarah Tait	Sykes	4-	5328	2011	Excellent
Kate Hornsey	Sykes	4-	5184	2011	Excellent
Warwick Hutchins	Sykes	4+	6090	2014	Excellent
Jenny Fraumano	Sykes	4+	6091	2014	Excellent
Richard Wraith	Sykes	4+	4680	2008	Excellent
David D Browne	Empacher	8+	-	2016	Excellent
Dr Bibi Colgan	Hudson	8+	-	2018	Excellent
John Burford	Hudson	8+	-	2013	Excellent
Henry Edgar	Sykes	8+	3896	2005	Excellent Very
David Colvin	Sykes	8+	-	2003	Good

BOATS PENDING SALE

Name	Make	Type	Serial Number	Year	Condition
David Douglas	Sykes	2-/2x	3349	2002	Fair
Pauline Frasca	Sykes	2-/2x	5008	2010	Excellent
Harry Mahoney	Sykes	2-/2x	3464	2003	Good
Fleur Chew	Sykes	4-	4705	2009	Excellent
Trader Al	Sykes	4+	-	1994	Fair
JJ Lawrence II	Sykes	8+	-	1997	Good Very
Andrew Guerin	Sykes	8+	3173	2003	Good
Sean Colgan	Sykes	8+	5429	2011	Excellent

OARS

Qty	Make	Type	Year	Condition
150	Croker/Concept II	Mixed Sweep & Sculling oars	2015	Good

COACHES BOATS

Name	Make	Type	Serial Number	Year	Condition
AU/BLU12223F516 SL493	Trekker	3.45m Aluminium boat+ 15hp motor	01504F- 512820	2015	Excellent
AU/BLU12186F516 SL494	Trekker	3.45m Aluminium boat+ 15hp motor	01504F- 512781	2015	Excellent

VEHICLES

Name	Make	Type	Year	Condition
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1MJ9SW	Isuzu	Crew Cab Ute	2017	Excellent
D61456	Sykes	Boat Trailer	1997	Good

GYM EQUIPMENT

Type	Qty	Make	Type	Year	Condition
Ergometer	13	Concept II	Model D	2011	Good
Ergo Sliders	22	Concept II		2011	Good
Exercise Bike	4	Watt Bike			Good
Exercise Bike	3	Concept II			Good
Free Weights		Various			Good



Regatta scene at Nagambie with our youth girls

Key Office Bearers

Season	President	Captain	Honorary Secretary	Honorary Treasurer
1880-81	W K Thompson	WS Boyd	J Baldwin T Baldwin	J Baldwin
1881-82	W K Thompson	WS Boyd		
1882-83	W K Thompson	WS Boyd	E Watson	FW Williams
1883-84	W K Thompson	WS Boyd	Geo Cragg	FW Williams
1884-85	W K Thompson	WS Boyd	CS Cunningham	FW Williams
1885-86	W K Thompson	WS Boyd	E Watson	F Gregerson
1886-87	W K Thompson	WS Boyd		
1887-88	W K Thompson	WS Boyd		
1888-89	W K Thompson	WS Boyd	F Millar	TR Gilchrist
1889-90	J B Whitty	CS Cunningham	F Millar	TR Gilchrist
1890-91	J B Whitty	CS Cunningham		
1891-92	J B Whitty	CS Cunningham		
1892-93	J B Whitty	H Dunn	S Weinheim	JT Best
1893-94	J B Whitty	FR Millar	CF Johnson	FS Gibbs
1894-95	J B Whitty	FS Gibbs	CW Cupit	WS Brown
1895-96	J B Whitty	FS Gibbs	CW Cupit	JA Strong
1896-97	J B Whitty	FS Gibbs	TF Brennan	JA Strong
1897-98	J B Whitty	FS Gibbs	JG Kalbfell	JA Strong
1898-99	J B Whitty	FS Gibbs	JG Kalbfell	JA Strong
1899-00	J B Whitty	FS Gibbs	AR Moses	JA Strong
1900-01	J B Whitty	AB Sloan	AR Moses	JA Strong
1901-02	J B Whitty	AB Sloan	AM Alywin	PC Ivens
1902-03	J B Whitty	AB Sloan	AM Alywin	PC Ivens
1903-04	A R Blackwood	AB Sloan	AE Hoof	PC Ivens
1904-05	A R Blackwood	AB Sloan	AL Dobbie	PC Ivens
1905-06	Sir S J Morell	AB Sloan	AL Dobbie	PC Ivens
1906-07	Sir S J Morell	AB Sloan	AC Mills	PC Ivens
1907-08	Sir S J Morell	AB Sloan	D Cameron	PC Ivens
1908-09	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	JA Wood	PC Ivens
1909-10	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	PC Ivens
1910-11	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	S Guinn
1911-12	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	S Guinn
1912-13	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	S Guinn
1913-14	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	C Hill
1914-15	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	C Hill
1915-16	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	C Hill

1916-17	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	CAR Clarke
1917-18	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	CAR Clarke
1918-19	Sir S J Morell	AL Dobbie	W Joseph	CAR Clarke
1919-20	Sir S J Morell	E Kenny	WG Bannermann	CAR Clarke
1920-21	Sir S J Morell	E Kenny	FW Betts	CAR Clarke
1921-22	Sir S J Morell	E Kenny	FW Betts	CAR Clarke
1922-23	Sir S J Morell	E Kenny	FW Betts	CAR Clarke
1923-24	Sir S J Morell	JL Mounsey	JT Dunstan	CAR Clarke
1924-25	Sir S J Morell	JL Mounsey HR Rush	JT Dunstan	CAR Clarke
1925-26	Sir S J Morell	JL Mounsey	GB Castieau CJ Nicholls	CAR Clarke
1926-27	Sir S J Morell	JL Mounsey	CJ Nicholls	CAR Clarke
1927-28	Sir S J Morell	JGH Sprigg	CJ Nicholls	CAR Clarke
1928-29	Sir S J Morell	JGH Sprigg AR Shannon	CJ Nicholls	CAR Clarke
1929-30	Sir S J Morell	AR Shannon	A Sloss	CAR Clarke
1930-31	Sir S J Morell	AR Shannon JGH Sprigg	CF Raven	CAR Clarke
1931-32	Sir S J Morell	AP Miller	RS Soward	CAR Clarke
1932-33	Sir S J Morell	G J Horder	RS Bolton	CAR Clarke
1933-34	A L Dobbie	AP Miller	RS Bolton	CAR Clarke
1934-35	A L Dobbie	RV Gregg	SC Macrae	CAR Clarke
1935-36	A L Dobbie	CF Raven	SC Macrae	CAR Clarke
1936-37	A L Dobbie	J H Bailey	SC Macrae FP Newport	CAR Clarke
1937-38	A L Dobbie	NW Cairnes	FP Newport	CAR Clarke
1938-39	A L Dobbie	WG Ross	FP Newport	CAR Clarke
1939-40	A L Dobbie	WG Ross	FP Newport	CAR Clarke
1901-41	A L Dobbie	JHP Clarke	W Joseph	CAR Clarke
1941-42	A L Dobbie	A Gordon	W Joseph C Ward	CAR Clarke
1942-43	A L Dobbie	A Gordon	DB Palfreyman	CAR Clarke
1943-44	A L Dobbie	A Gordon	DB Palfreyman	CAR Clarke
1944-45	A L Dobbie	J Blair-Holt	DB Palfreyman DB Palfreyman	CAR Clarke
1945-46	A L Dobbie	J Blair-Holt	A Gordon NW Cairnes	CAR Clarke
1946-47	A L Dobbie	AHG Clarke	NW Cairnes	CAR Clarke JN Roberston

1947-48	A L Dobbie	DJR Morgan	JS Neill	JN Robertson
1948-49	A L Dobbie	DJR Morgan	WT Morrison	JN Robertson
1949-50	A L Dobbie	DJR Morgan	AB Kohn	JN Roberston
1950-51	A L Dobbie	DJR Morgan	WT Morrison	RH Richardson
1951-52	A L Dobbie	RR Aitken	EC White	RH Richardson
1952-53	A L Dobbie	RR Aitken	WT Morrison	RH Richardson
1953-54	A L Dobbie	RR Aitken	DJ Crichton	RH Richardson
1954-55	A L Dobbie	RR Aitken	CD Lewis	RH Richardson
1955-56	J G H Sprigg	RR Aitken	CD Lewis	RH Richardson
1956-57	J G H Sprigg	RR Aitken VA Sharp	JW Bradshaw	RH Richardson
1957-58	J G H Sprigg	VA Sharp	JW Bradshaw	RH Richardson DA Oliver
1958-59	J G H Sprigg	DH Boykett	JW Bradshaw	DA Oliver
1959-60	J G H Sprigg	WL Wallace	JW Bradshaw	DA Oliver
1960-61	J G H Sprigg	WL Wallace	CJ deGuingand	JW Bradshaw HN Hewitt
1961-62	J G H Sprigg	WL Wallace	JJ Wylie	HN Hewitt JB Bostock
1962-63	J G H Sprigg	SH Newcomb	JJ Wylie	JB Bostock
1963-64	J G H Sprigg	SH Newcomb	JJ Wylie	JB Bostock
1964-65	J G H Sprigg	JJ Wylie MF McKenna	JR Harvey	JB Bostock R Knappet
1965-66	J G H Sprigg	MF McKenna	JR Harvey	J Burford
1966-67	J G H Sprigg	J Burford	MF McKenna	JB Bostock
1967-68	J G H Sprigg	J Burford	PV Wood	K Roberts
1968-69	J G H Sprigg	MG Tomanovits	PV Wood	RI Griffiths
1969-70	J G H Sprigg	MG Tomanovits	RI Easson	RI Griffiths
1970-71	J G H Sprigg	JH Gumley	RI Easson	RI Griffiths
1971-72	J G H Sprigg	J Burford	JH Gumley	RI Griffiths
1972-73	J G H Sprigg	MF Owen	PK Watkin	MF McKenna
1973-74	J G H Sprigg	MF Owen	J Gumley AW Blaxland	MF McKenna
1974-75	J G H Sprigg	JH Gumley JR Harry	PK Watkin	MF McKenna
1975-76	J G H Sprigg	MG Tomanovits	NW Cairnes	J Burford
1976-77	J G H Sprigg	MG Tomanovits	NW Cairnes	AN Guerin
1977-78	J G H Sprigg	MG Tomanovits	AN Guerin	NW Cairnes
1978-79	J G H Sprigg	AN Guerin	PG Richter	NL Newton
1979-80	J G H Sprigg	J Burford	PJ Ainsworth	NL Newton
1980-81	J G H Sprigg	AN Guerin	PJ Ainsworth	JJ Lawrence
1981-82	J G H Sprigg	AN Guerin	D Pincus	JJ Lawrence
			DA Pincus	JJ Lawrence
			DA Pincus	JJ Lawrence

1982-83	R R Aitken	AN Guerin	PJ Ainsworth	HT Frederico
1983-84	R R Aitken	AN Guerin NL Newton	PJ Ainsworth	MK O'Halloran
1984-85	R R Aitken	NL Newton	PJ Ainsworth	AN Guerin
1985-86	R R Aitken	NL Newton	PJ Ainsworth	JP Matthews
1986-87	R R Aitken	NL Newton	PJ Ainsworth	AN Guerin
1987-88	R R Aitken	MK O'Halloran	PJ Ainsworth	RG Wraith
1988-89	R R Aitken	MK O'Halloran JJ Lawrence	PG Somerville	AC Inglis
1989-90	R R Aitken	JJ Lawrence	PG Somerville WH Webster	S Lee
1990-91	R R Aitken	JJ Lawrence	WH Webster	S Lee
1991-92	R R Aitken	JJ Lawrence	WH Webster	S Lee
1992-93	R R Aitken	JJ Lawrence	WH Webster	S Lee
1993-94	D H Boykett	PJ Murphy	WH Webster	JJ Lawrence
1994-95	D H Boykett	S A Morrison P J Murphy	J Leeming	J J Lawrence
1995-96	D H Boykett	R G Wraith	J Leeming	P H C Edgar
1996-97	D H Boykett	R G Wraith C Patterson	G Hall W H Webster	P H C Edgar
1997-98	A N Guerin	C Patterson	W H Webster	M Kelly
1998-99	A N Guerin	G Barden	W H Webster	M Kelly
1999-00	A N Guerin	G Barden	W H Webster	J Faranda
2000-01	A N Guerin	D E G Colvin	W H Webster	J Faranda
2001-02	A N Guerin	D E G Colvin	W H Webster	J Faranda
2002-03	A N Guerin	D E G Colvin	W H Webster	P G Somerville
2003-04	A N Guerin	D E G Colvin	W H Webster	P G Sommerville
2004-05	N P R Batters	W J Tait	W H Webster	A Mentiplay
2005-06	N P R Batters	W J Tait	W H Webster	A Mentiplay
2006-07	N P R Batters	P H C Edgar	W H Webster	J Nickson
2007-08	N P R Batters	P H C Edgar	W H Webster	J Nickson
2008-09	N P R Batters	P H C Edgar	S Macek	J Nickson
2009-10	N P R Batters	P H C Edgar	S Macek	J Nickson
2010-11	N P R Batters	F A Chew	D Bosler	D C MacKinnon
2011-12	M W Batten	N J Baker	D Bosler	D C MacKinnon
2012-13	M W Batten	N J Baker	C M O'Neill	D C MacKinnon
2013-14	M W Batten	R Selby Smith	J Fraumano	D C MacKinnon
2014-15	M W Batten	R Selby Smith	J Fraumano	D C MacKinnon
2015-16	M W Batten	R Selby Smith	J Fraumano	D C MacKinnon
2016-17	M W Batten	W H Webster	J Fraumano	D C MacKinnon
2017-18	M W Batten	W H Webster	H Lewis	D C MacKinnon
2018-19	A L Johnson	W H Webster	A F Maloney	D C MacKinnon
2019-20	A L Johnson	W H Webster	A N Guerin	D C MacKinnon

A rower knows the underlying presence that moves a boat; it is quite simply force and energy. The force needs to be penetrating, and the energy needs to be driving and uninhibited. - Drew Ginn, member since 1993

