



# MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB

138<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

'FAR BETTER IS IT TO DARE MIGHTY THINGS, TO WIN GLORIOUS TRIUMPHS, EVEN THOUGH CHEQUERED BY FAILURE... THAN TO RANK WITH THOSE POOR SPIRITS WHO NEITHER ENJOY NOR SUFFER MUCH, BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN A GREY TWILIGHT THAT KNOWS NOT VICTORY NOR DEFEAT.'

— THEODORE ROOSEVELT

*Previous: Mercantile competing at Henley Royal Regatta in the Wyfold Challenge Cup, (s) Angus Maloney, Mitchell Hooper, Jack Kelly, (b) Ben Canham*

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Top: Mercantile competitors at the 2018 Australian Championships, (L-R) Josh Dunkley-Smith, Patrick Boomer, Callum Nott, Tom Hunt, Angus Widdicombe, Liam Donald.  
Bottom: Mercantile Coach Brigette Carlile and Team Manager Jenny Fraumano.

# President's Report

MALCOLM BATTEN OAM

It has been another golden year for the Red and White. Our domestic racing season proved to be podium filled, whilst Mercantile has again dominated interstate and Australian team representation. Our dedicated master's teams too have had a successful season, with lots of fun had and medals won.

We welcome Nick Mitchell, our new Head Coach. Nick is settling in well as he takes the helm of the coaching obligations of the club. I extend a sincere thank you to all the volunteers and coaching staff, including our outgoing Head Coach Simon Gadsden, for the fantastic 2017-2018 season.

Our Committee and Executive has continued this year its focus on rebuilding the tradition of lifelong membership of the Club. Our rowers, once a members, always a member.

The administration of Mercantile is very much a team effort and we are indeed very fortunate to have their support; and I thank them all sincerely for their service.

Captain Bill Webster has once again provided fantastic leadership and been an immense support to the Committee, rowers and coaching team alike. Honorary Treasurer Duncan MacKinnon and Honorary Secretary Hannah Lewis have given much energy to serve the Club over the past year, their work is always first class and is greatly appreciated. I also note my thanks to Hannah Lewis as she steps down for her five years of service on the Committee as Vice Captain and Secretary. Hannah's advice and thoughts regarding the welfare of all our racing members has been most valuable and appreciated.

Our club house continues to perform well and our equipment remains in excellent order. Thanks to the savvy financial management of our Honorary Treasurer, we have been able to make important additions to our fleet - including the purchase of a new Women's Eight - which will ensure our athletes have the best possible opportunity for success come race day.

We continue to be very happy with the interaction with our sub tenants, St Catherine's and Brighton Grammar, and look forward to this relationship continuing to flourish.

Jenny Fraumano has continued to provide fantastic service managing all of our travel and accommodation arrangements for our camps and regattas. This is a huge

task dealing with what sometimes amounts to a 'moving feast' that a travelling group of up to 50 people can be. Jenny also continued the tradition of our Saturday Breakfasts - which is now in its fifteenth year - and was assisted by Julie Orr, Alison Legge, Monique Hooper, Claire Clarke and Leanne Quinn.

I wish to acknowledge Club and Equipment Manager Sebastian Jenner, who has again been very active this year, diligently attending to the maintenance of our prime asset. I also recognise the important contribution of Henry Edgar and thank him for his service as our nominee for the liquor licence. Additionally, the Club website continues to provide up to date content and information about the Club and the world of rowing, with thanks to Andrew Guerin.

I extend my gratitude to our trustees and generous supporters. Mercantile stands to the fore because we rely on the leadership and vision of our past office bearers. We recognize and thank the trustees for their support and governance: Jeff Lawrence, Andrew Guerin, Warwick Hutchins, John Harry and Timothy Frederico

A sincere thank you to all the members and friends who have donated. Without this generosity we would not deliver on our goals of representative rowing.

This will be my last report as President of our beloved Rowing Club. Following ten years on the Committee - seven as President - I feel it is now time to pass the role to next energized leader. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and wish Mercantile well for a successful future.



M. Batten OAM

President

Mercantile Rowing Club



Top: Hugh McVicker and Greg Hansen racing at Rutherglen Regatta

Bottom: Madeleine Thomas, Olivia Sibilin, Jess Morrison, Georgia Stewart racing at the National Championships.

# Captain's Report

WILLIAM WEBSTER

Mercantile finished the 2017-18 season as the top Victorian club and in third place overall at the National Championship Regatta behind the extremely well resourced Sydney University and Sydney Rowing Club. This is an excellent result and tribute must be paid to our athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication over the past year. As well as our wins at the Nationals it was particularly pleasing to see numerous occasions where Mercantile took more than one spot on the podium!

Head Coach Simon Gadsden completed his service at the National Championship Regatta, moving onto work with the Victorian Institute of Sport. The excellent results achieved at the Nationals are a culmination of his time at Mercantile and demonstrate the strength of the program he set. We thank the VIS for their cooperation during the transition period, enabling the Club to have a seamless transition to our new Head Coach. Simon kept his foot firmly on the accelerator pedal all the way to the finish and has left us in very good shape. Thank you Simon.

The Head Coach is a significant figure in the modern day life of Mercantile, a full time position that is tasked with leading all our athletic activities. The Head Coach is also responsible for the coaching and management of our national pathway program athletes. After a thorough recruitment process we were very pleased to appoint Nick Mitchell as our new Head Coach. Nick rowed successfully for Mercantile in 00's and then gained experience as a professional cyclist in Europe. He came back to rowing a few years ago and was most recently the Head Coach of Banks Rowing Club where his leadership and coaching ability were clearly demonstrated. Nick commenced work at the start of April and has hit the ground running.

From the Saltwater Challenge last September to the National Championship the Club recorded wins in every regatta we contested. In the Head of the Yarra we welcomed back our National Training Centre members into our Open Men's and Women's eights. Our Women's eight won their event while our men were narrowly defeated. At local regattas our U21 Women and U23 Men dominated the podium. We recorded 18 wins at the State Championships and topped the points score.

At the National Championships Ria Thompson had a brilliant regatta winning the U23 single, double and quad.

Amanda Bateman finished second to Ria in the single and they combined in the double and quad. A great effort from these two members. Georgie Gleeson and Sophie Balson won the U21 pair and were joined on the podium by Kirstie Green and Skyla Froebel with the Bronze. These women combined with cox Adelaide Cester to win the U21. Patrick Boomer and Josh Dunkley-Smith won the Open Four to bring the Bob Aitken Trophy back where it belongs.

Mercantile members made up fifty percent of the Victorian Team in the Interstate Regatta. Six of our U21 Women's squad gained selection in the Victorian Bicentennial Cup crew that recorded a dominant victory. The squad and the State crew was again coached superbly by Brigette Carlile. Our Senior Women made up fifty percent of the victorious Queen's Cup crew that has now stretched Victoria's winning streak to 14. The Penrith Cup crew was an all Mercantile boat and we had more than fifty percent of the King's Cup crew that was very narrowly defeated by NSW.

Thirteen Mercantile athletes and one coach were selected to represent Australia across various teams this year. Liam Donald and Angus Widdicombe were in the Men's Eight, taking out the silver medal; Kat Werry sought to defend her World Championship in the Women's Four, finishing second to USA; James Rook coxed the Women's Eight, finishing with a bronze medal; and Addy Dunkley-Smith competed in the Women's Pair at the World Championships in Bulgaria. After an exceptional season and exhausting trials process Michael McNamara was selected in the Mens Lightweight Quad, but unfortunately had to withdraw from the team before the first tour due to ill health.

Following her stellar National Championships Ria Thompson was selected in the U23 Women's Double Scull; Alex Clarke was selected in the U23 Men's Coxed Four; and Maddy Brown was selected in the U23 Women's Eight to compete in Poland. For the second year in a row Brigette Carlile was selected to coach on the U21 team, this year coaching the Womens squad. Selected to row the Pair and the Eight were Kirstie Green and Skyla Froebel. Four Mercantile members were also selected to represent Australia in the World University Regatta in Shanghai. Tom Hunt and Callum Nott were selected in the Men's Pair, Jayden Grey was selected in the



Lightweight Scull and Olivia Sibillin was selected in the Women's Pair.

Our members this year also enjoyed success at the Henley Royal Regatta. Kat Werry and James Rook won the Remenham Challenge Cup with the Australian Women's Eight with a fantastic row defeating the home town favourite British eight. Angus Widdicombe made the final of the Silver Goblets in the Men's Pair and gave the Olympic champion Sinkovic brothers plenty to think about in the first half of the race. Our Club Four of Ben Canham, Jack Kelly, Mitch Hooper and Angus Maloney, coached by David Pincus had a superb run through the regatta and made the final of the Wyfold Challenge Cup. While Molesey proved too strong in the final the times for the race showed that our crew would have won the Visitors Challenge Cup which is generally a stronger field.

Just before the Nationals in March, Josh Dunkley-Smith announced his retirement from international competition. A few days before the announcement Josh broke the long standing World Record for 2000m on the ergometer at the National Selection Trials. Josh's record as an oarsman is outstanding, 2 Olympic Silver Medals in the Men's Four in London and Rio, 5 medals at the World Championships and 2 King's Cups for Victoria. Always a great role model for our younger members, at the age of 28 Josh decided it was time prioritise other things in his life. Well done on a fantastic rowing career and we look forward to seeing you around the Club as you pursue the next stage of your life.

Our Masters group was bolstered this year by some new female members and keenly contested a number of regattas including the Head of the Yarra and the Rutherglen Regatta. We now have 4 eights dedicated to our masters members and it pleasing to see these being well used throughout the year. Thanks to Colin Kimpton, Andrew Phillips and Jenny Williams for their efforts in coordinating our Masters crews and helping our members enjoy rowing and Mercantile.

The 60th Scotch-Mercantile Regatta was held in March and continues to set the standard for regattas in Victoria. Regatta Secretary Faith Gasparini managed a faultless regatta that was well supported by spectators and internet viewers through the live stream. With the valuable assistance of Scotch College this regatta is now

very well supported through sponsorship. A number of our members also contributed to the success of the regatta, thank you to Andrew Guerin, Duncan MacKinnon, Graeme Boykett, Geoff & Fiona Barden, Julie Orr, Jeff Thompson and Colin Kimpton.

Our on water activities are led by our coaches and we thank the following for their efforts over the last season; Simon Gadsden, Brigette Carlile, Simon Harrison, David Colvin, Casey Cobb, David Pincus and John Leeming.

**W. Webster**

*Captain*

Mercantile Rowing Club

# Head Coach Report

NICK MITCHELL

Returning to the "Mecca of Rowing" has been something I have aspired to do for a number of years, so when the opportunity presented itself to become Head Coach of Mercantile Rowing Club in April, I seized it with both hands.

Since starting I have been welcomed to the club with open arms and I am very grateful to be working with the support and guidance of the Committee and the Club's coaches.

The 2017/2018 season was the last of Simon Gadsden's successful tenure as Head Coach of the club. Simon left to take up the position of Head Coach of the VIS. We will continue to benefit from his knowledge as he works to develop our VIS scholarship holders and watch-list athletes.

Thanks to the diligent work of Simon and his coaches: Brigette Carlile; David Colvin; Casey Cobb; Simon Harrison; David Pincus; and Bill Webster; a fantastic set of results were achieved during the 2017-2018 season.

This included:

State Team Representation:

- Wilkinson Cup: Mitchell Hooper & Joel Cain.
- Bicentennial Trophy: Michaela Ballas, Sophie Balson, Sky Froebel, Georgie Gleeson, Kirstie Green, Adelaide Chester & Brigette Carlile (coach)
- Penrith Cup for Lightweight Men: William Legge, Red Matthews, Michael McNamara & Jayden Grey.
- Victoria Cup: Meg Hester
- Nell Slater Trophy: Ria Thompson.
- Queen's Cup: Jess Morrison, Amanda Bateman, Kat Werry, Addy Dunkley-Smith,
- King's Cup: James Rook, Liam Donald, Angus Widdicombe, Tom Hunt, Josh Dunkley-Smith.

National Team Representation by:

- Senior: Michael McNamara (LM4x), Addy Dunkley Smith (W2-), Angus Widdicombe (M8+ – Silver), Kat Werry (W4- – Silver), Liam Donald (M8+ – Silver) & James Rook (cox – W8+ – Bronze).
- U23: Ria Thompson (W2x), Alex Clarke (M4+) & Maddison Brown (W8+).
- U21: Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel & Brigette Carlile (coach)
- World University Games: Tom Hunt (M2-), Callum Nott (M2-), Jayden Grey (LM1x) & Liv Sibillan (W2-).

And at Henley Royal Regatta the club was represented by Ben Canham, Jack Kelly, Mitch Hooper and Angus Maloney racing for The Wyfold Challenge Cup. The crew

coached by David Pincus produced strong performance after strong performance showing a class of rowing that would have been competitive in the Vistors Challenge Cup to finish second.

The coaching structure for the coming season will retain all of the coaches from the 2017/2018 season but will shift slightly to accommodate the needs of our dynamic squad.

The coaching roster also expands through the return of former club coaches David Fraumano, Tom Courtney and David McGrath, former athletes Zac Smith and new faces Sam Lefebvre and Ben Board.

The 2018/2019 Seasons Coaching Structure is:

- Senior and U23 Men: Nick Mitchell, David Pincus, Simon Harrison.
- Senior Women: David Colvin, Bill Webster, Tom Courtney, David McGrath.
- U21 Men: David Fraumano, Zac Smith, Sam Lefebvre.
- U23 & U21 Women: Brigette Carlile, Casey Cobb, Ben Board.

These coaches have been working hard over the winter months to make sure our athletes are progressing well as they chase boat speed via improved technique and physiology.

For those not racing for Australia, or for Mercantile at Henley Royal Regatta, the focus of winter training was in the gym - improving mobility and functional strength. Our focus has now shifted towards increasing aerobic capacity via long kilometres on the water and on the erg.

Our senior athletes aspiring to the national team have had slightly different foci over the past months as they prepare to chase selection for the National Training Centres (NTC) and ultimately the National Team.

Athletes in the training centres are expected to complete huge training loads, so the priorities for athletes aspiring to the NTCs for the 2018/2019 season are increasing boat speed and developing the capacity to tolerate and thrive under the significant load expected of senior team members.

Winter has also been used to develop a better understanding of how to move medium and big boats. The priority placed on training medium and big boats at a higher rate than previous seasons has resulted in a number of positive outcomes. Most notably, this has

allowed the accumulated knowledge of the club's senior athletes to be shared with our U23, U21 and school aged athletes, short cutting the learning curve for our athletes.

Training the medium and big boats has also ensured that training intent has remained high during the long winter months as athletes work alongside and with their crew-mates to increase boat speed.

Increased intent is critical for our athletes aspiring to the U23 team in 2019. The standard to gain selection to the Australian U23 team is high with the selectors requiring crews demonstrate an ability to be towards the top end of A-finals. Clearly this requires our U23 athletes to strive not just to be the best in Australia but the best in the world. Again we aim to develop our athletes to not just make teams but excel in them.

As always, recruiting the next cohort of Mercantilians has been a priority through winter. David Fraumano, Zac Smith and Brigette Carlile have done a huge amount of work in this space over the last months and have signed up a number of talented athletes to strengthen the club's ranks for the coming season. It is likely that both the men's and women's U21 squads will comprise 12 members for the coming season.

Finally, I'd like to thank the athletes and coaches for the work that they have completed over the last months. I'd also like to thank the Committee for it's support and commitment to achieving greater success as a club on and off the water. The Committee's dedication is obvious with the purchase of new Hudson 8+ for the women's squad (due November 2018), two pair/doubles, eight pairs of sculling oars and a new set of sweep oars.

**N. Mitchell**

*Head Coach*

Mercantile Rowing Club

# Secretary's Report

HANNAH LEWIS

HONORARY SECRETARY

Guided by our Club's values of excellence, respect, friendship and health, the Mercantile Committee and Executive have worked diligently over the past year to ensure the smooth operation and responsible management of the Club. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Committee team who have volunteered their leadership, abilities and time to this effort.

Athlete welfare is the most momentous responsibility of the Club. The Committee has renewed its commitment to the health and safety of every member by undertaking a review of all its welfare policies and taking positive steps to ensure that every person involved with our Club is safe, and able to enjoy our sport in a healthy and happy manner.

The Committee has made a concerted effort to increase our engagement with current and future members through social and online media. Faith Gasparini has willingly led this charge, coordinating our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter efforts - helping us to reach out to a bigger community than ever before. This effort has kept members connected, and also assisted with recruitment through better engagement with school-leavers. In the future, our social media reach will help to make our Club attractive to sponsorship investment. In addition, Andrew Guerin continues to diligently document the Club's history on our website and share news with our community via our online newsletters. My most sincere thanks to both Faith and Andrew for their contribution.

The Committee has committed to seek out new international racing opportunities for Club athletes. These campaigns create invaluable development and growth experiences for athletes, as well as being excellent for team bonding and perhaps most importantly - great fun. The Committee is currently finalising a policy that will facilitate greater opportunity in the future; importantly, this will ensure resourcing is on equal-opportunity basis, and that both our women's and men's teams have the chance to participate in these experiences.

Improving the way we financially support athletes competing internationally - including those rowing for Australia on unfunded teams - is also an important part of this. The Committee has appointed a subcommittee to lead this. The return of an 'Annual Dinner' to our calendar is one small part of this effort. It is my hope that in time, this event will become the mainstay of our fundraising effort and highlight of our Club's social calendar.

This year the Club went through a significant transition, with the recruitment of a new Head Coach. In his short time with us Nick Mitchell has already made positive cultural changes that espouse our values, and I am extremely confident that this will pay dividends not only on the podium, but also in the sense of belonging that all members have towards the Club. With Nick's support we will continue to build a community that enjoys lifelong success and camaraderie.

Finally, although the Committee and Club's leaders strive towards improving the engagement and culture within our current and future community, I heed the deep friendships and loyal support that is on constant display at Mercantile. Earlier this year I had the good fortune to spectate at Henley Royal Regatta and celebrate the outstanding performances of many of our athletes. On a river bank on the other side of the world I met so many friends and supporters of our Club and was afforded unqualified hospitality and generosity for simply being a Mercantilian. The Mercantile name carries currency across the globe and our rowing skill, sportsmanship and good humour endears so many to the Club. We are all very fortunate to call Mercantile home.

To all our new and current competing members I wish you the best possible preparation for the upcoming season. Godspeed.

## Attendance at Committee Meetings

There have been 5 Committee Meetings since the 2017 AGM

### Attendance

M. Batten	4
W. Webster	5
D. MacKinnon	5
H. Lewis	5
J. Hoban	5
M. Thomas	3
D. Colvin	5
N. Mitchell	2
J. Orr	4
T. Courtney	2
S. Jenner	3
H. Edgar	3
A. Bateman	2
A. Maloney	4

# Finance Report

**DUNCAN MACKINNON**

**HONORARY TREASURER**

As I reported last year, the Club's operational accounts have been combined with those of the Endowment Fund, and the financial statements which will be available at the Annual General Meeting will reflect that aggregation. However for the purposes of this report I can advise that the Club's operations recorded a modest surplus of approximately \$35,000, but after taking into account depreciation, this becomes an \$82,000 shortfall. I consider a better measure of the ongoing health of the Club is how the cash flow has performed over the past financial year. When that is considered for the Club's operations, it shows a modest increase of \$267, which is a reflection of the cautious financial management exhibited by the Committee.

Last year we limited capital purchases to one IV (which was paid from Club funds), but we were also very fortunate in having the Estate of the late Joan Burford donate a IV to the Club. To keep the existing fleet in good condition we spent approximately \$24,000 on repairs to boats and oars. We also spent about \$3,000 on repairs to the boathouse (after taking into account subtenant contributions). Our only extravagance was to install air conditioning in the coaches' office - but I don't think our hard-working coaching team would regard this as an extravagance!

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.

# 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 2017/18 season, the Captain's Trophy has been won by **Amanda Bateman** and **Georgie Gleeson**.

## 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 2017/18 season, the Max Bailey Trophy has been won by **Adelaide Cester**.

## 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 2017/18 season, the Dr R.A. Cooper Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Duncan MacKinnon**.

## N.W. CAIRNES TROPHY

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

For the 2017/18 season, the N.W. Cairnes Trophy is awarded to **Adelaide Cester**.

## 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 2017/18 season, the Jeff Wylie Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Michael McNamara**.

## **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 2017/18 season, the F. R. Browne Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Joel Cain**.

## **H.R. FREDERICO MEMORIAL TROPHY**

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

For the 2017/18 season, the H.R. Frederico Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Ria Thompson**.

## **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 **Brigette Carlile**.

## **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 2017/18 season, the Jay Loveless Trophy is awarded to **Katrina Werry**.

## **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.

For the 2016/17 season, the Most Outstanding Oarsman Trophy is awarded to **Angus Widdicombe**.

## **EXCELLENCE IN COXING**

This year the Committee has elected to present **James Rook** with a special award for Excellence in Coxing, in recognition of his outstanding season.



*Above: Josh Dunkley-Smith attempts to break the 2000m ergometer world record.*



# Season Wins

## SALTWATER CHALLENGE 2017

Womens Open Quad Scull - **Meghan Hester, Kate Duggan, Olivia Sibillin, Madeleine Thomas.**

## HEAD OF THE MITCHELL 2017

Masters Mixed Double Scull - **Ray Dawson.**

## HEAD OF THE GOULBURN 2017

Male Open Eight - **Carl Tomczak, Benjamin Canham, Callum Nott, Alex Wolf, Alexander Clarke, Joel Cain, Trevor Appier, Angus Maloney, cox Roy Zhang.**

Male Open Quad Scull - **Jayden Grey, Alex Kinsella, James Hoban, William Legge.**

Female Open Quad Scull - **Megan Hester, Sky Froebel, Olivia Sibillin, Madeleine Thomas.**

Female Open Eight - **Kate Duggan, India Mattocks, Ellie Tomanovits, Gemma Sibillin, Sarah Harte, Kirstie Green, Michaela Ballas, Georgie Gleeson, cox Ally Legge.**

## MELBOURNE HEAD 2017

Male Open Pair - **Josh Dunkley-Smith.**

Male Open Four - **Josh Dunkley-Smith.**

Male Open Eight - **Angus Maloney, Alexander Clarke, Alex Wolf, Callum Nott, Benjamin Canham, David Crawshay, Tom Hunt, Josh Dunkley-Smith, cox James Rook.**

Male Open Quad - **William Legge, Riley Hazard, Alex Kinsella, Carl Tomczak.**

## HEAD OF THE YARRA 2017

Male B Eight - **William Legge, James Hoban, Benjamin Canham, Alexander Clarke, Patrick Boomer, Trevor Appier, Angus Maloney, Carl Tomczak, cox Jordan King**

Female Open Eight - **Georgia Stewart, Amanda Bateman, Madeleine Thomas, Olivia Sibillin, Sally Kehoe, Addy Dunkley-Smith, Kat Werry, Jennifer Cleary, cox Sarah Banting.**

## RUTHERGLEN REGATTA 2018

Female Masters Eight (Sat) - **Jan Naylor, Louise Honman, Margaret Caine-Dammenhyn, Irena Benjamin, Christine Howgate, Kerry Morrison, Val Dowell, Jenny Williams, cox Seb Jenner.**

Female Masters Eight (Sun) - **Jan Naylor, Louise Honman, Margaret Caine-Dammenhyn, Irena Benjamin, Christine Howgate, Kerry Morrison, Val Dowell, Jenny Williams, cox Seb Jenner.**

## BALLARAT REGATTA 2018

Male Open Pair - **Benjamin Canham, Alexander Clarke, coach David Pincus.**

Male LW Scull - **William Legge, coach David Colvin**

Male U21 Scull - **Joel Cain, coach Simon Harrison.**

Female U21 Pair - **Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson, coach Brigette Carlile.**

Female Open Scull - **Olivia Sibillin, coach Simon Gadsden.**

Female LW Scull - **Meghan Hester.**

Male Open Double Scull - **Alex Kinsella, James Hoban.**

Female Open Double Scull - **Georgia Stewart, Olivia Sibillin.**

Male Open Quad Scull - **Jack Wheeler (Banks), Alexander Clarke, Benjamin Canham, Angus Maloney, coach David Pincus.**

Female U21 Eight - **India Mattocks, Michaela Ballas, Mimi Tuddenham, Ellie Tomanovits, Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel, Phoebe Wolf, Georgie Gleeson, cox Adelaide Cester, coach Brigette Carlile.**

Male Open Eight - **William Legge, James Hoban, Alex Kinsella, Benjamin Canham, Jack Wheeler (Banks), Alexander Clarke, Angus Maloney, Carl Tomczak, cox James Rook, coach David Pincus.**

## BARWON REGATTA 2018

Female A Scull - **Olivia Sibillin.**

Female B Single - **Olivia Sibillin.**

Male B Single - **Carl Tomczak.**

## WENDOUREE - BALLARAT REGATTA 2018

Male U23 Pair - **Benjamin Canham, Alexander Clarke**, coach **David Pincus**.  
Male Open Pair - **Callum Nott, Tom Hunt**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.  
Male LW Scull - **Michael McNamara**, coach **David Colvin**.  
Male U23 Scull - **James Hoban**.  
Male U21 Scull - **Joel Cain**, coach **Simon Harrison**.  
Female U21 Pair - **Michaela Ballas, Kirstie Green**, coach **Brigitte Carlile**.  
Female U23 Scull - **Amanda Bateman**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.  
Male Open Eight - **William Legge, Carl Tomczak, Jack Wheeler (Banks), Angus Maloney, Benjamin Canham, Alexander Clarke, Tom Hunt, Callum Nott**, cox **James Rook**, coach **David Pincus**.  
Male Open Double Scull - **Alex Kinsella, James Hoban**.  
Male LW Double Scull - **Jayden Grey, Michael McNamara**, coach **David Colvin**.  
Male U21 Double Scull - **Issac Sanderson, Max Parker**, coach **Simon Harrison**.  
Female Open Double Scull - **Madeleine Thomas, Amanda Bateman**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.  
Female LW Double Scull - **Meghan Hester**, **Tenielle Lineham (Corio Bay)**.  
Male Open Four - **Jack Wheeler (Banks), Benjamin Canham, Alexander Clarke, Angus Maloney**, coach **David Pincus**.  
Female Open Quad Scull - **Fiona Albert, Madeleine Thomas, Ria Thompson, Amanda Bateman**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.  
Female U21 Eight - **Phoebe Wolf, Michaela Ballas, India Mattocks, Ellie Tomanovits, Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, cox **Adelaide Cester**, coach **Brigitte Carlile**.  
Male Open Quad Scull - **William Legge, Hugo Berry (Banks), Jayden Grey, Michael McNamara**, coach **David Colvin**.

## NAGAMBIE REGATTA 2018

Female U21 Pair - **Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**,

coach **Brigitte Carlile**.  
Female U21 Scull - **Sky Froebel**, coach **Brigitte Carlile**.  
Female U23 Scull - **Gemma Sibillin**.  
Male LW Double Scull - **William Legge, Hugo Berry (Banks)**, coach **David Colvin**.  
Male U21 Double Scull - **Issac Sanderson, Joel Cain**, coach **Simon Harrison**.  
Female LW Double Scull - **Meghan Hester, Tenielle Lineham (Corio Bay)**.  
Female Open Quad Scull - **Meghan Hester, Tenielle Lineham (Corio Bay), Kate Duggan, Gemma Sibillin**.  
Male Open Quad Scull - **William Legge**.  
Female U21 Eight - **Phoebe Wolf, Michaela Ballas, India Mattocks, Ellie Tomanovits, Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, cox **Adelaide Cester**, coach **Brigitte Carlile**.

## VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Male Open Pair - **Callum Nott, Tom Hunt**.  
Male U23 Pair - **Alexander Clarke, Benjamin Canham**, coach **David Pincus**.  
Male LW Scull - **Michael McNamara**, coach **David Colvin**.  
Male U23 Scull - **James Hoban**.  
Female U21 Pair - **Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, coach **Brigitte Carlile**.  
Female U23 Scull - **Amanda Bateman**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.  
Male Open Eight - **Red Matthews, Carl Tomczak, Angus Maloney, Patrick Boomer, Benjamin Canham, Alexander Clarke, Tom Hunt, Callum Nott**, cox **James Rook**, coaches **Simon Gadsden, David Pincus**.  
Female Open Eight - **Meghan Hester, Kate Duggan, Georgia Stewart, Kirstie Green, Amanda Bateman, Fiona Albert, Olivia Sibillin, Madeleine Thomas**, cox **Adelaide Cester**, coaches **Simon Gadsden, Brigitte Carlile**.  
Female LW Double Scull - **Meghan Hester, Tenielle Lineham (Corio Bay)**.  
Female Open Double Scull - **Ria Thompson, Amanda Bateman**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.  
Male LW Four - **Carl Tomczak, Michael McNamara, Jayden Grey, William Legge**, coach **David Colvin**.  
Female U21 Eight - **Phoebe Wolf, Michaela Ballas, India Mattocks, Ellie Tomanovits, Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, cox **Adelaide Cester**,

coach **Brigette Carlile**.

Female Open Quad Scull - **Fiona Albert, Madeleine Thomas, Amanda Bateman, Ria Thompson**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.

Female LW Quad Scull - **Meghan Hester**

Male Open Quad Scull - **James Hoban, Alex Kinsella, Patrick Boomer, David Crawshay**.

Male LW Double Scull - **Michael McNamara, Jayden Grey**, coach **David Colvin**.

Male B Scull - **Joel Cain**, coach **Simon Harrison**

Male A Eight - **Finn Parker, James Hoban, Alex Wolf, Harrison Kirkham, Joel Cain, Mitchell Hooper, William Legge, Carl Tomczak**, cox **Jamima Jamieson**, coach **Simon Harrison**.

## **NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018**

Female U21 Eight - **Phoebe Wolf, Michaela Ballas, India Mattocks, Ellie Tomanovits, Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, cox **Adelaide Cester**, coach **Brigette Carlile**.

## **2018 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Female U21 Pair - **Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, coach **Brigette Carlile**

Female U21 Four - **Sky Froebel, Kirstie Green, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, cox **Adelaide Cester**, coach **Brigette Carlile**.

Female U23 Scull - **Ria Thompson**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.

Female U23 Double Scull - **Amanda Bateman, Ria Thompson**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.

Female U23 Quad Scull - **Amanda Bateman, Ria Thompson**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.

Male Open Four - **Josh Dunkley-Smith, Patrick Boomer**.

Female Interstate Youth Eight *Bicentennial Cup* - **Michaela Ballas, Sky Froebel, Kirstie Green, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson**, cox **Adelaide Cester**, coach **Brigette Carlile**.

Female Interstate Eight *Queens Cup* - **Kat Werry, Addy Dunkley-Smith, Jess Morrison, Amanda Bateman**, coach **Simon Gadsden**.

# Boats & Equipment Register

## BOATS

David Brown	Empacher	8+	2015	Excellent
Dr Bibi Colgan	Hudson	8+	2013	Excellent
John Burford	Hudson	8+	2013	Excellent
Barry Gross	Sykes	8+	2011	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
7189 <i>Unnamed</i>	Sykes	2-/2x	2017	Excellent
6312 <i>Unnamed</i>	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
5650 <i>Unnamed</i>	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
Andrew Cannon	Sykes	2-/2x	2005	Excellent
Harry Mahoney	Sykes	2-/2x	2003	Good
Lucky Tony Walker	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
David Douglas	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
Garth Manton	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
Ben Dodwell	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
David Pincus	Sykes	2-/2x	2002	Fair
The Breakfast Mums	Sykes	1x	2002	Good
Duncan MacKinnon	Sykes	1x	2002	Good
Sgt William Cumberland MSM	Sykes	1x	1993	Fair
			2014	Excellent
			2014	Excellent
			2014	Excellent

## SPEEDBOATS

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

## OARS

146	Croker/Concept Mixed sweep & sculling oars		Good
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## ERGOMETERS

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

## VEHICLES

YOM276 ( <i>since replaced</i> )	Nissan Navara	2011	Good
D61456	Sykes Boat Trailer	1997	Good



Top: 2018 Australian Champions in the U21 Four, (L-R) Kirstie Green, Sky Froebel, Sophie Balson, Georgie Gleeson, Adelaide Cester  
Bottom: William Legge racing at Nagambie Regatta

# Member Roll

## MEMBERS 2017/2018

	FEMALE	MALE	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>LIFE</b>	1	16	17	16	16	17	16
<b>SENIOR</b>	43	128	171	183	190	193	189
<b>JUNIOR</b>	15	24	39	65	67	58	105
<b>COUNTRY</b>	2	23	25	23	27	25	38
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	4	21	25	26	17	25	18
	<b>65</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>366</b>
<i>FEMALE</i>			65	72	81	84	101
<i>MALE</i>			212	241	236	234	265

### LIFE

Phil Ainsworth 40+  
 Philippe Batters 40+  
 Sean Colgan 40+  
 David Colvin 40+  
 Andrew D Cooper OAM  
 David Crawshay OAM  
 Noel Donaldson  
 Jenny Fraumano  
 Drew Ginn OAM  
 Andrew N Guerin 40+  
 James Harvey 40+  
 Jeffrey Lawrence 40+  
 Michael McKay OAM  
 Martin Owen 40+  
 Ted Sorani 40+  
 James Tomkins OAM  
 William Webster

H Neil Hewitt OAM 40+  
 Murray Kellam AO 40+  
 Bob Lachal 40+  
 Colin D Lewis 40+  
 Garth Manton 40+  
 Derek Marley 40+  
 Bruce Morrison 40+  
 Victor Mulder 40+  
 Ron Negri 40+  
 Simon Newcomb OAM 40+  
 John Nickson 40+  
 Richard Oliver AM 40+  
 David Palfreyman 40+  
 John S Rowe AM 40+  
 John Shears 40+  
 Tony Walker 40+  
 Bill Wallace 40+  
 Col. John Wertheimer  
 AM RFD 40+  
 Roger Wilson OAM 40+  
 David J Yunghanns 40+

Carolyn Browne  
 Donald Burns  
 Joel Cain  
 Margaret Cain-Dammenhayn  
 Benjamin Canham  
 Andrew Cannon AM  
 Brigitte Carlile  
 Adelaide Cester  
 Lynne Charge  
 Alexander Clarke  
 Jennifer Cleary  
 Tom Courtney  
 Peter DeGaris  
 India Dempsey  
 Peter Dempster  
 Robert Deutscher  
 Charles Dixon  
 Liam Donald  
 Michael Donovan  
 Val Dowell  
 Kate Duggan  
 Addy Dunkley-Smith  
 Josh Dunkley-Smith  
 Henry Edgar  
 Hamish Fitzsimmons  
 Pauline A Frasca  
 H Tim Frederico  
 Mathew French  
 Simon Gadsden  
 James Garrett  
 Faith Gasparini  
 Georgie Gleeson  
 John Grant  
 Kirstie Green  
 Jayden Grey  
 Mark Groves  
 Alexis L Hancock

### SENIOR

Arthur Adams QC 40+  
 Warwick Anderson 40+  
 Arthur Atkins DFC 40+  
 William Bailey 40+  
 John B Bostock 40+  
 Graeme Boykett 40+  
 Brian Dawes 40+  
 Ray Dawson 40+  
 Chris De Guingand 40+  
 David Douglas 40+  
 Ian R Duthie 40+  
 Andrew M Evans 40+  
 Michael Fogarty 40+  
 Stephen Gillon 40+  
 Ronald Griffiths 40+

Fiona Albert  
 Roger Allen  
 Trevor Appier  
 Nicholas J Baker  
 Michaella Ballas  
 Geoff Barden  
 Graeme Barns  
 Amanda Bateman  
 Philippa Batten  
 Malcolm Batten OAM  
 Irena Benjamin  
 Anthony Bergelin  
 Patrick Boomer  
 Danae Bosler  
 John Boultsbee  
 Maddison Brown

Greg Hansen  
 Simon Harrison  
 Blair Hasforth  
 Riley Hazard  
 Meghan Hester  
 James Hoban  
 Adam Holovics  
 Louise Honman  
 Mitchell Hooper  
 Richard Howden  
 Christine Howgate  
 Thomas Hunt  
 Warwick Hutchins  
 Anthony Inglis  
 Debbie Jefferson  
 Sebastian Jenner  
 Anthony Johnson  
 Joseph Joyce  
 Jack Kelly  
 Colin Kimpton  
 Alex Kinsella  
 Alex Law  
 John Leeming  
 Alexandra Legge  
 William Legge  
 Hannah C Lewis  
 Steven Macek  
 Duncan MacKinnon  
 Angus F Maloney  
 John Manolitsas  
 Redmond Matthews  
 India Mattocks  
 Andrew McDonald  
 Paul McGann  
 Lachlan McKinnon  
 Euan McMinn  
 Michael McNamara  
 Hugh R S McVicker  
 Richard Moreton  
 Stewart Moreton  
 Jessica Morrison  
 Kerry Morrison  
 Simon Morrison  
 Jan Naylor  
 Thomas J Nickson  
 Callum Nott  
 Max Parker  
 Sam Patten  
 Andrew C Phillips  
 Charles Prior  
 Brenton Rasheed  
 Christopher Ratcliffe  
 Jack Robertson  
 Bibi Rogers  
 Hugh Sarjeant  
 John Saunders  
 Simon Schoner  
 Robyn Selby Smith  
 Gemma Sibillin  
 Olivia Sibillin  
 Alex T Sloan  
 Christopher A Smith  
 Peter Smith  
 Peter Somerville

William Stark  
 Georgia L Stewart  
 George Theodossiou  
 Madeleine Thomas  
 Jeffrey Thompson  
 Ria Thompson  
 Ellie Tomanovits  
 Peter Tomanovits  
 Carl Tomczak  
 Hugo Tribe  
 Bruce Waxman  
 Katrina Werry  
 Angus Widdicombe  
 Pernette P. Wijnen  
 Jennifer Williams AM  
 James S Wilson  
 Rohan Wilson  
 Alexander Wolf  
 Richard Wraith  
 Roy Zhang

## JUNIOR

Henry Armstrong  
 Sophie Balson  
 Tom Banfield  
 Oliver Barden  
 Lucas Batten  
 Will Bullock  
 Harry Catt  
 Sasha Christian  
 Zac DeWorsop  
 Charlie Durkin  
 Lachlan Ewers  
 Stephanie Ferrali  
 Amelia Fraumano  
 Skyla Froebel  
 Sarah Harte  
 Brock Jackson  
 Ella Jackson  
 Jamima Jamieson  
 Benjamin Keller  
 Martin Kulesza  
 Asia Letch  
 Oscar Lewis  
 Ruby K Lewis  
 Patrick Liddle  
 Bella Logie-Smith  
 Connor McConville  
 Callum McPeake  
 Charlie Miller  
 Charlie Moore  
 Tom Murray  
 Matthew Noske  
 Finn Parker  
 Jane Perrignon  
 Nicholas Phillips  
 Alick Rose  
 Mark Russell  
 Chloe Sheats  
 Mimi Tuddenham  
 Phoebe Wolf

## COUNTRY

Mal Corben	40+
E. Ted Johnson	40+
Stewart McArthur AM	40+
Russell McLean	40+
Peter O'Brien	40+
John Shanasy	40+
William Baillieu	
Ian Bates	
Pierre Billet	
Mark Connolly	
Tom Daffy	
Benjamin Dodwell	
J Doug Donoghue	
Rod Edwards	
John Harry	
Jason Kovacic	
Pat McNamara	
Andrew S McNeil	
Cate V McNeil	
Sean McNeil	
Celia Patterson	
George Patterson	
Paul Schreier	
Paul Somerville	
Simon Spriggs	
Tim Young	

## ASSOCIATE

Marlena S Ahrens  
 Tim Altman  
 Andrew Ambrose  
 Timothy Arnold  
 Lucas Batten  
 Robert Brain  
 Michael Cain  
 Angus Campbell  
 James Campbell  
 David Ceddia  
 Siobhan Crawshaw  
 Mark Doyle  
 Shane Edmonds  
 Peter Foster  
 Gary A Fraumano  
 Tom Hedditch  
 Maddy Hurst  
 Marc Lionnet  
 Rod Moseley  
 Geoff Moss  
 Julie Orr  
 Justin Quill  
 Karl Russel  
 Glenn Singleton  
 Tim Stanley  
 Scott Tierney

## VALE

Ted Sorani	40+
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# Obituaries



## ARMANDO "TED" SORANI

Life Member Ted Sorani passed on 21 July 2018 aged 89.

Ted joined Mercantile in 1967 as 39 year old having been born in Romania and a raised in Italy. He learnt to row in Italy and eventually joined the Olympic squad in the post war years. He was introduced to Mercantile by his CSIRO colleague Lloyd Williams and was warmly welcomed into the "Cock Robins" veteran crew that rowed every Thursday and Sunday. Ted played to his Italian heritage brilliantly and with great self-deprecation, creating an atmosphere of fun.

The Club was at a peak at that time. The President was the magnificent orator James Sprigg, the Captain was the great motivator John Burford and the Committee include Crockett, Bradshaw, Cordell, Harding, Kellam and Newcomb. Rowing Australia and Rowing Victoria were also in the capable hands of other Mercantilians such as; Norm Cairnes, Roy Thursfield, Mick Williams, Bob Aitken, and Tom Rodda. To stand out in this crowd you needed to be Ted Sorani.

In 1969 Ted assisted with the finishing off of renovation works to the boathouse. Four years

later after the disastrous fire of 1973 Ted was on the Committee and initially led the refurbishment of the 1969 section which partially survived the fire. Ted was awarded the Dr R. A. Cooper Memorial Trophy for the Clubman of the year for his work. However this was just the start of his fine efforts.

The leadership of Ted during the rebuilding phase of the Clubhouse was quite remarkable. His work enabled the Club to save substantial amounts of money in various aspects of the contract and certain parts of the work, notably the ground floor concrete slab, the concrete columns, steel rigging, roofing, floor sanding, finishing and painting, all organised by Ted and undertaken by club labour. Without this work, the Club would never have had the funds to finish the building. It was poetry in motion to watch him work. No harsh words, demands or anger. Just fun, calm experience and leadership that made us want to stay and work with him. Mind you the offer of beers and his great Italian sausages were also a factor.

The 1974-75 Club annual report said it was difficult to express the appreciation that the Club owes to Ted Sorani. He was awarded life

membership of the Club, the Club's highest honour.

Ted's Romanian background was not known until in 1979 the Club was hosting the newly appointed Australia head coach, Romanian, Reinhold Batschi when Ted started speaking Romanian. The relief on both Reinhold's and Australian Chairman of Selectors Jim Howden's face was palpable – Reinhold's grasp of English was non-existent at that stage. Ted's assistance to Reinhold in these first few months was a large factor in Reinhold's decision to persevere in Australia and go onto become the most influential person in Australian rowing.

Ted was a gentle, humble but determined person. He had experienced so much in life that he was always understated, and always willing to share his experience, skills and leadership with others. His kindness and genuine interest in people was unmistakable. He showed the confidence to do things others would be too risk averse to attempt, the power of enthusiasm and vision, enjoying successes and not being downhearted with mistakes, the benefits of understated leadership and the importance of club life and its friendships – these are just some of the great life lessons from Ted.

Ted's legacy to Mercantile goes well beyond our building; it resides in our members, and is profound.

A celebration of Ted's life was held at the Club on 2 August 2018 with more than 200 people present.

## PAUL HARDING

Paul was one of the Club's lightweight champions from the early 1960's.

He died aged 86, in June 2018 after a long illness and was buried in his Mercs blazer in a beautiful country setting.

Paul commenced his rowing at Mercantile in 1955 and he maintained his connection throughout his life from an active and successful young oarsman, to a masters rower, to a club administrator and active participant at Club functions, particularly attending Sunday barrels until later in life.

His first lightweight win came in a four at the 1956 Christmas Nagambie Regatta. And his first Club regatta win came in the Harlequin Time Trial in crew stroked by Ron Richardson and also including Hubert Frederico. He won his first State Championship in the Junior Four in the season of 1958/59 and was selected to represent Victoria in the lightweight four in the Interstate Regatta in 1960.

Paul was elected to the Committee in 1957/58 and was Vice Captain for 1959/60.

Paul continued his strong involvement with the club throughout his life as a masters rower and as a member who just enjoyed the company of other members and the Sunday Barrel. He was a member who always assisted in his own way at times of need. For example, when the new front of the shed was built in 1969, he donated the curtains.

He was one of our great club members.

*Previous: 1969 - The Cock Robins*

*Bow: Bill Morrison, 2: Ron Richardson, 3: Bill White, 4: Ted Sorani, 5: David Yunghanns, 6: Ian Wilson, 7: Tony Cordell, Str: Jack Shears, Cox: Jim Harvey*

*Top Right: Christening of the Tub Pair the "Paul Harding" in 1961. Left to right: Master G Thursfield, Mrs J G H Sprigg, Mrs Harding, R W Thursfield, Dr R A Cooper, D J Morgan, P Harding*

*Bottom Right: Paul Harding as stroke of the 1960 Victorian Lightweight Four*



# Office Bearers

SEASON	PRESIDENT	CAPTAIN	HONORARY SECRETARY	HONORARY TREASURER
1880-1881	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	BALDWIN J	BALDWIN J
1881-1882	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1882-1883	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	WILSON E	WILLIAMS F S
1883-1884	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	CLEGG G	WILLIAMS F S
1884-1885	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	CUNNINGHAM C S	WILLIAMS F S
1889-1886	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	WILSON E	GREGERSON F
1886-1887	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1887-1888	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S		
1888-1889	THOMPSON W K	BOYD W S	MILLAR F	GILCHRIST T R
1889-1890	WHITTY J B	BOYD W S	MILLAR F	GILCHRIST T R
1890-1891	WHITTY J B	BOYD W S		
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	CAMERON 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	BANNERMANN 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

SEASON	PRESIDENT	CAPTAIN	HONORARY SECRETARY	HONORARY TREASURER
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
1949-1950	DOBBIE A L	MORGAN D J R	KOHN A B	ROBERTSON J N
1950-1951	DOBBIE A L	MORGAN D J R	MORRISON W T	RICHARDSON R H
1951-1952	DOBBIE A L	AITKEN R R	WHITE E C	RICHARDSON R H
1952-1953	DOBBIE A L	AITKEN R R	MORRISON W T	RICHARDSON R H
1953-1954	DOBBIE A L	AITKEN R R	CRIGHTON D J	RICHARDSON R H
1954-1955	DOBBIE A L	AITKEN R R	LEWIS C D	RICHARDSON R H
1955-1956	SPRIGG J G H	AITKEN R R	LEWIS C D	RICHARDSON R H
1956-1957	SPRIGG J G H	AITKEN R R	BRADSHAW J W	RICHARDSON R H
1957-1958	SPRIGG J G H	SHARP V A	BRADSHAW J W	RICHARDSON R H
1958-1959	SPRIGG J G H	BOYKETT D H	BRADSHAW J W	OLIVER D A
1959-1960	SPRIGG J G H	WALLACE W N L	BRADSHAW J W	OLIVER D A
1960-1961	SPRIGG J G H	WALLACE W N L	deGUINGAND C J	BRADSHAW J W
1961-1962	SPRIGG J G H	WALLACE W N L	WYLLIE J J	HEWITT H N
1962-1963	SPRIGG J G H	NEWCOMB S H	WYLLIE J J	BOSTOCK J B
1963-1964	SPRIGG J G H	NEWCOMB S H	WYLLIE J J	BOSTOCK J B
1964-1965	SPRIGG J G H	WYLLIE J J	HARVET J R	BOSTOCK J B
1965-1966	SPRIGG J G H	McKENNA M F	HARVEY J R	BURFORD J
1966-1967	SPRIGG J G H	BURFORD J	McKENNA M F	BOSTOCK J B
1967-1968	SPRIGG J G H	BURFORD J	WOOD P V	GRIFFITHS R I
1968-1969	SPRIGG J G H	TOMANOVITS M G	EASSON R V	GRIFFITHS R I
1969-1970	SPRIGG J G H	TOMANOVITS M G	EASSON R V	GRIFFITHS R I
1970-1971	SPRIGG J G H	GUMLEY J H	WATKIN P K	GRIFFITHS R I
1971-1972	SPRIGG J G H	BURFORD J	WATKIN P K	GRIFFITHS R I
1972-1973	SPRIGG J G H	BURFORD J	GUMLEY J H	McKENNA M F
1973-1974	SPRIGG J G H	OWEN M F	WATKIN P K	McKENNA M F
1974-1975	SPRIGG J G H	GUMLEY J H	CAIRNES N W	BURFORD J
1975-1976	SPRIGG J G H	TOMANOVITS M G	CAIRNES N W	GUERIN A N
1976-1977	SPRIGG J G H	TOMANOVITS M G	GUERIN A N	CAIRNES N W
1977-1978	SPRIGG J G H	TOMANOVITS M G	RICHTER P G	NEWTON N L
1978-1979	SPRIGG J G H	GUERIN A N	AINSWORTH P J	NEWTON N L
1979-1980	SPRIGG J G H	BURFORD J	AINSWORTH P J	LAWRENCE J J

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1980-1981	SPRIGG J G H	GUERIN A N	PINCUS D A	LAWRENCE J J
1981-1982	SPRIGG J G H	GUERIN A N	PINCUS D A	LAWRENCE J J
1982-1983	AITKEN R R MBE	GUERIN A N	AINSWORTH P J	FREDERICO H T
1983-1984	AITKEN R R MBE	GUERIN A N	AINSWORTH P J	O'HALLORAN M K
1984-1985	AITKEN R R MBE	NEWTON N L	AINSWORTH P J	GUERIN A N
1985-1986	AITKEN R R MBE	NEWTON N L	AINSWORTH P J	MATTHEW J P
1986-1987	AITKEN R R MBE	NEWTON N L	AINSWORTH P J	GUERIN A N
1987-1988	AITKEN R R MBE	O'HALLORAN M K	AINSWORTH P J	WRAITH R G
1988-1989	AITKEN R R MBE	O'HALLORAN M K	SOMERVILLE P G	INGLIS A C
1989-1990	AITKEN R R MBE	LAWRENCE J J	SOMERVILLE P G	LEE Susan A
1990-1991	AITKEN R R MBE	LAWRENCE J J	WEBSTER W H	LEE Susan A
1991-1992	AITKEN R R MBE	LAWRENCE J J	WEBSTER W H	LEE Susan A
1992-1993	AITKEN R R MBE	LAWRENCE J J	WEBSTER W H	LEE Susan A
1993-1994	BOYKETT D H	MURPHY P J	WEBSTER W H	LAWRENCE J J
1994-1995	BOYKETT D H	MORRISON S A	LEEMING J	LAWRENCE J J
1995-1996	BOYKETT D H	WRAITH R G	LEEMING J	EDGAR P H C
1996-1997	BOYKETT D H	WRAITH R G	HALL G	EDGAR P H C
1997-1998	GUERIN A R	PATTERSON Celia L	WEBSTER W H	KELLY M
1998-1999	GUERIN A R	BARDEN G I	WEBSTER W H	KELLY M
1999-2000	GUERIN A R	BARDEN G I	WEBSTER W H	FARANDA J
2000-2001	GUERIN A R	COLVIN D E G	WEBSTER W H	FARANDA J
2001-2002	GUERIN A R	COLVIN D E G	WEBSTER W H	FARANDA J
2002-2003	GUERIN A R	COLVIN D E G	WEBSTER W H	SOMERVILLE P G
2003-2004	GUERIN A R	COLVIN D E G	WEBSTER W H	SOMERVILLE P G
2004-2005	BATTERS N P R	TAIT W J	WEBSTER W H	MENTIPLAY A
2005-2006	BATTERS N P R	TAIT W J	WEBSTER W H	MENTIPLAY A
2006-2007	BATTERS N P R	EDGAR P H C	WEBSTER W H	NICKSON J
2007-2008	BATTERS N P R	EDGAR P H C	EDGAR P H C	NICKSON J
2008-2009	BATTERS N P R	EDGAR P H C	MACEK S	NICKSON J
2009-2010	BATTERS N P R	EDGAR P H C	MACEK S	NICKSON J
2010-2011	BATTERS N P R	CHEW Fleur A	BOSLER Danae	MacKINNON D C
2011-2012	BATTEN M W OAM	BAKER N J	BOSLER Danae	MacKINNON D C
2012-2013	BATTEN M W OAM	BAKER N J	O'NEILL C M	MacKINNON D C
2013-2014	BATTEN M W OAM	SELBY SMITH Robyn	FRAUMANO Jenny	MacKINNON D C
2014-2015	BATTEN M W OAM	SELBY SMITH Robyn	FRAUMANO Jenny	MacKINNON D C
2015-2016	BATTEN M W OAM	SELBY SMITH Robyn	FRAUMANO Jenny	MacKINNON D C
2016-2017	BATTEN M W OAM	WEBSTER W H	FRAUMANO Jenny	MacKINNON D C
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