

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Fortieth Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, 101 Swanston Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 6th November, 1916, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS :

To receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

To elect Office-bearers, viz.: Patrons, President, eight Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and two Hon. Auditors.

Amendment of Rules.

Transaction or any other Business of which due notice is given.

E. KENNY,

Hon. Secretary.

6th October, 1916.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

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The Board of Management of the Victorian Rowing Association will be pleased to receive applications for membership on Monday the 1st of October 1910.

Business:

To receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet
To elect Vice-Presidents and Treasurer for 1910-11
To receive Report of the Committee for 1909-10
To receive Report of the Race Committee for 1909-10
To receive Report of the Regatta Committee for 1909-10
To receive Report of the other bodies of which the Association is a member.

F. HENRY

Secretary

100 Queen Street

Victorian Rowing Association.

SEASON 1915-16.

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

Patrons.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR RONALD MUNRO-FERGUSON, P.C., G.C.M.G.
 HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, K.C.M.G.
 HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN MADDEN, G.C.M.G., LL.D.

President.

HENRY GYLES TURNER, Esq.

Vice-Presidents.

W. DAVIDSON, Esq. W. B. HOUSE, Esq. JOHN I. BUCHAN, Esq.
 A. J. SHEPHERD, Esq. C. MONTEATH, Esq. CR. S. J. MORELL.
 J. M. MACFARLANE, Esq. S. SEWARD, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer.

A. W. MASSINA. A.F.I.A.

Hon. Secretary.

E. KENNY.

Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

	ELECTED.	RETIREES		ELECTED.	RETIREES.
A. L. DOBBIE	1915 ...	1917	J. A. WILLIAMS...	1916 ...	1918
H. T. JAMES	1915 ...	1917	E. A. SWINDELLS	1916 ...	1918
P. C. DOWLING	1915 ...	1917	W. JOSEPH	... 1916 ...	1918
M. G. SCOTT	1915 ...	1917	T. JENKIN	... 1916 ...	1918
E. W. CONSTANTINE	1915 ...	1917	B. NOLAN	... 1916 ...	1918

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park ...	... P. F. Gordon S. C. Stewart	Nagambie... ..	... J. E. Derum
Ballarat ...	... G. R. Anderson J. H. Anderson	Richmond ...	... T. Jenkin
Ballarat City...	... A. Hare	Sale ...	... C. Beaumont H. T. Roberts
Bairnsdale ...	... D. Laird	Shepparton ...	---
Banks ...	... H. G. Yeo J. A. Thomson	South Melbourne ...	G. Barrell P. J. G. Maher
Barwon ...	... H. M. Strachan	University...	... T. Crossthwaite E. I. Littlejohn
Civil Service ...	... B. Nolan S. F. Chubb	Warrnambool ...	F. Granter
Colac ...	... J. Hancock	Wendouree ...	J. Herman W. Clift
Corio Bay ...	... T. Neylon	Yarra Yarra ...	... S. E. Scott C. Winter
Eaglehawk ...	... C. H. Merrick	Rutherglen-Lake	} R. S. Bray
Essendon ...	... F. G. Wishart M. G. Muir	Corowa ...	
Footscray City	... W. Fawcett	Wahgunyah ...	
Hawthorn ...	... H. B. Kirsch C. Boxall	Wangaratta ...	
Mercantile...	... U. R. Smith A. Clarke		

FORTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,—

The season just ended being without parallel in the history of the Association, your Committee feels justified in congratulating you on the interest which you have maintained in rowing, thereby keeping the sport alive despite the handicaps which two years of war have imposed. A glance at the roll of honour will show how the membership of clubs has been depleted. Only three regattas were held, as against twelve in normal times, whilst championships, premierships, and inter-state races were abandoned. Nevertheless, members have loyally supported their clubs, and club committees have provided challenge and combination racing where possible, the result being that, with a very few exceptions, the clubs are all in a sound position and well prepared to stand the strain of what promises to be a more strenuous season than that just closed, so far as club management is concerned.

RACING.

Your Committee decided that, under existing conditions, it would be inappropriate to hold the usual competitions, and consequently determined to abandon the premierships and championship events. With the concurrence of the other States, the inter-State races have also been suspended until after the war. Only three regattas were held during the year—viz., Colac and Murray Rowing Association's on New Year's Day, and Sale on Easter Monday. Though the entries were, of course, much below the average, they were satisfactory, and each regatta committee is heartily congratulated on being able, as a result, to hand over a substantial sum to patriotic funds.

AFFILIATED CLUBS.

During the past season, the Cobram, Echuca, and Seymour Clubs withdrew from the Association, and it is to be hoped that their withdrawal will only be temporary.

FINANCE.

The financial position of the Association has considerably improved, this, of course, being entirely due to the fact that we have not been called upon to finance an inter-state Crew for the past two seasons. The consideration of a new basis for affiliation fees, referred to in the last Annual Report, has been further held over until August, 1917.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

At a Committee meeting held on the 7th August, 1916, Nos. 6, 8, and 9 of the laws of boat racing were amended, and now read as follows:—

6. Each boat shall keep its own water throughout the race, and any boat which, in the opinion of the Umpire, by departing from its own water impedes, by its wash or otherwise, the progress of any other competing boat shall be liable to disqualification. The Umpire shall be the sole judge of a boat's true course during every part of the race. The jurisdiction of the Umpire shall extend over the race, and all matters connected with it from the time the race has started until the finish, and his decision in all cases shall be final and without appeal. The Umpire may warn any boat of any obstruction in its course, or any boat which he considers is leaving its proper course, and is thereby likely to impede the progress of any other competing boat.

N.B.—Each boat is entitled to sufficient room in which to row without interference. A boat's true course is the shortest way to the winning post, leaving room for all opposing crews to come up level in the positions in which they started at any point during the race.

8. In case of a foul or disqualification the Umpire shall have the power:—

- (a) To place the boats (other than any disqualified boat) in the order in which they come in.
- (b) To order the boats engaged in the race (other than any disqualified boat) to row over again the whole or any part of the course on the same day or another day.
- (c) To stop the race and re-start the qualified boats from the starting post or the place where the breach of the laws of boat-racing was committed, in which latter case he may act as starter, and shall determine the relative positions from which the boats shall be re-started.

The Umpire may reserve his decision, provided that where he has himself seen a breach of the laws of boat-racing his decision shall be given on the day of the race.

9. No protest for fouling or interference will be entertained unless made to the Umpire or Judge by the competitor claiming the breach of the laws of boat-racing before he leaves his boat, nor unless confirmed in writing and handed to the Judge within half an hour after the finish of the disputed race, and be accompanied by a deposit of ten shillings, which shall be forfeited should the Committee deem the protest frivolous. In the event of any crew or sculler being disqualified, the entrance fee or fees shall be deemed to be forfeited.

Your Committee considered these alterations very desirable in order that the rules would be applicable to races rowed on any course.

The confirmation of these amendments will be necessary at the annual meeting.

OBITUARY.

It is with sincere feelings of regret that your Committee has to record the death of Sir Edward Holroyd, who was for many years a keen supporter of your Association, and the deep sympathy of oarsmen is extended to his relatives in their sad bereavement.

BOAT-HOUSE RESERVE.

The Secretary of the defunct Boat-House Reserve Committee has transferred to your Committee a credit balance of £12 19s. 11d. and insurance policies for certain fencing, being the balance of the assets of that Committee. The metropolitan clubs (including the Melbourne Rowing Club), which comprised the old Boat-House Reserve Committee, have agreed to your Committee using these assets in any way it thinks fit, and it has accordingly been decided to enter the amount in the books as a trust account, the money being thus available for any special purpose your Committee may decide upon.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The names of members of your Association who have enlisted since the last Annual Report was issued are published at the end of this report. This supplementary roll of honour brings the total enlistments of members of your Association up to 1,016, and your Committee feels proud to be able to publish such a fine record of the love of oarsmen for their country and the cause of freedom.

Your Committee desires to express the sincere sympathy of oarsmen with the relatives of the following, who have made the supreme sacrifice, viz.:—

E. Morsehead (Ballarat City), H. Drew (Barwon), H. E. Spriggins (Civil Service), E. Honan, A. Morrow (Colac), W. Buchan, N. Bryant, A. Cordner, Geoff. Everett, H. Haughton, D. M'Intyre, Hec. Sadler (Corio Bay), E. Salamon, E. Middleton (Essendon), P. Fraser, S. Partridge, A. Robinson, B. Sheppard, W. White (Footscray), K. Jones, S. Little, L. Patterson (Hawthorn), G. Robertson, R. J.

Robertson (Mercantile), E. Meyers (Nagambie), J. J. Jordan, A. Blennerhasset, W. Smith (Sandhurst), H. Jones, F. L. Loud, J. Meens, W. Nolan (South Melbourne), H. C. Harton, F. H. Jenkin, W. A. Leckie, A. S. Williams, E. Jowett (University), G. Newbound, J. Grantham, M. J. Hill (Wahgunyah), A. Wilson, J. Anderson, E. Muir (Wendouree), E. A. Evans, H. M'Farlane, J. Skene (Yarra Yarra).

The following have been reported missing since the last Annual Report was issued, and your Committee trusts to hear good news of them at an early date:—

R. J. Betancor (Albert Park), R. Barnfather, A. Reid (Barwon), S. George, T. Jones (Corio Bay), W. Gibblett (Footscray), C. Easthaugh (Hawthorn), T. Francis (Sandhurst), V. Whelan (South Melbourne), T. Wilkins, E. T. Brind (Wendouree).

Your Committee also desires to express deep sympathy with the relatives of the late Capt. Keith Heritage, who was killed in action. Captain Heritage rowed No. 3 in the Australian crew which won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley-on-Thames, in 1912. Your Committee is pleased to be able to record that Captain Heritage was awarded the Military Cross shortly before his death. Another member of the Australian crew of 1912, Capt. H. K. Ward, has also won the Military Cross, and your Committee congratulates him on the honour attained.

It is the pleasing duty of your Committee to record the following list of honours won by members of your Association, and the heartiest congratulations of oarsmen are extended to the recipients of these high honours:—

COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF
ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.

G. I. Stevenson (Yarra Yarra).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

G. Oates (Wendouree).

MILITARY CROSS.

C. D. Monteath (Albert Park), A. Hughes (Ballarat), N. Marshall, R. Salmon (Banks), S. C. Fitzpatrick, F. G. Kellaway, A. Laughlin, A. Spowers, N. H. MacNeil, J. D. Rogers, N. G. Croker (University).

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

S. Pedder (Albert Park), L. T. Pearce (University), J. Grantham (Wahgunyah), W. Gates (Wendouree).

MILITARY MEDAL.

B. M'Coll (Sale).

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

S. Walker (Ballarat), N. Marshall (Banks).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the past season twelve Committee meetings were held, the average number present at each meeting being 21. The attendances were as follow:—

J. H. Anderson, 9; G. R. Anderson, 1; G. Barrell, 7; C. Beaumont, 1*; C. Boxall, 4‡; E. W. Constantine, —†; A. R. Clarke, 7; J. W. Cumberland, 1*; D. Cameron, 2*; W. Clift, 2; T. Crossthwaite, 2‡; S. F. Chubb, 5‡; P. C. Dowling, 11; A. L. Dobbie, 2; J. Derum, 1; W. Fawcett, 6*; F. Granter, 5; C. W. Gray, 4*; P. F. Gordon, 2; W. B. House, 6; W. Joseph, 12; T. Jenkin, 12; H. T. James, 11; H. B. Kirsch, 4; E. Kenny, 12; D. Laird, 7; A. W. Massina, 11; M. G. Muir, 7; C. Merrick, 4; J. M. MacFarlane, 8; B. Nolan, 8; T. Neylon, 6; H. T. Roberts, 7; L. F. Reid, 4*; U. R. Smith, 8‡; M. G. Scott, 11; S. E. Scott, 4; S. C. Stewart, 11; A. J. Shepherd, 2; E. A. Swindells, 10; J. A. Thomson, 3; F. Wishart, 8; C. Winter, 8; J. A. Williams, 2; J. Waldron, 1*; H. Yeo, 1*.

* Resigned during the year. ‡ Elected during the year.

† On leave of absence (with A.I.F.)

THANKS.

Your Committee desires to thank those gentlemen who have made donations to the funds of the Association during the year; also the Press for their continued interest and the prominence given to various matters connected with the sport.

CONCLUSION.

There can be no doubt but that the ensuing year will prove more arduous, from a club management point of view, than any yet experienced. Further depletions in the membership of clubs seem inevitable. Nevertheless, your Committee feels confident that those members who are left will persevere with the fine work of the past two seasons, and thereby keep the sport virile, with everything in readiness to resume competitions on the return of our comrades from the battlefield.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY GYLES TURNER, President.

E. KENNY, Hon. Secretary.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, E. S. & A. Bank 30/9/15	£9 12 10
„ „ State Savings Bank	240 0 0
„ „ Commonwealth „	15 0 0
	£264 12 10
„ Club Contributions—	
On account Season 1914-15	£14 17 11
„ „ „ 1915-16	64 2 11
	79 0 10
„ Coxswains' Registration Fees	3 10 0
„ Donations—	
Henry Gyles Turner, Esq.	£5 5 0
J. M. MacFarlane, Esq.	1 1 0
	6 6 0
„ Regatta Registration Fees:—	
Lake Colac, Murray R. Assoc., Sale—3 @ £2 2s.	6 6 0
„ Interest	7 0 6
„ Boathouse Reserve Committee Trust Account	12 19 11
„ Regatta Trophy Account	94 4 0

£474 0 1

Audited and found correct.

W. W. SENIOR }
 CLIVE HILL } Hon. Auditors.

October 16th, 1916.

SEASON, 1915-16.

EXPENDITURE.

Miscellaneous Expenditure—

Bank Charge	...	...	...	£0 10 0
Insurance on Eight-oared Boat	...	...	...	0 9 0
Premiership Certificates, 1914-15	...	...	...	2 2 0
Championship Medals, 1914-15	...	...	...	18 3 0
Honorarium, Hon. Secretary, 1914-15	...	...	...	12 12 0
„ „ Treasurer, 1914-15	...	...	...	7 7 0
General Printing and Stationery	15 10 6
Postages, Exchange and Sundries, Notice of Meetings, &c....				6 17 0
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				£63 10 6

Wreath 2 2 0

Affiliation Fees—

Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, 1915-16	2 2 0
Regatta Trophy Account	...	...	...	239 10 6

Bank Balances—

E. S. & A. Bank, Ltd.	...	£10 1 1		
Less Cheque Outstanding	...	0 6 6		
		<hr/>	£9 14 7	
State Savings Bank	...	...	146 11 6	
Commonwealth Savings Bank	...	...	10 9 0	
			<hr/>	166 15 1

£474 0 1

Melbourne, 30th September, 1916.

ALF. W. MASSINA, A.F.I.A., Hon. Treasurer.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 30th Sept., 1916

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Trophy Accounts, —	£16	0	0
Colac Regatta	5	0	0
Sale	—	—	£21
Total Season, 1915-16	69	7	0
Sundry Regattas prior to 1915-16	—	—	£90
	—	—	12
Boathouse Reserve Trust Account	..	..	19
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities	..	..	11
	..	..	186
	..	..	17
	..	..	11

£290 4 10

ASSETS.

Cr. Balance—E. S. & A Bank Ltd.	£10	1	1
Less Cheque Outstanding	..	0	6
	..	..	6
Cr. Balance State Savings Bank	£9	14	7
Commonwealth	146	11	6
	10	9	0
	..	..	£166
	..	..	15
	..	..	1
Best Eight-oared Boat	..	..	£42
1 Set Swivel Rowlocks	..	..	8
	..	..	10
	..	..	0
Less Depreciation	..	..	£51
	..	..	5
	..	..	2
	..	..	6
Boat Registration Plant, at cost	..	..	£4
Case for Eight-oared Boat and Cover	..	..	17
	..	..	3
	..	..	5
	..	..	0
	..	..	0
Less Depreciation	..	..	9
	..	..	17
	..	..	3
	..	..	1
	..	..	0
	..	..	0
Deed Box, £1; Embossing Dies, 20/-; Stationery on Hand, 20/-; Copying Press 20/-; Revolver, 10/-; Filing Cabinet, £10; Typewriter at valuation, £5; Interstate Certificates, £10	..	..	29
	..	..	10
	..	..	0

£290 4 10

Outstanding Club Contributions—
 1914-15, 15-16—Ballarat City, £2/2/-; Cox, 10/-; Eaglehawk, £2/2/-; Seymour, £1/1/-; Corowa, £2/2/-; Wangaratta, £2/2/-; Shepparton (1913-14, 14-15, 15-16), £3/3/-
 1915-16—Ballarat, 3/3/-; Bairnsdale, 3/3/-; Essendon, 3/10/-; Footscray, 2/10/-; Sth. Melb., 4/5/-; Wabgunyah, £1/1/-; Civil Service, 2/4/-; Yarra Yarra £3/5/-; Cox, 5/-; Mercantile Cox, 5/-; Barwon, £2/7/- (Since Paid)

Audited and found correct,
 October 16th, 1916

W. W. SENIOR, }
 CLIVE HILL, } Hon. Auditors.

ALF. W. MASSINA, A.F.I.A., Hon. Treasurer.
 Melbourne, 30th September, 1916.

Roll of Honor

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENLISTED SINCE THE LAST V.R.A. REPORT WAS PUBLISHED.

The figures in brackets after the name of the club represent the number of oarsmen whose names appeared on the roll of honour published with the last Annual Report:—

ALBERT PARK (26).

Anderson, A. E.	McBride, A. J.	Reardon, R.
Boyd, E. J.	McBrien, L. H.	Steinle, W.
Langsford, V. F.	McFarlane, P.	Stewart, J.
London, R.	McMinn, B.	Thornton, H. T.

BAIRNSDALE (46).

Particulars not received.

BALLARAT (48).

Berryman, E.	Evans, S.	Jones, M.
Bishop, G.	Furness, J. L.	Walker, H.
	Hogg, J.	

BALLARAT CITY (13).

Morsehead, E.	Richardson, H.
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BANKS (38).

Cartwright, F. C.	Harris, R. A. A.	O'Brien, J. H.
Down, L.	Kennedy, I. R. H.	O'Bryan, N.
Dobson, A. F. S.	Marshall, L. B.	Wilson, J. B.
Fraser, R. N.	Phelan, J. V.	

BARWON (24).

Degenhardt, F.	Hunt, C.	Strickland, G.
Grant, R.	Sutterby, R.	Zimmer, H.

CIVIL SERVICE (41).

Blatchford, C.	Jobson, J. L.	Robinson, J. S.
Clemens, P.	Lear, E. N.	Rowe, E.
Gray, C. W.	Mahy, C. H.	Rowe, L.
Howieson, J.	McNeilage, G. C.	Seabrook, T. C.
Hyland, A. E.	Parker, H. C.	Simpson, J.
	Pierce, A. J.	

COBRAM (7).

Nil.

COLAC (22).

Morrison, H.

CORIO BAY (17).

Beach, H.	Henry, A.	Moore, P.
Buchan, W.	Haughton, H.	McIntyre, Duncan
Bryant, N.	Hall, H. M.	Robinson, A. B.
Cordner, A.	Heagney, A.	Sadler, V.
Dawson, J.	Johansen, B.	Sinclair, J.
Dickson, Alf.	Knight, H.	Thomas, W.
Everett, Geoff.	Michael, N.	Vigar, F.
Gilbert, R.		

COROWA (7).

Broadbent, R.	Frazer, C.	Sammons, F.
Francis, T.	Ryan, J.	

ECHUCA (4).

Nil.

EAGLEHAWK (9).

Particulars not received.

ESSENDON (31).

Cotter, J.	Muir, M. G.	Thorpe, P.
Matthews, E.	Pattison, W.	Turner, A. C.
Muntz, A.	Peate, G.	Withy, G.

FOOTSCRAY (34).

Allan, H. J.	Davis, H. V.	Johnson, J.
Carmichael, A.	Fawcett, W.	Smith, A.
	Frieman, B.	

HAWTHORN (31).

Antrobus, A.	Jackson, R. A.	Reid, L. F.
Davies, L.	Lampard, A. W.	Simpson, G.
Hall, F.	Mather, K.	Sorby, A.

MERCANTILE (24).

Cumberland, J. W.	Kendal, J. E.	Nation, N. C.
Davy, W. B.	Johnston, L.	Simcocks, F. W.
Hill, F.	Hopkins, A. J.	Stevens, H. E.
Kerr, R.	Morrison, R.	Stirling, F.
	MacDonald, W.	

NAGAMBIE (21).

Bazeley, A.	Forbes, W.	Orpwood, R. A.
Chapman, L.	Gadd, R. B.	Sullivan, F.
Chapman, W.	Johnson, H. L.	Sullivan, H.
Duggan, R.	Johnson, W.	Sullivan, W. C.
	McDonald, S.	

RICHMOND (14).

Particulars not received.

RUTHERGLEN LAKE (7)

Jones, J.	McQuade, J.
Jack, A.	Taylor, H. R.

SALE (12).

Baum, H. A.	Eldridge, C.	Hutchison, D.
Davis, P.	Fidler, G.	Oliver, G.

SANDHURST (55).

Hildabrandt, J.	Onger, R.	Wills, P.
Jordon, J. J.	Stevens, N.	

SHEPPARTON.

Particulars not received.

SEYMOUR (9).

Particulars not received.

SOUTH MELBOURNE (19).

Bond, C.	Kennett, H.	Wilkinson, W. T.
Hutcheson, S.	Nolan, W.	

UNIVERSITY (128).

Armstrong, J. H. B.	Jewell, W.	Quirk, R.
Brown, H.	Jowett, E.	Ross-Soden, H.
Büst, T. N. M.	Kellaway, C.	Ryan, T.
Bullivant, H. E.	Lang, P. H.	Sleeman, J. M.
Cochrane, J. R. S.	Langlands, F. C.	Sutton, R. L.
Crisp, R. H.	Lazarus, A.	Sutton, H.
Davenport, W. K.	Lilford, A. G. R.	Water, W. H.
Davis, G. E.	Melville, F. B.	Waterhouse, A. R.
Duffy, D. M. Gavan	Moran, F. H.	Watson, C. E.
Giles, I. E.	Madden, G.	Wertheim, G.
Griffiths, J. W.	Mitchell, L. J. C.	White, N. B.
Hutton, O. A.	Pearce, F. K.	White, W. P.

WAHGUNYAH (8).

Blandon, P.
Clark, J.
Dunn, A. E.
Figgins, R.

Gayfer, J.
Grantham, J.
McFadyen, T.
Marks, L.

Newbound, G.
Patterson, S.
Tyghe, F.

WANGARATTA (3).

Particulars not received.

WARRNAMBOOL (8).

Artso, E.
Butler, G.

Chapman, R.
Curtis, P.
Hope, W.

Robinson, G.
Thompson, J.

WENDOUREE (60).

Anderson, J.
Brandenburg, R.

Daw, E.
Desmond, E.

Humffray, B.
Kitchen, R.

YARRA YARRA (32).

Beeson, H.
Cook, J.

Kennedy, A.
Shanahan, T. A.

Scott, S. E.