

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION



The Forty-first Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, 101 Swanston Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 5th November, 1917, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS :

To receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

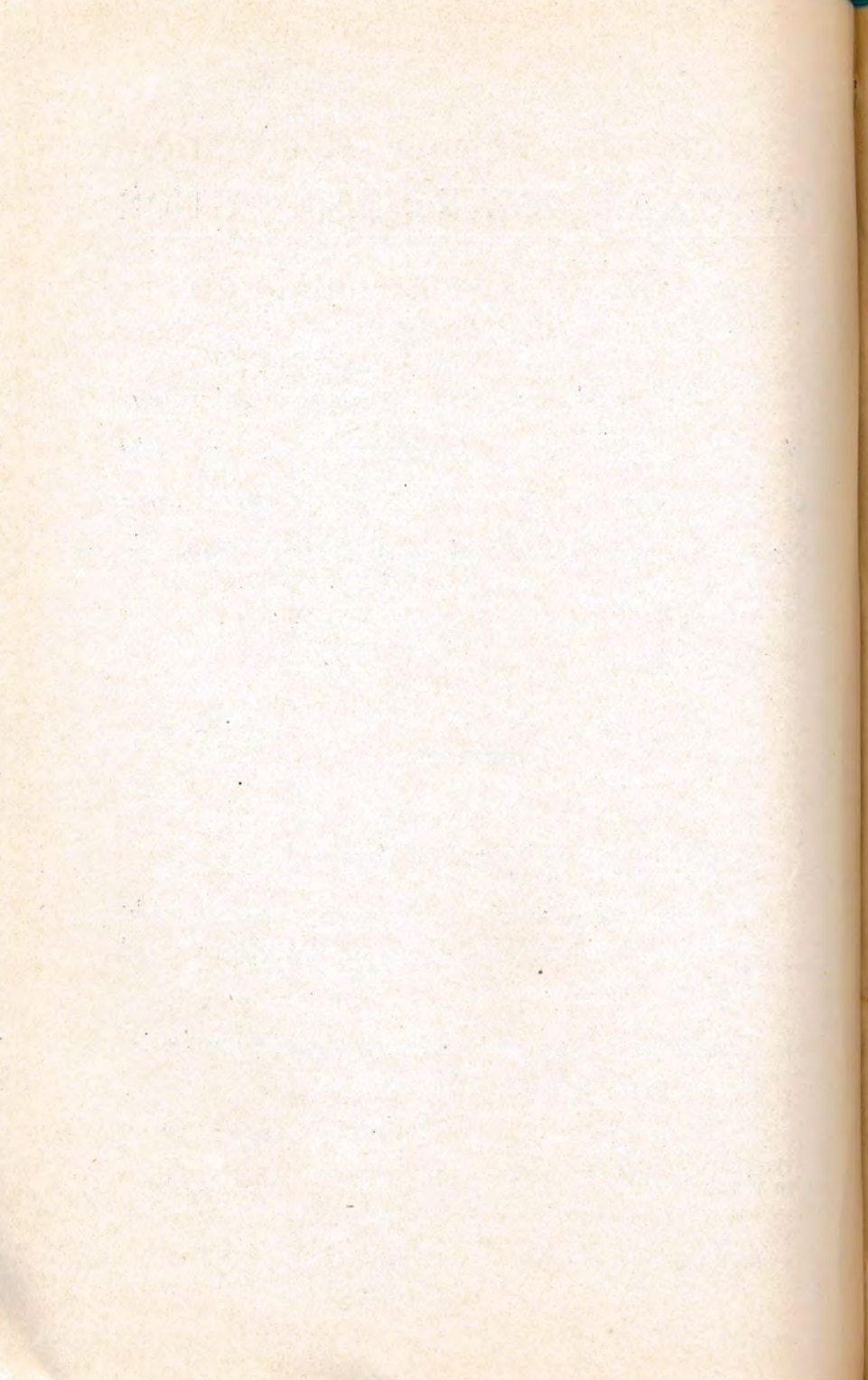
To elect Office-bearers, viz. : Patrons, President, eight Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and two Hon. Auditors.

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

E. KENNY,

Hon. Secretary.

17th October, 1917.



Victorian Rowing Association.

SEASON 1916-17.

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, L.I.A.V.

Hon. Secretary.

E. KENNY.

Hon. Auditors.

W. W. SENIOR, Esq. H. MORTENSEN, Esq., A.F.I.A.

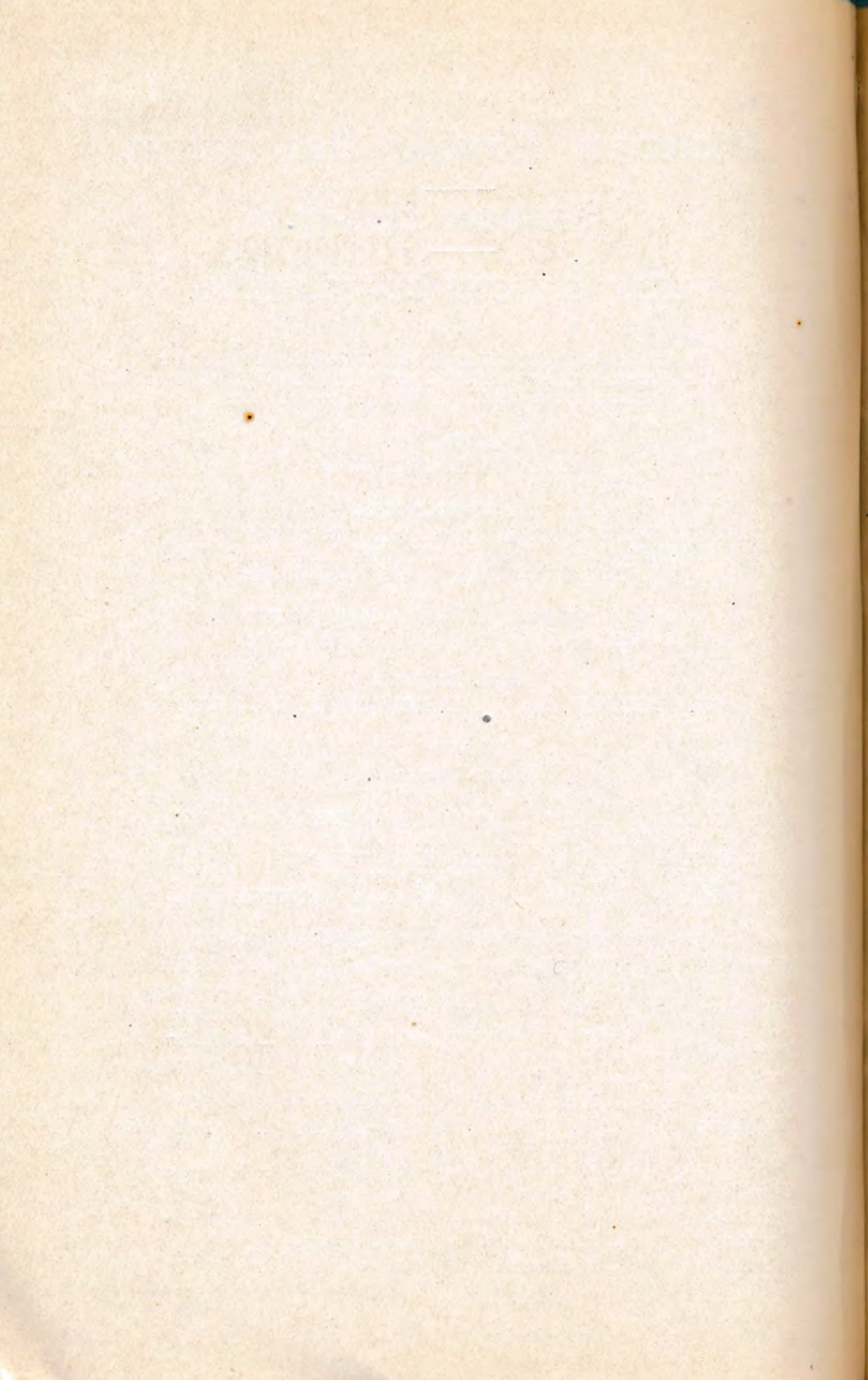
Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

	ELECTED.	RETIREES		ELECTED.	RETIREES
S. SHALLARD	... 1916	... 1918	A. L. DOBBIE	1917	... 1919
E. A. SWINDELLS	1916	... 1918	H. T. JAMES	1917	... 1919
W. JOSEPH	... 19 6	... 1918	P. C. DOWLING	1917	... 1919
T. JENKIN	... 1916	... 1918	M. G. SCOTT	1917	... 1919
B. NOLAN	... 1916	... 1918	E. W. CONSTANTINE	1917	... 1919

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	... P. F. Gordon	Hawthorn	... H. B. Kirsch
	... S. C. Stewart	Mercantile	... U. R. Smith
Ballarat	... G. R. Anderson		... A. Clarke
	... J. H. Anderson	Richmond	... R. Jenkin
Bairnsdale	... D. Laird	Sale	... H. T. Roberts
Banks	... J. A. Thomson	South Melbourne	... G. Barrell
Barwon	... P. C. Dowling	University	... T. Crossthaite
Civil Service	... W. Cahill		... C. S. Wood
	... S. F. Chubb	Warrnambool	... F. Granter
Colac	... J. Hancock	Wendouree	... W. Clift
Corio Bay	... T. Neylan	Yarra Yarra	... C. Winter
Eaglehawk	... C. H. Merrick	Rutherglen-Lake	} R. S. Bray
Essendon	... F. G. Wishart	Corowa	
Footscray City	... P. J. Gaskin		



FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,—

Another season has come and gone, and the great world war is still being waged as fiercely as ever. Under such circumstances, it is only natural that your Association and the sport have been inactive so far as premiership and championship rowing is concerned. Only three regattas have been held, viz., Colac, Rutherglen, and Sale, the programmes for which were on a greatly modified scale, and the proceeds were handed to local charitable and patriotic funds. Despite the handicaps of the times, however, it is gratifying to know that the present members of the clubs still maintain a keen interest in the sport. As a result, the majority of the clubs is in a sound position, and when normal times return there should be no difficulty in restoring the sport of rowing to its former position, provided members retain their present enthusiasm. This is a duty which you all owe to your fellow-members who are at present fighting for liberty and freedom, and it should be a pleasure to faithfully discharge such an obligation.

ROLL OF HONOR

Since the last Annual Report was published, 129 members have enlisted for active service, their names appearing in a supplementary roll of honour at the end of this Report. A table is also published showing the total enlistments up to date. The record speaks for itself.

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

H. S. Dickinson, S. Pedder (Albert Park), M. Beaton, A. Boyd, J. Deam, L. G. Duncan, R. Hosie, C. Jeffreys, J. Moore, L. Morrison, G. S. Sibbin, M. Towner, W. Wallace (Bairnsdale), R. Desmond, S. Evans (Ballarat), L. Coulter (Ballarat City), R. A. A. Harris, L. Butler (Banks), W. R. Allen, A. Anderson, R. Barnfather, F. Lascelles, A. Reid (Barwon), H. F. Angwin, K. Carlile, L. C. Cavell, E. N. Lear, H. C. Parker, E. Rowe, R. Steele, W. Pollock (Civil Service), H. T. Burn, P. Earle (Corio Bay), L. J. Ennis, W. A. Kelly (Essendon), H. Betts, E. Louis, R. Orr, T. Roberts, S. Thomas (Footscray), T. Davies

(Hawthorn), A. R. Lingham (Mercantile), G. Cowan, R. Ross (Nagambie), P. J. Hill (Rutherglen), T. Francis, R. Holl, E. Millward, J. Thompson (Sandhurst), W. Allan (South Melbourne), C. R. Campbell, M. Hughes, M. B. Higgins, E. M'Kay, R. A. Reid, M. A. Ross (University), T. Dwyer, L. Gartlan (Warrnambool), T. Wilkins (Wendouree), P. C. Arnold, E. A. Collins, H. Beeson, G. Drew (Yarra Yarra), W. Barrow, G. Grimmond, M. Taylor, A. E. Dunn (Wahgunyah).

The following is the complete list of distinctions won by members on active service, and goes to prove that the training received on the river has been turned to advantage when the great test came. Your Committee extends to the winners of these honours its hearty congratulations; also to Captain J. Newlands, of Tasmania, the first Australian oarsman to win the Victoria Cross in the present war:—

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

G. I. Stevenson (Yarra Yarra).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

H. S. Dickinson (Albert Park), L. Coulter (Ballarat City), C. Jess (Sandhurst), T. G. Ross, H. P. Brownell, T. F. Borwick, H. O. Butler, A. Spowers, C. G. Shaw, J. S. Yule (University).

MILITARY CROSS.

C. D. Monteath and G. M'Ilroy (Albert Park), A. Hughes (Ballarat), N. Marshall, R. Salmon (Banks), C. Mahy (Civil Service), N. L. Johnson (Mercantile), E. Bazeley (Nagambie), S. C. Fitzpatrick, F. G. Kellaway, A. Laughlin, A. Spowers, N. H. MacNeil, J. D. Rogers, N. G. Croker, J. B. Calder, W. F. Hinman, F. K. Officer, W. S. Ross (University), G. Oates (Wendouree).

FRENCH WAR CROSS.

W. A. L. Henderson (University).

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

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

MILITARY MEDAL.

C. W. Croft (Albert Park), R. Marchant (Corio Bay), F. Casey (Echuca), L. Nicholls (Mercantile), R. S. M'Coll (Sale), H. Denholm (Sandhurst), C. Walker (Yarra Yarra).

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

S. Walker (Ballarat), N. Marshall (Banks), H. E. Stevens (Mercantile), G. A. Fidler, H. A. Baum (Sale), W. A. L. Henderson (University).

RACING

Your Committee, having decided to abandon premiership and championship events, the various clubs arranged for combination and challenge races during the year. This racing proved most successful, and was of considerable assistance in maintaining interest in the sport. Your Committee also arranged two combination eight-oared races—one on the 17th February, 1917, for which 16 crews entered, and another on 31st March, for which 19 crews entered. On the latter occasion 26 pupils from Scotch College, Xavier College, and Melbourne Grammar School were amongst the competitors, and their entry was greatly appreciated. The winning crews were:—E. Jones (R.) bow, R. Donovan (C.S.), J. Williams (E.), R. L. Thwaites (B.), N. S. Muir (E.), G. C. Burke (C.S.), B. Mattheson (E.), J. A. Jonsson (F.) stroke, R. Martin (M.) cox, and J. Roadknight (R.) bow, P. M'Cabe (U.), J. Davies (Scotch College), L. Butler (B.), F. Mackay (Melb. Grammar), T. Cashen (E.), E. Burne (C.S.), J. A. Thomson (B.) stroke, C. Winter (C.S.) cox.

The Amateur Sculling Association, affiliated with the V.R.A., also held three sculling handicaps during the season.

BOAT STAGING AT PRINCE'S BRIDGE.

The control of the boat-house sites and the staging at Princes Bridge has now passed into the hands of the Parks and Gardens Committee of the City Council. This body intends making an annual charge of £50 for the use of the staging, such money to be devoted to repairs and maintenance and the provision of a sinking fund for renewals when required. Owing to the conditions prevailing at present, the charge for this year has been reduced to £30. The Parks and Gardens Committee asked the opinion of your Committee as to the allocation of the proposed charge of £50, and, after consideration, it was recommended that half the amount be charged to the boat-builders and the other half to the Melbourne, Yarra Yarra, Banks, University, Richmond, Mercantile, and Civil Service Clubs. No action has yet been taken on this recommendation.

FINANCE AND AFFILIATION FEES

As will be seen from the Balance-sheet, the financial position of the Association is satisfactory. A proposal was recently considered for refunding to the clubs, in proportion to the amounts paid by them, any revenue in excess of the expenditure of the Association. It was eventually decided not to alter existing arrangements, in view of the following reasons:—(1) The sound financial position of the majority of the clubs, as disclosed by their balance-sheets; (2) the small amount which the individual clubs would receive from such refund; and (3) the fact that the Association will be put to an expense of over £250 in sending a crew and sculler to take part in the Inter-state races in Brisbane the first year regatta racing is resumed.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

Having no members at present on their roll, the Ballarat City, Wangaratta, and Nagambie Clubs have withdrawn from the Association until after the war.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. A. Williams, who was formerly Hon. Treasurer of your Association, left Melbourne during the year to take up farming, and consequently resigned his position as an elected member of the Committee. For his many services to the sport, as a successful Interstate oarsman, selector, official, and Committeeman, your Committee desires to tender its hearty thanks to Mr. Williams. Mr. S. Shallard, President of the Footscray Club, has been elected to fill the vacant seat on the Committee.

One of your Vice-Presidents, Mr. S. Seward, of Ballarat, is leaving for Western Australia, and your Committee takes this opportunity of sincerely thanking him for his valuable services in the interests of the sport for many years past. Mr. Seward is also "going on the land," and it is to be hoped that both he and Mr. Williams will meet with every success in their new sphere of life.

A handsome photograph of the late Mr. George E. Upward, for which your Committee is indebted to Mr. George Upward, jun., has been hung at the Amateur Sports' Club, the headquarters of your Association. This gift will serve to keep fresh in the minds of oarsmen the memory of a great athlete who was for many years the most prominent man in rowing circles throughout the Commonwealth. Your Committee desires to express to Mr. George Upward, jun., its appreciation of his kindness in presenting this photograph.

GENERAL

During the year Mr. John Lang presented to your Association a copy of a book which he came across in Brisbane, entitled "Athletic Queensland." The publication contains an interesting record of Queensland rowing up to the year 1900, and will form a valuable addition to the records of your Association, for which your Committee tenders its sincere thanks to Mr. Lang.

Some time ago a committee of sportsmen was formed with the object of assisting recruiting. Your Association was represented on the committee by Councillor S. J. Morrell, Mr. A. J. Shepherd, and your Hon. Secretary. It was decided to endeavour to raise a "Sportsmen's Thousand," and with this object in view an executive committee was formed, of which your Hon. Secretary is a member. Though progress at first was slow, the committee has persevered in its efforts, with the result that the "Sportsmen's Thousand" will shortly be an accomplished fact.

A new item of expenditure, Federal income tax, appears in the Balance-sheet for the first time this year. The amount for 1914-15 was fairly heavy, but for 1915-16 there was no liability.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the past season twelve Committee meetings were held, the average attendance at each meeting being 19. The attendances were as follow:—

P. C. Dowling, 12; W. Joseph, 12; E. Kenny, 12; H. T. James, 11; T. Jenkin, 11; A. W. Massina, 11; S. F. Chubb, 10; M. G. Scott, 10; S. C. Stewart, 9; F. Granter, 8; T. Neylan, 8; F. G. Wishart, 8; J. M. MacFarlane, 7; U. R. Smith, 7; A. R. Clarke, 6; T. Crossthwaite, 6; A. L. Dobbie, 6; R. Jenkin, 6*; H. B. Kirsch, 6; H. T. Roberts, 6; S. Shallard, 6*; E. A. Swindells, 6; C. S. Wood, 6; W. B. House, 5; B. Nolan, 5; P. J. Gaskin, 4†; D. Laird, 4; A. J. Shepherd, 4; J. A. Thomson, 4; W. Clift, 3; C. Winter, 3; G. Barrell, 2; W. Cahill, 2*; P. F. Gordon, 2; J. H. Anderson, 1†; T. Gipton, 1*; W. Tysack, 1*.

* Elected during season. † Resigned during season.

THANKS

Your Committee desires to thank those gentlemen who have made donations to the funds of the Association; also the Press for their continued assistance in publishing notes on rowing matters.

CONCLUSION

Having met with such encouraging results in your efforts to keep the sport from drifting into a moribund state during the past three years, your Committee trusts that your enthusiasm will be maintained until the termination of the war. If this is done, the sport will quickly return to its former vigor when the days of peace come round.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY GYLES TURNER, President.
E. KENNY, Hon. Secretary.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, E. S. & A. Bank 30/9/16	£9 14 7	
„ „ State Savings Bank	146 11 6	
„ „ Commonwealth „	10 9 0	
	£166 15 1	
„ Club Contributions—		
On account Season 1915-16	£20 18 0	
„ „ „ 1916-17	53 8 10	
„ „ „ 1917-18	3 3 6	
	77 10 4	
„ Coxswains' Registration Fees, 1915-16	0 15 0	
„ „ „ 1916-17	2 15 0	
„ „ „ 1917-18	0 5 0	
	3 15 0	
„ Donations		6 6 0
„ Regatta Registration Fees		6 6 0
„ Interest and Exchange	4 9 2	
„ Interest on Trust Account	0 6 10	
	4 16 0	
„ Trickett's Memorial		3 12 6
„ Trust Account—		
Regatta Trophy Money		91 16 6
		£360 17 5

Audited and found correct.

W. W. SENIOR
 H. N. MORTENSEN, A.F.I.A.

} Hon. Auditors.

October 9th 1917.

SEASON, 1916-17.

EXPENDITURE.

Miscellaneous Expenditure—			
Bank Charge	...	...	£0 10 0
Insurance on Eight-oared Boat	...	...	0 9 0
Honorarium, Hon. Secretary, 1915-16	...	...	12 12 0
" " Treasurer, 1915-16	...	...	7 7 0
General Printing and Stationery	...	...	8 4 6
Postages, Exchange and Sundries	...	...	6 0 5
			35 2 11
Affiliation Fees—			
Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, 1916-17	...	...	2 2 0
Regatta Trophy Money	...	...	101 19 0
Refund Coxswain's Registrations	...	...	0 5 0
Expenses Combination Eights	...	...	4 13 0
Trickett's Memorial (V.R.A., £2/2/-; Club Donations, £3/12/6)	...	...	5 14 6
Federal Income Tax, 1915-16	...	...	9 11 5
Bank Balances—			
E. S. & A. Bank, Ltd.	...	...	£33 15 2
State Savings Bank	...	...	154 7 8
Commonwealth Bank	...	...	13 6 9
			201 9 7
			£360 17 5

Melbourne, 30th September, 1917.

ALF. W. MASSINA, L.I.A.V., Hon. Treasurer.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet at 30th Sept., 1917

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Trophy Accounts, —	£3	2 6
Season 1911-12	9 1 0	
" 1912-13	8 11 6	
" 1913-14	17 3 0	
" 1914-15	40 11 6	
" 1916-17	£78 9 6	
Subscriptions paid in advance	3 3 6	
Boathouse Reserve Trust Account	..	£81 13 0
" " "	..	12 19 11
Interest	..	0 6 10
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities	..	218 7 1

ASSETS.

Cr. Balance—E. S. & A Bank Ltd.	£33	15 2
State Savings Bank	154	7 8
Commonwealth Bank	13	6 9
Best Eight-oared Boat	..	38 9 6
1 Set Swivel Rowlocks	..	7 13 0
Boat Registration Plant	..	4 7 3
Case for Eight-oared Boat and Cover	..	4 10 0
Less Depreciation	..	54 19 9
	..	5 10 0
Deed Box,	..	1 0 0
Embossing Dies, 20/-; Stationery on Hand, 20/-;	..	2 0 0
Copying Press 20/-; Revolver, 10/-;	..	1 10 0
Filing Cabinet, £10; Typewriter at valuation, £5..	..	15 0 0
Interstate Certificates	..	10 0 0
Outstanding Club Contributions—		
Ballarat City (1914-15 and 1915-16)	..	2 12 0
Cox, 10/-	..	3 3 0
Eaglehawk (1914-15, 15-16, 16-17)	..	1 1 0
Seymour	..	2 2 0
Wangaratta	..	3 3 0
Shepparton, (1913-14, 14-15, 15-16)	..	7 6 3
South Melbourne, (15-16, 16-17)	..	1 1 0
Wahgunyah (1915-16)	..	1 1 0
(1916-17) Essendon, £3/19/3; Footscray £2/10/-	..	6 9 3
Barwon 5/-, Ballarat £3/3/-, Wendouree £2/2/-	..	5 10 0
Coxswains—Essendon 5/-, S. Melb. 5/-	..	0 10 0
		32 17 6
		£313 6 10

Roll of Honor.

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

ALBERT PARK.

Ditchburn, S. A. Fletcher, A. G. Last, M. J.

BAIRNSDALE.

Andrews, L. Deam, W. Twitchett, W.
Brabet, A. Day, G. C. Tingate, A.
Cooper, C. J. Hurley, A. Wilson, W.
Corney, K. Potter, R.

BALLARAT.

Brown, W. Marxsen, R. Whitelaw, J.
Desmond, R. M'Laurin, A. Vawdrey, W.
Donald, P.

BALLARAT CITY.

Coulter, L.

BANKS.

Butler, L. Wilkinson, E. Yeo, H. G.
Johnson, R.

BARWON.

W. R. Allen. W. Glew. C. Richardson.
C. Cox. F. Hudson. H. H. Storrer.
N. Fegan. D. Martin. W. Wadmore.
J. Griffen. R. Mills.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Cox, G. W. Sievwright, E. C. Wilson, H.
Schofield, E. Watson, C. V.

CORIO BAY.

Purnell, N. R. Kneisbusch, A.

ESSENDON.

Cock, S. M'Donald, A. Warr, W. G.
Matthews, G. A. Milne, J. S.

FOOTSCRAY.

A. Jonsson.

HAWTHORN.

Beck, H.

Kohlman, J.

MERCANTILE.

Hlsley, J. A.

Reidv. J. E.

Vincent, R. C.

RICHMOND.

Hatfield, L.
Hede, F.
Hede, L.Jarvie, L.
Jenkins, S.
Johnstone, J.Lilley, J.
Podmore, I. A.
Tudor, G.

SALE.

Baron, C.

Gibbs, W.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.

Hadaway, J.
Maher, P. J.

Rock, Dr.

Turnbull, G.

UNIVERSITY.

Allen, H. W.
Butler, H. O.
Berthon, E.
Borwick, T. F.
Burrell, J. B.
Campbell, C. R.
Clarkson, H. C.
Calder, J. B.
Charlton, N. W.
Connor, J.
Clark, R. C.
Cowen, S. O.
Crooke, C. E.
Disher, H. C.
Derham, F. P.
Dooley, N. H.Foreman, L.
Fox, A. R.
Fetherstonhaugh, T. G.
Frayne, W. R.
M'Guigan, —
Hickinbotham, A. R.
Hyett, R.
Hayes, W. I.
Hughes, M.
Kelly, M. B.
Kitchin, F. B.
Knight, F. C.
Lord, A. W.
Miller, F. B.
Mackay, R. G.
Morris, J.M'Coll, N.
Nash, N. S.
Nicholson, J. D.
Norris, J. D.
Pryde, D.
Pryde, N.
Parnell, T.
Roberts, L. E.
Ross, T. G.
Ross, W. S.
Raverty, J. H.
Sutcliffe, E. H.
Webb, V.
Webb, C. M.
Webster, C. W.
Yule, J. S.

WENDOUREE.

Cooper, E.

M'Gann, C.

Ogilvie, C.

YARRA YARRA.

Drew, G.
Hall, F.
Millsom, J.Oliver, E.
Phillips, R.
Vallance, J.Walker, C.
Willson, C. J.

Clubs' Roll of Honor

	Total Enlistments.	Deaths.	Membership at outbreak of war.
Albert Park	40	4	100
Bairnsdale	55	12	128
Ballarat	60	6	104
Ballarat City	16	3	30
Banks	53	5	90
Barwon	40	9	71
Civil Service	62	12	123
Cobram	7	—	60
Colac	23	2	25
Corio Bay	41	10	45
Corowa	12	1	34
Echuca	4	—	12
Eaglehawk	9	1	22
Essendon	45	5	46
Footscray	42	11	60
Hawthorn	42	5	64
Mercantile	40	3	86
Nagambie	34	5	55
Richmond	23	—	60
Rutherglen	11	2	55
Sale	20	—	65
Sandhurst	60	11	90
Seymour	9	—	35
South Melbourne	28	5	67
University	212	17	338
Wahgunyah	19	7	41
Wangaratta	3	—	24
Warrnambool	15	2	28
Wendouree	69	4	82
Yarra Yarra	45	11	77
	<hr/> 1140	<hr/> 153	<hr/> 2117