

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The Forty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, 101 Swanston Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 1st October, 1923, 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.

Presentation of Premiership Certificates and Championship Medals.

E. KENNY,

Hon. Secretary.

13th September, 1923.

Victorian Rowing Association

SEASON 1922-23

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

Patrons.

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Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

	ELECTED.	RETIRE		ELECTED.	RETIRE
S. SHALLARD	... 1922	... 1924	A. L. DOBBIE	... 1923	... 1925
E. A. SWINDELLS	... 1922	... 1924	H. T. JAMES	... 1923	... 1925
W. JOSEPH	... 1922	... 1924	P. C. DOWLING	... 1923	... 1925
T. JENKIN	... 1922	... 1924	M. G. SCOTT	... 1923	... 1925
B. NOLAN	... 1922	... 1924	W. J. CAHILL	... 1923	... 1925

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	.. I. D. Tibbits S. C. Stewart	Hawthorn	.. H. J. Green F. L. Griffiths
Ballarat	.. A. M. King G. R. Simpson	Mercantile	.. F. W. Betts A. R. Clarke
Ballarat City	.. C. Ehms	Nagambie	.. J. Derum
Bairnsdale	.. D. Laird W. H. Mathieson	Preston	.. A. Freeman E. Eginton
Banks	.. C. J. McCarthy J. A. Thomson	Richmond	.. J. A. Day G. Hutton
Barwon	.. H. E. Hurst S. F. Chubb	Sale	.. W. Mellroy
Civil Service	.. R. M. Erck T. S. Flint	Sandhurst	.. E. Christie J. Duggan
Colac	.. G. I. Stevenson	Shepparton	.. A. C. Batson
Corio Bay	.. T. Neylan W. Nicholson	South Melbourne	A. Crook F. Looker
Essendon	.. H. J. McRae N. S. Muir	University	.. H. J. Whiting R. R. Garran
Footscray City	.. T. Gipton G. Smith	Warrnambool	.. F. Granter
		Wendouree	.. H. C. Hawkins O. McPhail
		Yarra Yarra	.. N. McLeod G. Anderson

FORTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee presents for your consideration this evening the Forty-seventh Annual Report and Balance Sheet. Though the membership of 2016 is not quite up to the previous year's record—viz., 2077—the position of the Association is satisfactory. The number of competitors at regattas was also below the record of the previous year, but an improvement is noticed as compared with 1920-21. The number of competitors entered for regattas for the past three seasons is as follows:—

Season.	Maiden and Junior.	Senior and Champion.	Total.
1920-21	1666	509	2175
1921-22	2076	467	2543
1922-23	1793	462	2255

With the assistance of generous donations from our President, Mr. George Fairbairn, the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, and a number of subscribers, the balance-sheet shows a credit, despite the heavy expenditure, of £541 16s. 3d., involved in being represented in the Interstate races at Perth.

INTERSTATE ROWING CONFERENCES.

The Interstate Rowing Conference was held at the A.N.A. Club House, Perth, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd May, 1923, Mr. J. M. Lapsley, President of the Western Australian Rowing Association, being in the chair. Your Association was represented by Messrs. J. M. Macfarlane, J. L. Mounsey and E. Kenny.

It was decided that the drawing for positions in Australian championships shall be carried out at the seat of the races and in the presence of direct representatives of each State concerned, a majority of competing States to form a quorum.

The question of granting South Australia permission at their discretion to hold the next Interstate races at Murray Bridge was discussed, but no vote was taken.

The South Australian delegates submitted a proposal to form a board of management for the purpose of regulating and controlling rowing in the Commonwealth, and of supervising Interstate and international relations and fixtures. The proposal was modified, and it was resolved that it was desirable to form a board of management for the purpose of regulating, controlling and supervising representation at the Olympic games and other International relations and fixtures. A draft Constitution was drawn up and submitted to the States for approval. Your Committee approved of the Constitution, but up to the present it has not been approved by all the States.

A request for New Zealand to be allowed to compete in the annual Interstate race was not agreed to. The question of holding a championship every second year between crews representing New Zealand and the Australian States was held over for consideration of the proposed board of management.

It was decided that the umpires at all Interstate races be advised of the resolution of the 1922 Interstate Conference at Sydney, in reference to the coaching of crews and scullers during the progress of the races, and that the rule be strictly enforced.

The New South Wales crew was granted permission to row a member of a Western Australian Club as emergency, in view of the fact that two members of their crew were too ill to row. Your delegates did not support this motion, as they considered the principle of permitting oarsmen from two States to row in any State crew was wrong.

AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(For the King's Cup).

This event was rowed at Perth over the straight three-mile course, from Apple Cross to the Narrows, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 7th May, 1923, having been postponed from the previous Saturday afternoon, when it was too rough to race. Victoria was represented by R. W. B. Todd (Wendouree), 10st. 11lb. (bow); H. C. Hawkins (Wendouree), 12st. (2); G. R. B. Patterson (Albert Park), 12st. 5lb. (3); R. Weir (Albert Park), 11st. 12lb. (4); H. Rush (Mercantile), 12st. 6lb. (5); J. L. Mounsey (Mercantile), 11st. 10lb. (6); R. V. Gregg (Mercantile), 12st. 12lb. (7); J. M. Buchanan (Mercantile), 11st. 8lb. (stroke); E. J. Counihan (Mercantile), (cox.); E. O. James (Albert Park), 12st. 10lb. (emergency). The crew was coached by Mr. J. M. Macfarlane, and finished third. The race was won by South Australia by half a length, with Western Australia second. The South Australians are heartily congratulated on their splendid win.

RECORD OF INTER-STATE RACES.
EIGHTS.

YEAR	WON BY	OTHER COMPETITORS	ROWED AT	TIME	
				M	S
1878	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	—	—
1879	N.S.W.	Victoria	Sydney	20	6
1880	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	26	45
1881	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18	12
1882	N.S.W.	Victoria	Melbourne	20	47
1883	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18	10
1884	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	24	5
1885	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., and Q.	Sydney	19	28
1886	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	18	42 1-3
1887	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	17	12½
†1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17	46
1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	16	57
1889	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17	30
1890	Victoria	Queensland and N.S.W.	Sydney	18	45½
1891	O'land	N.S.W. and Victoria	Melbourne	18	45
1892	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Brisbane	15	5
1893	N.S.W.	Victoria and Queensland	Sydney	19	23
1894	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Melbourne	16	24
1895	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Brisbane	16	16 1-3
1896	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Sydney	17	17
1897	Victoria	W.A. and Queensland	Melbourne	17	10
1898	Victoria	Queensland	Brisbane	16	1
1899	Victoria	N.S.W., S.A., Q.	Melbourne	†14	52
1900	Victoria	N.S.W., Q., S.A.	Brisbane	15	50
1901	Victoria	N.S.W., Q., S.A.	Sydney	17	14
1902	Victoria	S.A., Q., W.A., N.S.W.	Adelaide	17	7
1903	Victoria	Q., S.A., N.S.W., W.A.	Melbourne	†14	27 4-5
1904	Victoria	S.A., Q., N.S.W., W.A.	Brisbane	17	17 2-5
1905	Victoria	Tas., N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Q.	Sydney	16	25
1906	T'mania	Vic., N.S.W., W.A., S.A.	Perth	15	57
1907	Victoria	Tas., Q., N.S.W., W.A., S.A.	Adelaide	17	4
1908	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., S.A., W.A., Q.	Melbourne	†14	24 1-5
1909	T'mania	Vic., N.S.W., Q., S.A.	Brisbane	16	2
1910	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., W.A., Q., S.A.	Hobart	15	27
1911	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., S.A., W.A., Q.	Sydney	17	24
1912	Victoria	Tas., S.A., N.S.W., W.A.	Perth	15	33
*1913	S. Aust.	Tas., W.A.	Adelaide	17	1
1914	T'mania	S.A., W.A., Vic., N.S.W., Q.	Melbourne	†13	33
1920	S. Aust.	W.A., Tas., N.S.W., Vic., Q.	Brisbane	15	5
1921	W. Aust.	Tas., Vic., S.A., Q., N.S.W.	Launceston	14	37
1922	S. Aust.	Vic., W.A., Tas., N.S.W., Q.	Sydney	16	19
1923	S. Aust.	W.A., Vic., N.S.W., Tas.	Perth.	17	31

*Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland did not finish owing to accidents.

†Two races were rowed in 1888—in April and November.

‡Distance, 2½ miles.

FOURS.

YEAR	ROWED AT	WON BY	OTHER COMPETITORS
1888	Sydney	Victoria	N.Z., Tas., N.S.W.
1896	Sydney	Victoria	N.Z., N.S.W.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was held over a 2½ mile course at Perth at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7th May, 1923. Mr. A. G. Bull (New South Wales), who won the event last year, retained the title. Mr. M. Bradley (Tasmania) was second, your representative, Mr. S. McGorm, of the Sandhurst Club, being third, and Mr. A. L. Saddler (Western Australia) fourth. Mr. Bull is congratulated on his further success.

RECORD OF AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLS.

Year.	Rowed at	Won by	Other Competitors.	Time. m. s.
1892	Brisbane	M. J. Slack (Q.)	W. Lambert (N.S.W.)	19 36
1895	Brisbane	E. Powell (V.)	W. Lambert (N.S.W.), M. J. Slack (Q.)	20 22
1896	Sydney	M. J. Slack (Q.)	J. L. Bannister (N.S.W.), W. McCormack (N.Z.), E. Powell (V.)	23 44
1897	Melbourne	E. Powell (W.A.)	A. Dennis (Q.), H. Lindgren (V.)	22 2
1898	Brisbane	A. Dennis (Q.)	M. J. Slack (Q.)	18 41½
1899	Melbourne	J. J. Daley (N.S.W.)	M. J. Slack (Q.)	
1900	Brisbane	M. J. Slack (Q.)	C. Donald (V.)	23 23
1901	Sydney	J. J. Daley (N.S.W.)	M. J. Slack (Q.), J. Lumsden (Q.)	19 22
1902	Adelaide	J. J. Daley (N.S.W.)	J. J. Fahey (S.A.)	21 12
1903	Melbourne	T. H. Bourke (Tas.)	P. C. Ivens (V.), J. J. Daley (N.S.W.), H. Brasch (V.)	
1904	Brisbane	T. H. Bourke (Tas.)	M. J. Slack (Q.), P. C. Ivens (V.)	18 40½
1905	Sydney	T. H. Bourke (Tas.)	R. Evans (Tas.), P. C. Ivens (V.), H. J. G. Edwards (W.A.)	20 33¾
1906	Perth	P. C. Ivens (V.)	W. Robinson (Tas.), P. J. Walsh (W.A.), H. J. Stephenson (W.A.)	21 35
1907	Adelaide	P. C. Ivens (V.)	R. Green (N.S.W.), E. Jack (Tas.), J. Hill (W.A.)	20 54½
1908	Melbourne	H. Brasch (V.)*	J. R. Towns (N.S.W.), W. M. Callaghan (Q.), E. Jack (Tas.)	17 50½
1909	Brisbane	J. R. Towns (N.S.W.)	F. Coverdale (Tas.), A. Dennis (Q.), A. Richards (V.)	16 5
1910	Hobart	C. McVilly (Tas.)	P. C. Ivens (V.), A. Priddle (N.S.W.)	16 19
1911	Sydney	C. McVilly (Tas.)	J. R. Towns (N.S.W.), H. E. Stevens (Vic.)	18 50
1912	Perth	H. Green (N.S.W.)	G. E. Rogers (W.A.), F. Coverdale (Tas.)	16 45
1913	Adelaide	F. Coverdale (Tas.)	J. Fyfe Marr (Q.)	24 35½
1914	Melbourne	C. McVilly (Tas.)	L. Davis (V.), E. Thomas (S.A.)	17 11
1920	Brisbane	A. A. Baynes (Q.)	G. A. Westbrook (Tas.), J. Barton (V.), M. Goodsell (N.S.W.)	16 56
1921	Lanc'nton	G.A.Westbrook (Tas.)	J. Barton (V.), R. Neilson (N.S.W.)	
1922	Sydney	A. G. Bull (N.S.W.)	A. Pitt (T), J. Barton (Vic.)	17 27¼
1923	Perth	A. G. Bull (N.S.W.)	M. Bradley (T), S. McGorm (V.), A. L. Saddler (W.A.)	16 55

* E. Jack passed the winning post first, but was disqualified, as he failed to comply with the amateur definition.

Your Committee tenders its sincere thanks to Mr. J. M. Macfarlane for the trouble he took in coaching the crew; also to the crew and sculler; the selectors, Messrs. A. B. Sloan, J. M. Macfarlane, and M. F. Shea, and the manager, Mr. E. Kenny, for their efforts.

Your representatives speak in the highest terms of the hospitality and kindness of the residents of Perth, and your Committee desires to express its sincere thanks to the officials and members of the Western Australian Rowing Association for the great assistance they rendered the crew, and to congratulate them on the excellence of their arrangements.

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was rowed over the 2½ mile course on the Lower Yarra, from the Short Road ferry to the swing bridge at Footscray, on 16th December, 1922. There were three competitors, Mercantile winning by four lengths from University, with Albert Park third. The winners are congratulated on their success. The crew comprised:— H. C. Maling, 11st. 4lb. (bow); C. N. McKay, 11st. 2lb. (2); H. Smyth, 11st. 9lb. (3); J. Harding, 12st. 10lb. (4); M. C. Bonniwell, 11st. 10lb. (5); J. L. Mounsey, 11st. 8lb. (6); R. V. Gregg, 12st. 12lb. (7); J. M. Buchanan, 11st. 7lb. (stroke); E. Counihan (cox.); Mr. A. B. Sloan (coach).

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHT-OARED RACES.

Year.	Won by	No. of Crews Entered.	Time	
			Min.	Sec.
1889 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	15	20
1890 ..	Banks	3 ..	17	58
1891 ..	Yarra Yarra	3 ..	18	0
†1892 ..	Yarra Yarra	2 ..	—	—
1893 ..	Yarra Yarra	2 ..	15	44
1894 ..	Wendouree	4 ..	17	6
1895 ..	Yarra Yarra	2 ..	17	32
1896 ..	Mercantile	4 ..	17	17½
1897 ..	Mercantile	3 ..	17	55
1898 ..	Banks	3 ..	18	55
1899 ..	Ballarat	4 ..	21	55
1900 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	14	34
1901 ..	Mercantile	2 ..	14	26
†1902 ..	Albert Park	2 ..	—	—
1903 ..	Albert Park	2 ..	13	2 3-5
1904 ..	Ballarat	4 ..	12	21 1-5
1905 ..	Ballarat	3 ..	12	44
1906 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	13	2
1907 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	12	20 1-5
††1908 ..	Mercantile	2 ..	12	37 4-5
1909 ..	Albert Park	6 ..	14	3
1910 ..	Albert Park	5 ..	15	0 4-5
1910-11 ..	Albert Park	4 ..	14	8
1911-12 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	14	54 1-5
1912-13 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	15	0
1913-14 ..	Albert Park	3 ..	15	13
1914-15 ..	Albert Park	6 ..	14	37 2-5
1919-20 ..	Civil Service	7 ..	14	8 4-5
*1920-21	Civil Service	10 ..	12	1 3-5
1921-22	Mercantile	4	13	23
1922-23	Mercantile	3 ..	13	8 2-5

†This race resulted in a row-over, as Corio Bay, who had entered, did not start.

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††Albert Park passed the winning post first but were disqualified for infringing a regulation respecting the course.

*Distance, 2¼ miles.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Four-Oared Championship was rowed on 20th January, 1923, on the 2½ mile course from Short Road Ferry to Footscray. Wendouree won by four lengths from Mercantile, Banks being third. The other competitors were Melbourne, Shepparton, Hawthorn and Albert Park. Wendouree are congratulated on their win. The crew comprised F. Walshe, 10st. 7lb. (bow); J. R. Jopling, 11st. 11lb. (2); R. W. B. Todd, 10st. 12lb. (3); H. C. Hawkins, 12st. (stroke), and J. O'Keane (cox.); Mr. A. Hall (coach).

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Crews Entered	Time Min. Sec.
1888	Wendouree	4	19 32
1889	Melbourne City	4	19 15
1890	Yarra Yarra	5	19 30
1891	Yarra Yarra	4	20 40
1892	Yarra Yarra	5	*18 50
1893	Yarra Yarra	4	19 45
1894	Wendouree	4	20 50
1895	Mercantile	3	17 22
1896	Mercantile	3	18 38
1897	Mercantile	2	19 30
1898-9	Albert Park	1	R.O.
1899-00	Albert Park	2	17 44
1900-1	Mercantile	2	17 47
1901-2	Mercantile	4	15 32 2-5
1902-3	Albert Park	2	14 47
1903-4	Albert Park	3	16 15 2-5
1904-5	Albert Park	3	14 21
1905-6	Albert Park	3	15 5 3-5
1906-7	Mercantile	4	19 40 2-5
1907-8	Albert Park	2	16 55 2-5
1908-9	Nagambie	5	13 41 4-5
1909-10	Albert Park	7	14 22
1910-11	Essendon	4	15 7 3-5
1911-12	Albert Park	6	15 6
1912-13	Albert Park	7	17 33
1913-14	Albert Park	6	17 20 1-5
1914-15	Albert Park	7	16 14 3-5
1919-20	Nagambie	6	16 7
1920-21	Mercantile	7	17 25 1-5
1921-22	Mercantile	6	14 19 3-5
1922-23	Wendouree	7	14 42

*This race was re-rowed a week later, when the time was 18 min.

12 sec.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was held on 16th December, 1922, over the 2½ mile course from the swing bridge at Footscray to the Short Road Ferry. After a splendid contest the race was won by Mr. S. McGorm (Sandhurst) by three and a half lengths from Mr. J. Barton (Richmond), Mr. J. C. Hardy (Footscray) being third, Mr. J. A. Jorgenson (Yarra Yarra) fourth, and Mr. C. Hutchens (Wendouree) fifth. Mr. McGorm is congratulated on securing the first win for his club in championship events, his success being the more meritorious as he had won his maiden and junior sculls only a fortnight previously.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLING RACES.

Season	Won by	Club	No. of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
1888	J. C. Fitzgerald ..	Williamstown ..	4 ..	22 35
1889	J. H. Kerr	Yarra Yarra	5 ..	22 5
1890	J. C. Fitzgerald ..	Melbourne City ..	7 ..	21 10
1891	W. J. Bridson ..	Wellington (N.Z.)	7 ..	20 58
1892	M. J. Slack	Breakfast Creek (Q.)	5 ..	22 46½
1893	J. C. Fitzgerald ..	Electric Telegraph	2 ..	24 13
1894	W. Dawson	Ballarat	6 ..	22 6
1895	E. Powell	Albert Park	3 ..	28 36½
1896	T. Carlyon	Echuca East	4 ..	26 25½
1897	C. Chapman	Wairewa (N.Z.) ..	2 ..	23 3
1898-9	C. Donald	Albert Park	2 ..	23 19
1899-00	C. Donald	Albert Park	2 ..	—
1900-1	C. Donald	Albert Park	3 ..	19 7
1901-2	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	3 ..	19 19½
1902-3	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	4 ..	—
1903-4	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	4 ..	18 0
1904-5	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	2 ..	—
1905-6	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	2 ..	20 55
1906-7	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	2 ..	16 39
1907-8	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	1	R.O.
1908-9	A. Richards	South Melbourne	2 ..	17 0
1909-10	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	5 ..	19 32½
1910-11	H. E. Stevens .. .	Essendon	9 ..	17 27
†1911-12	H. E. Stevens .. .	Essendon	5 ..	11 20½
†1912-13	E. T. J. Kerby .. .	Civil Service	3 ..	11 55½
1913-14	L. Davis	Albert Park	4 ..	20 15½
1914-15	B. G. T. Kelly .. .	Yarra Yarra	2 ..	18 37
1919-20	J. Barton	Richmond	7 ..	18 50½
1920-21	J. Barton	Richmond	5 ..	15 28
1921-22	J. Barton	Richmond	4 ..	19 6
1922-23	S. McGorm	Sandhurst	5 ..	20 6½

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance about 1¼ miles.

VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Pair-Oared Championship was held over the mile course on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on Saturday, 10th February, 1923. The Wendouree crew—R. W. B. Todd, 10st. 11lb (bow) and J. R. Jopling, 11st. 10lb. (stroke)—repeated their victory of the previous year, winning by four lengths. The crew was steered by J. O'Keane. The other starters, in their order of finishing, were Nagambie, Ballarat, Albert Park, Ballarat City and Footscray. The winning crew is congratulated on its further success.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Time	
		Entries	Min. Sec.
*1900-1901	Mercantile	5	—
1901-1902	Albert Park	4	—
†1902-1903	Albert Park	4	14 7½
1903-1904	Albert Park	3	7 47
1904-1905	Nagambie	3	—
1905-1906	Mercantile	5	—
1906-1907	Mercantile	6	8 30
1907-1908	Essendon	6	5 23¾
1908-1909	Civil Service	9	—
1909-1910	Albert Park	7	6 13
1910-1911	Footscray City	9	5 20½
1911-1912	University	10	5 47
1912-1913	Essendon	9	6 9
1913-1914	Ballarat	9	8 0½
1914-1915	Ballarat	9	7 46¾
1919-1920	Nagambie	7	7 8
1920-1921	Footscray	10	6 39
*1921-1922	Wendouree	8	7 4¾
*1922-1923	Wendouree	6	6 36

* Rowed at Ballarat † Distance, 1½ miles.

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

PREMIERSHIP.

The Premiership season extended from 1st October, 1921, to 31st December, 1922, and included two Henley, Melbourne, Warrnambool and Nagambie Regattas and two Champion Eights and Sculls. The Senior Premiership was won by Mercantile, and the Junior by Barwon, this being the first occasion that a country club has won the Junior Premiership. Both Clubs are congratulated on their success.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS.

SENIOR.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Mercantile	100	9	Richmond	5	3
Wendouree	29	10	Sandhurst	3	1
Barwon	16	2	Ballarat	2	1
Albert Park	14	4	Corio Bay	2	1
Shepparton	10	3	Nagambie	2	1

JUNIOR.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Barwon	64	9	Corio Bay	18	3
Albert Park	38	5	Sandhurst	17	8
Wendouree	35	8	Nagambie	14	3
Richmond	34	5	Bairnsdale	12	4
Hawthorn	32	4	Ballarat City	10	2
Footscray	29	6	Shepparton	6	2
Essendon	28	4	Banks	4	1
Mercantile	28	4	Lake Colac	4	1
Warrnambool	28	6	Melbourne	4	1
Ballarat	26	5	Preston	4	2
University	26	3	South Melbourne	2	1
Sale	20	5	Yarra Yarra	2	1

The following are the points scored up to date in connection with the 1923 Premiership, which includes all regattas between 1st January, 1923, and 31st December, 1923:—

SENIOR.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Wendouree	36	9	Shepparton	8	2
Mercantile	16	2	Sandhurst	2	2
Melbourne	12	3	Barwon	2	1
Albert Park	10	3	Richmond	1	1

JUNIOR.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Ballarat	78	10	Footscray	8	3
Corio Bay	24	3	Essendon	8	2
Bairnsdale	18	5	Shepparton	8	1
Nagambie	14	3	Mercantile	6	2
Wendouree	14	4	Wahgunyah	4	1
Sandhurst	12	4	Banks	2	1
Melbourne	8	1	Richmond	2	2
Barwon	8	3	Lake Colac	2	1
South Melbourne	8	1	Ballarat City	1	1
University	8	1			

It has been decided to revert to the former practice of awarding the Premiership Certificates for the actual rowing year, 1st September to 31st August, instead of the calendar year. All regattas held during the present calendar year will be included in the 1923 Premiership, and the points scored at regattas between 1st September, 1923, and 31st December, 1923, will also be included in the Premierships for 1923-24.

RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

1898-1899	Ballarat	1911-1912	Albert Park (Sen.)
1899-1900	Albert Park	1911-1912†	Civil Service
1900-1901	Mercantile		Banks (Jun.)
1901-1902	Albert Park		Essendon
1902-1903	Albert Park	1912-1913	Albert Park (Sen.)
1903-1904	Ballarat	1912-1913	Civil Service (Jun.)
1904-1905	Albert Park	1913-1914	Albert Park (Sen.)
1905-1906	Albert Park	1913-1914	Hawthorn (Jun.)
1906-1907*	Albert Park (Sen.)	1914-1915	Albert Park (Sen.)
1906-1907	Albert Park (Jun.)	1914-1915	Footscray (Jun.)
1907-1908	Mercantile (Sen.)	1918-1919**	Civil Service (Jun.)
1907-1908	Footscray City (Jr.)	1919-1920	Nagambie (Sen.)
1908-1909	Albert Park (Sen.)		Banks (Jun.)
1908-1909	South Melb. (Jun.)	1920-1921	Civil Service (Sen.)
1909-1910	Albert Park (Sen.)		Albert Park (Jun.)
1909-1910	Banks (Jun.)	1921-1922	Mercantile (Sen.)
1910-1911	Albert Park (Sen.)		Barwon (Jun.)
1910-1911†	Civil Service		
	Banks		

*Prior to 1906-7 only one Premiership awarded to club securing most points in all events. **Senior Premiership not awarded for 1918-19 season. †These Clubs scored equal points.

ANNUAL REGATTA.

The annual regatta was held on 2nd December, 1922, over the Henley course. The races were won as follows:—Maiden and Junior Sculls, Sandhurst (S. McGorm); Maiden Pairs, Wendouree (E. Gilhooley bow, U. Harvey stroke, T. Samon cox.); Maiden Fours (Dunkling's Shield), Melbourne (D. Crawford bow, E. H. Pettifer, A. Trickett, T. J. Dixon stroke, C. E. Bracey cox.); Light-weight Maiden Fours, Richmond (W. Langford bow, A. Stevens, R. Walker, A. Pitt stroke, T. Croft cox.); Maiden Eights (Buchan Cup), Hawthorn (A. Wilks bow, F. Brotherton, A. Antrobus, A. Stronach, A. Powell, B. Cash, C. White, A. Meikle stroke, J. Keleher cox.); Junior Pairs, Hawthorn (H. E. Ellis bow, T. A. Nelson stroke, J. Calnin cox.); Junior Fours, Mercantile (J. M. Cooper bow, G. C. Courtney, W. J. Pannell, W. G. Pitt stroke, E. Counihan cox.); Junior Eights, University (J. F. Williams bow, H. S. Thomas, J. W. Cook, J. Lanfranchi, R. J. Holyman, L. C. Abernethy, D. I. Fitzpatrick, K. H. Hadley stroke, J. James cox.); Senior Sculls, Richmond (J. Barton); Senior Pairs, Wendouree (R. W. B. Todd bow, J. R. Jopling stroke, J. O'Keane cox.); Senior Eight (Morell Cup), Mercantile (H. C. Maling bow, C. N. McKay, H. Smyth, M. C. Boniwell, H. Rush, J. L. Mounsey, R. V. Gregg, J. M. Buchanan stroke, E. Counihan cox.).

The following public regattas were also held during the season:—Henley (28th October, 1922), Nagambie (26th December, 1922), Warrnambool (26th December, 1922), Colac (1st January, 1923), Murray Rowing Association, Rutherglen (1st January, 1923), Upper Yarra (27th January, 1923), Albert Park (29th January, 1923), Ballarat (24th February, 1923), Barwon (3rd March, 1923), Bairnsdale (31st March, 1923), Sale (2nd April, 1923).

The Amateur Sculling Association held several handicap and novice sculling races.

The following races were also held during the season:—Inter-Collegiate Eights (20th and 21st April, 1923), won by Queen's College (J. F. Williams bow, B. P. Cass, E. W. Gault, G. B. S. Maitland, J. W. Cook, H. S. Thomas, R. J. Holyman, K. H. Hadley stroke, J. James cox, Mr. C. Donald coach); Head of the River (11th and 12th May, 1923), won by Melbourne Grammar School (C. R. Weir bow, L. G. Travers, N. D. Walters, E. H. Bawden, F. H. Shore, J. C. Garran, T. A. Alston, L. K. Corteen stroke, C. G. McMicking cox., Mr. E. W. Tulloch coach); Inter-Banks' Fours (28th April, 1923), won by the Bank of Australasia (W. Treharne bow, L. G. Montgomery, H. Smyth, W. A. Fraser stroke, E. de Perrell cox.).

The Inter-University Eight-Oared Race was rowed on the Parramatta River, Sydney, on 1st June, 1923, and was again won by the Brisbane crew, Adelaide being second, Melbourne third and Sydney fourth.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

The Australian Olympic Federation has asked the various State Rowing Associations for suggestions regarding the selection of an eight-oared crew for the Olympic games at Paris in 1924. Your Committee suggested that the Federation should ask each State Rowing Association to nominate one of its representatives as a selector, and that the Selection Committee so formed be asked to select the crew and sculler.

AFFILIATED CLUBS.

During the past year the Echuca, Rutherglen-Lake and Wahgunyah Clubs again affiliated with the Association, and the newly formed Merebein Club has affiliated for the 1923-24 season. The Eaglehawk Club did not affiliate, but will do so in the coming season.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that your Committee has to record the deaths of three very prominent supporters of rowing—Mr. John I. Buchan, who had been a Vice-President of the Association since 1909; Mr. George Tonner, of the Ballarat Club, and Mr. Henry Young, of the Corio Bay Club. These gentlemen had all rendered splendid service in the interest of rowing, and were highly respected members of your Association. Your Committee expresses its deepest sympathy with the relatives of the deceased gentlemen.

REGATTA DATES.

After considerable discussion your Committee decided, by a small majority, to hold the Melbourne Regatta on the Saturday after Henley, as was done in 1921. It was also decided by a small majority to revert to the former practice of holding the Champion Eight after the Barwon Regatta. The following are the regatta and championship dates for the 1923-24 season:—Henley, 27th October; Melbourne (V.R.A.), 3rd November; Champion Fours, 8th December; Nagambie and Warrnambool, 26th December; Colac and Rutherglen, 1st January; Champion Pairs, 19th January (at Ballarat); Upper Yarra, 26th January; Albert Park, 28th January; Ballarat, 23rd February; Barwon, 1st March; Champion Eights and Sculls, 15th March; Bairnsdale, 19th April; Sale, 21st April. A regatta will also be held on 1st December, 1923, on the Henley course for maiden scullers and oarsmen.

GENERAL.

Your Committee noted with regret that crews were again late at the start for championship races on the Lower Yarra. It has now been definitely decided for the future to disqualify any crew not at the starting post at the advertised time, as is done at all other regattas.

A contract has been let for the erection of the Oarsmen's Memorial, and it is anticipated that the unveiling ceremony will take place during November.

Your Committee approved of the formation of the Geelong Rowing Association, which has taken over the management of the Barwon regatta.

Arrangements have been made with the Harbor Master for placing properly aligned posts at the start and finish of the championship course on the Lower Yarra.

THANKS.

Your Committee tenders its sincere thanks to your President, Mr. George Fairbairn, for presenting a set of racing oars for the use of the Victorian crew in the race for the King's Cup; to Captain A. M. Treacy, for the pennant for the Champion Eights; to Dr. H. C. Disher, for a framed photo of the A.I.F. crew, and also for the silk pennant flown in the bow of the boat when the crew won the King's Cup at Henley in 1919; to Messrs. Dunklings for the handsome shield for competition in the Maiden Fours race at the Melbourne regatta; to the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, for the generous donation of £100 towards the expenses of sending the Victorian representatives to Perth for the Interstate races; to the Press, for the publicity given the sport to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. W. W. Senior and A. W. Massina, L.I.C.A., and to all who have assisted the Association by donations or officiating at the various regattas and championship races.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the past season thirteen Committee meetings were held, the average attendance at each meeting being 32. The following is the list of attendances:—J. L. Mounsey, 13; J. P. Rorke, 13; E. Kenny, 13; A. Crook, 12; T. Jenkin, 12; W. Joseph, 12; P. C. Dowling, 11; H. T. James, 11; S. C. Stewart, 11; A. C. Batson, 11; A. Clarke, 10; R. M. Erck (resigned 30/8/23), 10; T. S. Flint, 10; T. Gipton, 10; N. S. Muir, 10; A. L. Dobbie, 9; E. A. Swindells, 9; W. H. Mathieson, 9; C. Ehms, 9; W. Nicholson, 9; H. J. McRae, 9; H. J. Green (resigned 30/8/23), 9; J. Day, 9; G. Hutton, 8; S. F. Chubb, 8; J. A. Thomson, 8; J. M. Macfarlane, 7; S. Shallard, 7; I. D. Tibbits, 7; C. J. McCarthy, 7; G. Smith, 7; W. McIlroy, 7; J. Duggan, 7; F. Granter, 7; O. McPhail, 7; E. Christie, 6; E. Eginton, 6; F. L. Griffiths, 6; M. G. Scott, 5; W. J. Cahill, 5; D. Laird, 5; G. R. Simpson, 5; G. I. Stevenson, 5; N. McLeod, 5; G. Anderson, 4; A. Freeman (elected 1/3/23), 4; B. Nolan, 3; R. R. Garran (elected 1/6/23), 2; A. J. Shepherd, 2; G. Fairbairn, 1; A. M. King, 1; J. Suffren, 1; G. S. Sutherland (elected 1/9/23), 1; A. V. Wilks (elected 1/9/23), 1; H. E. Butler (elected 1/9/23), 1; C. J. Marshall (resigned 30/1/23), 1; F. Looker, 1; J. W. Pannell, 1; H. C. Hawkins, 1; E. Pollard (resigned 1/11/22), 1; R. E. Webb-Ware (resigned 1/5/23), 1.

On behalf of the Committee,

E. KENNY, Hon. Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,

Melbourne, 13th September, 1923.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

		RECEIPTS.					
		£	s	d.	£	s	d.
To Balances at 1/9/22—							
	State Savings Bank	7	3	7	7	3	
	E. S. & A. Bank	12	6	9			
					775	14	0
„ Club Contributions—							
	Season 1922-23	257	12	6			
	„ 1923-24	8	12	0			
					266	4	6
„ Registration Fees—							
	Coxswains	20	10	0			
	Regattas 1922-23	37	16	0			
	„ 1923-24	4	4	0			
							62 10 0
„ Donations—							
	Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association						100 0 0
„ Subscriptions							51 16 6
„ Championship Races—							
	Entry Fees, Sculls	1	0	0			
	„ Pairs	3	0	0			
	„ Fours	7	0	0			
	„ Eights	6	0	0			
	Sale of Programmes and Tickets	23	14	9			
							40 14 9
„ Annual Regatta—							
	Entry Fees	71	5	0			
	Programmes	12	3	9			
	Advertising	18	0	0			
							101 8 9
„ Interstate Race—							
	Sale of Oars	18	10	0			
	Sale of Sculling Boat (Balance 1921-22)	12	10	0			
	Insurance on Damaged Boats	1	4	0			
							32 4 0
„ Miscellaneous—							
	Fine—Regatta Irregularity	0	5	0			
	Reinstatement Fee	0	5	0			
	King's Cup—Engraving and Insuring	2	17	0			
	Interest and Exchange	27	15	8			
							31 2 8
„ Trust Moneys—							
	Regatta Trophy Money	937	16	6			
	Staging—Prince's Bridge	69	7	6			
	Transferred from Memorial Fund	30	9	2			
							1037 13 2
					£2,499	8	4

Audited and found correct
12th September, 1923.

W. W. SENIOR, }
A. W. MASSINA, L.I.C.A. } Hon. Auditors

DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1922-23.

		DISBURSEMENTS.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
By Championships—										
	Hire of "Agnes"				24	6	0			
	Printing Programmes and Tickets				7	1	0			
	Medals				23	12	6			
										54 13 6
" Annual Regatta—										
	Trophies	£112	10	0						
	Less Trophies unpaid	32	10	0						
					80	0	0			
	Printing				20	10	0			
	Moored Boats				3	9	0			
	Miscellaneous				2	15	0			
										106 14 0
" Interstate Races, Perth, 1923—										
	Train Fares				283	14	6			
	Board and Meals				120	17	0			
	Country Members				22	0	0			
	Trainers				22	0	9			
	Shipping and Freight... ..				32	18	0			
	Repairs to Boats				16	15	6			
	Launches and Towage... ..				10	12	6			
	Insurance... ..				4	0	0			
	Caps and Singlets				6	14	0			
	Miscellaneous Expenses				22	4	0			
										541 16 3
" Amateur Sports Club—										
	Affiliation Fee				2	2	0			
	Seven Meetings at 5/-				1	15	0			
										3 17 0
" Miscellaneous Expenditure—										
	Bank Charges				1	10	0			
	Insurance				0	7	10			
	General Printing				29	13	4			
	Honorary, Season 1921-22, Hon. Secretary				21	0	0			
	" " " Hon. Treasurer				12	12	0			
	Wreaths				2	2	0			
	Judges' Box (half share)				4	8	6			
	Repairs to Typewriter				0	17	0			
	Postage, Duty Stamps, Exchange, etc.				13	16	5			
										86 7 1
" Trust Moneys—										
	Regatta Trophy Money Expended				1136	4	6			
	Staging—Prince's Bridge				69	7	6			
	Oarsmen's Memorial Fund				30	9	2			
										1236 1 2
" Bank Balances, 31/8/1923—										
	State Savings Bank				405	17	5			
	E. S. & A. Bank	£76	5	5						
	Less Unpresented Cheque	12	3	6						
					64	1	11			
										469 19 4
										<u>£2,499 8 4</u>

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer, 1/9/1923.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st Aug., 1923

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Outstanding Trophy Money—			
Seasons 1913-18	£3 2 0	Bank Balances—	
" 1918-19	5 10 9	State Savings Bank	£405 17 5
" 1919-20	22 0 6	E. S. & A. Bank	76 5 5
" 1920-21	33 0 0	Less Unpresented Cheque	64 1 11
" 1921-22	67 0 0		£469 19 4
" 1922-23	387 8 0	Commonwealth War Loan Bond (£100) at cost	100 2 6
	£518 1 3	Oarsmen's Memorial Fund	761 18 9
Club Contributions—		Association Property—	
On Account Season 1923-24	8 12 0	Best Eight-oared Boat	45 0 0
Regatta Registration Fees—		Case and Cover for Boat	5 0 0
On Account Season 1923-24	4 4 0	Boat Registration Plant	3 0 0
Oarsmen's Memorial Fund	761 18 9	Deed Box £1/-, Embossing Dies £1/-/-	2 0 0
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities	126 4 7	Stationery 10/-, Copying Press £1/-/-	1 10 0
		Filing Cabinet	7 0 0
		Despatch Case	1 0 0
		Inter-State Certificates	12 10 0
		Dies and Collar for Championship Medals	7 10 0
		Typewriter	2 10 0
			87 0 0
	£1,419 0 7		£1,419 0 7

Audited and found correct,

W. W. SENIOR,
A. W. MASSINA, L.I.C.A.

Hon. Auditors.

J. P. ROHKE, Hon. Treasurer.

12th September, 1923.

Meibourne, 1st September, 1923.

OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND

To Balance, 1/1/22	..	£761 19 1	By Premium for Design	£10 0 0
Interest, 1/7/23 3 8 10	Preparation of Drawings, Contract, etc.	20 9 2
			Balance State Savings Bank, 31/8/23	761 18 9
		<u>£792 7 11</u>			<u>£792 7 11</u>

Audited and found correct.
12th September, 1923.

W. W. SENIOR.
A. W. MASSINA, L.I.C.A. }

Hon. Auditors.

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.

1st September, 1923.

SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1922-23.

Regatta.	Date.	Value of Trophies.	Trophy Orders Paid.	Balance held by V.R.A.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances from previous years		633 19 3	553 6 0	130 13 3
1922-23				
Victorian Rowing Association	2/12/22	112 10 0	80 0 0	32 10 0
Nagambie	26/12/22	66 0 0	48 0 0	18 0 0
Warrnambool	26/12/22	78 0 0	36 0 0	42 0 0
Colac	1/1/23	72 0 0	30 0 0	42 0 0
Upper Yarra	27/1/23	86 14 0	53 0 6	33 13 6
Albert Park	29/1/23	90 18 0	54 12 0	36 6 0
Ballarat	24/2/23	179 0 0	125 10 0	53 10 0
Barwon	1/3/23	138 0 0	93 0 0	45 0 0
Bairnsdale	31/3/23	65 0 0	32 10 0	32 10 0
Sale	2/4/23	65 0 0	37 10 0	27 10 0
Murray River	1/1/23	60 0 0	59 10 0	0 10 0
Amateur Sculling Association		15 4 6	6 6 0	8 18 6
Henley on Weeroona	25/11/22	10 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0
Essendon River League	10/2/23	10 0 0		10 0 0
Total Season 1922-23		1048 6 6	669 18 6	387 8 0
Grand Total		1732 5 9	1214 4 6	518 1 3

J. P. RORKE,

Hon. Treasurer.