

Victorian Rowing Association

FIFTIETH
Annual
Report
and
Balance
Sheet

SEASON
1925-26

1876-1926, Jubilee Year

T. L. MANNIX - *Hon. Secretary*

J. P. RORKE - *Hon. Treasurer*

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The Fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, McEwan House, Little Collins Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 4th October, 1926, 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, Assistant Hon. Secretary and two Hon. Auditors.

Presentation of Premiership Certificates and Championship Medals.

To confirm amendment of Laws of Boat Racing No. 4.

Notice of Motion by Mr. J. P. Rorke to amend Rule XXVII:—
“That Rule XXVII be amended to read by inserting after the words ‘consisting of’:

“Five (5) members of the Committee of the Association, any three (3) of whom shall form a quorum. The Permit Committee shall have power to call evidence and no application shall be considered by the Permit Committee unless the applicant for the permit and the Honorary Secretary of each Club concerned shall have been notified of the time and place at which such application is to be considered and shall have then and there been given an opportunity of tendering evidence.”

“Rule then continues—The report and recommendation, etc.”

T. L. MANNIX,
Hon. Secretary.

10th September, 1926.

Victorian Rowing Association

SEASON 1925-26

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

Patrons.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE
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LORD SOMERS, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.
HON. SIR WILLIAM IRVINE, K.C.M.G.

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Hon. Auditors.

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Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

ELECTED. RETIRES				ELECTED. RETIRES			
W. J. CAHILL	...	1925	...	1927	N. S. MUIR	...	1926 ... 1928
G. HUTTON	...	1926	...	1927	E. A. SWINDELLS	1926	... 1928
A. L. DOBBIE	...	1925	...	1927	W. JOSEPH	...	1926 ... 1928
P. C. DOWLING	...	1925	...	1927	T. JENKIN	...	1926 ... 1928
H. T. JAMES	...	1925	...	1927	H. J. GREEN	...	1926 ... 1928

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	.. A. E. Anderson	Mercantile	.. J. L. Mounsey
	H. R. Duncan		A. Clarke
Ballarat	.. H. B. Roberts	Mildura	... E. Kenny
	L. Montgomery		S. C. Stewart
Ballarat City	.. C. Ehms	Nagambie	.. S. Gebbie
Bairnsdale	.. D. Laird	Preston	.. A. Freeman
	W. H. Mathieson		E. Eginton
Banks	... W. D. Thompson	Richmond	.. A. J. Day
	G. W. Ward		S. Willson
Barwon	.. G. S. Sutherland	Rutherglen	... C. J. McCarthy
	S. F. Chubb	Sale	.. W. McIlroy
Colac	.. R. Rush	Sandhurst	.. E. Christie
Corio Bay	.. T. S. C. Flint		J. Duggan
	R. N. McDonald	Shepparton	.. A. W. Clydesdale
Eaglehawk	...	South Melbourne	E. Pollard
Essendon	.. F. Parr		A. Crook
	M. G. Muir	University	R. H. Keon-Cohen
Footscray City	.. C.A. Cunningham		R. H. Hadley
	T. O'Brien	Wahgunyah	...
Hawthorn	.. R. R. Sullivan	Warrnambool	.. A. Wishart
	G. Anderson	Wendouree	.. A. Williams
Melbourne	.. H. E. Butler		H. Ellingsen
	J. A. Swanson	Wentworth Dist.	
Merbein	... R. O'Donahoo	Yarra Yarra	.. N. McLeod
			G. Kingsley

FIFTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS,
 GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has the greatest of pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Jubilee Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Briefly, the history (for which members are indebted to the late John Lang) of the formation of the Victorian Rowing Association is as follows:—

On the 12th June, 1876, at the monthly meeting of the Melbourne Regatta Committee, Mr. J. H. Hood (the late Mr. Justice Hood, Supreme Court) introduced a proposal to form a Victorian Rowing Association. The proposal was referred to the Annual Meeting, 28th June, 1876, but as only members of the Committee were present it was decided to call a meeting of all rowing men at Edwards' Boat Shed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 7th October, 1876. The meeting was attended by about 70 rowing men. Mr. A. Nicholls occupied the Chair and a resolution moved by Mr. J. H. Hood for the formation of the Victorian Rowing Association was carried. Mr. Frank Shaw (University) was elected first Honorary Secretary. At the first meeting of the V.R.A. Committee, 23rd October, 1876, the following Clubs had complied with the conditions necessary to join the Association: Melbourne, Civil Service, Banks, Footscray and University. The first Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, 29th September, 1877, when the Balance Sheet showed the total Receipts as £348 18s., in comparison with our 1925-26 Receipts, £2287 18s. 11d.

Clubs now affiliated with the Association total 30, 12 metropolitan and 18 country, the total membership being 2093.

In comparison with the preceding season the membership has decreased by 29. The falling off in the membership is confined to the metropolitan clubs, which show a decrease of 67, whereas country clubs show an increase of 38. It is hoped that Club executives will take due cognisance of the loss of members, and by organisation endeavor to maintain their average standard of membership, if not to increase same. One metropolitan club, fully alive to the situation, has instituted a "Learn to row month," and other clubs have taken similar action, with beneficial results.

Number of competitors competing at regattas has been exceedingly satisfactory, totalling 2603, which figure is 24 in excess of last season, and from the season 1920-21 to date show an increase of 428 in the number of oarsmen competing at regattas.

The membership of the Association and number of competitors entered during the past six seasons is as follows:—

Season.	Membership.	Maiden & Junior Competitors.	Senior & Champion Competitors.	Total Competitors.
1920-21	2046	1666	509	2175
1921-22	2077	2076	467	2543
1922-23	2007	1793	462	2255
1923-24	2053	1908	446	2354
1924-25	2122	2163	416	2579
1925-26	2093	2193	410	2603

The number of senior oarsmen competing is still steadily declining, but it is confidently anticipated, with the successes of two or three clubs during the season in junior events and the greater number of junior oarsmen competing, that the senior division will, during the forthcoming season, show a decided increase.

It will be noted from the above figures that the benefit of the amendment of the rules adopted by the Association during the 1923-24 season in relation to oarsmen competing in junior events is still having a stimulating effect on the number of competitors in junior events. Last season the percentage of increase was 38.5 per cent. Junior oarsmen during the season under review show a further increase of four pairs, twelve fours, and four eights. Since the inception of the new rule the total increase amounts to 66.5 per cent. in the number of junior oarsmen competing.

Representation in sculling events during the season and previous seasons has been very poor; an effort will be made during the forthcoming season to revive the Amateur Sculling Association.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

The first Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was held at the Union Bank Chambers, Brisbane, on Friday, 7th May, 1926, at 3 p.m. Mr. G. R. Howard Gill (Chairman), Messrs. E. C. Watchorn (Tas.), E. J. Buckley (N.S.W.), J. P. Rorke (W.A.), J. P. Marcus (S.A.), E. Kenny (Vic.) were present. Mr. E. Kenny was again elected Honorary Secretary, and we heartily congratulate him, and also the Council, on their choice.

The proposal for a race with New Zealand, to be held alternatively in Australia and New Zealand, was discussed, but it was decided that, whilst the races with New Zealand were deemed very desirable, the financial obligations incurred through the Interstate competitions and Olympic Games prevented the Council from accepting the offer of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association. (In connection with the proposals submitted to the Committee of the V.R.A. for the race with New Zealand, it was decided that, provided a crew was not sent to New Zealand before 1929, the Committee was prepared to raise £200 as the Victorian quota towards the expenses of sending a crew to New Zealand.)

The following decisions were also passed at the Council meeting:—

1. "That no affiliated Association shall be bound to contribute towards expenditure for purposes other than Interstate Races, unless a motion for such expenditure has been agreed to unanimously."
2. "That a levy of £3 3s. be made on each affiliated Association for 1926-27."
3. "That the Laws of Boat Racing, as submitted to and amended by the Council for the control of Interstate Races, be adopted as from 1st June, 1926."

Mr. Watchorn (Tas.) presented to the Council a Cup, to be known as the President's Cup, and held as a perpetual memorial trophy for the Australian Sculling Championship Race.

A suggestion submitted at the meeting of the Council that each State register a distinctive blazer badge has been adopted by the Committee of the V.R.A. The design approved is a Southern Cross inscribed upon a shield, surmounted by crossed oars, with the word "Victoria" underneath.

AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP. (King's Cup).

The race for the King's Cup was rowed on the Brisbane River, Brisbane, on 8th May, 1926, over a three-mile course. Five States were represented. West Australia were not represented, as under the conditions of the contest Western Australia and Queensland have the privilege of not competing whenever the race is rowed in either of the States mentioned. The race proved well worthy of the traditions of the event, and, after an exceptionally keen contest, was won by Tasmania, with South Australia second, Victoria being 1½ lengths behind the winners, Queensland fourth; New South Wales ceased

rowing before the journey was completed. Heartiest congratulations are extended to the winners on their brilliant performance.

Victoria was represented by the following crew:—Bow, W. A. Holtham, 10st. 11lb. (Hawthorn); 2, G. J. Adam, 12st. 2lb. (Essendon); 3, L. A. J. Scully, 13st. 3lb. (Richmond); 4, F. C. Borrman, 12st. 3lb. (Melbourne); 5, W. L. Pincott, 12st. 7lb. (Banks); 6, E. J. Farrell, 12st. 3lb. (Melbourne); 7, R. V. Gregg, 13st. 3lb. (Mercantile); stroke, H. A. Schlichting, 10st. 12lb. (Melbourne); coxswain, B. Coombes (Melbourne); emergency, J. L. Mounsey (Mercantile); coaches, Mr. C. Donald (Albert Park) and Mr. E. Kenny (Mercantile); manager, Mr. J. P. Rorke.

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 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
†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 45 $\frac{1}{2}$
1891	Q'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
1994	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

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

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

‡Distance, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

RECORD OF INTER-STATE EIGHTS (Continued)—

YEAR	WON BY	OTHER COMPETITORS	ROWED AT	TIME	
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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
1924	Q'land	N.S.W., S.A., W.A., Tas., Vic.	Adelaide	18	11 3-5
1925	W. Aust.	Tas., N.S.W., S.A., Vic., Q.	Melbourne	17	0 1-5
1926	T'mania	S.A., Vic., Q., N.S.W.	Brisbane	15	43

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

The Committee sincerely appreciates the efforts which were made by our representative to score a win for the State. The system of a sole selector and coach was adopted by the Association, and Mr. C. Donald was appointed to the position. The crew, under the guidance of Mr. Donald, put in a solid four months' preparation for the race, and was voted by all as a decided improvement on the crews which have represented the State in recent years. It was unfortunate that Mr. Donald was not able to accompany the crew to Brisbane, and consequently Mr. E. Kenny was appointed coach, whilst the crew completed their training at Brisbane. The enthusiastic and business-like manner in which Mr. C. Donald performed the arduous duties is sincerely appreciated by the Association.

Mr. E. Kenny is sincerely thanked for his work in coaching the crew at Brisbane.

Our sculling representative, Mr. A. Cambridge, put up a good performance, considering the difficulties of training on a miniature lake for a Championship race. If it were possible for Mr. Cambridge to have had at least a fortnight's training on the Yarra prior to going to Brisbane it would certainly have enhanced his chances in the event.

The Association acknowledges its thanks to the following for their assistance in connection with training operations of the crew in Victoria, Albert Park Rowing Club (loan of boat), Melbourne Rowing Club (accommodation), Messrs. D. Vaughan and M. Cresswell (use of motor boats), Messrs. P. Bernadou and S. Hordern for driving motor boats.

Mr. J. P. Rorke was manager of the trip to Brisbane, and the excellent manner in which he performed his duties was evidenced by the exceedingly full report submitted at the June meeting of the Association, when it was resolved that the thanks of the Association be expressed to Mr. Rorke for the capable and efficient manner in which the Victorian crew for 1925-26 had been managed.

As the guests of the Queensland Rowing Association our crew were the recipients of innumerable kindnesses and favors, and we gratefully appreciate the actions of the Q.R.A. To Messrs. G. Whatmore (for placing his motor boat at the disposal of our coach), M. Kent and the Queensland Commercial Travellers' Association we tender our sincere thanks for their assistance to the crew whilst at Brisbane.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Sculling Championship was held prior to the race for the King's Cup over a 2½-mile course on the Brisbane River, Brisbane. Four States were represented:—Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria. The race proved a stirring struggle between three of the competitors; the fourth (L. C. Nimmo, Tas.) was out of the contest from the start owing to an accident to the fin of his scull. Mr. A. Baynes (Queensland) won by 1½ lengths from Mr. J. Goulding (N.S.W.), who was two lengths ahead of Mr. A. Cambridge (Vic.). Mr. A. Baynes is congratulated on winning his second Australian Sculling Championship.

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. Fabey (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 33½
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.), 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	Launc'ton	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 (V.)	17 27½
1923	Perth	A. G. Bull (N.S.W.)	M. Bradley (T.), S. McGorm (V.), A. L. Saddler (W.A.)	16 55
1924	Adelaide	J. Barton (V.)	G. Rogers (W.A.), W. C. Lorimer (N.S.W.), R. L. Naylor (S.A.), L. C. Nimmo (Tas.)	18 19½
1925	Melbourne	A. Cambridge (V.)	A. W. Cuthbertson (T.), H. E. Ricketts (S.A.), C. Lorimer (N.S.W.), A. A. Baynes (Q.)	17 13½
1926	Brisbane	A. A. Baynes (Q.)	J. A. Goulding (N.S.W.), A. Cambridge (V.), L. C. Nimmo (T.)	15 35

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

† No time taken, collision during race.

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was rowed over a three-mile course from the 3 mile 2 chain mark to the 2 chain mark at Queen's Bridge on Saturday, 20th February, 1926, being won by the Wendouree crew for the third time in succession. Essendon were second, Nagambie third, Albert Park fourth, University fifth. The time was 17 minutes 19 2-5 seconds. The winners are congratulated on their meritorious performance of winning for the third time in succession the Eight-Oared Championship of Victoria. The personnel of the crew was:—R. G. Merriman (bow), C. G. Hutchins (2), R. H. Pierce (3), A. Hall (4), S. B. McGorm (5), F. N. Yates (6), W. R. B. Todd (7), J. R. Jopling (stroke), A. King (cox.), Mr. J. B. Suffren (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
1923-24	Wendouree	5	13 7 3-5
**1924-25	Wendouree	7	17 6
**1925-26	Wendouree	5	17 19 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, 2½ miles.

**Distance, 3 miles.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Sculling Championship was held on Saturday, 20th February, 1926, over a 2½-mile course upstream from the 42-chain mark to the 3 mile 2 chain mark. Three scullers entered. The race resulted in an easy win for the Sandhurst representative, A. Cambridge, the time being 18 minutes 30 seconds. Mr. Cambridge is congratulated in securing his second Championship victory.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLING RACES.

Season	Won by	Club	No. of Entries	Time min. Secs.
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 ..	50 6¾
1923-24	J. Barton	Richmond	4 ..	—
1924-25	A. Cambridge ..	Sandhurst	4 ..	19 23
1925-26	A. Cambridge ..	Sandhurst	3 ..	18 50

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance about 1¾ miles.

VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Pair-oared Championship was rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on Saturday, 5th June, 1926. Seven crews competed; last season's winners were not among the entrants. The race was won by the Wendouree crew, who put up the remarkable performance of winning the event for the fourth time. The winning crew comprised: W. R. B. Todd, 11st. (bow), J. R. Jopling, 12st. 1lb. (stroke), J. Creelman (cox.). Hawthorn were second, Banks third, Essendon fourth, Ballarat City fifth, Melbourne sixth, and Barwon seventh. The winners are heartily congratulated on their record-breaking performance.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Entries	Time.	
			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
*1923-1924	Wendouree	4	6	11
*1924-1925	Merbein	8	6	23¾
*1925-1926	Wendouree	7	7	2¾

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

* Rowed at Ballarat

† Distance, 1½ miles.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Four-oared Championship was rowed over a 2½ mile course from 2 chain below the 2½ mile mark in Coode Canal to the 2 chain mark at Queen's Bridge on Saturday, 12th December, 1925, when the Melbourne Club secured its second successive victory in this event. The winning crew was:—T. S. C Flint (bow), E. J. Farrell (2), F. C. Borrman (3), H. A. Schlichting (stroke), B. Coombes (cox.), Mr. H. E. Butler (coach). Wendouree finished second, Albert Park third, Banks fourth, Essendon fifth, and University sixth. The time for the race was 15 minutes 46 seconds. The winners are congratulated on their second successive victory.

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	2
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
1923-24	Wendouree	6	18	15 3-5
1924-25	Melbourne	6	16	26
1925-26	Melbourne	6	15	46

*This race was re-rowed a week later, when the time was 18 min. 12 sec.

PREMIERSHIPS.

The Premiership points competition was exceedingly keen throughout the year. Wendouree again won the Senior Premiership for the fourth year in succession. Hawthorn won their second Junior Premiership, having previously been successful in 1913-14. The Junior Premiership proved exceptionally exciting, and it was not until the last regatta of the season that it was decided, three Clubs having a chance of victory. Both Wendouree and Hawthorn Rowing Clubs are congratulated on their victories for the season.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS FOR SEASON 1925-26.

SENIOR.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Wendouree	51	7	Hawthorn	6	2
Albert Park	24	6	Nagambie	4	2
Essendon	18	3	Sandhurst	4	2
Melbourne	16	2			

TABLE OF REGATTAS, NUMBER OF COMPETITORS,

Regatta	Date	No. of Competitors	MAIDEN				
			Sculls	Pairs	Fours	L.W. Fours	Eights
Henley	24/10/25	386	—	—	Mildura (21)	—	Mildura (19)
Melbourne	31/10/25	375	Essendon (3)	University (7)	South Melb (11)	Melbourne (10)	Mildura (17)
Maiden	28/11/25	148	—	Footscray (6)	Richmond (12)	Mercantile (8)	Hawthorn (7)
Warrnambool	26/12/25	34	—	Corio (3)	W'bool (4)	W'bool (3)	—
Nagambie	26/12/25	162	Hawthorn (3)	Y. Yarra (6)	Sandhurst (10)	Banks (4)	—
Colac	1/1/26	114	—	Wendouree (6)	Melbourne (7)	B'rat City (4)	B'rat City (3)
Rutherglen	1/1/26	78	—	Wahgunyah (4)	Wahgunyah (4)	Wahgunyah (3)	—
Upper Yarra	30/1/26	182	University (3)	B'rat City (5)	Ballarat (8)	Hawthorn (6)	Richmond (5)
Albert Park	1/2/26	173	—	B'rat City (4)	Albert Park (8)	Footscray (6)	Mercantile (5)
Ballarat	27/2/26	372	Wendouree (5)	Wendouree (9)	Hawthorn (12)	Sandhurst (7)	Ballarat (1)
Barwon	6/3/26	250	—	Wendouree (5)	Ballarat (6)	Ballarat (5)	Ballarat (10)
Bairnsdale	3/4/26	130	—	Footscray (5)	B'rat City (3)	Bairnsdale (4)	Essendon (5)
Sale	5/4/26	118	—	Footscray (5)	B'rat City (3)	Bairnsdale (4)	Bairnsdale (5)
Champion Sculls	20/2/26	3	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Pairs	5/6/26	14	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Fours	12/12/25	24	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Eights	20/2/26	40	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS		2603	14	65	109	64	87

JUNIOR.

Club.	Points.	Wins.	Club.	Points.	Wins.
Hawthorn	33	11	Albert Park	12	2
Nagambie	32	7	Essendon	9	2
Ballarat City	30	9	Footscray	8	4
Ballarat	26	5	Sandhurst	8	3
Mildura	20	3	Wahgunyah	8	3
Mercantile	20	4	Warrnambool	6	2
Richmond	16	4	South Melbourne	4	1
Wendouree	15	6	University	3	2
Melbourne	14	4	Yarra Yarra	2	1
Banks	14	3	Corio Bay	2	1
Bairnsdale	12	3			

WINNING CLUB IN EACH EVENT, AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

JUNIOR				SENIOR			
Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights	Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights
—	—	Nagambie (10)	A. Park (5)	Sandhurst (6)	—	W. Aust. (10)	Essendon (3)
—	B'rat City (6)	Melbourne (8)	Banks (5)	—	Wendouree (3)	Melbourne (6)	Essendon (3)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hawthorn (3)	Nagambie (6)	Melbourne (7)	Nagambie (3)	—	Nagambie (6)	A. Park (3)	—
—	B'rat City (5)	B'rat City (6)	—	—	—	—	—
—	Nagambie (4)	Nagambie (3)	—	—	Nagambie (3)	A. Park (4)	—
Hawthorn (3)	Hawthorn (9)	Banks (10)	—	—	—	A. Park (3)	—
Hawthorn	Hawthorn (7)	Nagambie (10)	—	—	—	A. Park (3)	—
San	Mercantile (10)	Wendouree (9)	Nagambie (7)	Wendouree (3)	Wendouree (4)	A. Park (4)	Wendouree (5)
—	—	Wendouree (6)	Mercantile (6)	—	—	A. Park (3)	Wendouree (4)
—	Richmond (5)	Hawthorn (6)	—	—	Hawthorn (3)	Hawthorn (3)	—
—	Richmond (5)	Hawthorn (6)	—	—	Essendon (3)	—	—
—	—	—	—	Sandhurst (3)	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	Wendouree (7)	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	Melbourne (6)	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Wendouree (5)
15	57	81	26	12	29	45	20

RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

1898-1899	....	Ballarat	1912-1913	....	Albert Park (Sen.)
1899-1900	....	Albert Park	1912-1913	....	Civil Service (Jun.)
1900-1901	....	Mercantile	1913-1914	....	Albert Park (Sen.)
1901-1902	....	Albert Park	1913-1914	....	Hawthorn (Jun.)
1902-1903	....	Albert Park	1914-1915	....	Albert Park (Sen.)
1903-1904	....	Ballarat	1914-1915	....	Footscray (Jun.)
1904-1905	....	Albert Park	1918-1919**	....	Civil Service (Jun.)
1905-1906	....	Albert Park	1919-1920	....	Nagambie (Sen.)
1906-1907*	....	Albert Park (Sen.)			Banks (Jun.)
1906-1907	....	Albert Park (Jun.)	1920-1921	....	Civil Service (Sen.)
1907-1908	....	Mercantile (Sen.)			Albert Park (Jun.)
1907-1908	....	Footscray City (Jr.)	1921-1922	....	Mercantile (Sen.)
1908-1909	....	Albert Park (Sen.)			Barwon (Jun.)
1908-1909	....	South Melb. (Jun.)	1923	....	Wendouree (Sen.)
1909-1910	....	Albert Park (Sen.)			Ballarat (Jun.)
1909-1910	....	Banks (Jun.)	1923-1924	....	Wendouree (Sen.)
1910-1911	....	Albert Park (Sen.)			Banks (Jun.)
1910-1911†	Civil Service	(Jun.)	1924-1925	Wendouree (Sen.)
		Banks			Essendon (Jun.)
1911-1912	....	Albert Park (Sen.)	1925-1926	....	Wendouree (Sen.)
1911-1912†	Civil Service			Hawthorn (Jun.)
		Banks				
		Essendon				

*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 Saturday, 31st October, 1925. Results:—Maiden Sculls, A. Jordan (Essendon); Maiden Pairs, University (M. H. B. Robinson, L. J. Bakewell, F. S. Anderson, cox.); Maiden Fours, South Melbourne No. 1 (V. Carter bow, F. Myers, N. Nilsen, R. McArthur stroke, A. O'Dea cox.); Maiden Eights, Mildura (T. McKeown bow, W. V. Adair, J. Walker, R. Treacy, E. Burrows, C. Henderson, S. Nash, C. Bowring stroke, W. Astbury cox.); Light-weight Maiden Fours, Melbourne (T. A. Shelton bow, J. E. Meek, T. Frawley, E. N. Bracey stroke, A. Gosling cox.); Junior Pair, Ballarat City (C. Hauser, H. Shilbeck stroke, T. Salmon cox.); Junior Four, Melbourne (J. W. Evans bow, J. Kelleher, A. Trickett, G. K. McLeod stroke, B. Coombes cox.); Junior Eight, Banks (H. S. Rusden bow, J. W. E. Byrne, M. Burke, J. E. McKeddie, H. J. Eakins, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, W. D. Thompson stroke, A. Bailey cox.); Senior Pair, Wendouree (R. W. B. Todd, J. R. Jopling stroke, M. Dunstan cox.); Senior Four, Melbourne (T. S. C. Flint bow, E. J. Farrell, F. C. Borrman, H. A. Schlichting stroke, B. Coombes cox.); Senior Eight, Essendon (R. A. Jones bow, C. J. Richards, D. Johnson, H. E. Ricketts, T. L. Mannix, G. Weatheritt, G. J. Adam, W. R. Fraser stroke, A. King cox.).

A regatta for maiden oarsmen was held on Saturday, 28th November, 1925. Results:—Maiden Pairs, Footscray (J. Kranz, M. Maher stroke, J. Switzer cox.); Maiden Fours, Richmond (P. Watkins bow, W. Donegan, P. Costello, J. Whitaker stroke, T. Croft cox.); Light-weight Maiden Fours, Mercantile (E. Counihan bow, W. M. Cooper, W. R. McColl, P. Bernadou stroke, H. Cliff cox.); Maiden Eights, Hawthorn (C. Morphett bow, J. Shaw, J. Bell, G. Lindsay, A. James, J. Murphy, R. Browne, E. Buckle stroke, K. Gambling cox.).

Combination Eights for cups generously donated by E. T. Bradshaw, Esq., were held on Saturday, 13th March, an entry of 15 crews being received. The winning crew comprised:—J. Meek (Melbourne), F. Hewitt (Hawthorn), W. F. Ogilvie (Albert Park), A. J. Kennedy (Banks), P. Thomas (Footscray), J. M. McKeddie (Banks), H. E. Butler (Melbourne), G. W. Ward (Banks) stroke, M. Bailey (Mercantile) cox.

PUBLIC REGATTAS.

The following public regattas were held during the season:—Henley, 24th October, 1925; Nagambie, 26th December, 1925; Warrnambool, 26th December, 1925; Colac, 1st January, 1926; Rutherglen, 1st January, 1926; Upper Yarra, 30th January, 1926; Albert Park, 1st February, 1926; Ballarat, 27th February, 1926; Barwon, 6th February, 1926; Bairnsdale, 3rd April, 1926; Sale, 5th April, 1926.

The following races were also held during the season:—Inter-collegiate Eights for the Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield (22nd and 23rd April, 1926), won by Trinity College (M. R. Norton bow, C. W. K. Hardy, F. K. S. Herschfield, R. M. V. Blackmore, H. M. L. Murray, L. C. L. Murray, R. G. C. de Crespigny, B. T. Keon-Cohen stroke, J. S. N. Harris cox, Mr. R. H. Keon-Cohen coach). Head of the River (7th and 8th May, 1926), won by Scotch College (E. H. Learnmonth bow, W. J. Wilson, H. D. Jeffreys, W. G. Ross, A. L. Scott, N. V. Nixon, L. R. Sharp, T. M. Chisholm stroke, W. V. M. Bailey cox., Mr. W. A. Littlejohn coach). John Lang Cup (19th April, 1926), won by Queen's College (A. R. Johnson bow, G. Ralton, N. S. Bayliss, G. H. S. Vasey, C. R. Brothers, L. K. Corteen, E. W. Gault, R. H. Hadley stroke, E. Sandner cox., Mr. C. Donald coach). Inter-Banks' Fours for the Henry Gyles Turner Shield (24th April, 1926), won by the State Savings Bank (M. F. King bow, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, W. D. Thompson stroke, D. Tippett cox., Mr. M. Maher coach). Public Service Challenge Shield (22nd May, 1926), won by the Postal Department (T. S. C. Flint bow, G. A. Heyward, F. C. Borrman, H. Schlichting stroke, B. Coombes cox.). Army Rowing Cup.—This race was revived mainly through the enthusiasm of Dr. H. C. Disher, being the first military contest since 1914 (5th June, 1926). Won by 4th Field Artillery Brigade (Gnr. H. I. Kendall bow, Sgt. A. Simpson, Gnr. W. McKendrick, Gnr. K. Kennedy, Gnr. J. South, Gnr. F. Hope, Gnr. A. A. Gibbs, Gnr. W. A. Dobbie stroke, H. G. Forman cox, Mr. K. McKenzie coach).

INTER-UNIVERSITY EIGHT-OARED RACE.

This event was rowed over a three-mile course on the Huon River, Franklin, Tasmania, on Saturday, 5th June, 1926, being won by the Sydney University, which crew was boated as follows:—A. P. Blake, 10st. 4lb. (bow), L. O. Rutherford, 11st. 1lb. (2), M. R. Morey, 11st. 12lb. (3), W. A. Bloomfield, 12st. 6lb. (4), G. E. Phillips, 13st. (5), E. M. Robson, 11st. 12lb. (6), C. R. Johnson, 12st. 4lb. (7), R. N. McCulloch, 11st. 6lb. (stroke), G. H. Robin, 8st. (cox.), E. Pilkington, 10st. 6lb. (emergency), Mr. G. McKenzie (coach). Melbourne second, Adelaide third, and Tasmania fourth. The winners are heartily congratulated on their victory.

LAWS OF BOAT RACING.

The following motion, to be an addition to No. 4 Laws of Boat Racing, was approved at the Committee Meeting, 1st March, 1926:—

“From the time the starter takes charge of the crews until the race is actually started, coaches or other persons interested in such crews shall not be permitted to give instructions to

such crews. Should any coach, or other interested person, after being warned by the starter, continue to give instructions to such crew whilst such crew is in the hands of the starter, the crew receiving the instructions will be liable to disqualification or a fine not exceeding £2, at the discretion of the starter, whose decision shall be without appeal. The person giving instructions to the crew shall be liable to be dealt with under No. 10 of the Laws of Boat Racing."

"That No. 10 of the Laws of Boat Racing be amended by inserting after the word 'Umpire' the words 'or starter.'"

UMPIRING AT REGATTAS.

The following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Committee on 8th April, 1926:—

"That the Regatta Associations of this State be informed that serious complaints have been received that the rules of boat racing, as laid down by the V.R.A., are not being adhered to, particularly in regard to interference by crews during the course of a race, and that the said Associations be informed that only Umpires approved of by the V.R.A. will be permitted to officiate at Regattas held under its sanction. Further, that when applying for permission to hold a Regatta, a list, including the probable Starters, Umpires and Judges shall be furnished for the approval of the V.R.A. That a Sub-Committee consisting of five members, three to form a quorum, of this Association, to be called the Umpire Committee, be appointed to control the appointment of Umpires, Starters and Judges for all Regattas held under its sanction."

MILDURA, MERBEIN AND WENTWORTH DISTRICT ROWING CLUBS.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS.

Following on an application by the above-named Clubs for points won at South Australian Rowing Association Regattas to count for Victorian Rowing Association Premierships, the Committee passed the following motion at the July meeting:—

"Races won by the Merbein, Mildura and Wentworth District Rowing Clubs, other than Championship Races, held on the River Murray, at regattas registered by the South Australian Rowing Association, shall count for points in the Victorian Junior and Senior Premierships according to the scale of points allotted to the various races for such Premierships, provided the races won at such South Australian regattas come within the various classifications set out in No. 19 of the V.R.A. Regatta Regulations, for purposes of this resolution a win in sliding seat tub fours will be awarded the same number of points as a Light-weight Maiden Four, provided the latter race is not included in the programme of the regatta; that the total points possible to be scored by such Clubs competing at regattas registered by both Victorian and South Australian Rowing Associations do not exceed the total points possible to be scored should such Clubs compete at all Victorian regattas only, provided further that crews from Merbein, Mildura and Wentworth District Rowing Clubs competing at such Murray River regattas registered by the South Australian Rowing Association would be eligible under Victorian Rowing Association rules to compete in similar races in Victoria. That the resolution be reviewed at the July meeting of the Association, 1927."

V.R.A. BEST EIGHT.

After the King's Cup race at Brisbane a favorable offer was received from the Great Public School, Brisbane, for the purchase of the Association's boat and nine oars. In the circumstances, it was deemed a profitable proposition, and the boat was sold.

The Committee decided to place an order for a new best eight and, at the same time, approached the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association for assistance in the purchase of the boat. The Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association has generously offered to donate the boat to the Association, and recommended that the boat be named "George Fairbairn," which recommendation was heartily endorsed. The Committee desire to sincerely thank the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association.

OBITUARY.

It is with sincerest regrets that the deaths of the following valuable members of the sport are recorded:—

Mr. T. H. Young, Colonel Eric Tulloch, and Mr. W. A. Holtham (bow, Victorian Interstate Eight, 1926).

GENERAL.

The Nagambie Rowing Club are now leading in membership for the country clubs. They are heartily congratulated on their wonderful increase—49 to 117.

At the instigation of Mr. R. H. Keon-Cohen, a deputation from the Committee, introduced by The Hon. H. I. Cohen, K.C., M.L.C., to the Victorian Railways, was successful in obtaining permission for boats forwarded to and from country regattas being trucked from Bateman Avenue in lieu of Spencer Street; the concession is greatly appreciated by all oarsmen.

The Mildura Rowing Club are congratulated on their victories at Henley and Melbourne Regattas at their initial attempt.

With a view to simplifying the trucking arrangements of metropolitan clubs to country regattas, and obtaining the maximum of efficiency with a minimum of friction to the Railway authorities, a Trucking Officer for the season has been appointed. Mr. H. E. Butler, Captain Melbourne Rowing Club, has kindly consented to carry out the duties for the forthcoming season.

The following are the regatta dates for the 1926-27 season:—23rd October, 1926, Melbourne; 30th October, 1926, Champion Eights; 13th November, 1926, Footscray; 27th November, 1926, Champion Pairs, 11th December, 1926; Nagambie and Warrnambood, Boxing Day; Colac and Rutherglen, New Year's Day, 1927; Champion Fours, 15th January, 1927; Upper Yarra, 29th January, 1927; Albert Park, 31st January, 1927; Ballarat, 5th March, 1927; Barwon, 12th March, 1927; Bairnsdale, 16th April, 1927; Sale, 18th April, 1927.

THANKS.

The Committee sincerely thank the following gentlemen:—Captain A. M. Treacy, for presenting the Champion Eight Pennant; Mr. E. T. Bradshaw, for presenting cups for the V.R.A. Annual Combination Eights, which fixture considerably augments the funds for the Interstate crew's expenses; Messrs. W. W. Senior (who has carried out 39 consecutive Annual Audits for the V.R.A.), and A. W. Massina, for their continued valuable services as Auditors; the Press, for the publicity accorded the activities of the sport; to the subscribers to the funds of the Association; and those gentlemen who have officiated at the various regattas and championships during the season.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the season 12 ordinary meetings and three special meetings of the Committee were held. The average attendance at each meeting was 38. The following are particulars of the individual attendance:—T. L. Mannix, 15; H. E. Butler, 15; G. Anderson, 15; G. Hutton, 15; J. P. Rorke, 14; H. T. James, 14; P. C. Dowling, 14; N. S. Muir, 14; H. J. Green, 14; G. S. Sutherland, 14; J. L. Mounsey, 14; A. Crook, 14; E. Kenny, 13; A. J. Day, 13; A. E. Anderson, 13; W. Joseph, 12; T. S. C. Flint, 12; R. R. Sullivan, 12; A. Clarke, 12; F. Parr, 11; S. F. Chubb, 11; T. Jenkin, 11; A. L. Dobbie, 11; J. M. Semmens, 10; W. D. Thompson, 10; C. A. Cunningham, 10; S. Gebbie, 10; W. McIlroy, 10; R. H. Keon-Cohen, 10; E. Pollard, 10; H. B. Roberts, 9; W. Mathieson, 9; E. A. Swindells, 9; W. J. Cahill, 8; R. O'Donahoo, 8; G. Kingsley, 7; D. Laird, 7; J. M. Macfarlane, 7; A. J. Shepherd, 7; S. C. Stewart, 5; N. McLeod, 5; A. M. Treacy, 4; L. G. Montgomery, 4; C. Ehms, 4; M. G. Muir (elected July), 4; A. Freeman, 4; C. J. McCarthy, 4; J. Duggan, 4; H. Ellingsen, 4; A. Wishart (elected July), 3; A. Williams (elected November), 3; E. Christie, 3; E. Eginton, 3; T. O'Brien (elected August), 2; J. Swanson (elected August), 2; A. W. Clydesdale, 2; H. R. Duncan (elected August), 2; R. Hadley, 2; R. Rush (elected August), 1; G. W. Ward (elected September), 1; S. Willson (elected September), 1; T. Gipton (resigned August), 10; L. J. Jobson (resigned August), 9; W. Clift (resigned May), 8; W. N. Ricketts (resigned June), 6; M. J. Maher (resigned August), 5; T. Harvey (resigned October), 2; F. Granter (resigned June), 2; H. J. McRae (resigned June), 8; H. M. L. Murray (proxy), 3; B. T. Keon-Cohen (proxy), 1; K. Mackintosh (proxy), 1.

On behalf of the Committee,

T. L. MANNIX, Hon. Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,

Melbourne, 9th September, 1926.

RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1925-1926.

Clubs.	Number of Members, Season 1924-25.	Number of Members, Season 1925-26.	Total Contributions, including Entry and Coxswains' Registration Fees.
Metropolitan—			
Albert Park	86	49	£27 13 6
Banks	132	132	44 9 6
Essendon	97	107	36 4 6
Footscray City	63	61	31 17 0*
Hawthorn	81	84	28 8 6
Melbourne	148	123	42 10 6
Mercantile	143	117	38 0 0
Preston	51	50	13 3 6
Richmond	79	86	26 1 6
South Melbourne	73	73	21 8 0
Melbourne University	355	366	32 12 6
Yarra Yarra	44	37	13 6 6
Totals	1352	1285	£355 15 6
Country—			
Bairnsdale	72	48	£8 4 0
Ballarat	63	49	8 11 0
Ballarat City	51	46	13 8 0
Barwon	52	54	9 9 0
Corio Bay	45	62	5 10 0
Eaglehawk	19	21	—
Lake Colac	31	19	3 12 0
Merbein	42	34	6 7 0
Mildura	99	110	13 8 0
Nagambie	49	117	7 13 0
Rutherglen	15	20	1 15 0
Sale	27	27	3 4 0
Sandhurst	56	61	8 12 0
Shepparton	11	5	1 2 0
Wahgunyah	16	12	3 12 0
Warrnambool	21	21	3 2 0
Wendouree	60	55	15 5 0
Wentworth District	41	47	4 2 0
Totals	770	808	£116 16 0
Grand Totals	2122	2093	£472 11 6

* Including £12/14/- for 1924/25.

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Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

				RECEIPTS.							
					£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 1/9/25—											
State Savings Bank	461	19	11				
E. S. & A. Bank	7	10	10		469	10	9
„ Club Contributions—											
Season 1925-26	272	18	6				
„ 1926-27	3	18	0		276	16	6
„ Registration Fees—											
Coxswains	26	0	0				
Regattas	42	0	0		68	0	0
„ Subscriptions	28	17	6		28	17	6
„ Championships											
Entry Fees, Sculls		15	0				
„ Pairs	3	10	0				
„ Fours	6	0	0				
„ Eights	10	0	0				
Sale of Programmes and Tickets	22	2	9				
Hire of Launches	6	0	0		48	7	9
„ V.R.A. Regatta—											
Entry Fees	94	10	0				
Programmes	11	1	3				
Advertising	16	1	6		121	12	9
„ Maiden Regatta—											
Entry Fees	37	5	0				
Programmes	3	15	0				
Share of Loss	12	12	0		53	12	0
„ Interstate Race—											
Donations	4	4	0				
Entry Fees Combination Eights	17	17	6				
Conference and King's Cup Insurance (1924-25)	15	7	8				
Sale of Boat and Oars	60	0	0		97	9	2
„ Miscellaneous—											
Interest and Exchange	26	15	10				
Sundries	2	0	0		28	15	10
„ Trust Moneys—											
Regatta Trophy Money	878	3	6				
Staging—Prince's Bridge, 1924	4	8	11				
„ „ 1925	66	13	6				
Oarsmen's Memorial	21	7	0				
Presentation to E. Kenny	115	6	6				
N.S.W.R.A. Rowing Books	8	17	3		1,094	16	8
									£2,287	18	11

Audited and found correct

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ALF. W. MASSINA, L.I.C.A. } Auditors

13th September, 1926.

DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1925-26.

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Championships—						
Medals	23	12	6			
Hire of Launches	6	0	0			
Hire of Steamers	24	0	0			
Printing	4	17	6			
„ V.R.A. Regatta—						
Trophies	£117	10	0			
Less unpaid	40	0	0			
			77	10	0	58
Printing			19	9	2	
Moored Boats and Box			5	0	0	
Refund Entry Fee			0	5	0	102
„ Maiden Regatta—						4
Trophies	£45	0	0			
Less unpaid	15	0	0			
			30	0	0	
Printing			6	1	4	
Refund Entry Fee			0	5	0	36
						6
„ Interstate Race, Brisbane, 1926—						
Railway Fares	181	4	6			
Board and Meals	86	6	0			
Shipping and Freight	17	17	0			
Motor Launch	11	15	8			
Trainers	9	0	0			
Motor and Tram Fares	9	2	6			
Boat Repairs and Polishing	12	5	6			
Boat Cover	5	0	0			
Singlets and Caps	6	19	9			
Insurance	3	12	0			
Miscellaneous	12	10	2			
„ Miscellaneous—						
Bank Charges	1	10	0			
Insurance		14	10			
Honoraria	33	12	0			
Combination Eights and Amateur Sports Club	5	5	0			
Petty Cash, Postages, Etc....	15	0	0			
Printing	40	5	11			
Australian Rowing Council	3	3	0			
Amateur Sports Club	10	5	0			
Premiership Certificates,	3	0	0			
Insurance—King's Cup	2	10	0			
Sundries	3	10	0			
						118
„ Trust Moneys—						15
Trophy Moneys	829	1	6			
Presentation to E. Kenny	115	6	6			
Staging—Prince's Bridge	66	13	6			
Oarsmen's Memorial	21	7	0			
N.S.W.R.A. Rowing Book	9	17	0			
„ Bank Balances						
State Savings Bank	538	13	9			
E. S. & A. Bank	35	10	4			
						1042
						5
						6
						574
						4
						1
						£2,287
						18
						11

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer, 31/8/1926.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st Aug., 1926

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Outstanding Trophy Money—		Bank Balances—	
Season 1919-20	£4 14 6	State Savings Bank	£538 13 9
" 1920-21	15 10 0	E. S. & A. Bank	35 10 4
" 1921-22	15 0 0	Commonwealth War Loan Bond (£100) at cost	£574 4 1
" 1922-23	70 3 0	Oarsmen's Memorial Fund (State Savings Bank)	100 2 6
" 1923-24	52 10 3	Contributions Outstanding—	174 18 3
" 1924-25	72 12 0	Eaglehawk Rowing Club	1 13 0
" 1925-26	391 13 6	Mercantile Rowing Club	0 12 6
	£622 3 3	Insurance King's Cup (State's Share)	2 10 6
Club Contributions—		Association Property—	2 1 8
On Account Season 1925-27	3 18 0	Case and Cover for Boat	5 0 0
Oarsmen's Memorial Fund	174 18 3	Boat Registration Plant	3 0 0
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities	79 17 6	Embossing Dies	1 0 0
		Stationery £1/10/-, Copying Press £1/-/-	2 10 0
		Despatch Case	1 0 0
		Filing Cabinet and Typewriter	7 0 0
		Dies and Collar for Championship Medals	7 10 0
	£880 17 0		27 0 0
	£880 17 0		£880 17 0

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J. P. FORKE, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 6th September, 1926

OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 1925-26

To Balance, 31/8/25	.. £188 19 4	By Payment to Victorian Rowing Association (Extra Names, Urn, and Architects Fees) ...	£21 7 0
,, Interest, 31/8/26 7 5 11	,, Balance State Savings Bank, 31/8/26	... 174 18 3
		£196 5 3	

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SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1925-26.

Regatta.	Date.	Value of Trophies.	Trophy Orders Paid.	Balance held by V.R.A.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances from previous years		511 13 9	281 4 0	230 9 9
1925-26				
Victorian Rowing Association	31/10/25	117 10 0	77 10 0	40 0 0
do.	28/11/25	45 0 0	30 0 0	15 0 0
Nagambie	26/12/25	96 0 0	45 0 0	51 0 0
Warrnambool	26/12/25	28 0 0	22 0 0	6 0 0
Rutherglen	1/1/26	69 0 0	35 0 0	34 0 0
Colac	1/1/26	72 0 0	66 0 0	6 0 0
Upper Yarra	30/1/26	78 13 6	42 10 0	36 3 6
Albert Park	1/2/26	72 10 0	40 0 0	32 10 0
Ballarat	27/2/26	179 0 0	118 10 0	50 10 0
Barwon	6/3/26	126 0 0	96 0 0	30 0 0
Bairnsdale	3/4/26	90 0 0	42 0 0	48 0 0
Sale	5/4/26	65 0 0	22 10 0	42 10 0
		1038 13 6	647 0 0	391 13 6
Grand Total		1550 7 3	928 4 0	622 3 3

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