

Victorian Rowing Association

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FIFTY-FIRST
Annual
Report
and
Balance
Sheet

SEASON
1926-27

T. L. MANNIX - *Hon. Secretary*

J. P. RORKE - *Hon. Treasurer*

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

*The Fifty-first Annual General Meeting of
the above Association will be held at the Amateur
Sports Club, McEwan House, Little Collins Street,
Melbourne, on Monday, 3rd October, 1927, 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.
- Alteration and Amendment to Constitution, as per Notice issued to Members.

T. L. MANNIX,
Hon. Secretary.

8th September, 1927.

Victorian Rowing Association

SEASON 1926-27

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

Patrons.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE
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Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

	ELECTED.	RETIREES		ELECTED.	RETIREES
H. T. JAMES ...	1927	...	1929	N. S. MUIR ...	1926 ... 1928
A. L. DOBBIE ...	1927	...	1929	E. A. SWINDELLS	1926 ... 1928
G. ANDERSON ...	1927	...	1929	W. JOSEPH ...	1926 ... 1928
H. E. BUTLER ...	1927	...	1929	T. JENKIN ...	1926 ... 1928
G. HUTTON ...	1927	...	1929	H. J. GREEN ...	1926 ... 1928

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park .. G. R. Stewart	Mildura ... E. Kenny
	T. Smith
Ballarat .. H. B. Roberts	Nagambie .. S. Gebbie
	W. Sullivan
Ballarat City .. C. Ehms	Preston .. H. Bartlett
Bairnsdale .. D. Laird	
	E. Eginton
Banks .. W. H. Mathieson	Richmond .. A. J. Day
	S. Willson
	G. W. Ward
Barwon .. G. S. Sutherland	Rutherglen ... C. J. McCarthy
	S. F. Chubb
Colac .. R. Rush	Sale .. W. McIlroy
Corio Bay .. T. S. C. Flint	
	E. Christie
	J. Duggan
	R. N. McDonald
Eaglehawk ...	Shepparton .. A. W. Clydesdale
Essendon .. F. Parr	South Melbourne E. Pollard
	A. Crook
	M. G. Muir
Footscray City .. T. Gipton	University R. H. Keon-Cohen
	E. C. H. Taylor
	T. O'Brien
Hawthorn .. R. R. Sullivan	Wahgunyah ... C. I. McVilly
	G. Anderson
Melbourne .. H. E. Butler	Warrnambool .. A. Wishart
	J. A. Swanson
	A. Williams
Merbein ... W. Potter	
	J. Beacham
Mercantile .. J. Sprigg	Wentworth Dist. J. W. Shaw
	A. Clarke
	Yarra Yarra .. R. F. Holton
	G. Kingsley

FIFTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS,
GENTLEMEN,

The Committee have great pleasure in submitting for your consideration the 51st Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

The season is unparalleled in the history of the sport. Confronted by disaster immediately prior to the opening regattas, when fire was responsible for the loss of a boat building establishment, Club-house, 42 boats, 200 oars, affecting seven Clubs and six scullers, it would be expected that the disorganisation which would arise, and the subsequent shortage of equipment, would be reflected in the figures for the season. It is recorded with special satisfaction that the 1926-27 season has been a record for the Association. Club membership for the 30 affiliated Clubs totals 2174, an advancement of 52 members on the previous record. Numbers of competitors at regattas has increased in a surprising and pleasing manner, the season's total being 3230, which exceeds the Association's best figures by 637. The above figures in relation to the numbers of competitors, in view of the shortage of boats, are amazing, and have only been made possible by the co-operation of all Clubs in assisting one another throughout the year in the loan of equipment. The many disabilities which some crews trained under during the season, the action which made it possible for those crews to compete, and the general spirit of sympathy which existed between Clubs, is a tribute to the sport, and, if possible, will further cement the comradeship of all oarsmen.

As disaster marked the opening of the season, oarsmen were consternated when the Mercantile Rowing Club boathouse and fleet was entirely destroyed by fire at the end of the racing season.

The loss of equipment and accommodation, totalling over £6000, suffered from the devastations of fire must necessarily impose hardships on Clubs, and it will be some time before replacement work is fully completed. The Committee are confident, however, judging by the manner in which Clubs surmounted difficulties during 1926-27 season, that obstacles will be again overcome by the spirit of enthusiasm, determination and sacrifice prevailing amongst rowing clubs, and that the 1927-28 season will produce still further records, evidence of the advancement of the sport, and maybe the efforts will be crowned by the winning of the King's Cup for Victoria.

The membership of the Association and number of competitors entered during the past seven 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
1926-27	2174	2860	370	3230

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

The second Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was held at the Derwent and Tamar Buildings, Hobart, on Thursday, 5th May, 1927. Present: Messrs. E. Sorrell (Tas.), R. S. Jeffreys (W.A.), G. R. H. Gill (Q.), J. P. Marcus (S.A.), E. Kenny (V.), and J. Daly as proxy for H. G. Alderson (N.S.W.). The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. E. Sorrell; Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. Kenny; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. W. Massina; Delegates to Olympic Federation, Messrs. E. Kenny and H. G. Alderson.

The following resolutions were passed at the Council meeting:—

- 1. Reports.**—"That each State Association be asked to furnish a report within two months of the date of holding of the contests, setting out matters of complaint and criticism, if any, as to the arrangements and conduct of the races for the King's Cup and President's Cup. Such reports to be forwarded to the Council for transmission to the rowing Association in each State."
- 2. Competitors and Officials Meeting the Council.**—"That prior to all future Interstate races the coaches, strokes, coxswains, scullers, umpire and starter be called to a meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, at which the Council's laws of boat racing will be explained and all concerned given to understand that these laws must be complied with under penalty of disqualification; further, that the Council should accompany the coaches, strokes, coxswains, scullers and officials for the race when the preliminary inspection of the course is being made."
- 3. Olympic Games.**—"That in consideration of the great expense and tremendous handicap an Australian eight-oared crew is under by reason of the long journey involved in travelling to the Olympic Games, as compared with other countries which compete, it is not considered advisable for the Commonwealth to be represented at the next Olympic Games by an eight-oared crew. Further, that all efforts be concentrated on preparing and sending a sculler to represent Australia, provided a man of sufficiently high standard is forthcoming."

4. Levy.—“That the levy for 1927-28 be fixed at £3 3s. for each Association.”
5. Certificates for Winners of Interstate Races.—“Each Association to be asked for an expression of opinion as to the suitability of design of certificate and purchase of the block, submitted by the Queensland Rowing Association, with a view to uniform adoption.”
6. Thowl Pins.—“Resolved to ask boat builders to adopt as a standard a thowl pin as submitted by Mr. Frank Shaw, of the W.A.R.A.”
7. Railway Concessions.—“That the Railway Commissioners be written to, asking that consideration be given to the granting of ordinary concessions when crews are compelled to travel at Easter time, and that a refund be considered in the case of crews which had to pay full fare this year; further, that the State Associations be asked to take into consideration the date of Easter when fixing the date of the Interstate race in future.”

Mr. C. L. Baillieu was appointed as the representative of the Council in London.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on Sunday, 8th May, 1927, when it was decided that a race be held on a course of a mile and a quarter (Olympic distance), on the Yarra, on Monday, 24th October, 1927; to give a selector an opportunity of seeing aspirants for the Australian representation and making a provisional selection for nomination to the Olympic Federation, subject to any further tests which the selector may decide on prior to making a final selection before the Olympic team departs; further, that Mr. C. L. McVilly be appointed as the sole selector.

Postponements.—A motion was passed that the Chairman of the Weather Committee be asked for a report as to the postponements in connection with the 1927 races.

AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

(King's Cup).

All States were represented in the King's Cup Race, rowed on the River Derwent (Lower Course), Hobart, on Saturday, 7th May, 1927. Boisterous weather conditions somewhat marred the race. The start was delayed in order to allow an improvement in the weather conditions, which did not eventuate. The race resulted in a two lengths victory for the West Australian crew, New South Wales being three lengths ahead of Victoria, South Australia fourth. Tasmania and Queensland swamped before the finish of the race. After the finish of the race both the South Australian and Victorian crews swamped. The personnel of the West Australian crew were:—A. P. Ffarington (bow), 11st.; W. A. Brown (2), 11st. 3lb.; O. J. Negus (3), 11st. 3lb.; C. Matthews (4), 12st. 9lb.; W. J. Pannell (5), 12st. 8lb.; G. Bessell-Browne (6), 12st.; W. M. Church (7), 12st. 5lb.; A. Grosser (stroke), 11st. 10lb.; O. Carrick (cox.); Mr. P. J. Ryan (coach). The

crew used swivel rowlocks. The West are heartily congratulated on their meritorious win, and also on their third victory in the Interstate race in the last six starts.

Victoria were represented by the following crews:—T. S. C. Flint (bow), 10st. 8lb. (Melbourne); E. W. Cooke (2), 11st. 2lb. (Albert Park); G. O. Heyward (3), 11st. 7lb. (Melbourne); H. W. Irvine (4), 12st. 12lb. (Sandhurst); W. P. Austin (5), 13st. (Albert Park); E. J. Farrell (6), 12st. 2lb. (Melbourne); B. C. Edwards (7), 11st. 2lb. (Melbourne); H. A. Schlichting (stroke), 10st. 9lb. (Melbourne); E. W. Turner (cox.) (Richmond); Mr. E. Horsburgh (coach). Emergency, F. C. Borrmann (Melbourne). Manager, Mr. J. P. Rorke.

The following were originally selected in the crew, but, owing to business reasons, were unable to afford the necessary time:—L. Scully (Richmond), J. C. Duncan (Hawthorn), B. Coombes, cox. (Melbourne). The system of sole selector and coach was again adopted, and Mr. E. Horsburgh had the crew doing light work in February. The crew trained assiduously, and their efforts and that of the coach, Mr. Horsburgh, to win for the Association the right to hold the King's Cup, are highly appreciated. Mr. A. H. Cambridge (Sandhurst) was selected as the sculling representative. As Mr. Cambridge did not enter for the Victorian Sculling Championship, the selector, in order to arrive at a decision, arranged a race between him and the winner of the Victorian Sculling Championship on Saturday, 15th January, 1927. A. H. Cambridge won easily.

In the President's Cup race our representative finished second to the promising New South Wales sculler, Mr. R. Pearce, who is heartily congratulated on his victory.

To the following who rendered assistance in connection with the training operations of the Interstate crew the Committee acknowledges its thanks:—Melbourne Rowing Club (loan of boat and accommodation), Banks and Essendon Rowing Club (loan of boats), Mr. J. J. Waldron (cinema films of crew), Mr. G. I. Muston (loan of speed boat), Messrs. C. I. McVilly and G. Hutton (coaching of pacing crew). To the following members of the crew selected to pace the Interstate crew in training:—J. Bell (Hawthorn), bow; V. Barker-Hayes (Hawthorn), 2; D. Johnson (Essendon), 3; L. Glynn (Richmond), 4; J. McKeddie (Banks), 5; H. Yuncken (Banks), 6; L. Scully (Richmond), 7; L. Jarvis (Richmond), stroke.

Mr. J. P. Rorke, manager of the Interstate crew, has the appreciation of the Committee for the thoroughness of his management of the trip. Whilst in Tasmania our representative received every courtesy and kindness from the Tasmanian Rowing Association, and,

**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	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
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
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
§1927	W. Aust.	N.S.W., Vic., S.A.	Hobart	16 6

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.

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

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

‡Distance, 2½ miles.

§Tasmania and Queensland swamped.

Australian Eight-oared Championship—(Continued).

together with the Premier of Tasmania (Mr. J. A. Lyons), Mr. Palfreyman, Derwent Rowing Club, Royal Yacht Club, Civic Club, and Mr. Moran, made the visit to Tasmania an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

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 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.), 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	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
1927	Hobart	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	A. H. Cambridge (V.), L. Marsh (T.), W. Pfeiffer (S.A.)	18.10

* 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.

FIRE—EDWARDS' BOATSHEDS.

The destruction by fire of the Edwards' Boatsheds and the Richmond Rowing Club on 21st October, 1926, is the greatest calamity which the sport has suffered. Just prior to Henley and Melbourne Regattas, with accommodation taxed to the utmost by the influx of suburban and country crews, oarsmen were greeted in the morning papers with the news of the loss by fire of their boats. In all 42 boats and 200 oars, besides miscellaneous items of Club equipment, was destroyed, representing to rowing Clubs alone a loss approximating £3500. Jas Edwards and Sons, boatbuilders, workshops were totally destroyed, and the consequent shortage of boats made the question of replacement of equipment more difficult for Club executives. The Clubs who had not suffered from the fire and Public Schools volunteered to help the distressed as regards accommodation and boating of crews. With the exception of scullers, it was possible, by means of the generosity and help of Clubs, to see that practically every crew that a Club entered was boated. Boats were often made available at a distinct disadvantage to the Club lending the boat, and many sacrifices were also made by crews as regards late training to obtain the loan of boats. The general helpful spirit which existed between oarsmen in the frequently occurring emergencies was something for the sport to be proud of.

The Melbourne University Boat Club are specially thanked for their assistance to the Richmond Rowing Club. When Richmond members were "homeless" as a result of the fire, the M.U.B.C. kindly offered the use of their clubhouse and entire fleet to Richmond during the 'Varsity vacation. This sportsmanlike action of the Melbourne University Boat Club greatly benefited the Richmond executive in the work of keeping their members together.

Individual Club losses in the fire were as follows:—Richmond: 1 Best Eight, 1 Clinker Eight, 3 Practice Eights, 1 Best Four, 2 Clinker Fours, 2 Practice Fours; 2 Clinker Racing Pairs, 2 Practice Pairs, 1 Practice Scull, 2 Racing Sculls (privately owned), 60 Oars; Clubhouse, records and all rowing accessories.

Albert Park: 1 Best Eight, 1 Clinker Eight, 1 Best Four, 2 Clinker Fours, 1 Clinker Pair, 30 Oars, 1 Racing Scull (privately owned).

Essendon: 1 Clinker Racing Eight, 2 Clinker Racing Fours, 2 Clinker Racing Pairs, 43 Oars.

Hawthorn: 1 Best Four, 1 Clinker Eight, 2 Clinker Fours; 24 Oars, 1 Racing Scull (privately owned).

Footscray: 1 Best Eight, 1 Clinker Eight, 1 Clinker Four, 12 Oars, 1 Racing Scull (privately owned).

Mercantile: 1 Racing Scull (privately owned).

Wentworth District: 1 Clinker Four, 4 Oars.

Nagambie: 1 Best Four.

A.N.A. REGATTA, 31/1/27.

The Albert Park Regatta, having been abandoned by the Albert Park Regatta Committee, the Association decided to take advantage of the vacant date, and organised a regatta as a benefit to the Clubs who sustained losses in the fire at Edwards' Boatsheds. The regatta was a decided success. Numbers of competitors exceeded all previous figures for A.N.A. week-end regattas. The Veterans' race was highly successful, and created considerable enthusiasm. Canoe races helped to make an attractive programme. Spectators were more numerous than at any regatta held on the Yarra, with the exception of Henley, and was a reflection of what each of our regattas should be if members of Clubs interested themselves wholeheartedly in the success of regatta functions.

Financially, the regatta resulted in £180 being made available for distribution to the Clubs affected by the fire. This sum was made possible by the magnificent response to an appeal for trophies; supporters of rowing freely contributed (a list of donors is included in the report), and donations amounted to £117 10s. Sale of buttons considerably augmented the fund. To all who assisted in the success of the A.N.A. Benefit Regatta the Committee are deeply grateful. The profit of £180 from the regatta was distributed to the Clubs and scullers as follows:—

Footscray City Rowing Club, £47 10s.; Richmond Rowing Club, £37 7s. 11d.; J. C. Hardy (scull), £28 10s.; Albert Park Rowing Club, £23 1s. 4d.; Essendon Rowing Club, £16 14s. 9d.; Hawthorn Rowing Club, £14 16s.; P. W. Fisher (scull), £12 10s. In the case of scullers, the amount will not be paid until satisfactory evidence is produced of the purchase of a new scull. The method of allocation of the above amounts was that from claims received the Committee valued the loss of boats and oars, allowing for depreciation according to age, and from the loss as then estimated; if not insured, paid in full; if insured, paid on a percentage basis of loss as estimated.

FIRE—MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB.

On the 17th April, 1927, the Mercantile Rowing Club Boathouse was destroyed by fire. Mercantile Club had just finished a successful regatta season by winning the Junior Premiership when the devastations of fire destroyed their entire fleet and clubhouse. The loss to the Mercantile represents over £3000. The following boats were destroyed:—1 Best Eight, 2 Best Fours, 1 Clinker Eight, 1 Clinker Four, 3 Practice Eights, 1 practice Four, 3 Practice Eights, 3 Practice Fours, 2 Racing Pairs, 2 Practice Pairs, 4 Practice Sculls, 4 Racing Sculls (privately owned). The executive of the Mercantile Club has made rapid progress in the erection of a new boathouse. Already a commodious Clubhouse of modern design is practically ready for occupation. The Committee sympathise with the Mercantile Club in their loss, which necessarily must take time to recover, but the best wishes of all are extended to Mercantile for the prompt manner in which they have tackled the reconstruction work, and also on the palatial new Clubhouse, which is an adornment to the river banks.

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

This race 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, 13th November, 1926, being won by the Melbourne crew, Wendouree second, Hawthorn third, Essendon fourth; Barwon did not start. Personnel of crew:—T. S. C. Flint (bow), G. K. McLeod (2), G. O. Heyward (3), F. V. Porter (4), F. C. Borrman (5), E. J. Farrell (6), B. C. Edwards (7), H. A. Schlichting (stroke), B. Coombes (cox.), Mr. E. Horsburgh (coach). The winners are congratulated on their performance.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHT-OARED RACES.

Year.	Won by	No. of Crews Entered.	Time Min. Sec.
1889	Albert Part	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
**1926-27	Melbourne	5	18 14 3-5

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

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

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

*Distance, 2½ miles.

**Distance, 3 miles.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Four-oared Championship was rowed over a 2½ mile course from 2 chains below the 2½ mile mark in Goode Canal to the 2 chain mark at Queen's Bridge on Saturday, 15th January, 1927. Seven crews entered. The winning crew was Melbourne Rowing Club:—T. S. C. Flint (bow), E. J. Farrell (2), F. C. Borrman (3), H. A. Schlichting (stroke), W. Dron (coxswain); Mr. E. Horsburgh (coach). Sandhurst finished second, Albert Park third, Banks fourth, Nagambie fifth, Richmond sixth. Wendouree did not start. The Melbourne crew are heartily congratulated on their meritorious performance of winning with the same crew for the third year in succession the Four-oared Championship, a feat which has only been accomplished by one other crew.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Crews		Time	
		Entered		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
1923-24	Wendouree	6	....	18	15 3-5
1924-25	Melbourne	6	....	16	26
1925-26	Melbourne	6	....	15	46
1926-27	Melbourne	7	....	16	29 2-5

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

VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on Saturday, 11th December, 1926. Seven crews entered. The race was won by the sterling Wendouree crew—W. R. B. Todd (bow), J. R. Jopling (stroke), T. Hewitt (cox.). Hawthorn second, Sandhurst third, Ballarat City fourth, University fifth, and Melbourne sixth. Essendon did not start. To the winning crew the heartiest congratulations are conveyed. The redoubtable pair, Messrs. Jopling and Todd, have, by winning the Champion Pairs for the fifth time, succeeded in eclipsing all records for the race, and their performance is likely to remain unbeaten for many years.

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	23%
1908-1909	Civil Service	9	—	
1909-1910	Albert Park	7	6	13
1910-1911	Footscray City	9	5	20%
1911-1912	University	10	5	47
1912-1913	Essendon	9	6	9
1913-1914	Ballarat	9	8	0½
1914-1915	Ballarat	9	7	46%
1919-1920	Nagambie	7	7	8
1920-1921	Footscray	10	6	39
*1921-1922	Wendouree	8	7	4%
*1922-1923	Wendouree	6	6	36
*1923-1924	Wendouree	4	6	11
*1924-1925	Merbein	8	6	23%
*1925-1926	Wendouree	7	7	2%
*1926-1927	Wendouree	7	6	54

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

* Rowed at Ballarat

† Distance, 1½ miles.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Sculling Championship was decided prior to the Champion Eights race on Saturday, 13th November, 1926, over a 2½-mile course from the 42 chain mark to the 3 mile 2 chain mark in Coode Canal. Three scullers competed. The result was an easy victory for H. E. Ricketts (Essendon). Mr. Ricketts is congratulated on his success.

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	15	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	6
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	6%
1923-24	J. Barton	Richmond	4	—	—
1924-25	A. Cambridge	Sandhurst	4	19	23
1925-26	A. Cambridge	Sandhurst	3	18	50
1926-27	H. E. Ricketts	Essendon	3	17	54

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance about 1¾ miles.

PREMIERSHIPS.

Melbourne Rowing Club scored a decisive win in the Senior Premiership with 52 points. In the Junior Premiership interest was maintained till the final regattas at Easter, when Mercantile drew away and registered their first Junior Premiership success. In the Junior division Mildura obtained 24 points at South Australian Rowing Association Regattas, provided for by resolution passed by the Association. To the winners of the respective Premierships the congratulations of the Committee are extended.

SENIOR.

Club.	No.	Wins.	Points.	Club.	No.	Wins.	Points.
Melbourne	4	52	Essendon	3	6		
Barwon	2	16	Nagambie	2	6		
Hawthorn	5	12	Sandhurst	1	1		
Wendouree	2	8					

JUNIOR.

Club.	No.	Wins.	Points.	Club.	No.	Wins.	Points.
Mercantile	13	60	Melbourne	1	8		
Hawthorn	10	46	University	1	8		
Ballarat City	10	42	Essendon	3	8		
Mildura	6	36	Wendouree	1	8		
Richmond	6	26	Sale	2	8		
Albert Park	6	26	Lake Colac	2	6		
Ballarat	7	21	South Melbourne	1	2		
Banks	4	20	Yarra Yarra	1	2		
Nagambie	4	16	Sandhurst	1	2		
Footscray City	9	16	Bairnsdale	1	2		
Wahgunyah	5	14					

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	(Jun.)	Melbourne (Sen.)
	Essendon	1926-1927	Mercantile (Jun.)

*Prior to 1906-7 only one Premiership awarded to club securing most points in all events. **Senior Premiership not awarded for 1913-19 season. †These Clubs scored equal points.

ANNUAL REGATTA.

The Annual Regatta was held on Saturday, 30th October, 1926. The commencement of the regatta was marred by a severe storm, and crews stationed on the south bank won each event with considerable ease. About 3 p.m. fine weather prevailed.

Results:—Maiden Pairs, Ballarat (E. Elsworth bow, K. Bradby stroke, F. Suffren cox.); Maiden Fours, Mildura (W. V. Adair bow, R. Tracy, E. Burrowes, S. Nash stroke, L. Biessie cox.); Maiden Eights, Melbourne University (A. R. M. Johnson bow, A. J. Ralton, J. M. Barnaby, D. T. Oxer, R. C. McKay, H. L. Yuncken, R. T. De Crespigny, J. R. Bainbridge stroke, G. H. Lane cox.); Light-weight Maiden Fours, Albert Park (V. R. Axup bow, H. V. Stephens, W. F. Ogilvie, D. Duncan stroke, W. Paulin cox.); Junior Sculls, Mercantile (G. McKenzie); Junior Pairs, South Melbourne (N. Neilsen bow, H. Dehn stroke); Junior Fours, Albert Park (D. Black bow, E. Cooke, L. C. Brittingham, W. Wilkinson stroke, W. Paulin cox.); Junior Eights, Mercantile (J. Sloan bow, E. G. Leggo, W. C. Haworth, J. Greenshields, J. South, P. Radich, H. Guinn, A. R. Shannon stroke, M. Bailey cox.); Senior Sculls, Western Australia (P. A. Trenchert); Senior Pairs, Otago, N.Z. (J. Werges bow, F. Brough stroke, Roy Hook cox.); Senior Fours, Otago, N.Z. (P. S. Anderson bow, C. J. McAra, J. Werges, F. Brough stroke, Roy Hook cox.); Senior Eights, Melbourne (T. S. C. Flint bow, G. K. McLeod, G. O. Heyward, E. V. Porter, F. C. Borrman, E. J. Farrell, B. C. Edwards, H. A. Schlichting stroke, B. Coombes cox.).

Combination Eights.—Twenty-two eights competed for cups generously donated by E. T. Bradshaw, Esq. The winning crew comprised:—G. Thomas (South Melbourne) bow, P. Powell (Hawthorn), P. Batten (Mercantile), W. Bates (Banks), Lou Schmitt (Melbourne), W. Webster (Richmond), J. McFarlane (Merc., S.A.), B. S. Cash (Hawthorn) stroke, W. Cliff (Mercs.) coxswain.

TABLE OF REGATTAS, NUMBER OF COMPETITORS, W

Regatta	No. of Competitors.		MAIDEN					
	1925/26	1926/27	Sculls	Pairs	Fours	L.W. Fours	Eights	L.W. Eights
Henley	386	408	—	—	Essendon (23)	—	Mildura (20)	—
Melbourne	375	395	—	Ballarat (12)	Mildura (13)	Albert Park (10)	University (16)	—
Footscray	148*	263	—	Hawthorn (6)	Hawthorn (9)	Yarra Yarra (9)	Banks (10)	—
Warrnambool	34	140	—	B'rat City (5)	Richmond (7)	Footscray (5)	Hawthorn (4)	Hawthorn (3)
Nagambie	162	200	—	Mercantile (7)	Mercantile (10)	Sandhurst (7)	Nagambie (3)	—
Colac	114	224	—	Colac (8)	B'rat City (12)	Hawthorn (9)	Hawthorn (8)	Colac (3)
Rutherglen	78	96	—	Wahgunyah (4)	Wahgunyah (6)	Wahgunyah (4)	—	—
Upper Yarra	182	278	Footscray (5)	Nagambie (9)	Banks (11)	Albert Park (13)	B'rat City (11)	—
A.N.A. Benefit	173†	282	Footscray (5)	Nagambie (9)	Banks (11)	Albert Park (13)	B'rat City (11)	—
Ballarat	372	357	Ballarat (6)	Essendon (12)	Hawthorn (12)	B'rat City (9)	Ballarat (10)	—
Barwon	250	246	—	Ballarat (8)	Ballarat (7)	Ballarat (7)	Wendouree (10)	—
Bairnsdale	130	128	—	Bairnsdale (7)	Sale (7)	Footscray (7)	Albert Park (5)	—
Sale	118	128	—	Footscray (7)	Sale (7)	Footscray (7)	Albert Park (5)	—
Champion Sculls	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Pairs	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Fours	24	28	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Eights	40	40	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2603	3230	16	94	135	100	113	6

Comparison 1925-26 and 1926-27 figures represent an increase of 5/2 Maiden competitors, 95 Junior com

*Maiden Regatta. †Albert Park Regatta.

A.N.A. REGATTA (31/1/27).

Results:—Maiden Sculls, Footscray (J. Kranz); Maiden Pairs, Nagambie (L. Wallace bow, W. Sutton stroke, C. Welch cox.); Maiden Fours, Banks (E. C. Horsburgh bow, N. C. Godsen, K. Cusworth, D. R. Snell stroke, W. Owen cox.); Maiden Eights, Ballarat City (W. Atkinson bow, J. Moran, W. Perry, V. Thomas, A. McLeish, F. James, C. Bates, W. Blackie stroke, C. James cox.); Lightweight Fours, Albert Park (T. Schaefer bow, W. Maher, J. Sinclair, J. Short stroke, J. Lane cox.); Junior Sculls, Footscray (J. Kranz); Junior Pairs, Ballarat City (A. Browne bow, J. Beattie stroke, A. Gerevitch cox.); Junior Fours, Richmond (J. Martin bow, L. Glynn, L. Scully, C. Jarvis stroke, I. Robertson cox.); Junior Eights, Mercantile (C. J. Nicholls bow, E. J. A. Gill, W. C. Haworth, L. C. Hill, J. South, A. A. Gibbs, H. G. Guinn, E. G. Leggo stroke, M. Bailey cox.); Senior Pairs, Hawthorn (T. Wicks bow, J. C. Duncan stroke, R. Alexander cox.); Canoe Race, "C" Class Fours, Twickenham (A. Richardson, J. Jackson, C. Bedford, W. Fisher); Canoe Race, "D" Class Pairs, Fairfield No. 1 (A. Lucke, H. De La Rue); Veterans' Race.—The most exciting race of the day was the Veterans' Race. Crews from Melbourne, Ballarat and Nagambie competed, and the race was rowed over a distance of one-third of a mile in practice boats. From start to finish no more than six feet separated the crews, Nagambie eventually winning by three feet, Ballarat being a foot ahead of Melbourne. Crews.—Nagambie: C. J. Welch, 11st. 3lb. (bow); S. Lobb, 11st. (2); S. Guppy, 12st. 1lb. (3); W. Sullivan, 12st. 13lb. (4); E. Brensing, 13st. 12lb. (5); E. T. Vickers, 14st. 4lb. (6); F. Catlin, 12st. 10lb. (7); W. Heath, 14st. 2lb. (stroke), 1.

Ballarat: F. Fleming, 11st. 10lb. (bow); G. H. Ballhausen, 11st. (2); T. Carter, 13st. 13lb. (3); E. Cooper, 13st. 3lb. (4); J. B.

WINNING CLUB IN EACH EVENT, AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

JUNIOR				SENIOR				
Events	Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights	Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights
	—	—	Wahgunyah (7)	Mercantile (6)	Sandhurst (8)	—	Otago (N.Z.) (8)	Melbourne (5)
Mercantile (5)	S. Melb. (6)	Albert Park (5)	Albert Park (5)	Mercantile (6)	West Aust. (4)	Otago (N.Z.) (3)	Otago (N.Z.) (4)	Melbourne (5)
—	Footscray (9)	Mercantile (5)	Richmond (4)	Richmond (6)	Essendon (3)	Hawthorn (5)	—	—
—	B'rat City (5)	Richmond (4)	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Hawthorn (8)	Nagambie (8)	Melbourne (3)	Melbourne (3)	—	Hawthorn (5)	Hawthorn (3)	—
—	B'rat City (8)	B'rat City (5)	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Wahgunyah (4)	Banks (5)	—	—	—	Nagambie (4)	Nagambie (3)	—
Footscray (3)	Essendon (5)	Richmond (5)	Richmond (5)	Mercantile (4)	—	Hawthorn (3)	—	—
Footscray (3)	B'rat City (5)	Richmond (6)	Richmond (6)	Mercantile (4)	—	Hawthorn (3)	—	—
Ballarat (5)	Richmond (10)	Hawthorn (12)	Hawthorn (12)	B'rat City (6)	—	Essendon (5)	—	Barwon (4)
—	—	Mercantile (6)	Mercantile (6)	Hawthorn (5)	—	Wendouree (5)	—	Barwon (3)
—	Mercantile (5)	Mercantile (2)	Mercantile (2)	—	—	—	—	—
—	Mercantile (5)	Mercantile (2)	Mercantile (2)	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	Essendon (3)	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	Wendouree (7)	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Melbourne (7)	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Melbourne (5)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	70	72	40	18	38	25	22	

competitors, and a decrease of 40 Senior competitors. Total increase, 627 competitors.

Suffren, 13st. 5lb. (5); C. E. Suffren, 11st. 12lb. (6); W. D. Dawson, 13st. 7lb. (7); A. Dawson, 12st. 12lb. (stroke), 2.

Melbourne: S. Guinn, 12st. 10lb. (bow); D. Laird, 12st. (2); C. Horsburgh, 12st. 10lb. (3); J. McCaffrey, 12st. 4lb. (4); A. L. Dobbie, 13st. 6lb. (5); E. Kenny, 14st. 4lb. (6); J. Watson, 11st. 7lb. (7); E. Horsburgh, 11st. 12lb. (stroke), 3.

The Committee appreciates the action of the past champions in coming forward to row to create interest in the regatta.

PUBLIC REGATTAS.

The following public regattas were held during the season:—Henley, 23rd October, 1926; Footscray, 27th November, 1926; Nagambie and Warrnambool, 27th December, 1926; Colac and Rutherglen, 1st January, 1927; Upper Yarra, 29th January, 1927; Ballarat, 5th March, 1927; Barwon, 12th March, 1927; Bairnsdale, 16th April, 1927; Sale, 18th April, 1927.

The following races were also held during the season:—Inter-Collegiate Eights for the Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield (22nd and 23rd April), won by Queen's College (A. R. M. Johnson bow, K. P. Bladen, J. L. Grove, A. J. Ralton, A. F. S. Ohman, L. K. Corteen, E. W. Gault, R. H. Hadley stroke, B. M. Foster cox., Mr. C. Donald coach). Headed of the River (6th and 7th May), Scotch College (D. B. Skewes bow, R. S. Beattie, N. McLeod, W. J. Wilson, S. S. McKay, W. G. Ross, E. H. Learmonth, T. M. Chisholm stroke, M. Bailey cox, Mr. C. W. Littlejohn coach). John Lang Cup (14th April), won by Extra-Collegiate crew (P. C. Langdon bow, H. K. Hunt, R. R. Webb, R. M. V. Blakemore, B. Sharp, H. L. Yuncken, H. B. Griffiths, B. T. Keon-Cohen stroke, E. J. Jones cox., Mr. E. C. H. Taylor coach). Inter-Banks Fours for the Henry Gyles Turner Shield (7th May), won by the Commonwealth Bank (A. E. Smith bow, C. P. Le Brocq, G. A. Eakins, D. R. Snell stroke, W. F. Crowe cox.). United Services Rowing Association (28th May), Vice-Presidents' Challenge Cup won by 58th Battalion (Lieut. R. Keilor bow, Cadet R. Fleming, Lieut. K. S. Cusworth, Cadet B. Debney stroke, H. Cliff cox., Mr. R. A. Jones coach). United Services Challenge Cup, won by 4th Brigade Australian Field Artillery (Bdr. N. R. Growse bow, Bdr. R. E. Perry, Bdr. W. T. Kendrick, Gnr. W. C. McEwan, Gnr. J. F. Hope, Gnr. A. A. Gibbs, Gnr. K. J. McKenzie, Bdr. W. A. Dobbie stroke, H. Cliff cox.). Public Service Challenge Shield (11th June), won by Postal Department (T. S. C. Flint bow, F. C. Borrman, B. C. Edwards, H. A. Schlichting stroke, W. Yorke cox.).

INTER-UNIVERSITY EIGHT-OARED RACE.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Australian Universities boat race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was held on the Nepean River, Penrith, N.S.W., on 4th June, 1927. All States were represented, and Western Australia were the victorious crew:—J. B. Johnson (bow), G. Builder, H. V. Reilly, H. Braham, H. P. Witchell, W. R. Nunn, H. M. Wilson, F. A. Williams (stroke), T. A. Rodriquez (cox.), S. B. Gravenhall (coach). The Victorian crew finished second. The Western Australian University crew, who used the same boat as the States King's Cup crew, are warmly congratulated on their splendid performance in their initial attempt. Mr. K. A. Flavelle (Sydney) is congratulated on his victory in the first Inter-University Sculling race.

VISIT OF WENDOUREE CREW TO NEW ZEALAND.

Consequent upon the visit of the Otago (N.Z.) Senior Four to Melbourne, where they competed at the Henley and V.R.A. Regattas, winning all events in which they competed, an invitation was received from the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association for a Club Senior Four to compete at the following New Zealand regattas:—Wanganui, 5th March; Wellington, 12th March; Picton (Championship events), 19th March. The Wendouree Rowing Club nomination of the following crew was endorsed by the Association:—R. Merriman (bow), G. Hutchins (2), W. R. B. Todd (3), J. R. Jopling (stroke). Boat and coxswain were loaned by the New Zealand Clubs. The crew left Ballarat on 23rd February, 1927, returned on 30th March, 1927, and whilst in New Zealand competed in five four-oared events, with the following results:—Two firsts, two seconds, and a fourth.

During the tour the crew defeated at one time or other all the Senior Fours they met, with the exception of the Otago crew. The members of the Wendouree Four speak in high praise of the hospitality received, the standard of New Zealand oarsmen, and their methods of training. The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. A. D. Bayfield, Honorary Secretary New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association, after the termination of the visit of the Wendouree crew:—"My Council are very glad indeed to have had the opportunity of having a Victorian Club crew visit us. The crew does you credit, both on and off the water, and we trust that the visit will prove to be of benefit to the sport of amateur rowing both in Victoria and New Zealand." The wishes of the N.Z.A.R.A. are heartily reciprocated, and the felicitious remarks regarding the Wendouree crew, to whom the Committee tender sincere thanks, are appreciated.

STAGING.

The staging fronting the boatsheds on the Yarra has for some time been in a dilapidated condition, and, besides being a menace to oarsmen, was not in keeping with the surroundings. Proposals were submitted by the City Council for the construction of a new staging, but the financing of the project, estimated to cost £2360, was a severe handicap to the six metropolitan Clubs vitally interested. The Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association gratefully came to the assistance of the Clubs by donating £700 towards the cost of the staging, the river Clubs paying the remainder over a period of years. A contract for £2081 18s. was let for the construction of a staging 490ft. long, with foundations of two rows of 12in. reinforced concrete piles, 10ft. centres each way. Platform 14ft. wide, the landing edge 18in. below low water, and the upper or rear edge 30ft. above low water mark. Superstructure of 3in. x 2in. battens, spaced 1in. apart and supported on 6in. x 4in. jarrah joists at 2ft. 6in. centres, the joists in turn supported on 10in. x 4in. jarrah beams bolted to concrete piles.

The work is now practically completed, and will be ready for the forthcoming Henley and V.R.A. Regattas. The new staging will be a boon to oarsmen, and remove previous fears of danger to limbs in the handling of boats on the water front. The Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association are sincerely thanked for the generous gift of £700, which has considerably lightened the burden of the Clubs, and also expedited the construction of the new staging.

CONFERENCE OF COACHES.

On 20th July, 1927, a conference of coaches was held at the Amateur Sports Club, Melbourne. Forty coaches, including representatives from Ballarat, attended. An interesting and instructive discussion took place as to the laying down of a uniform basis of coaching throughout Victoria. General lines of coaching were approved by the meeting, and a pamphlet will be issued at an early date setting out the principles to be adopted as a standard for the coaching of crews in Victoria. At the conclusion of the above meeting the merits of swivel rowlocks were discussed by the coaches. The consensus of opinion of all those coaches experienced with swivels was that swivels had a distinct advantage over fixed poppets, and tendered in every way to facilitate the work of the oarsman.

ALTERATION OF RULE XXVII.

At the Annual Meeting on 4th October, 1926, Rule XXVII. was 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 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."

JUNIOR RULE.

During the season a notice of motion was submitted for the repeal of that portion of the junior rule allowing of crews composed of 50 per cent. junior oarsmen who had already won that particular class again competing in a similar event. After lengthy discussion, during which proposals were introduced for the modification of the present rule, the Committee decided that the rule stand as at present.

ERRORS IN REGATTA PROGRAMMES.

Club Secretaries are reminded of the necessity for completing in detail entry forms for regattas. A resolution has been passed by the Committee requesting regatta Associations to report omissions in entry forms to the V.R.A., who will take suitable action against the offenders.

TRAFFIC—PRINCE'S BRIDGE.

During the year two boats were damaged by collision with motor cars passing along the road between the boatsheds and the river. The traffic along this highway has always been a source of danger to oarsmen. It is gratifying to report that the City Council has taken action to divert the roadway along the back of the boatsheds. The work has been started, and, on the erection of the Richmond boathouse, will be completed and the present roadway closed to vehicular and motor traffic.

RULE OF THE RIVER.

Breaches of the rule of the river were of frequent occurrence during the season. In view of the possibility of damage to life and equipment, Clubs are reminded that action will be taken against offenders in the future.

MANAGER INTERSTATE CREW.

The Committee has recommended to the incoming Committee that the question of the appointment of a Manager for the Interstate crew be considered at the first Committee Meeting after the Annual Meeting.

AFFILIATED CLUBS.

The 30 Clubs affiliated with the Association are in a strong position, as indicated by the following figures:—Value of the combined Clubs' boats, oars, etc., £17,000; clubhouses, etc., £28,000—a total of assets to the value of £45,000.

The Footscray City Rowing Club are now in possession of a fine new Clubhouse fronting the Maribyrnong River at Footscray. The Clubhouse was officially opened on the 27th November, 1926. The members of the Club are congratulated on their enterprise and perseverance.

Preston Rowing Club have completed valuable extensions to their Clubhouse at Edwards Lake, and their accommodation for oarsmen of the Club leaves nothing to be desired.

The City Council has called tenders for the construction of a Clubhouse for the Richmond Rowing Club, on a site west of the Melbourne Rowing Club. The building will be two storey, and accommodation will be provided for the boatbuilding firm of Jerram and Sons on the upper storey. The members of the Richmond Club have had a trying time since the fire, and have done remarkably well to hold their members together. With the advent of the new shed they will speedily regain their prominent position in the sport.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that the deaths of the following enthusiasts of the sport are recorded:—Mr. J. Donald, Mr. H. Lyons, Mr. O. Hume, Mr. R. Connor and J. A. Strong.

RULINGS OF ASSOCIATION.

The following rulings of the Association are published for general information:—

Competition Points: Championship events, 3 points per man; Maiden events, 1 point per man; Junior events, with the exception of Junior Sculls, 1 point per man; Junior Sculls, 2 points; Light-weight Maiden events, $\frac{1}{2}$ point per man.

Method of Starting: "Get ready," "Are you ready," then, if no response from competitors fire the pistol.

Weight of Competitors: Regatta Committees are authorised to check the weight of any competitor about whom they are doubtful, and, in the event of serious discrepancies, to report the matter to the V.R.A. for any action deemed necessary.

On Boxing Day and New Year's Day (double regattas), if a race lapses at one of the regattas for want of entries, the crews which have entered should be allowed to transfer their entries to the similar race at the other regatta, provided sufficient entries have already been received to make a race at that regatta.

REGATTA DATES, 1927-28.

The following Regatta and Championship dates have been approved for the 1927-28 season:—Henley, 22nd October, 1927; Melbourne, 29th October, 1927; Footscray, 26th November; Nagambie and Warrnambool, 26th December, 1927; Colac and Rutherglen, 2nd January, 1928; Upper Yarra, 28th January, 1928; A.N.A. Day, 30th January, 1928; Ballarat, 3rd March, 1928; Barwon, 10th March, 1928; Bairnsdale, 7th April, 1928; Sale, 9th April, 1928; Mildura (Easter, 1928); Champion Fours, 17th December, 1927; Champion Pairs, 14th January, 1928; Champion Eights, 18th February, 1928.

MELBOURNE AMATEUR REGATTA ASSOCIATION.

The Committee greatly appreciate the efforts of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association in popularising the sport, and their valued assistance to the Association and Clubs. During the season the M.A.R.A. have been responsible for a number of Interstate crews, as well as a crew from New Zealand, competing in Melbourne; donation to the Association of a best eight-oared racing boat, and also contributing £700 towards the cost of the construction of a new staging for Clubs at Prince's Bridge.

SIR STEPHEN MORELL, K.B.E.

The Committee tenders its heartiest congratulations to our Vice-President, Alderman Sir Stephen Morell, K.B.E., Lord Mayor City of Melbourne, on the honor which His Majesty has conferred upon him. Sir Stephen, who has won Championship honors in rowing, and has been President of the Mercantile Rowing Club for over 20 years, is still an enthusiastic and ardent admirer of the sport.

GENERAL.

Messrs. A. J. Shepherd, A. L. Dobbie, and E. Kenny have kindly given talks over 3LO on rowing topics. The action of these gentlemen in furthering the interest in rowing is greatly appreciated. Mr. H. E. Butler, who has carried out the arduous duties of Trucking Officer for the metropolitan rowing Clubs during the past season, has considerably lightened the work of Club and Association officials in the matter of trucking arrangements for country regattas. The thanks of all Clubs are extended to Mr. Butler.

Footscray Regatta, originally founded in 1903, was revived this year after a lapse of 16 years. The regatta, which takes the place of the Maiden Regatta conducted by the Association, was held on the Maribyrnong River over a straight course three-quarters of a mile in length, and was a decidedly successful function. The Footscray Club are to be congratulated on their initiative in organising the regatta.

At the Association Regatta on 30th October, 1926, there were 49 events, and a re-row made the total 50. Despite the inclement weather at the commencement of the regatta, and the large number of events, the last race finished within five minutes of scheduled time. Despatch officials, starters and crews are complimented on the performance, which no doubt is a record for any regatta.

At the Launceston, Henley-on-Tamar, 26th March, the Richmond Rowing Club were represented by the following:—Junior Four (J. A. Dixon bow, R. Constable, W. Donegan, J. J. Reidy stroke).

Sale Rowing Club racing colors are now "Royal blue guernsey, with white band over left shoulder," in lieu of navy blue and white.

Edwards and Sons, boatbuilders establishment is being carried on by employees of the firm, and are located at Albert Park Lake, Albert Park.

Mr. H. T. James has lightened the work of the Secretary during the year by issuing all trophy orders. His services are gratefully acknowledged.

Sandhurst Rowing Club have changed the name of the club to Bendigo Rowing Club.

THANKS.

The Committee tender their appreciation to the following gentlemen:—Mr. E. T. Bradshaw, for presenting cups for the V.R.A. Combination Eights; Captain A. M. Treacy, for presenting Champion Eight Pennant; Messrs. W. W. Senior and A. W. Massina, for their valuable services as Auditors; to the subscribers of the Association and donors to the A.N.A. Regatta, lists of whom are included in the report; to the management of 3LO, Melbourne, for broadcasting rowing talks; Mr. G. I. Muston, for use of speed launch for Championship Race; the Press, and those gentlemen who have officiated at regattas and championships during the season; to Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners, for favors in connection with championship events; and the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works, in metropolitan regattas.

LIST OF DONORS A.N.A. HOLIDAY REGATTA FUND

The programmes for the regatta were donated by
A. H. Massina and Co. Pty. Ltd., Printers, Swanston St., Melbourne.

Mr. J. Morell	£11	0	0
Mr. A. J. Shepherd	10	0	0
Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association	10	0	0
Mr. Marcus Burke	5	0	0
Dr. H. C. Disher	5	0	0
Mr. A. Spowers	5	0	0
Messrs. A. W. and S. L. Massina	5	0	0
Mr. M. Shea	5	0	0
Mr. A. Hood	5	0	0
Mr. J. L. G. Law	5	0	0
Mr. J. Kohn	5	0	0
Mr. A. M. Treacy	5	0	0
Mercantile Rowing Club	5	0	0
Mr. J. H. Connell	5	0	0
Ballarat Regatta Association	5	0	0
Colac Regatta Committee	5	0	0
Ald. Sir Stephen Morell, K.B.E.	4	4	0
Mr. G. I. Stevenson	3	15	0
Mr. W. D. Dawson	2	10	0
Warrnambool Regatta Committee	2	2	0
Mr. W. W. Senior	2	2	0
Mr. E. Kenny	1	5	0
Mr. H. T. James	1	5	0
Mr. R. Rush	1	5	0
Warrnambool Rowing Club	1	1	0
Mr. J. Miles	1	1	0
Mr. E. T. Bradshaw	1	0	0
	£117	10	0

V.R.A. SUBSCRIBERS.

General Grimwade	£1	1	0
Col. J. M. Semmens	1	1	0
Col. G. I. Stevenson	1	1	0
Capt. A. M. Treacy	1	1	0
Sir Stephen Morell, K.B.E.	1	1	0
Mr. A. J. Shepherd	1	1	0
Mr. A. W. Massina	1	1	0
Mr. S. L. Massina	1	1	0
Mr. A. Spowers	1	1	0
Mr. W. H. Watson	1	1	0
Mr. B. Nolan	1	1	0
Mr. J. H. Picken	1	1	0
Mr. R. Taylor, jun.	1	1	0
Mr. J. Morell	1	1	0
Mr. J. Macfarlane	1	1	0
Mr. M. Shea	1	1	0
Mr. T. Reid	1	1	0
Mr. C. McVilly	1	1	0
Mr. G. Anderson	1	1	0
Mr. W. Joseph	1	1	0
Mr. W. W. Senior	1	1	0
Mr. H. E. Butler	1	1	0
Dr. H. C. Disher		10	6
Mr. S. C. Stewart		10	6
Mr. R. N. McDonald		10	6
Mr. P. Dowling		10	6
Mr. F. Edwards		10	6
Mr. S. Shallard		10	6
Mr. E. A. Swindells		10	6
Mr. W. J. Cahill		10	6
Mr. F. Betts		10	6
Mr. A. L. Dobbie		10	6
Total	£28	7	0

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the season 12 ordinary meetings and three special meetings of the Committee were held. The following are particulars of the individual attendances:—G. Anderson, 15; T. L. Mannix, 14; J. P. Rorke, 14; H. T. James, 14; A. Crook, 14; R. R. Sullivan, 13; N. S. Muir, 13; W. Joseph, 13; W. Sutherland, 13; T. O'Brien, 13; G. Hutton, 13; E. Kenny, 12; W. McIlroy, 12; A. J. Day, 12; J. A. Swanson, 12; J. W. Shaw, 12; T. S. Flint, 12; W. Mathieson, 12; H. E. Butler, 12; P. C. Dowling, 11; E. Swindells, 11; H. J. Green, 11; F. Parr, 11; A. L. Dobbie, 11; D. Laird, 11; G. W. Ward, 10; C. Cunningham (resigned August), 10; S. Willson, 9; R. Rush, 9; T. Jenkin, 9; R. H. Keon-Cohen, 9; G. Muir, 9; E. Pollard, 9; A. J. Shepherd, 8; A. Clarke, 8; H. B. Roberts, 8; S. Gebbie, 8; S. Chubb, 7; A. Williams, 7; G. Kingsley, 7; A. Wishart (apptd. September), 7; J. L. Mounsey (resigned August), 7; J. Macfarlane, 7; F. Thompson (resigned August), 6; T. W. Smith (apptd. February), 6; E. C. H. Taylor (apptd. March), 6; W. J. Cahill, 6; J. M. Semmens, 6; W. Sullivan (apptd. April), 6; H. Bartlett, 5; W. D. Thompson (leave), 5; J. Beacham, 5; A. Allsop (apptd. March), 5; C. McVilly (apptd. April), 5; G. Tully (apptd. March), 4; G. R. Stewart (apptd. March), 4; E. Anderson (resigned February), 3; C. Ehms, 3; W. Potter

(apptd. July), 3; K. Mackintosh (proxy), 3; H. Duncan (resigned December), 2; L. Montgomery, 2; S. C. Stewart (resigned January), 2; R. F. Holton (apptd. August), 2; J. Spriggs (apptd. August), 2; T. Gipton (apptd. August), 2; R. McDonald, 1; J. Duggan, 1; R. V. Gregg (proxy), 1; H. L. Murray (resigned November), 1; A. M. Downing (proxy), 1; E. Eginton, 1; C. J. McCarthy (leave), 1; C. Nicholls (proxy), 1; M. Burke (proxy), 1; R. O'Donahoo (resigned), 1; J. Harding (proxy), 1; T. W. Cotton (proxy), 1.

On behalf of the Committee,

T. L. MANNIX, Hon. Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,

Melbourne, 8th September, 1927.

DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1926-27.

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Championships—						
Medals	23	12	6			
Launches	6	0	0			
Printing	5	18	6			
„ V.R.A. Regatta—						
Trophies						35 11 0
Less unpaid	£120	0	0			
		32	10 0			
				87	10	0
Printing	20	8	11			
Moored Boats	4	6	0			
„ A.N.A. Regatta—						112 4
Printing	2	17	6			
Buttons	12	0	0			
Trophies	71	11	6			
Moored Boats	3	10	0			
Miscellaneous	3	11	1			
Donation to Clubs	139	10	0			
						233 0 1
„ Interstate Race, Hobart, 1927—						
Boat and Train Fares	91	5	3			
Board and Meals	83	17	6			
Allowanc to Country Members	26	0	0			
Shipping and Freight	26	10	10			
Launches	19	10	0			
Purchase of Oars	28	10	0			
Trainer	4	0	0			
Singlets and Caps	7	2	6			
Boat Polishing, etc.	2	13	6			
Insurance	3	12	0			
Miscellaneous	14	6	6			
						305 8 1
Brisbane 1926—Freight	5	12	2			
						12 2
„ Miscellaneous—						
Bank Charges	1	11	0			
Insurance	1	19	2			
Honoraria	33	12	0			
Petty Cash, Postages, Etc....	19	0	0			
Printing	40	10	5			
Australian Rowing Council	3	3	0			
Amateur Sports Club and Combination Eights	10	10	0			
Premiership Certificates,	3	0	0			
Insurance—King's Cup	2	10	0			
Typewriter	10	0	0			
Storing Boats (M.C.E.G.S.)	3	0	0			
Donation — Sculling Boat A. Cambridge	5	0	0			
Sundries	6	16	1			
„ Trust Moneys—						
Trophy Moneys	818	12	6			140 11 8
Staging—Prince's Bridge 1926	66	13	6			
Banks R.C. Refund Geelong R.A.	1	10	0			
„ Bank Balances						886 16 0
E. S. & A. Bank	205	13	3			
State Savings Bank	618	5	1			
						823 18 4
						£2,543 2 3

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION — Balance Sheet as at 31st Aug., 1927

	LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Outstanding Trophy Money—		
Season 1919-20 ..	£1 14 6	Bank Balances—
" 1920-21 ..	7 10 0	State Savings Bank ..
" 1921-22 ..	12 10 0	E. S. & A. Bank ..
" 1922-23 ..	44 13 0	Less unrepresented cheques ..
" 1923-24 ..	50 10 3	
" 1924-25 ..	7 2 0	£823 18 4
" 1925-26 ..	138 3 0	Commonwealth Bond (£100) at cost ..
" 1926-27 ..	529 6 0	Oarsmen's Memorial Fund (State Savings Bank) ..
	£824 8 9	Insurance King's Cup (State's Share) ..
A.N.A. Day Regatta ..	39 10 7	Association Property—
Oarsmen's Memorial Fund ..	181 17 5	Best Eight-oared Boat ..
Sundry Creditors ..	24 0 0	Case and Cover for Boat ..
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	177 14 10	Boat Registration Plant ..
		Embossing Dies ..
		Stationery £4/-/-, Copying Press £1/-/-
		Typewriter ..
		Filing Cabinet ..
		Dies and Collar for Championship Medals ..
	£1247 11 7	100 0 0
		5 0 0
		2 0 0
		1 0 0
		5 0 0
		10 0 0
		7 0 0
		7 10 0
		137 10 0
	£1247 11 7	£618 5 1
		213 2 2
		7 8 11
		205 13 3

Audited and found correct, W. W. SENIOR, J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.
 ALF. W. MASSINA, L.I.C.A. { Hon. Auditors. Melbourne, 5th September, 1927

15th September, 1927.

OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 1926-27

To Balance, 31/8/26	..	.. £174 18 3	By Balance State Savings Bank	... 181 17 5
" Interest, 31/8/27	..	.. 6 19 2		
		£181 17 5		£181 17 5

Audited and found correct.
13th September, 1927

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

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.
Melbourne, 5th September, 1927.

RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1926-27.

Clubs.	Number of Members, Season 1925-26.	Number of Members, Season 1926-27.	Total Contributions, including Entry and Coxswains' Registration Fees.
Metropolitan—			
Albert Park	49	91	£25 4 0
Banks	132	119	46 17 0
Essendon	107	100	39 14 6
Footscray City	61	61	26 6 0
Hawthorn	84	108	42 4 0
Melbourne	123	122	37 8 0
Mercantile	117	139	42 2 0
Preston	50	44	13 10 0
Richmond	86	94	34 1 0
South Melbourne	73	50	22 18 0
Melbourne University	366	361	32 11 0
Yarra Yarra	37	34	12 2 0
Totals	1285	1323	£374 17 6
Country—			
Bairnsdale	48	47	£5 6 0
Ballarat	49	76	8 3 0
Ballarat City	46	63	13 7 0
Barwon	54	56	14 8 0
Corio Bay	62	42	7 19 0
Eaglehawk	21	20	1 13 0
Lake Colac	19	30	5 8 0*
Merbein	34	16	3 8 0
Mildura	110	97	14 10 0
Nagambie	117	152	16 9 0
Rutherglen	20	20	2 0 0
Sale	27	19	3 4 0
Sandhurst	61	58	11 17 0
Shepparton	5	22	15 0
Wahgunyah	12	13	1 9 0
Warrnambool	21	37	2 12 0
Wendouree	55	58	12 0 0
Wentworth District	47	25	6 4 0
Totals	808	851	£130 12 0
Grand Totals	2093	2174	£505 9 6

*Including £1/10/- for 1927/28.

J. P. RORKE,

Hon. Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1926-27.

Regatta.	Date.	Value of Trophies.	Trophy Orders Paid.	Balance held by V.R.A.
Balances from previous years		£ s. d. 616 13 3	£ s. d. 321 10 6	£ s. d. 295 2 9
1926-27				
Victorian Rowing Association	30/10/26	120 0 0	87 10 0	32 10 0
Footscray	27/11/26	87 10 0	62 10 0	25 0 0
Nagambie	27/12/26	114 0 0	45 0 0	69 0 0
Warrnambool	27/12/26	0 0 0	59 0 0	31 0 0
Rutherglen	1/1/27	69 0 0	40 10 0	28 10 0
Colac	1/1/27	96 0 0	66 0 0	30 0 0
Upper Yarra	29/1/27	94 4 0	42 10 0	51 14 0
Ballarat	5/3/27	171 4 0	65 12 0	105 12 0
Barwon	12/3/27	120 0 0	63 0 0	57 0 0
Bairnsdale	16/4/27	72 0 0	18 0 0	54 0 0
Sale	18/4/27	60 0 0	15 0 0	45 0 0
		1093 18 0	564 12 0	529 6 0
Grand Total		1710 11 3	886 2 6	824 8 9

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