

# VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

*The Fifty-second Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, McEwan House, Little Collins Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 1st October, 1928, 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.

15th September, 1928.

# Victorian Rowing Association

## SEASON 1927-28

### LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

#### Patrons.

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#### Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

	ELECTED.	RETIREES		ELECTED.	RETIREES
N. S. MUIR	1928	1930	H. T. JAMES	1927	1929
E. A. SWINDELLS	1928	1930	A. L. DOBBIE	1927	1929
W. JOSEPH	1928	1930	G. ANDERSON	1927	1929
T. JENKIN	1928	1930	H. E. BUTLER	1927	1929
H. J. GREEN	1928	1930	G. HUTTON	1927	1929

#### Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	.. G. R. Stewart	Merbein	.. W. Potter
	A. H. Allsop	Mercantile	.. J. Sprigg
Ballarat	.. H. B. Roberts		A. R. Shannon
	L. Montgomery	Mildura	.. E. Kenny
Ballarat City	.. G. Eaton		T. Smith
Bairnsdale	.. D. Laird	Nagambie	.. W. Sullivan
	W. H. Mathieson		S. Gebbie
Banks	.. M. Burke	Preston	.. E. Eginton
	G. W. Ward	Richmond	.. A. M. Downing
Barwon	.. J. South		L. Glynn
	T. Coleman	Rutherglen	.. A. J. McCarthy
Bendigo	.. E. Hill	Sale	.. W. McIlroy
	E. Christie	Shepparton	.. A. W. Cydesdale
Colac	.. R. Rush	South Melbourne	E. Pollard
Corio Bay	.. R. N. McDonald		A. Crook
	T. S. C. Flint	St. Hawthorn	.. N. Young
Eaglehawk	..	University	.. E. C. H. Taylor
Essendon	.. M. G. Muir		R. De Crespigny
	G. J. Adam	Wahgunyah	.. C. I. McVilly
Footscray City	.. T. Gipton	Warrnambool	.. A. Wishart
	L. Rousch	Wendouree	.. A. Williams
Hawthorn	.. C. H. Denny		R. W. B. Todd
	E. G. Woods	Wentworth Dist	J. W. Shaw
Melbourne	.. E. J. Farrel	Yarra Yarra	.. A. Stickland
	J. Keleher		W. Bruce

FIFTY-SECOND

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

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TO THE MEMBERS,

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting for your consideration the Fifty-second Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Association the Committee is pleased to record further progress during the 1927-28 season. Increasing number of entries at regattas is a healthy indication of advancement. For the period under review the record figure of 3326 competitors was reached. A pleasing feature of the analysis of competitor figures is the remarkable increase in number in the Senior and Championship class. For the past seven years this class of entry has been on the wane, but this season, with an increase of 152, the total for Senior and Championship entries is 522, the highest which the Association records reveal.

Affiliated Clubs now total 31, with a membership of 2114. A decrease of 174 on last year's total. Fourteen qualifying regattas and 4 Championship Races were held, the additional regatta being the Mildura Rowing Club regatta on Easter Saturday. The Association regatta, held on the 9th October, 1927, established a further record for number of registered competitors, 423, necessitating 49 events for the afternoon, an Australian record for a rowing regatta.

Whilst the Committee are pleased with the progress of rowing in Victoria, it must be remembered that, despite the numbers of oarsmen in the State, Victoria is still lagging behind in the premier rowing race in Australia, the King's Cup, and, until such time as victory is achieved in the classic event, the work of the Committee is unfinished. The membership of the Association and number of competitors during the past eight 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
1927-28	2114	2804	522	3326

### AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was held at Tattersall's Hotel, Penrith, N.S.W., on Thursday, 3rd May, 1928. Present: Messrs. H. G. Alderson (President), E. Kenny (Victoria), J. P. Marcus (South Australia), G. R. H. Gill (Queensland), E. C. Watchorn (Tasmania), S. O'Brien (West Australia). The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. R. S. Jeffreys; Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Kenny; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. W. Massina; Delegates to Olympic Federation, Messrs. H. G. Alderson and E. Kenny. Mr. S. A. Middleton was appointed representative of the Council in London, vic Mr. C. L. Baillieu.

The following new Rule was adopted:—

“30a. When fixing a course and time for an Interstate Race, the Association making the arrangements for such race shall, if possible, provide an alternative course and time, and shall notify the Council accordingly.”

It was resolved by the Council that it be recommended to the Associations that the starter, when giving instructions for the start of a race, and when actually starting the race, shall be in such a position that whatever breeze there may be will carry the sound towards the farthest crew.

### OLYMPIC SCULLS.

(Won by Mr. H. R. Pearce, Australia).

Following on the decision of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council not to send an eight-oared crew to the Olympic Games, but to concentrate on preparing and sending a sculler to represent Australia, provided a man of sufficiently high standard was forthcoming, Mr. C. McVilly, the selector appointed by the Council, decided on a test race being held on the Yarra over the Olympic distance, 2000 metres, on Monday, 24th November, 1927. Mr. H. R. Pearce (Sydney Rowing Club) scored a six length victory in 7 minutes 24 seconds. His nomination by the Council for the Olympic team was endorsed by the Olympic Council, and Mr. Pearce duly represented Australia in first-class style, winning his heats and final of the Olympic Sculls without being seriously troubled, and establishing a world's record in time for the 2000 metres, 7 minutes 1.4/5ths seconds.

Mr. H. R. Pearce is heartily congratulated by the Committee on his brilliant performance and for the advertisement he has gained for Australia.

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.), 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	Launce' 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
1928	Sydney	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. Marsh (T.), A. H. Cambridge (V.), Buckley (Q.)	15 30½

\* 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.

## AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

(King's Cup).

All States were represented in the King's Cup Race, rowed on the Nepean River, New South Wales, on Saturday, 5th May, 1928. The conditions and course were ideal, and the New South Wales Rowing Association are to be complimented on the excellence of the arrangements for the race. West Australia were once more successful, winning by a length, with Queensland second, Tasmania third, Victoria fourth, New South Wales fifth, and South Australia. The race was one of the finest of many memorable contests for the King's Cup. For three-quarters of the journey barely a length separated the six crews, and at the finish there was not three lengths between the first and last crews. The personnel of the West Australia crew were:—C. Duke, 11st. 4lb. (bow); A. Thomas, 11st. 7lb. (2); W. A. Browne, 11st. 4lb. (3); J. Shaw, 11st. (4); A. McHenry, 12st. (5); G. Orgill, 11st. 9lb. (6); B. Buzolic, 11st. 12lb. (7); W. M. Church, 12st. 7lb. (stroke); O. Carrick (cox.); P. J. Ryan (coach); W. Buscumb (emergency). West Australia are heartily congratulated on their victory and their continued success in the King's Cup Race.

Victoria was represented by the following crew:—K. Taylor, 11st. 7lb. (bow), Ballarat; R. Jelbrat, 12st. (2), Ballarat; G. O. Heyward, 11st. 6lb. (3), Melbourne; L. Glynn, 12st. 4lb. (4), Richmond; L. Scully, 13st. 3lb. (5), Richmond; E. V. Porter, 11st. 12lb. (6), Melbourne; J. South, 12st. 4lb. (7), Mercantile; B. C. Edwards, 11st. 4lb. (stroke), Melbourne; J. Dutton (cox.), Melbourne; Mr. E. Horsburgh (coach); R. Merriman (emergency), Wendouree.

The following were originally selected in the crew, but were unable to accompany the crew to New South Wales:—C. N. McKay (Mercantile), R. Emms (Mercantile). The crew was selected by three selectors, Messrs. J. B. Suffren, E. Kenny and E. Horsburgh. The Victorian crew put up an excellent performance in the race, despite the handicaps which they labored under in the early portion of their training, and last minute alterations necessitated by changes in the crew. Mr. A. H. Cambridge (Bendigo) again represented the State in the Sculling Championship, but was unable to pace it with the phenomenal sculler, Mr. H. R. Pearce, of New South Wales, who scored an easy victory. Mr. Marsh (Tasmania) was second, and Mr. Cambridge third.

The Committee acknowledge thanks to all those who rendered assistance to the Interstate crew and sculler, and desire to especially thank Mr. Hutton for his services in connection with the motor boat, and to the citizens of Penrith for the manner in which they entertained our representatives whilst at Penrith.

Mr. H. E. Butler acted as manager of the Interstate crew, and the Committee record its appreciation to Mr. Butler for the efficient manner in which he carried out his arduous duties.

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
1928	W. Aust.	Q'ld., Tas., Vic., N.S.W., S.A.	Sydney	16	50 2-5

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.

## VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rowed over a three-mile course from the 3 mile 2 chain mark to the 2 chain mark at Queen's Bridge on Saturday, 18th February, 1928, being won by the Melbourne crew:—T. S. Flint (bow), G. K. McLeod, G. O. Heyward, J. B. McFarlane, F. C. Borrman, E. V. Porter, B. C. Edwards, H. Schlichting (stroke), J. Dutton (cox.), Mr. E. Horsburgh (coach); Hawthorn second, Ballarat third, Richmond fourth, Banks fifth, Mercantile sixth, Albert Park seventh, University. Owing to a dredge being working at the starting post, it was necessary to reduce the distance about 250 yards. The race was rowed in Clinker boats, due to a shortage of best boats consequent upon the fires during the previous season. Melbourne Club are heartily congratulated on their victory.

## 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
**1926-27	Melbourne	5	18 11 3-5
**1927-28	Melbourne	8	18 19

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

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

\*Distance, 2¼ miles.

\*\*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 Coode Canal to the 2 chain mark at Queen's Bridge on Saturday, 17th December, 1927. Nine crews entered, Hawthorn Rowing Club winning the event for the first occasion (J. Murphy bow, V. Barker-Hays, G. Coleman, T. Wicks stroke, R. Alexander cox, G. Anderson coach), Banks second, Richmond third, Albert Park fourth, Barwon fifth, Essendon and Melbourne. Wendouree and Ballarat City did not start. Hawthorn are heartily congratulated on their initial victory in the event.

## 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	27
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
1927-28	Hawthorn	9	16	46 1-5

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

## VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Nine crews entered for the race held on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on Saturday, 14th January, 1928. The race was won by the Wendouree crew:—A. Hall (bow), G. Hutchins (stroke), A. Brayshaw (cox.), Mercantile second, Ballarat City third, Merbein fourth, Albert Park fifth, Hawthorn sixth, Ballarat seventh, and Barwon. Wendouree are again congratulated on their victory in the Pairs, in which race the Club has been exceedingly successful.

## RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR-OARED RACES.

Seasons	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
*1926-1927 . . . . .	Wendouree . . . . .	7	6	54
*1927-1928 . . . . .	Wendouree . . . . .	9	8	23

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

\* Rowed at Ballarat

† Distance, 1½ miles.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Sculling Championship was held prior to the Eight-oared Championship on Saturday, 18th February, 1928, over a 2½-mile course downstream. Mr. A. H. Cambridge was the only entrant, and, in accordance with the Rules of the Association, was obliged to row over the course to obtain the title.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLING RACES.

Season	Won by	Club	No of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
1888	J. C. Fitzgerald	Williamstown	4	22 35
1889	J. H. Kerr	Yarra Yarra	5	22 5
1890	J. C. Fitzgerald	Melbourne City	7	21 10
1891	W. J. Bridson	Wellington (N.Z.)	7	20 58
1892	M. J. Slack	Breakfast Creek (Q.)	5	22 46½
1893	J. C. Fitzgerald	Electric Telegraph	2	24 13
1894	W. Dawson	Ballarat	6	22 6
1895	E. Powell	Albert Park	3	28 36½
1896	T. Carlyon	Echuca East	4	26 25½
1897	C. Chapman	Wairewa (N.Z.)	2	23 3
1898-9	C. Donald	Albert Park	2	25 15
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 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 6½
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
1927-28	A. Cambridge	Bendigo	1	R.O.

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance about 1¾ miles.

## PREMIERSHIPS.

Melbourne Rowing Club again won the Senior Premiership with 32 Points. In the Junior Premiership, Richmond Rowing Club registered their first Premiership victory. The winners of the respective Premierships are heartily congratulated on their success.

## PREMIERSHIP POINTS, 1927-28.

## SENIOR.

Club.	No. Wins.	Points.	Club.	No. Wins.	Points.
Melbourne	2	32	Bendigo	3	5
Mercantile	4	22	Barwon	1	4
Hawthorn	3	16	Ballarat	2	4
Richmond	4	16	Wahgunyah	1	2
Wendouree	4	14	Merbein	1	2

## JUNIOR.

Club.	No. Wins.	Points.	Club.	No. Wins.	Points.
Richmond	10	52	Essendon	3	12
Ballarat	9	39	Warrnambool	3	12
Albert Park	9	38	Banks	2	10
Ballarat City	9	38	Wendouree	6	10
Footscray City	8	34	Melbourne	2	6
Mildura	5	30	South Melbourne	2	6
Hawthorn	5	30	Wentworth	2	6
Hawthorn	6	26	Merbein	1	4
Sale	3	18	Mercantile	1	4
Wahgunyah	5	16	Bendigo	1	2
Nagambie	3	14	Corio Bay	1	2

## 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 (Jun.)		Hawthorn (Jun.)
	Banks	1926-1927	Melbourne (Sen.)
	Essendon		Mercantile (Jun.)
1912-1913	Albert Park (Sen.)	1927-1928	Melbourne (Sen.)
			Richmond (Jun.)

\*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.

During the past three years wins at Regattas and Championships, and number of points gained for Premierships, has been distributed as follows between metropolitan and country Clubs:—

Season and Membership		Maiden and Junior.			Senior and Championship.		
		No. Events	No. Wins	No. Points	No. Events	No. Wins	No. Points
Metropolitan	1285	80	38	135	25	13	64
Country (25-26)	808	80	42	159	25	11	59
Metropolitan	1400	90	55	222	23	12	70
Country (26-27)	851	90	39	155	23	7	31
Metropolitan	1406	90	43	188	25	13	86
Country (27-28)	882	90	53	207	25	12	32

### REGATTA DATES AND INTERSTATE CREW, 1928-29.

The following are the approved Regatta and Championship dates for the season 1928-29:—

Henley, 27th October, 1928; Melbourne, 3rd November, 1928; Footscray, 24th November, 1928; **Championship Eights**, 8th December, 1928; Nagambie and Warrnambool, 26th December, 1928; Colac and Rutherglen, 1st January, 1929; **Championship Fours and Championship Sculls** (2½ miles), 19th January, 1929; Upper Yarra, 26th January, 1929; A.N.A., 28th January, 1929; **Championship Pairs and Championship Sculls** (1 mile) (to be held at Ballarat), 2nd February, 1929; Barwon, 23rd February, 1929; Ballarat, 2nd March, 1929; Bairnsdale and Mildura, 30th March, 1929; Sale, 1st April, 1929.

A new fixture in the above list is the One Mile Sculling Championship. This race has been included in order to cater for the scullers over the shorter distance.

The Victorian Interstate crew for the King's Cup Race, to be held at Perth on the 4th May, 1929, will be selected and coached by Mr. Cecil McVilly. After consideration, the Committee has decided that better results are obtainable from the Sole Selector and Coach system. Mr. Cecil McVilly is well known as the successful coach of two winning Tasmanian Interstate crews. Representations were made by several country centres that representation in the King's Cup race should be decided by a system of Test Race. It was finally resolved that:—"The crew selected by the Sole Selector and Coach be subject to challenge by any combination of members of the Victorian Rowing Association, up to a date six weeks prior to the date fixed for the King's Cup contest. In the event of a challenge being lodged, the date of the race to be determined by the Sole Selector, and the winning crew shall represent the State. The Sole Selector shall have the right to order the race to be re-rowed. If no challenge is lodged, the crew appointed by the Sole Selector shall represent the State. Should more than one crew challenge, an eliminating contest to be held amongst the entrants for the purpose of deciding which crew shall meet the Sole Selector's crew in the Test Race. Except with the consent of the Executive, no member who expresses his inability to row in a crew appointed by the Sole Selector shall be available for inclusion in any challenging crew. Expenses of Test Race to be borne by the challenging crew."

### ANNUAL REGATTA.

The Annual Regatta was held on Saturday, 30th October, 1927, a record entry of 423 competitors being received. Results:—Maiden Pairs, Essendon (J. Dawes bow, W. T. Fleming stroke, E. Coningsby cox.); Maiden Fours, Wahgunyah (A. Dykes bow, J. Burrows, N. McKay, A. McMillan stroke, A. E. Parry cox.); Maiden Eights,

Footscray City (R. Thomas bow, S. Youens, J. Summers, N. Vivkers, W. Sutherland, G. Armytage, C. Martin, J. Nicholls stroke, J. McColl cox.); Lightweight Maiden Fours, Wentworth District (C. A. Davis bow, J. V. Clark, C. S. Fowler, H. B. C. Strachan stroke); Junior Pairs, Bendigo (L. Allen bow, R. Carr stroke); Junior Fours, Wahgunyah (A. Burke bow, C. Owen, R. Stoll, C. Beach stroke, A. E. Parry cox.); Junior Eights, Richmond (J. Martin bow, J. Gerken, B. Thompson, J. Whitaker, G. Whitaker, L. Glynn, L. Scully, C. Jarvis stroke, E. Turner cox.); Senior Sculls, Bendigo (A. H. Cambridge); Senior Pairs, Hawthorn (T. Wicks bow, J. Duncan stroke, R. Alexander cox.); Senior Fours, Barwon (J. Teige bow, C. Clifton, A. Osborne, W. Grose stroke, D. Harrison cox.); Senior Eights, Melbourne (T. S. C. Flint bow, G. K. McLeod, G. O. Heyward, F. V. Porter, F. C. Borrmann, E. J. Farrell, B. C. Edwards, H. A. Schlichting stroke, B. Coombes cox.).

**Combination Eights.**—Seventeen crews competed for trophies donated by E. T. Bradshaw, Esq. The winning crew comprised:—W. McVeigh (Albert Park) bow, G. T. McGrath (Footscray), E. Bayes (Banks), W. Johnson (Yarra Yarra), L. Power (Melbourne), G. Yuncken (Banks), K. Fox (Melbourne), J. Murphy (Hawthorn) stroke, W. McBurnie (Albert Park) cox.

### A.N.A. DAY REGATTA (30/1/28).

Results of the second A.N.A. Day Regatta conducted by the Association:—Maiden Pairs, Sale (D. Gibbs bow, N. Christensen stroke, W. Treadwell cox.); Maiden Fours, Richmond (V. Callaghan

## TABLE OF REGATTAS, NUMBER OF COMPETITORS.

Regatta		27/28	26/27	25/26	MAIDEN				
					Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights	L.W. Fours
Henley	22/10/27	421	408	386	—	—	Albert Park (19)	Footscray (21)	—
Melbourne	29/10/27	423	395	375	—	Essendon (4)	Wahgunyah (13)	Footscray (20)	Wentworth (14)
Footscray	26/11/27	280	263	148*	—	Hawthorn (10)	Ballarat (11)	Richmond (9)	—
Warrnambool	26/12/27	96	140	34	—	Ballarat (5)	W'm'bool (5)	Ballarat (4)	Footscray (3)
Nagambie	26/12/27	508	200	162	—	Nagambie (9)	Nagambie (9)	Nagambie (4)	Rutherglen (8)
Colac	2/1/28	210	224	114	—	Wendouree (8)	W'm'bool (7)	Essendon (7)	B'rat City (6)
Rutherglen	2/1/28	106	96	78	—	Wahgunyah (4)	Rutherglen (4)	Banks (3)	Rutherglen (3)
Upper Yarra	28/1/28	267	278	182	Wendouree (4)	B'rat City (8)	Richmond (13)	Hawthorn (8)	Melbourne (9)
A.N.A.	30/1/28	265	282	178†	Wendouree (4)	Sale (8)	Richmond (13)	Hawthorn (7)	Hawthorn (9)
Ballarat	3/3/28	391	357	372	Ballarat (3)	Hawthorn (11)	Footscray (10)	B'rat City (13)	Banks (8)
Barwon	10/3/28	240	246	250	—	South Melb. (9)	Footscray (7)	B'rat City (8)	Wendouree (6)
Mildura	7/4/28	74	..	..	—	Mildura (3)	Merbein (2)	Mildura (3)	—
Bairnsdale	7/4/28	114	128	130	—	Footscray (8)	South Melb. (3)	Sale (5)	Albert Park (5)
Sale	9/4/28	112	128	118	—	Richmond (7)	Albert Park (3)	Sale (5)	Albert Park (5)
Champion Sculls	18/2/28	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Pairs		18	14	14	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Fours	17/12/27	36	28	24	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Eights	18/2/28	64	40	40	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3326</b>	<b>3230</b>	<b>2603</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>76</b>

Comparison 1926-27 and 1927-28 represent a decrease of 93 Maiden competitors, an increase of 3

bow, L. Thompson, K. Millar, W. Sutton stroke, R. Godfredson cox.); Maiden Eights, Hawthorn (D. Bruce bow, M. Bruce, J. Grey, R. A. Hill, G. Brook, J. Hoare, A. Vale, H. L. James stroke, A. Noble cox.); Lightweight Maiden Fours, Hawthorn (R. Peel bow, D. Montgomery, J. Beveridge, C. Denny stroke, L. Owens cox.); Maiden Sculls, Wendouree (R. Merriman); Junior Sculls, Wendouree (R. Merriman); Junior Pairs, Footscray City (J. Kranz bow, J. Nicholls stroke, L. Rousch cox.); Junior Fours, Rutherglen Lake (L. Taylor bow, H. Pearce, E. Howard, E. Buckingham stroke, W. McDonald cox.); Junior Eights, Ballarat (K. Brady bow, C. Poynton, G. Pethybridge, E. Panther, R. Jelbrat, E. Elsworth, K. Taylor, C. Benjamin stroke, F. Suffren cox.); Senior Pairs, Ballarat (A. Dawson bow, S. McGorm stroke, F. Suffren cox.); Senior Fours, Richmond (J. Martin bow, L. Glynn, L. Scully, C. Jarvis stroke, E. Turner cox.); Canoe Fours, "C" Class, Fairfield (A. Lucke, R. Burgin, F. Taylor, H. De La Rue); Canoe Pairs, "C" Class, Fairfield (R. Burgin, H. De La Rue).

### REGATTAS.

In addition to the public regattas, the following races were held during the season:—Inter-Collegiate Eights for the Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield (20th April, 1928), won by Queen's College (F. H. Pederick bow, D. K. Thompson, H. H. Nash, C. F. Gribble, A. F. Ohman, R. J. Turnbull, J. L. Groves, A. R. Johnson stroke, J. R. Waterman cox., Mr. C. Donald coach). Head of the River (11th and 12th May), Xavier College (C. L. Wraith bow, J. W. Andrea, T. J. Kelly, J. E. Dowling, N. G. Whitehead, P. E. Whitehead, A. F. Redding, W. M. Ryan stroke, E. A. Fakhry cox, Mr. M. Shea coach). John

### CLUB IN EACH EVENT, AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

JUNIOR					SENIOR			
Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights	Sculls	Pairs	Fours	Eights	
—	—	Wahgunyah (11)	Richmond (7)	Sydney (9)	—	Waltenmata (5)	Mosman (6)	
—	Bendigo (4)	Wahgunyah (10)	Richmond (6)	Bendigo (5)	Hawthorn (3)	Barwon (4)	Melbourne (3)	
—	B'rat City (7)	Albert Park (9)	—	—	Hawthorn (3)	Richmond (6)	—	
—	B'rat City (3)	B'rat City (4)	—	—	—	—	—	
—	Richmond (5)	Footscray (6)	Richmond (3)	—	Mercantile (6)	Richmond (5)	—	
—	Ballarat (7)	Ballarat (6)	B'rat City (3)	—	—	—	—	
—	Wahgunyah (3)	Mercantile (4)	—	—	Wahgunyah (4)	Mercantile (4)	—	
Wendouree (5)	Essendon (8)	Rutherglen (5)	Ballarat (4)	—	Ballarat (3)	Richmond (4)	—	
Wendouree (5)	Footscray (9)	Rutherglen (5)	Ballarat (4)	—	Ballarat (5)	Richmond (4)	—	
Ballarat (3)	Corio Bay (10)	W'm'bool (8)	Albert Park (7)	Bendigo (3)	Wendouree (6)	Wendouree (4)	Mercantile (6)	
—	—	Hawthorn (4)	Albert Park (5)	—	Wendouree (9)	—	Mercantile (4)	
—	—	Wentworth (2)	Renmark (2)	—	Merbein (2)	Renmark (2)	—	
—	B'rat City (5)	Richmond (4)	—	—	—	—	—	
—	Albert Park (5)	Richmond (4)	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	Bendigo (1)	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	Wendouree (9)	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	Hawthorn (9)	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Melbourne (8)	
13	66	82	41	18	50	47	27	

Lang Cup (16th April), Extra Collegiate crew (C. G. Baird bow, J. W. Begg, L. C. Parish, E. D. Cameron, J. Hore, L. T. Travels, A. A. Lees, H. L. Yuncken stroke, W. Caffin cox., Mr. Marks coach). Inter-Banks Fours for Henry Gyles Turner Shield (28th April), E. S. and A. Bank (R. E. Eddison bow, H. Farrell, A. P. James, H. D. S. James stroke, B. Gribbin cox., C. G. Davies coach). Inter-Banks Challenge Eights (28th April), State Savings Bank (L. F. Le Get bow, M. F. King, P. Absom, V. H. Daniel, E. O. Hodgson, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, W. D. Thompson stroke, D. Tippett cox.). United Services Rowing Association (Saturday, 19th May, 1928). Vice-President's Challenge Cup, Melbourne University Rifles (T. J. Kelly bow, J. A. Wilmoth, N. G. Whitehead, R. A. D. Hill stroke, J. S. Legge cox.). United Services Challenge Cup, won by 37th Battalion (H. Challen bow, M. Mollard, I. Graham, R. Lillie, A. Lillie, G. Horder, H. Guinn, S. Johnson stroke, M. Bailey cox.). Y.M.C.A. Race, won by Adelaide (J. Edwards bow, C. Jenkinson, C. Walker, A. McPherson stroke, J. Lehman cox.).

#### INTER-UNIVERSITY EIGHT-OARED RACE.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Australian Universities boat race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was held on the Murray River at Mannum, S.A., on the 2nd June, 1928. All States were represented, and once more the West Australian University enhanced the States rowing prestige by defeating the other States. Melbourne University were well represented, and finished second:—A. A. Lee (bow, A. L. Rentoul, R. G. C. De Crespigny, R. J. Turnbull, R. Officer, H. L. Yuncken, W. B. Griffiths, A. R. M. Johnson (stroke), J. S. Harris (cox.), Mr. E. C. H. Taylor (coach).

#### PAMPHLET ON BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ROWING.

Resulting out of the Conference of Coaches, held at the Amateur Sports Club on 20th July, 1927, a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Macfarlane, A. B. Sloan, C. McVilly, A. J. Shepherd and E. Horsburgh, was appointed to prepare a pamphlet outlining the basic principles of rowing on a sliding seat. The work has now been completed, after numerous meetings, involving considerable time of the gentlemen mentioned above, and is recommended by the Association as the standard of instruction for Victorian oarsmen. Oarsmen are indebted to the members of the Sub-Committee for the time and care which they have taken in the preparation of the pamphlet. Copies are available on application.

#### CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

During the season a check of regatta entries and Club lists revealed a considerable discrepancy in membership figures, actually 114 members, representing a revenue of £19 2s. 6d., was the outcome of the check. It is pointed out that an affiliation fee has to be paid on all members who pay an entrance fee or annual subscription, or any portion thereof to a Club. A brief check to date on Club lists for 1927-28 show further omissions. Club Secretaries are requested to pay particular attention to the compilation of list of members.

#### MOTOR BOAT.

The Committee decided during the year that it was in the interests of Victorian Rowing that a motor boat should be purchased for the purpose of coaching the Interstate crew. A suitable boat was obtained at a satisfactory price, and to date has proved invaluable for the Interstate coach. When not required by the Association, the boat is available for hire to Club crews. To meet the expenses of the boat, it was necessary to circularise Clubs for donations. The response to

date, as revealed from the list appended, has been unsatisfactory, and it is hoped that further donations will be forthcoming from Clubs who have not yet contributed.

Mr. George Hutton has considerably helped the Association by taking charge of the boat and maintaining it in running order. The trespasses on Mr. Hutton's leisure time has been great, and the Committee is thankful for the services which he has rendered.

MOTOR BOAT (1927-28).

EXPENDITURE.

Purchase: R. Nettlefold .....	£100	0	0
Experts: F. Coverdale .....	1	2	0
L. V. Bournan .....	1	2	0
L. R. Marsh .....	3	3	0
Freight: W. H. Jerram .....	11	4	0

Insurance .....	£116	11	0
Running Costs .....	1	2	6
	13	3	10

£130 17 4

RECEIPTS.

Donations—

Yarra Yarra R.C. ....	£5	0	0
Essendon R.C. ....	5	0	0
Footscray R.C. ....	2	2	0
Hawthorn R.C. ....	2	2	0
Ballarat City R.C. ....	2	2	0
Capt. Treacy .....	2	2	0
Eaglehawk R.C. ....	1	1	0
Col. J. M. Semmens .....	10	6	
H. James .....	10	6	
T. W. Smith .....	10	0	
A. Clarke .....	10	0	
A. Crook .....	10	0	
M. Burke .....	10	0	
G. Anderson .....	10	0	
J. Sprigg .....	10	0	
H. Green .....	10	0	
W. Sullivan, sen. ....	10	0	
T. Jenkin .....	10	0	
J. Day .....	10	0	
E. Kenny .....	10	0	
J. Rorke .....	10	0	
H. Butler .....	10	0	
E. Swindells .....	10	0	
R. Sullivan .....	10	0	

Hire—

Public Schools .....	£28	0	0
Inter-Collegiate Delegates .....	£4	4	0
	4	4	0

Owing—

Melbourne University B.C. ....	£8	8	0
	6	6	0

£42 14 0

Debit Balance .....	£88	3	4
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£130 17 4

### MEMORIAL JUDGE'S BOX.

With the balance of the Oarsmen's Memorial Fund, it has been decided to erect a Memorial Judge's Box at the finish of the Upper Yarra course. Mr. F. S. Nason kindly prepared plans of a proposed design, which has been approved of by the Committee and the required civic authorities. As the estimate for the construction of the Judge's Box was in excess of the funds available, it has been decided to defer the matter till early in the forthcoming season. Mr. Nason is sincerely thanked for the amount of time which he has given in connection with the work.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS.

Following on representations by Clubs as to the size of the Championship Medals, the Committee has decided that future Championship Medals shall be gold and in a smaller design.

### AFFILIATED CLUBS.

During the season South Hawthorn Rowing Club became affiliated with the Association. The Club has made remarkable progress during its first year, and has finished the season with 51 members. The Committee congratulates the new Club, and wish them early success in regatta racing.

Delegates from the Dimboola and Antwerp Rowing Clubs were received at a meeting of the Committee to state their case for affiliation with the Association. The Clubs are at present considering the proposals in connection with information submitted to them by the Committee.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

#### Additions to Rules and Regatta Regulations.

During the season the following additions to Rules and Regatta Regulations were made:—

Regatta Regulation 8 was amended to read:—"8. (a) A coxswain shall not be permitted to steer for any Club in any regatta or race held under the control or with the approval of the Association unless he shall have been registered as a coxswain of such Club as provided in Regatta Regulation No. 9.

"(b) A coxswain shall not be allowed to steer for more than one Club in any regatta or race held under the control or with the approval of the Association unless permission be first obtained from the Committee conducting such regatta or race. The Committee shall report to the Association within three days any case in which permission is granted for a coxswain to steer for more than one Club."

Regatta Regulation No. 9, addition to:—"Should a coxswain desire to register for more than one Club in any season, he can do so only with the permission of the Club for which he was first registered for that season, which Club shall at all times have prior claim to his services."

Regatta Regulation No. 19, para. 5:—"A Senior Race shall not be deemed to include oarsmen who have won a Junior Senior or Senior Junior race with oars in any other State."

Laws of Boat Racing.—The following addition was made to Laws of Boat Racing:—"In the event of the sinking of all competing boats in a race, the race thereby be declared no race."

**Umpiring.**—As the result of a controversy on the positions of Umpires at the regattas conducted on the Upper Yarra Course, it was decided that the mile course be divided into four sections for umpiring purposes, and the position of two of the Umpires should be on points determined on the North Bank. The system was tried at regattas later in the season, and proved successful, allowing greater control and minimising the risk of collision through over-zealous or faulty steering whilst rounding New Cut Corner.

**Umpiring Championship Races.**—Arising out of a protest in the Champion Eights race, the Committee has ruled:—"That in future Championship races an emergency Umpire be stationed on another boat following the race, and that he is to act as Umpire in the event of the Umpire's boat being unable to keep up with the race."

### VICTORIAN AMATEUR SCULLING ASSOCIATION.

Due to the efforts of sculling enthusiasts the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association has been reformed. To date the new Association has accomplished a great deal in infusing interest in sculling; several handicap and scratch races have been held, and entries have been highly satisfactory. On the suggestion of the Sculling Association, the One Mile Sculling Championship was included in the Championship fixtures. The Sculling Association intend approaching several of the Regatta Associations with a view to inclusion of Handicap Sculling Races in the programme in lieu of qualifying races, it being contended that better competition will result. The Sculling Association are congratulated on their enterprise and success in the revival of sculling.

### FINANCES.

In connection with the forthcoming Interstate Race, the expenses of representation in the King's Cup Race at Perth will be a heavy strain on the financial resources of the Association. It is estimated that it will be necessary to raise the sum of approximately £400 more than the ordinary revenue of the Association. With the number of members the Association has, and everybody co-operating, it should not be a difficult matter to obtain the required sum. Each member of the Committee of the Association will act as a collector in connection with the sum required, and it is hoped that the response will be general throughout the State, thus lightening the burden for all. An early lead has been given by the Nagambie Rowing Club, who have forwarded a donation for £5 5s.

### REGATTA ASSOCIATIONS.

For the continued interest and money which the various Regatta Associations throughout the State are contributing towards the sport the Committee is grateful. The increasing popularity of the sport is in no small measure due to the various Associations which conduct Regattas. Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association is especially thanked for their continued assistance and in providing the opportunity for the best of the other State crews and scullers to be seen in action at the Australian Henley.

### GENERAL.

At the January meeting, Mr. R. R. Sullivan was appointed as Assistant Honorary Secretary, and his work has been of considerable assistance in connection with the administration duties of the Association.

The Metropolitan Rowing Committee, which was established early this year, has helped the metropolitan Clubs to keep the sport going through the winter. The initial Winter Regatta of the Committee was very successful, over 200 competing in various non-qualifying races for oarsmen who had not won a regatta race.

Action has been taken several times during the season to impress upon Clubs the necessity for crews in training to wear the Club colors. The improvement has been marked, and will tend to advertise both the Club and sport.

Captain A. M. Treacy, O.B.E., Vice-President, was granted leave whilst on a tour abroad. Captain Treacy has advised that he received every facility while at the Henley-on-Thames Regatta, and attributed the attention to his office as Vice-President of the V.R.A.

It has been decided that the Victoria Shield, donated by Albert E. Nash, Esq., in 1899, as a perpetual shield for the rowing Premiership of Victoria, shall, consequent upon the establishment of the Junior and Senior Premierships, be inscribed with the names of the Clubs winning the respective Premierships.

### THANKS.

The Committee tender their warmest appreciation to the following:—Mr. E. T. Bradshaw, donation of trophies for V.R.A. Combination Eights; Captain A. M. Treacy, Championship Pennant; Messrs. W. W. Senior and A. W. Massina for their continued services as Auditors; to the subscribers of the Association; to the Press; management of 3LO; and to those gentlemen who have so willingly assisted as officials at regattas; to the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners, for favors in connection with Championship Races; to the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works, for metropolitan regattas and the general improvement of the streams around Melbourne; to the Melbourne City Council, for the beautification of the surroundings of the Clubhouses at Prince's Bridge.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following addition was made to Rule 1 at the last Annual Meeting:—"In each year at the meeting of the Committee next following the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall elect an Executive Committee, consisting of seven (7) members, together with the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive shall have such power as the Committee shall delegate to it." The following powers were delegated to the Executive by the Committee at the meeting on 7th November, 1927:—"The Executive be empowered to act in place of all existing Sub-Committees, excepting the Permit Committee also to deal with any urgent matters which may arise from time to time, and that they shall furnish a monthly report to the General Committee."

The following members were appointed on the Executive:—Messrs. E. Kenny, H. T. James, H. E. Butler, N. S. Muir, G. Hutton, C. McVilly, and A. L. Dobbie. During the year 27 Executive meetings, exclusive of Committee meetings, were held, the average attendance being 9. The regular attendance of the Executive members and their recommendations on matters to the Committee has greatly assisted the administration of the Association.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS (1927-28).

Sir S. Morell .....	£5	5	0
Mr. A. J. Shepherd .....	2	2	0
Mr. A. W. Massina .....	2	2	0
Capt. Treacy .....	1	1	0
Mr. W. Senior .....	1	1	0
Mr. A. H. Watson .....	1	1	0
Dr. H. C. Disher .....	1	1	0
Col. J. M. Semmens .....	1	1	0
Col. G. Stevenson .....	1	1	0
Mr. W. Joseph .....	1	1	0
General Grimwade .....	1	1	0
Mr. A. Spowers .....	1	1	0
Mr. T. R. Reid .....	1	1	0
Mr. J. Morell .....	1	1	0
Mr. B. Nolan .....	1	1	0
Mr. M. Shea .....	1	1	0
Mr. H. Picken .....	1	1	0
Mr. A. Dobbie .....	1	1	0
Mr. R. Taylor, Jnr. ....	1	1	0
Mr. J. Macfarlane .....	1	1	0
Mr. H. Butler .....	1	1	0
Mr. G. Anderson .....	1	0	0
Mr. G. S. Sutherland .....		14	0
Mr. E. Swindells .....		10	6
Mr. F. Edwards .....		10	6
Mr. S. Shallard .....		10	6
Mr. H. Schlichting .....		10	6
Mr. A. L. Flint .....		10	6
	£32	13	6

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the season 12 ordinary meetings and one special meeting of the Committee were held, the average attendance being 43. Particulars of individual attendances are as follow:—G. Anderson, 13; H. E. Butler, 13; H. T. James, 13; T. L. Mannix, 13; N. S. Muir, 13; R. R. Sullivan, 13; J. W. Shaw, 13; W. Sullivan, 13; A. Crook, 12; G. Hutton, 12; J. P. Rorke, 12; J. Sprigg, 12; W. Joseph, 11; W. McLroy, 11; G. W. Ward, 11; M. Burke, 10; A. Clarke, 10; T. Flint, 10; E. J. Farrell, 11; R. F. Holten, 10; E. Kenny, 10; C. McVilly, 10; H. Roberts, 10; J. Swanson, 10; E. Swindells, 10; J. Semmens, 10; A. Downing, 9; G. S. Sutherland, 9 (resigned September); T. W. Smith, 9; E. C. H. Taylor, 9; H. J. Green, 8; T. Jenkin, 8; G. Muir, 8; W. Potter, 8; G. Stewart, 8; T. Coleman, 7; A. L. Dobbie, 7; T. Gipton, 7; S. Gebbie, 7; W. Mathieson, 7; E. Pollard, 7; R. Rush, 7; E. G. Woods (apptd. February), 7; A. Wishart, 7; A. Allsop, 6; C. H. Denny (apptd. April), 6; L. Glynn (apptd. February), 6; A. Williams, 6; G. Eaton (apptd. May), 5; E. Hill (apptd. May), 5; D. Laird, 5; F. Parr (resigned May), 5; A. J. Shepherd, 5; R. C. T. De Crespigny (apptd. December), 4; G. Kingsley (resigned), 4; J. Macfarlane, 4; T. O'Brien (resigned), 4; A. Stickland (apptd. May), 4; R. Browne (resigned February), 3; J. Day (resigned December), 3; C. J. McCarthy, 3; E. Eginton, 2; J. Harwood (resigned), 2;

R. H. Keon-Cohen (resigned November), 2; A. M. Treacy (a.o.l.), 2; J. Beacham (resigned), 1; R. N. McDonald, 1; G. J. Adam (apptd. July), 1; J. Keleher (apptd. September), 1; L. Rousch (apptd. September), 1; A. R. Shannon (apptd. September), 1; J. South (apptd. September), 1; N. Young (apptd. September), 1; R. Todd (apptd. September), 1; H. Schlichting (proxy), 1; K. Mackintosh (proxy), 1; A. King (proxy), 1; W. E. O'Brien (proxy), 1; C. Davies (proxy), 1; J. McKeddie (proxy), 1; H. Yuncken (proxy), 1; J. South (proxy), 1; W. Donegan (proxy), 1; W. Bruce (proxy), 1; (J. Coyne (Dimboola) and P. C. Pilmore (Antwerp), one meeting on invitation).

On behalf of the Committee,

T. L. MANNIX, Hon. Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,

Melbourne, 14th September, 1928.

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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st Aug., 1928

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Outstanding Trophy Money—		Bank Balances—	
Season 1919-20 ..	£4 14 6	State Savings Bank ..	£548 18 7
" 1920-21 ..	7 10 0	E. S. & A. Bank ..	13 5 5
" 1921-22 ..	7 10 0	Commonwealth Bond (£100) at cost	£562 4 0
" 1922-23 ..	35 13 0	Oarsmen's Memorial Fund (State Savings Bank)	100 2 6
" 1923-24 ..	38 15 3	Club Contributions ..	189 2 3
" 1924-25 ..	29 2 0	Sundry Debtors ..	6 16 0
" 1925-26 ..	71 13 0	Insurance King's Cup (State's Share)	8 19 0
" 1926-27 ..	84 14 0	Association Property—	10 8 4
" 1927-28 ..	402 12 6	Best Eight-oared Boat ..	90 0 0
Oarsmen's Memorial Fund ..	£682 4 3	Oars, set of 10 ..	22 10 0
A.N.A. Day Regatta, 1926-27 ..	189 2 3	Case and Cover for Boat ..	5 0 0
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities	11 0 7	Swivels ..	12 10 0
	253 5 0	Motor Boat ..	100 0 0
		Boat Registration Plant ..	2 0 0
		Embossing Dies ..	1 0 0
		Stationery £4/-, Copying Press 10/-	4 10 0
		Typewriter ..	9 0 0
		Filing Cabinet ..	6 0 0
		Dies and Collar for Championship Medals	5 10 0
			258 0 0
			£1135 12 1

Audited and found correct,  
18th September, 1928.

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

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.  
Melbourne, 5th September, 1928.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

		RECEIPTS.					
		£	s	d.	£	s	d.
To	Balance at 1/9/27—						
	State Savings Bank	...	...	...	618	5	1
	E. S. & A. Bank	...	...	...	205	13	3
							823 18 4
..	Club Contributions	...	...	...			275 16 0
..	Registration Fees—						
	Coxswains	...	...	...	28	10	0
	Regattas	...	...	...	48	6	0
							76 16 0
..	Subscriptions	...	...	...			32 13 6
..	Championships						
	Entry Fees	...	...	...	29	15	0
	Steamers and Programmes	...	...	...	26	12	6
	Launches	...	...	...	4	12	0
							60 19 6
..	V.R.A. Regatta—						
	Entry Fees	...	...	...	106	5	0
	Programmes	...	...	...	14	1	3
	Advertising	...	...	...	20	0	0
							140 6 3
..	A N.A. Day Regatta—						
	Entry Fees	...	...	...	66	5	0
	Programmes	...	...	...	8	14	0
	Buttons	...	...	...	17	6	6
	Advertising	...	...	...	8	0	0
							100 5 6
..	Interstate—						
	Bradshaw Eights	...	...	...			22 0 0
..	Motor Boat—						
	Donations	...	...	...	28	0	0
	Hire	...	...	...	8	8	0
							36 8 0
..	Miscellaneous—						
	Interest and Exchange	...	...	...	30	19	6
	Sundries	...	...	...	0	10	0
							31 9 6
..	Trust Moneys—						
	Trophy Money	...	...	...	1,022	14	6
	Staging—Prince's Bridge, 1927	...	...	...	80	0	0
							1,102 14 6

£2,703 7 1

Audited and found correct  
18th September, 1928.

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

# DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1927-28.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
d.	Championships—						
	Medals ... ..	20	0	0			
	Launches ... ..	7	0	0			
4	Steamers, 1926-27 and 1927-28 ... ..	48	0	0			
0	Printing ... ..	4	7	6			
	Sundries ... ..	1	19	0			
	V.R.A. Regatta—						
	Trophies ... ..	81	6	6			
	Less unpaid ... ..	£117	10	0			
		27	10	0			
0							
6	Printing ... ..	90	0	0			
	Moored Boats ... ..	22	13	7			
	Refund Entry Fees ... ..	5	0	0			
	A.N.A. Day Regatta—	0	10	0			
	1926-27 Donation to Clubs ... ..	28	10	0	118	3	7
6	1927-28 Printing ... ..	18	11	0			
	Trophies ... ..	57	8	6			
	Buttons ... ..	4	0	0			
	Boats ... ..	5	0	0			
					113	9	6
3	Interstate Race, Sydney, 1928—						
	Train Fares ... ..	101	13	10			
	Board and Meals ... ..	79	5	6			
	Allowances—Country Members ... ..	28	1	9			
	Motor Boat ... ..	15	19	0			
	Oars ... ..	25	0	0			
5	Singlets Blazer-Pockets, Etc. ... ..	14	12	6			
	Shipping and Freight ... ..	21	18	8			
	Miscellaneous ... ..	6	0	4			
					292	11	7
	Motor Boat—						
	Purchase and Freight ... ..	116	11	0			
	Insurance ... ..	1	2	6			
	Running Costs ... ..	13	3	16			
					130	17	4
	Miscellaneous—						
	Bank Charges ... ..	1	10	0			
	Insurance ... ..	1	19	2			
	Honoraria ... ..	33	12	0			
	Petty Cash, Postages, Etc....	29	0	0			
	Printing ... ..	40	8	4			
	Amateur Sports Club ... ..	13	5	1			
	Premiership Certificates ... ..	3	0	0			
	Donation to Olympic Fund ... ..	5	5	0			
	Miscellaneous ... ..	4	6	0			
	Trust Moneys—				132	5	7
	Trophy Moneys ... ..	1,192	9	0			
	Staging—Prince's Bridge 1927 ... ..	80	0	0			
	Bank Balances				1,272	9	0
	E. S. & A. Bank ... ..	13	5	5			
	State Savings Bank ... ..	548	18	7			
					562	4	0
					£2,703	7	1

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer, Melbourne, 7th September, 1928.



RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1927-28.

Clubs.	Number of Members, Season 1926-27.	Number of Members, Season 1927-28.	Contributions, and Coxswains' Registration Fees.
Metropolitan—			
Albert Park	92	105	£17 17 0
Banks	123	127	22 10 6
Essendon	104	75	19 4 0
Footscray City	63	65	12 5 0
Hawthorn	117	85	22 9 6
Melbourne	122	116	22 12 0
Footscray City	63	65	12 5 6
Mercantile	140	177	26 5 0
Preston	46	45	8 16 0
Richmond	94	104	18 9 0
South Hawthorn	6	51	1 1 0
Yarra Yarra	40	47	7 15 0
University	402	377	22 7 0
South Melbourne	57	43	10 14 6
Total	1,406	1,417	£212 6 0
Country—			
Bairnsdale	48	46	£5 1 0
Ballarat	76	76	8 17 0
Ballarat City	63	57	7 1 0
Barwon	57	55	6 9 0
Corio Bay	46	46	5 0 0
Eaglehawk	20	18	2 5 0
Lake Colac	30	23	2 5 0
Merbein	16	18	1 17 0
Mildura	97	90	10 4 0
Nagambie	152	30	16 4 0
Rutherglen Lake	20	19	2 10 0
Sale	19	27	2 15 0
Bendigo	64	56	7 13 0
Shepparton	22	23	5 0 0
Wahgunyah	13	12	1 16 0
Warnambool	37	27	4 19 0
Wendouree	77	60	8 14 0
Wentworth District	25	14	3 0 0
Totals	882	697	£92 0 0
Grand Total	2,288	2,144	£304 6 0

J. P. RORKE,

Hon. Treasurer.

## SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1927-28.

Regatta.	Date.	Value of Trophies.			Trophy Orders Paid.			Balance held by V.R.A.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances from previous years		—			—			279	11	9
1927-28										
Victorian Rowing Association	29/10/27	117	10	0	90	0	0	27	10	0
Footscray	26/11/27	85	0	0	75	0	0	10	0	0
Warrnambool	26/12/27	70	0	0	67	0	0	3	0	0
Nagambie	26/12/27	114	0	0	60	0	0	54	0	0
Rutherglen	1/1/28	89	0	0	54	10	0	34	10	0
Colac	1/1/28	120	0	0	81	0	0	39	0	0
Upper Yarra	28/1/28	104	14	6	84	12	0	20	2	6
Ballarat	3/3/28	188	0	0	126	0	0	62	0	0
Barwon	10/3/28	120	0	0	75	0	0	45	0	0
Bairnsdale	7/4/28	72	0	0	12	0	0	60	0	0
Sale	9/4/28	60	0	0	12	10	0	47	10	0
Total		1140	4	6	737	12	0	402	12	6
Grand Total		—			—			682	4	3

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