

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

*The Fifty-third Annual General Meeting of  
the above Association will be held at the Amateur  
Sports Club, McEwan House, Little Collins Street,  
Melbourne, on Monday, 7th October, 1929, 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 Rules, Regatta Regulations  
and Laws of Boat-racing, as per Notice issued to  
Members.

T. L. MANNIX,  
Hon. Secretary.

18th September, 1929.

# Victorian Rowing Association

## SEASON 1928-29

### LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

#### Patrons.

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#### Committee.

#### ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

ELECTED.				RETIRES			
*H. T. JAMES	...	1929	...	1931	*N. S. MUIR	...	1928 ... 1930
*A. L. DOBBIE	...	1929	...	1931	E. A. SWINDELLS	1928	... 1930
G. ANDERSON	...	1929	...	1931	W. JOSEPH	...	1928 ... 1930
*H. E. BUTLER	...	1929	...	1931	T. JENKIN	...	1928 ... 1930
*G. HUTTON	...	1929	...	1931	H. J. GREEN	...	1928 ... 1930

#### Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	.. G. R. Stewart	Merbein	.. W. Potter
Antwerp	.. A. Short	Mercantile	.. A. R. Shannon
Ballarat	.. H. B. Roberts		*E. Kenny
	H. Tonner	Mildura	.. T. W. Smith
Ballarat City	.. G. Eaton		M. Easton
Bairnsdale	.. W. H. Mathieson	Nagambie	.. W. Sullivan
	D. Laird		S. Gebbie
Banks	.. M. Burke	Preston	.. F. Mathieson
	G. W. Ward	Richmond	.. A. M. Downing
Barwon	.. T. Coleman		J. J. Reidy
	W. C. Howarth	Rutherglen	.. G. Tully
Bendigo	.. E. Hill	Sale	.. W. McIlroy
	C. Cameron	Shepparton	.. E. J. Farrell
Colac	.. R. Rush	South Melbourne	N. Nilsen
Corio Bay	.. R. N. McDonald		A. Crook
	T. S. C. Flint	Sth. Hawthorn	.. E. T. Fahey
Corowa	..		J. M. Gray
Eaglehawk	..	University	.. E. C. H. Taylor
Essendon	.. M. G. Muir		S. R. Bell
	W. E. O'Brien	Wahgunyah	*C. I. McVilly
Footscray City	.. T. Gipton	Warrnambool	.. A. Wishart
	L. Rousch	Wendouree	.. A. Williams
Hawthorn	.. H. G. Peet		R. W. B. Todd
	V. Barker-Hays	Wentworth Dist.	J. W. Shaw
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	J. Swanson		W. Johnson

\* Member of Executive Committee

FIFTY-THIRD

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS,

GENTLEMEN,

Submitted herewith for your consideration the Fifty-third Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Association.

Affiliated Clubs now number 34, with a total membership of 2188. Fourteen Regattas and six Championship events were held during the season, the total number of competitors being 3335. The Melbourne (V.R.A.) Regatta, held on 3rd November, 1928, established a record for number of competitors, with 442 oarsmen competing.

The membership of the Association and number of competitors during the past nine 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
1928-29	2118	2910	425	3335

The above figures represent an increase of 75 competitors in the Maiden ranks, an increase of 31 in the Junior division, and a decrease of 97 in the Senior and Championship events. Last season's figures for Senior competitors was a record for the Association, and in an analysis of regatta figures to show cause for the decline for the season under review, the apparent reason is the dates upon which the Championship Fours and Eights were held. Footscray, in 1927-28, when the Champion Fours were held a fortnight after the regatta, had 30 Senior competitors, whilst for 1928-29, nil. Ballarat, in 1927-28, when the Champion Eights were held a fortnight prior to Ballarat, Ballarat Regatta had 79 Senior competitors; this year, with the Eights held in December, 42 Senior oarsmen competed, a decrease of 37. Barwon Regatta likewise shows a loss in comparison. Other regattas show the usual variations, but not to any appreciable degree.

### AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was held at the Commercial Travellers' Association, St. George's Terrace, Perth, on Thursday, 2nd May, 1929. Present: Messrs. R. S. Jeffreys, President (W.A.), E. Kenny (Vic.), O. J. Wood (N.S.W.), R. H. Wallman (S.A.), A. R. Yews (Q'ld), L. McPartland (Tas.). The following office-bearers were appointed:—President, Mr. J. P. Marcus (S.A.); Secretary, Mr. E. Kenny (Vic.); Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. W. Massina; Delegates to Olympic Federation, Messrs. H. G. Alderson and E. Kenny.

Tasmania submitted the following notice of motion:—"That each State be given the privilege of not competing for one race in six, as is now the case, with Western Australia and Queensland, without penalty of losing the turn for its race on its home waters."

Victoria proposed the following amendment on the Tasmanian motion:—"That the races for the King's Cup and the President's Cup be rowed every second year, instead of annually, and that the provisions for Western Australia and Queensland being exempted from visiting Brisbane and Perth respectively be deleted." On a vote being taken both the Tasmanian motion and the Victorian amendment were defeated. In submitting the above amendment, your Committee carefully considered the matter, and was of the opinion that, with the increasing cost and the severe financial drain on Associations in financing Interstate representation annually, it would be advisable to arrive at a solution of the difficulty before the chance of the present system breaking down through force of circumstances.

Tasmanian Non-entry.—Tasmania advised that, owing to the disastrous floods, the State would be prevented from being represented in the Australian Championships, and asked for exemption from the obligation of being represented. It was resolved—"That exemption be granted as a special case in view of the exceptional and unprecedented circumstances, and that Tasmania shall not lose its next turn in the rotation of the race."

### AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

#### (King's Cup).

Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia competed in the classic event rowed on the Swan River, Perth, on 4th May, 1929. Tasmania, owing to unprecedented floods, was granted an exemption from representation. Satisfactory conditions obtained for the race, which resulted in a magnificent victory for New South Wales after a sterling race with Western Australia. Victoria were close up for three-quarters of a mile, but dropped back thereafter. The personnel of the New South Wales crew were:—S. F. Evans, 11st. 2lb. (bow); J. T. Mitchell, 12st. 6lb.; N. I. Reynolds, 12st. 2lb.; J. T. Vindin, 12st. 4lb.; A. O. Pfafflin, 12st. 10lb.; C. B. Callaghan, 13st. 2lb.; I. B. Evans, 13st.; H. L. Callaghan, 11st. 10lb. (stroke); R. J. Daly (cox.); O. J. Wood (coach). Won by three-quarter length; West Australia, second; Victoria, 10 lengths away, third; South Australia, four lengths, fourth. New South Wales, whose crew was composed entirely of members of the Mosman Rowing Club Senior Eight, twice winners of the Grand Challenge at Henley, are warmly congratulated on their success in the King's Cup race.

RECORD OF INTER-STATE RACES. SEVENTHS.

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
1929	N.S.W.,	W.A., Vic., S.A.	Perth	16	43

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

For the first time the Association permitted the selected State crew to be challenged for the right to represent the State in the Interstate Race. Mr. Cecil McVilly was the sole selector and coach, and chose the following crew:—Bow, V. Barker-Hays (Hawthorn), L. Thompson (Richmond), W. T. Owen (Banks), L. Scully (Richmond), W. C. Howarth (Mercantile), H. F. Yuncken (Banks), J. South (Mercantile); Stroke, B. R. Coningsby (Melbourne); Cox, A. J. King; Emergencies, R. Worland (Melbourne), R. O. Miles (Essendon). The crew was challenged by a combination of Ballarat oarsmen, and the test race was rowed over a 2½-mile course on the Lower Yarra on Saturday, 13th April, 1929. The Ballarat combination won by six lengths in 17 minutes 33.1-5 seconds, thereby winning the right to represent the State. Mr. C. McVilly accordingly nominated the Ballarat crew as the State crew, and they proceeded to West Australia as the Victorian representatives. Personnel: Bow, J. W. Andre, 11st. 10lb.; E. P. Panther, 10st. 12lb.; L. L. Zilles, 12st. 11lb.; J. W. Beattie, 10st. 12lb.; F. J. Yates, 11st. 2lb.; H. M. Grace, 11st. 10lb.; S. B. McGorm, 11st. 10lb.; Stroke, G. Hutchins, 11st.; Cox, A. J. Wilson; Coach, J. B. Suffren. Mr. Suffren was unable to accompany the crew to the West, and Mr. A. Dawson carried out the duties. Mr. E. Kenny accompanied the crew as Manager.

The Committee, in acknowledging their appreciation of the efforts of the crew, coxswain, coach and manager on behalf of the State, also desire to convey their thanks to the members of the originally selected State crew, coxswain and coach selector, who spent considerable time for the sake of Victorian rowing, and took their defeat in the true oarsman's sporting spirit.

The trip to the West was marked by the renowned hospitality of the West Australians, and the Committee desire to record their special thanks to the following:—Mr. Jas. Child, Honorary Secretary, W.A.R.A., whose organisation deserves the highest commendation; West Australian Rowing Association; Mr. R. S. Jeffreys; Perth civic authorities; West Australian Turf Club; West Australian Trotting Association; Mr. T. Mackie; Mr. W. J. Kirkby; Dr. H. Lyon Johnson; Mr. Frank Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. T. Lalor; and Mr. H. Wise (Ballarat), who accompanied the crew.

### AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### (President's Cup).

New South Wales and Western Australia were the only representatives. The Committee decided that, in view of the expense involved and the calibre of Victorian scullers at the time, representation was not warranted. It is hoped that the activities of the newly-formed Victorian Amateur Sculling Association will result in an improvement of the standard in this branch of the sport. H. R. Pearce (N.S.W.), world's champion, added another championship to his imposing list of victories. K. Langley's (W.A.) performance to be within 3½ lengths of the champion at the finish was highly creditable. Mr. Pearce is congratulated on his third successive Australian Championship.

### INTERSTATE PUBLIC SERVICE RACE.

For the first time a four-oared race was held between crews representing the New South Wales and Victorian State Public Services. The race was won by Victoria, the crew consisting of:—J. W. O. Neil (bow), A. Malcolm, F. J. Davies, G. K. McLeod (stroke).

## 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	Launceston	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. B. adley (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
1929	Perth	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	K. Langley (W.A.)	15 47

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

† No time taken, collision during race.

## VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race was rowed downstream over a 2½-mile course, commencing at the 42 chain mark, Lower Yarra, and finishing at the 3 mile 2 chain mark, Coode Canal, on Saturday, 8th December, 1928. Ballarat Rowing Club was successful, the crew being:—J. Inglis (bow), E. Panther, J. Russell, E. Elsworth, S. B. McGorm, H. Grace, K. Taylor, H. Inglis (stroke), A. J. King (cox.), W. D. Dawson (coach); Melbourne second, Banks third, Hawthorn fourth, Richmond fifth, Mercantile sixth. Won by 3½ lengths, three-quarter length between second and third.

The distance of the race was reduced to 2½ miles on account of construction work on the Spencer Street Bridge narrowing the width of the river at that part. The race was rowed downstream for the first time, as it was deemed by the Committee that a better course was obtained. Ballarat are heartily congratulated on their win.

## 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
1928-29	Ballarat	6	14 51 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.

Mercantile Rowing Club—J. A. Greenshields (bow), D. C. Brooke, J. South, C. N. McKay (stroke), M. Green (cox.), J. M. Macfarlane (coach)—won the Four-oared Championship by 2 lengths from Banks; Ballarat third, Hawthorn fourth, Richmond fifth, Melbourne sixth, Barwon seventh. The race was rowed on Saturday, 19th January, 1929, downstream over the same distance and course as the Championship Eights. The victors are complimented on their success.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Crews Entered	Time Min. Sec.
1888	Wendouree	4	19 32
1889	Melbourne City	4	19 15
1890	Yarra Yarra	5	19 30
1891	Yarra Yarra	4	20 40
1892	Yarra Yarra	5	*18 50
1893	Yarra Yarra	4	19 45
1894	Wendouree	4	20 50
1895	Mercantile	3	17 22
1896	Mercantile	3	18 38
1897	Mercantile	2	19 30
1898-9	Albert Park	1	R.O.
1899-00	Albert Park	2	17 44
1900-1	Mercantile	2	17 47
1901-2	Mercantile	4	15 32 2-5
1902-3	Albert Park	2	14 47
1903-4	Albert Park	3	16 15 2-5
1904-5	Albert Park	3	14 2
1905-6	Albert Park	3	15 5 3-5
1906-7	Mercantile	4	19 40 2-5
1907-8	Albert Park	2	16 55 2-5
1908-9	Nagambie	5	13 41 4-5
1909-10	Albert Park	7	14 22
1910-11	Essendon	4	15 7 3-5
1911-12	Albert Park	6	15 6
1912-13	Albert Park	7	17 33
1913-14	Albert Park	6	17 20 1-5
1914-15	Albert Park	7	16 14 3-5
1919-20	Nagambie	6	16 7
1920-21	Mercantile	7	17 25 1-5
1921-22	Mercantile	6	14 19 3-5
1922-23	Wendouree	7	14 42
1923-24	Wendouree	6	18 15 3-5
1924-25	Melbourne	6	16 26
1925-26	Melbourne	6	15 46
1926-27	Melbourne	7	16 29 2-5
1927-28	Hawthorn	9	16 46 1-5
1928-29	Mercantile	7	15 48

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

## VICTORIAN PAIR OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Wendouree Rowing Club again demonstrated their superiority in pair-oared rowing by winning the Championship event rowed at Lake Wendouree on Saturday, 2nd February, 1929. Seven crews competed, Wendouree (F. Yates bow, G. Hutchins stroke, A. Lind cox.) winning by half length from Ballarat, Merbein third, Banks fourth, Wahgunyah fifth, Ballarat City sixth, Mildura seventh. Wendouree are warmly congratulated on their achievement of winning seven out of the last eight pair-oared Championship races.

## 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
*1928-1929 . . . . .	Wendouree . . . . .	7	6	16

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

\* Rowed at Ballarat

† Distance, 1½ miles.

## VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race was held prior to the Four-oared Championship, on Saturday, 19th January, 1929, over a 2½-mile course, upstream. A. Cambridge (Bendigo) won by 100 yards from J. C. Hardy (Footscray City), E. F. Johnson (Mercantile) and H. E. Ricketts (Drummoyno, N.S.W.). Mr. Cambridge is commended in gaining his fourth championship sculling victory.

## RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLING RACES.

Season	Won by	Club	No of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
1888	J. C. Fitzgerald ..	Williamstown ..	4 ..	22 35
1889	J. H. Kerr .. . .	Yarra Yarra .. . .	5 ..	22 5
1890	J. C. Fitzgerald ..	Melbourne City ..	7 ..	21 10
1891	W. J. Bridson ..	Wellington (N.Z.)	7 ..	20 58
1892	M. J. Slack .. . .	Breakfast Creek (Q.)	5 ..	22 46½
1893	J. C. Fitzgerald ..	Electric Telegraph .	2 ..	24 13
1894	W. Dawson .. . .	Ballarat .. . . . .	6 ..	22 6
1895	E. Powell .. . . .	Albert Park .. . . .	3 ..	28 36½
1896	T. Carlyon .. . . .	Echuca East .. . . .	4 ..	26 25½
1897	C. Chapman .. . . .	Wairewa (N.Z.) .. .	2 ..	23 3
1898-9	C. Donald .. . . .	Albert Park .. . . .	2 ..	23 19
1899-00	C. Donald .. . . .	Albert Park .. . . .	2 ..	—
1900-1	C. Donald .. . . .	Albert Park .. . . .	3 ..	19 7
1901-2	P. C. Ivens .. . . .	Mercantile .. . . . .	3 ..	19 19½
1902-3	P. C. Ivens .. . . .	Mercantile .. . . . .	4 ..	—
1903-4	P. C. Ivens .. . . .	Mercantile .. . . . .	4 ..	18 0
1904-5	P. C. Ivens .. . . .	Mercantile .. . . . .	4 ..	—
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.
1928-29	A. Cambridge .. . .	Bendigo .. . . . . .	3	19 25

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance about 1¾ miles.

### VICTORIAN ONE MILE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Acting on the representations of the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association, a one mile sculling championship was held for the first time. The race was held at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on the same day as the Championship Pairs, Saturday, 2nd February, 1929. S. B. McGorm (Ballarat) won by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths from A. H. Cambridge (Bendigo) and E. F. Johnson (Mercantile). Time, 5 minutes 57 seconds.

Mr. McGorm is congratulated on winning the first one mile sculling championship of Victoria. His victory was particularly meritorious, as one hour previously he rowed a hard race and finished a close second in the pair-oared championship event.

The Committee has again decided to include the one mile sculling championship in the fixtures, and the race to count three points in the Senior Premiership.

### VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race was rowed on Saturday, 20th April, 1929, over a 2-mile course, commencing at the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mile mark, Coode Canal, and finishing at the 40 chain mark, Lower Yarra. Eight crews competed.

Mercantile Rowing Club (A. Sloss bow, R. Scott, D. Saunders, R. W. Lille, S. S. McKay, J. E. Campbell, I. P. Graham, J. H. Bailey stroke, M. Green cox., J. Sprigg coach) won by two feet from Essendon, with Banks a canvas away third, Albert Park fourth, University fifth, Bendigo sixth, Footscray City seventh, South Melbourne eighth. Time, 12 mins. 25 3-5 secs.

With the increasing number of competitors in junior events and the high standard of rowing it was decided to hold a Junior Eight-oared Championship. Conditions for the race were that entries restricted to one crew from a club, open to all oarsmen eligible to row in junior races, the rule in relation to not more than 50 per cent. of a previously successful junior crew again competing in a similar event not to apply to the junior championship race, the race to count one point per oar towards the Junior Premiership, the distance of the race to be two miles.

The introduction of the Junior Championship Race was an unqualified success, and there could be no better testimony to the judgment of the Committee in including the event in the Championships than the excellent race witnessed in the inaugural contest. For over a mile not one length separated the eight crews, and at the finish a canvas covered the first three crews. The standard of rowing was highly commended by experienced critics of the art of rowing. The race served an excellent purpose in demonstrating that amongst the junior ranks Victoria possesses promising oarsmen capable of fighting out a hard race, and should help as an additional guide to selectors for Interstate purposes.

### PREMIERSHIPS.

Mercantile Rowing Club won the Senior Premiership with 40 points, and the Junior Premiership was won by Albert Park Rowing Club with 71 points and the record number of 20 wins in regatta races. The Junior Premiership was particularly keenly contested, the Champion Junior Eights, the last race of the season, deciding the issue. Mercantile and Albert Park Rowing Clubs are heartily congratulated on their victories. The points scored in the respective Premierships were as follow:—

SENIOR.

Club.	No. Wins.	Points.	Club.	No. Wins.	Points.
Mercantile	6	40	Bendigo	1	3
Ballarat	2	27	Nagambie	1	2
Wendouree	4	16	Banks	1	2
Richmond	6	16	Wahgunyah	1	2
Rutherglen	1	4	Footscray City	1	1
Hawthorn	1	4			

JUNIOR.

Club.	No. Wins.	Points.	Club.	No. Wins.	Points.
Albert Park	20	71	University	1	8
Essendon	11	64	South Melbourne	4	8
Mercantile	8	37	Wahgunyah	3	8
Mildura	4	20	Richmond	3	8
Banks	3	20	Sale	2	6
Ballarat City	4	16	Shepparton	2	6
Rutherglen Lake	4	12	Wendouree	3	6
Bairnsdale	4	10	Warrnambool	1	4
Bendigo	2	10	Hawthorn	1	4
Footscray City	1	8	Preston	1	2
Lake Colac	1	8			

RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

1898-1899	Ballarat	1913-1914	Albert Park (Sen.)
1899-1900	Albert Park	1913-1914	Hawthorn (Jun.)
1900-1901	Mercantile	1914-1915	Albert Park (Sen.)
1901-1902	Albert Park	1914-1915	Footscray (Jun.)
1902-1903	Albert Park	1918-1919**	Civil Service (Jun.)
1903-1904	Ballarat	1919-1920	Nagambie (Sen.)
1904-1905	Albert Park		Banks (Jun.)
1905-1906	Albert Park	1920-1921	Civil Service (Sen.)
1906-1907*	Albert Park (Sen.)		Albert Park (Jun.)
1906-1907	Albert Park (Jun.)	1921-1922	Mercantile (Sen.)
1907-1908	Mercantile (Sen.)		Barwon (Jun.)
1907-1908	Footscray City (Jr.)	1923	Wendouree (Sen.)
1908-1909	Albert Park (Sen.)		Ballarat (Jun.)
1908-1909	South Melb. (Jun.)	1923-1924	Wendouree (Sen.)
1909-1910	Albert Park (Sen.)		Banks (Jun.)
1909-1910	Banks (Jun.)	1924-1925	Wendouree (Sen.)
1910-1911	Albert Park (Sen.)		Essendon (Jun.)
1910-1911†	Civil Service (Jun.)	1925-1926	Wendouree (Sen.)
	Banks		Hawthorn (Jun.)
1911-1912	Albert Park (Sen.)	1926-1927	Melbourne (Sen.)
1911-1912†	Civil Service		Mercantile (Jun.)
	Banks	1927-1928	Melbourne (Sen.)
	Essendon		Richmond (Jun.)
1912-1913	Albert Park (Sen.)	1928-1929	Mercantile (Sen.)
1912-1913	Albert Park (Sen.)		Albert Park (Jun.)
1912-1913	Civil Service (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.

## REGATTAS.

In addition to the qualifying regattas, the following races were held during the season:—

**Inter-Collegiate Eights**, for the Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield (18th and 19th April, 1929). Ormond College (C. R. Palfreyman bow, J. Adam, G. M. Oxer, E. D. Cameron, R. S. Hooper, R. Officer, C. G. Baird, A. L. Rentoul stroke, I. Murphy cox., E. C. H. Taylor coach).

**Head of the River** (10th and 11th May, 1929). Xavier College (G. F. Jones bow, R. L. Andre, P. H. Kearney, G. J. Loughran, E. F. McKenna, P. E. Whitehead, A. F. Redding, J. J. Ryan stroke, E. A. Fakhry cox., M. Shea coach).

**John Lang Cup** (15th April, 1929). Queen's College (E. H. Pedrick bow, D. K. Thomson, H. H. R. Nash, O. K. McCutcheon, S. I. Weeks, R. J. B. Turnbull, J. L. Grove, A. R. M. Johnson stroke, G. Brimacombe cox., C. Donald coach).

**Inter-Banks Fours** for Henry Gyles Turner Shield (27th April, 1929). State Savings Bank (W. J. Heath bow, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, W. D. Thompson stroke, D. Tippett cox.).

**Inter-Banks Challenge Eights** (27th April, 1929). State Savings Bank (C. Corney bow, E. O. Hudgson, W. J. Heath, M. F. King, P. Absom, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, W. D. Thompson stroke, D. Tippett cox.).

**United Services Rowing Association** (18th May, 1929). Challenge Cup, 37th Battalion (H. Boas bow, J. Mollard, I. P. Graham, G. J. Horder, A. M. Lille, W. R. Lille, H. G. Guinn, D. Miller stroke, M. Green cox.); Vice-President's Challenge Cup, 22nd Brigade, A.F.A. (G. A. Brooke bow, W. Fahle, T. Fogarty, D. C. Brooke stroke, R. Cliff cox.).

**Press Challenge Cup** (16th March, 1929) for competition between the staffs of the newspaper offices was revived, after lapsing for a number of years. Great interest was taken in the race, which was won by the Government Printing Office crew (H. Davies bow, W. Neely, F. Jones, E. Voight stroke).

## INTER-UNIVERSITY EIGHT-OARED RACE.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Australian Universities boat race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was rowed on the Lower Yarra, Melbourne, on Saturday, 1st June, 1929. The six States were represented, and Melbourne University won handsomely by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, Adelaide second, Queensland third, Sydney fourth, West Australia fifth, Tasmania sixth. Distance,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Time, 14 minutes 27 and one-fifth seconds. The personnel of the Melbourne crew was:—A. A. Lee bow, A. R. M. Johnson, R. C. De Crespigny, L. R. Scharp, R. C. McKay, R. Officer, W. B. Griffiths, W. Sherlock stroke, G. K. Duane cox., C. Donald coach. The Victorian Rowing Association heartily congratulate the Melbourne University on their splendid victory achieved against the strongest opposition. The victory is all the more welcome in view of the fate of Victorian representatives in Interstate contests for the King's Cup, and will help to retrieve the reputation of the calibre of Victorian oarsmen. With best wishes for the continued success of the Melbourne University crew.

In the Inter-Varsity Sculling Race, K. A. Flavelle (Sydney) defeated A. Crothers (Melbourne) by six lengths. Distance,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Time, 15 mins. 23 4-5 secs.

## REGATTA DATES AND INTERSTATE CREW, 1929-30.

The following are the Regatta and Championship dates for the 1929-30 season:—

Henley, 26th October, 1929; V.R.A., 2nd November, 1929; Footscray, 30th November, 1929; Championship Fours (Colac), 14th December, 1929; Nagambie and Warrnambool, 26th December, 1929; Colac and Rutherglen, 1st January, 1930; Championship Pairs and One Mile Sculling Championship, 11th January, 1930; Upper Yarra, 25th January, 1930; A.N.A. Day, 27th January, 1930; Barwon, 22nd February, 1930; Ballarat, 1st March, 1930; V.R.A. Combination Eights, 8th March, 1930; Championship Eights and 2½ Mile Sculling Championship, 15th March, 1930; Championship Junior Eights, 29th March, 1930; Bairnsdale and Mildura, 19th April, 1930; Sale, 21st April, 1930; King's Cup Race is on 3rd May, 1930 (Mannum, S.A.).

The next Interstate race will be rowed on the Murray River at Mannum, South Australia, on Saturday, 3rd May, 1930. The Committee has decided that the policy of the Association as regards the selection of the Interstate crew will be as follows:—"That the Championship Eights be rowed at least seven weeks before the Interstate Race, Ballarat and Barwon Regattas to be concluded before the Championship Eights. That the proposed members of the Interstate crew be free to compete in any regatta until the Eight-oared Championship Race has been decided, but not thereafter in any particular season." It was also decided "That two selectors be appointed, who shall appoint the coach at any time, who will then act as third selector. If the selectors fail to agree on the appointment of a coach, the Executive shall be empowered to appoint the coach." Following on the motion in relation to selectors, eight nominations were received. A preferential ballot was taken at the September meeting, resulting in the appointment of Mr. Geo. Anderson (Hawthorn) and Mr. W. R. B. Todd as the two selectors for the Victorian Interstate crew and sculler for the season 1929-30. The Committee congratulate the selectors on their appointment, and trust that their selection will acquit Victoria with honors in the Interstate contest.

## ANNUAL REGATTA.

The annual Melbourne Regatta was held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1928, the record entry of competitors being received. Results:—Maiden Pairs, Albert Park (D. Lord bow, J. Calder stroke, N. Tulloch cox.); Maiden Fours, Mercantile (G. Hogg bow, J. Graham, T. Fogarty, K. Kennedy stroke); Maiden Eights, Banks (E. O. Hodgson bow, G. N. Sim, A. E. Smith, C. C. Dicker, A. R. Pitts, C. P. LeBrocq, G. A. Eakins, E. McPhail stroke, R. West cox.); Lightweight Fours, Albert Park (W. Jackson bow, J. Clyde, R. G. Short, J. Higgins stroke, F. Williams cox.); Junior Pairs, Wahgunyah (N. McKay bow, A. McMillan stroke, D. Parry cox.); Junior Fours, Mildura (J. Gordon bow, B. Leigh, J. Keating, W. V. Adair stroke, S. Harris cox.); Junior Eights, Banks (K. S. Cusworth bow, N. Gadson, M. Burke, C. E. Horsburgh, H. F. Yuncken, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, J. W. E. Byrne stroke, R. West cox.); Senior Pairs, Nagambie (F. Furlong bow, V. Sullivan stroke, L. Sullivan cox.); Senior Sculls, Drummoyne, N.S.W. (H. E. Ricketts).

**Combination Eights** (Bradshaw).—Mr. E. T. Bradshaw again donated trophies for the V.R.A. Combination Eights, the proceeds of which considerably augmented the Interstate fund. The winning crew was:—D. Axup (Albert Park) bow, J. Hocking (Albert Park), T. W. Grant (Essendon), H. Saunders (Melbourne), A. H. Phillips (Essendon), I. Duncan (Albert Park), F. Davies (Melbourne), J. Murphy (Hawthorn) stroke.

### AFFILIATED CLUBS.

During the season Dimboola, Antwerp and Corowa Rowing Clubs became affiliated with the Association. Dimboola conducted a Regatta during November, 1928, and Ballarat oarsmen who competed voted the fixture first-class. The acquisition of the three Clubs will further strengthen the sport in Victoria.

Yarra Yarra Rowing Club Boathouse and entire fleet was totally destroyed by fire on the 28th January, 1929. Essendon and Hawthorn Rowing Clubs also lost two clinker eights, four clinker fours, three clinker pairs and two sculls in the disastrous fire. The Clubs concerned were covered to an extent by insurance. It is with regret that the Committee record that one of the members of the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, Mr. Cedric Swallow, sustained fatal burns as a result of the fire. To his relatives the deepest sympathy is extended.

Yarra Yarra Rowing Club members have by their enthusiasm again illustrated the oarsman's love for his Club. By dint of hard labour in the intervening time they have erected a splendid Clubhouse on the old site. Their new quarters are spacious and architecturally an adornment to the river banks. Yarra Yarra members and supporters are heartily congratulated on their achievement, and the best of success for the coming regatta races.

Essendon Rowing Club have enlarged their Clubhouse by the addition of a wing.

In practically every affiliated Club improvements have been made as regards accommodation and catering for the welfare of members. Necessarily such work is expensive, and a perusal of Club balance sheets show that the subscription of members does not in most cases cover the working expenses of the Club. The extra revenue is derived from the activities of social committees. This observation is only made in order that Club members will fully realise, when called upon to assist their Club in the matter of raising funds, they are not being asked to perform a task which members of other Clubs are not required to undertake.

### MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

The work that has been carried out by the Metropolitan Board of Works in connection with the improvement of the river banks in the metropolitan area during the season is extremely satisfactory. As citizens, and from the nature of the sport followed, the Committee may be pardoned in stating that they more fully estimate the invaluable work which has been carried out in the preservation and beautification of the river banks than the majority of other members of the community. The Metropolitan Board of Works is complimented on the improvements made to the banks of the Yarra Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers.

### MOTOR BOAT.

Considerable use has been made of the motor boat purchased by the Association for coaching purposes for the Interstate crews. It was not possible to obtain the use of a motor boat at Perth for the last Victorian Interstate crew, and the Association boat was shipped to Perth, being used conjointly by Victoria and N.S.W. The Committee has decided that the boat is available for hire to Clubs for coaching purposes, the charge being fixed at 10/- per hour and 5/-- for each additional half hour, 15 minutes for preparing the boat for use, and 15 minutes for mooring being included in the time of



hire. The Committee is grateful to Mr. Geo. Hutton, who has undertaken the task of looking after the motor boat and driving the boat for the coach of the Interstate crew. Mr. Hutton has spent innumerable hours of his leisure time in the interest of the Association, and is deserving of the best thanks of members.

### REGATTA REGULATIONS AND LAWS OF BOAT-RACING.

The Executive has revised the V.R.A. Laws of Boat-racing and Regatta Regulations in conjunction with the Rules of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, together with necessary amendments thought desirable. The revised Laws and Regatta Regulations will be submitted for approval at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

### CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES.

During the season the Committee has occupied much time in consideration of the question of the most suitable course to row Championship events. In the deliberations on the subject much useful information was forthcoming from the Melbourne University Boat Club who had made exhaustive inquiries for a suitable place to row the Interstate Universities' Boat Race. It was generally agreed that the Yarra River was ideal for races up to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, but even then the increasing number of entries in Championship events presented difficulties; for races over 2 miles or more, owing to the bends in the river, the question of the distance covered by the crews from different stations in the race was debatable, the preponderance of wins from No. 1 Station were points that led members to consider the advisability of endeavouring to obtain a better course. After detailed inquiries it was resolved that the first Championship event for the season 1929-30 be rowed at Lake Colac. Accordingly the event to be rowed at Lake Colac will be the Championship Fours, on Saturday, 14th December, 1929. The Colac Regatta Committee has intimated that every effort will be made to make the fixture an unqualified success, the freight of competitors' boats will be guaranteed. Lake Colac presents the ideal setting for a regatta, capable of accommodating an unlimited number of competitors in a race, a perfectly straight course, and ideal surroundings for spectators to view the race. Being a lake the water is naturally subject to the wind, but statistics supplied to the Committee indicate that the percentage of days upon which the Lake is not suitable for rowing is small. Favoured with a good day, the venture of the Committee in holding the Championship Fours Race at Colac should be highly successful and will undoubtedly create more interest amongst the public than previous Championship Races on the Lower Yarra.

### RULES.

At the Annual General Meeting on 1st October, 1928, the following additions to Rules and Regatta Regulations were approved:—

Rule.—No motion passed at a meeting of the Committee shall be rescinded unless on four weeks' notice to that effect, and unless the motion for the rescinding be carried by a three-fourths majority of the members present at the meeting.

Rule.—A nomination form for membership to a Club shall be used in accordance with the fifth schedule hereto.

Regatta Regulation.—All courses for qualifying regatta races shall not be less than one mile in length, except with the approval of the Association.

Regatta Regulation.—Championship races shall be open to any class of boat.

## FINANCE.

## Donations Interstate Fund.

Financing of the Interstate crew to compete in the Interstate Eight-oared Championship at Perth was for a time a matter of concern to the Committee. Various capital commitments in the purchase of rowing equipment for the Interstate crew and a motor boat for coaching purposes left practically a negligible balance for the commencement of the season and no reserve for financing the most expensive of the Interstate trips. An appeal was made to the rowing clubs, regatta committees and supporters of the sport. The result was exceedingly gratifying as indicated by the appended list of donors. The sum of £331/9/- was raised, and this, together with the ordinary revenue of the Association, covered the expenses in connection with the Interstate trip. The Committee express their deep appreciation for the generosity of the numerous subscribers named below. No response which the Association has made has been found wanting of support from amongst past or present oarsmen, a further testimony of the splendid spirit of amateurism existent amongst rowing men. List of donations received:—

Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, £100; Sir George Fairbairn, £20; Ballarat Regatta Association, £15/15/-; Mercantile Rowing Club, £11/10/6; Herald and Weekly Times, £10/10/-; Footscray Regatta Committee, £10/10/-; Colac Regatta Committee, £10; Essendon Rowing Club, £6/11/-; Lou Schmitt, £6/7/6; Melbourne Rowing Club, £5/6/6; Nagambie Rowing Club, £5/5/-; A. W. and S. L. Massina, £5/5/-; J. H. Connell, £5/5/-; Col. Semmens, £5/5/-; Banks Rowing Club, £5/0/6; M. Cresswell, £5; Hawthorn Rowing Club, £5; H. M. Strachan, £5; Bendigo Rowing Club, £5; Sir Stephen Morell, £4/4/-; Richmond Rowing Club, £3/4/6; Ballarat City Rowing Club, £3/3/-; A. J. Shepherd, £3/3/-; Wendouree Rowing Club, £3/3/-; M. Shea, £3/3/-; Ballarat Rowing Club, £3/3/-; Mildura Rowing Club, £3/3/-; Albert Park Rowing Club, £3/3/-; H. J. Green, £2/2/-; W. H. Watson, £2/2/-; Hon. Justice Starke, £2/2/-; Colac Rowing Club, £2/2/-; Captain A. M. Treacy, £2/2/-; Bairnsdale Regatta, £2/2/-; Albert Park Rowing Club Social Committee, £2/2/-; O. W. Maurice Williams, £2/2/-; R. D. Booth, £2/2/-; South Melbourne Rowing Club, £2/2/-; Warrnambool Regatta, £2/2/-; A. Henty, £2/2/-; Preston Rowing Club, £2/2/-; Sale Rowing Club, £2; A. L. Dobbie, £2; W. McIlroy, £2; M. Burke and friends, £1/16/-; H. P. Brown, £1/1/-; S. Stewart, £1/1/-; E. Swindells, £1/1/-; T. Brennan, £1/1/-; Major Conder, £1/1/-; Warrnambool Rowing Club, £1/1/-; Wahgunyah Rowing Club, £1/1/-; Dr. J. S. Buchanan, £1/1/-; J. Young, £1; A. Wishart, £1/1/-; H. Roberts, £1/1/-; Murray Rowing Association, £1/1/-; J. R. Cochrane, £1/1/-; A. Spowers, £1/1/-; Eaglehawk Rowing Club, £1/1/-; E. Kenny, £1/1/-; Dr. J. Green, £1/1/-; Rutherglen Rowing Club, £1/1/-; W. Mathieson, £1; A. Hill, £1; G. S. Sutherland, 10/6; J. A. Murray, 10/6; Three Sports, 12/6; T. W. Smith, 10/-; L. Haggart, 10/-; W. Potter, 10/-; L. Craig, 5/. Grand total, £331/9/-.

## LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

M. A. J. Shepherd .....	£3	3	0
Mr. W. W. Senior .....	1	1	0
Mr. H. Butler .....	1	1	0
Col. J. M. Semmens .....	1	1	0
Mr. A. L. Dobbie .....	1	1	0
Mr. A. Spowers .....	1	1	0
Mr. T. R. Reid .....	1	1	0
Capt. Treacy .....	1	1	0
Mr. J. Morell .....	1	1	0
Mr. W. Joseph .....	1	1	0
Col. G. I. Stevenson .....	1	1	0
Dr. H. C. Disher .....	1	1	0
Mr. B. Nolan .....	1	1	0
Mr. H. Picken .....	1	1	0
Mr. A. W. Massina .....	1	1	0
Mr. J. McFarlane .....	1	1	0
General H. Grimwade .....	1	1	0
Sir S. Morell .....	1	1	0
Mr. G. Anderson .....	1	1	0
Mr. R. Taylor, Jnr. ....	1	1	0
Mr. M. Shea .....	1	1	0
Mr. G. S. Sutherland .....		14	0
Mr. S. Stewart .....		10	6
Mr. S. Shallard .....		10	6
Mr. E. Swindells .....		10	6
Mr. H. Schlichting .....		10	6
	£26	19	0

## GENERAL.

Junior Championship Medals.—It has been decided that the members of the winning crew of the Champion Junior Eights shall be presented with medals similar in design to the Championship medals, with a distinctive shield.

Rule of the River.—Attention has been invited from time to time to the necessity of strict compliance with the rule in relation to the course of boats during training on the Yarra River. Clubs are warned that severe penalties will be inflicted for breaches of the rule of the River Regulations.

Mr. R. R. Sullivan, who had acted as Assistant Honorary Secretary for 18 months, has been forced, through illness, to resign from the position. Mr. Sullivan had rendered valuable service to the Association, and it is hoped that he will speedily recover his normal good health.

Memorial Judge's Box.—It is hoped that by the end of the coming season the Memorial Judge's Box, sanctioned by the Committee to be erected at the finish of the Henley Mile, will be completed. The project was temporarily abandoned owing to the call being made on members in connection with finances for the Interstate crew.

Regatta Associations have again furthered the interest of the sport, and the Committees sincerely appreciate the good work performed.

The Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association (Henley) made strenuous efforts to obtain representation by Dominion and English crews at the Henley Regatta. Unfortunately, New Zealand was the only acceptor of the invitations. The propaganda for rowing resulting from the Henley Regatta is a big factor to the sport, and the ardent support accorded the Victorian Rowing Association by the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association is valued by the Committee.

### THANKS.

To Mr. E. T. Bradshaw, donor of trophies V.R.A. Eights; Captain A. M. Treacy, O.B.E., Championship Pennant; Messrs. W. W. Senior and A. W. Massina, Auditors; the Press; Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners; Melbourne City Council; Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works; Subscribers to the Association; Regatta Committees, the sincerest thanks of the Committee is conveyed for their continued valuable support.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following members, with the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer ex-officio, formed the Executive:—Messrs. H. E. Butler (Chairman), A. L. Dobbie, E. Kenny, H. T. James, N. S. Muir, C. McVilly and G. Hutton. Twenty-six Executive meetings, exclusive of Committee meetings, were held during the year. Executive members have devoted much time to the work of the Association, and have materially facilitated the administration of the sport. The best thanks of members are due to the Executive.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Twelve Committee meetings were held during the season, and attendances were as follow:—H. T. James, H. E. Butler, T. L. Mannix, 12; J. P. Rorke, G. Anderson, A. L. Dobbie, M. Burke, G. W. Ward, W. Sullivan, A. Crook, 11; W. Mellroy, W. E. O'Brien, T. S. Flint, H. Roberts, W. Joseph, G. Hutton, C. McVilly, N. S. Muir, E. Kenny, 10; W. Mathieson, M. G. Muir, T. Gipton, E. Farrell, J. Keleher, A. Downing, A. Wishart, 9; J. W. Shaw, T. W. Smith, R. Shannon, E. Swindells, 8; T. Jenkin, H. J. Green, H. Tonner, G. R. Stewart, G. Eaton, C. H. Denny, E. C. H. Taylor, A. Williams, 7; R. W. B. Todd, G. Mathieson, J. Sprigg, W. Potter, E. G. Woods, W. Johnson, R. Rush, E. Hill, 6; N. Nilsen, A. J. Shepherd, J. M. Semmens, J. Nicholls, R. White, 5; J. M. Gray, E. T. Fahey, S. R. Bell, 4; J. South, G. Tully, S. Gebbie, A. Sloss, H. G. Peet, 3; C. J. Nicolls, L. Rousch, L. Glynn, K. McKenzie, N. Young, A. Short, V. Barker-Hays, W. C. Howarth, R. N. McDonald, T. Coleman, R. R. Sullivan, J. M. Macfarlane, R. Wait, 2; A. Burton, G. Kranz, R. Batchelor, C. J. McCarthey, M. Easton, J. A. Swanson, D. Laird, E. Cameron, J. J. Reidy, 1.

On behalf of the Committee,

T. L. MANNIX, Hon. Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,

Melbourne, 18th September, 1929.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st Aug., 1929

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Outstanding Trophy Money—		Bank Balances—	
Season 1919-20 ..	.. 54 14 6	State Savings Bank ..	£727 9 4
" 1920-21 ..	.. 7 10 0	E. S. & A. Bank ..	60 19 1
" 1921-22 ..	.. 7 10 0	Commonwealth Bond (£100) at cost	£788 8 5
" 1922-23 ..	.. 32 13 0	Oarsmen's Memorial Fund (State Savings Bank) ..	100 2 6
" 1923-24 ..	.. 38 13 3	Club Contributions ..	196 13 5
" 1924-25 ..	.. 26 12 0	Regatta Registrations ..	15 8 6
" 1925-26 ..	.. 44 3 0	Insurance King's Cup (State's Share) ..	10 10 0
" 1926-27 ..	.. 46 14 0	Bradshaw Eights ..	8 6 8
" 1927-28 ..	.. 73 1 6	Association Property—	3 2 6
" 1928-29 ..	.. 566 8 0	1 Best Eight-oared Boat ..	75 0 0
Oarsmen's Memorial Fund ..	£848 1 3	Oars, set of 10 ..	20 0 0
A.N.A. Day Regatta, 1926-27 ..	.. 196 13 5	" ..	38 5 0
Balance—Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	.. 11 0 7	Case and Cover for Boat ..	5 0 0
	.. 357 6 9	Boat Registration Plant ..	2 0 0
		Embossing Dies ..	1 0 0
		Stationery £4/-, Copying Press 10/- ..	4 10 0
		Typewriter ..	8 0 0
		Filing Cabinet ..	6 0 0
		Dies and Collar for Medals ..	8 5 0
		Motor Boat ..	90 0 0
		Swivels (8) ..	12 10 0
		Swive's and Riggers (8) ..	20 0 0
	£1413 2 0		290 10 0
			£1413 2 0

Audited and found correct,  
16th September, 1929.

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

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 6th September, 1929

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

		RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at 1/9/28—									
	State Savings Bank	...	...	548	18	7			
	E. S. & A. Bank	...	...	10	15	5			
							559	14	0
„ Club Contributions		...	...				267	10	0
„ Registration Fees—									
	Coxswains	...	...	28	5	0			
	Regattas	...	...	46	4	0			
							74	9	0
„ Championships									
	Entry Fees	...	...	39	5	0			
	Steamers and Programmes	...	...	40	5	6			
							79	10	6
„ V.R.A. Regatta—									
	Entry Fees	...	...	112	15	0			
	Programmes	...	...	12	1	6			
	Advertising	...	...	18	1	0			
							142	17	6
„ A.N.A. Day Regatta—									
	Entry Fees	...	...	72	0	0			
	Programmes	...	...	8	13	3			
	Buttons	...	...	16	17	0			
	Advertising	...	...	8	0	0			
							105	10	3
„ Motor Boat—									
	Donations	...	...	7	16	0			
	Hire	...	...	6	6	0			
							14	2	0
„ Miscellaneous —									
	Interest and Exchange	...	...	28	19	3			
	Hire of Eight Oared Boat	...	...	6	6	0			
	Sale of Booklets	...	...	5	11	0			
	Fine	...	...	0	5	0			
							41	1	3
„ Subscriptions		...	...				26	19	0
„ Interstate Boat Race. Perih. 1929 —									
	Donations	...	...	331	9	0			
	Refund Freight	...	...	10	3	9			
	Hire of Motor Boat	...	...	2	0	0			
	Bradshaw Eights	...	...	16	5	0			
							377	17	9
„ Trust Moneys—									
	Trophy Money	...	...	880	12	6			
	Staging—Prince's Bridge, 1928	...	...	120	0	0			
							1,000	12	6

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£2,690 3 9

Audited and found correct

16th September, 1929.

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# DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1928-29.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Championships—						
Medals	27	0	0			
Programmes	5	12	6			
Steamers	24	0	0			
V.R.A. Regatta—				56	12	6
Trophies	£117	10	0			
Less unpaid	65	0	0			
Printing	52	10	0			
Moored Boats	24	0	0			
Refund Entry Fees	5	0	0			
A.N.A. Day Regatta—				82	10	0
Trophies	61	3	6			
Printing	12	15	0			
Buttons	8	0	0			
Boats	5	0	0			
Interstate Races				86	18	6
Sydney, 1928—						
Freight Shipping and Insurance	16	11	10			
Perth, 1929—						
Fares	267	3	3			
Board and Meals	102	16	0			
Freight	59	13	6			
Oars, Riggers and Swivels	71	18	1			
Trainers	16	0	0			
Tips	14	7	0			
Blazer-Pockets, and Singlets	13	0	6			
Insurance	6	18	7			
Motor Launch	6	4	11			
Hire of Boat	6	6	0			
Miscellaneous	12	4	0			
				593	3	8
Motor Boat—						
Painting and Slipping	15	10	0			
Mooring	7	0	0			
Insurance	1	2	6			
Running Costs	9	9	2			
				33	1	8
Miscellaneous—						
Insurance (Boat and King's Cup)	4	9	2			
Petty Cash, Postages, Etc....	33	0	0			
Printing	30	6	10			
Amateur Sports Club	11	11	0			
Honoraria	37	12	0			
Australian Rowing Council	6	6	0			
Rowing Booklets	9	0	0			
Dies for Championship Medals	8	5	0			
Premiership Certificates	3	0	0			
Miscellaneous	6	3	6			
Trust Moneys—				149	13	6
Trophy Moneys	779	15	6			
Staging—Prince's Bridge 1928	120	0	0			
Bank Balances				899	15	6
E. S. & A. Bank	60	19	1			
State Savings Bank	727	9	4			
				788	8	5
				£2,690	3	9

**ROWERS' MEMORIAL FUND**  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 1928-29

To Balance	..	£189	2	3	By Balance State Savings Bank
„ Interest, 31/8/29	..	..	7	11	2
					..£196 13 5
					£196 13 5

Audited and found correct.  
14th September, 1929

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

Hon. Auditors.

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.  
Melbourne, 6th September, 1929



## RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1928-29.

Clubs.	Number of Members, Season 1927-28.	Number of Members, Season 1928-29	Club Contributions.
Metropolitan—			
Albert Park .....	105	106	£18 7 6
Banks .....	127	139	22 4 6
Essendon .....	75	81	13 2 6
Footscray .....	65	73	11 7 6
Hawthorn .....	85	96	14 17 6
Melbourne .....	116	165	20 6 0
Mercantile .....	177	206	30 19 6
Preston .....	45	32	6 2 6
Richmond .....	104	100	18 4 0
South Hawthorn .....	51	51†	
South Melbourne .....	43	30	7 10 6
University .....	377	360	18 17 0
Yarra Yarra .....	47	53	8 4 6
Total .....	1,417	1,492	£190 3 6
Country—			
Antwerp .....	20	17	£2 0 0
Bairnsdale .....	46	43	4 12 0
Ballarat .....	76	55	7 12 0
Ballarat City .....	57	51	4 14 0
Barwon .....	55	51	5 10 0
Bendigo .....	62	62	6 4 0
Corio .....	46	39	9 4 0*
Corowa .....	5	5†	10 0
Dimboola .....	24	24	2 8 0
Eaglehawk .....	18	18	3 12 0*
Lake Colac .....	30	33	3 0 0
Merbein .....	18	12	1 16 6
Mildura .....	90	94	9 0 0
Nagambie .....	30	17	2 0
Rutherglen .....	21	21	2 2 0
Sale .....	25	26	2 10 0
Shepparton .....	23	23†	2 6 0
Wahgunyah .....	15	15	1 10 0
Warrnambool .....	27	22	2 14 0
Wendouree .....	60	54	6 0 0
Wentworth .....	14	14†	
Total .....	762	696	£77 6 6
Grand Total .....	2,179	2,188	£267 10 0

\*Including arrears.

†Approximate figures.

J. P. RORKE,

Hon. Treasurer.

## SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1928-29.

Regatta.	No. Competitors	Date.	Value of Trophies.	Trophy Orders Paid.	Balance held by V.R.A.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from previous years			—	—	281 13 3
<b>1928-29</b>					
Victorian Rowing Association	442	3/11/2	117 10 0	52 10 0	65 0 0
Footscray	260	24/11/28	72 10 0	47 10 0	25 0 0
Warrnambool	80	26/12/28	60 0 0	27 0 0	33 0 0
Nagambie	219	26/12/28	117 0 0	54 0 0	63 0 0
Rutherglen	110	1/1/29	69 0 0	69 0 0	—
Colac	130	1/1/29	66 0 0	18 0 0	48 0 0
Upper Yarra	296	28/1/29	86 12 6	36 4 6	50 8 0
Ballarat	395	2/3/29	175 10 0	51 0 0	124 10 0
Barwon	276	23/2/29	129 0 0	54 0 0	75 0 0
Bairnsdale	86	30/3/29	54 0 0	9 0 0	45 0 0
Sale	82	1/4/29	45 0 0	7 10 0	37 10 0
Total			992 2 6	425 14 6	566 8 0
Grand Total			—	—	848 1 3

J. P. RORKE,

Hon. Treasurer

6th September, 1929