

Victorian Rowing Association  
1876-1931

Fifty-Fifth  
Annual Report and  
Balance Sheet

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Season  
1930-31  
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*Hon. Asst. Secretary:*  
H. E. BUTLER

*Hon. Treasurer:*  
J. P. RORKE

# VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

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*The Fifty-fifth Annual General Meeting of  
the above Association will be held at the Amateur  
Sports Club, McEwan House, Little Collins Street,  
Melbourne, on Monday, 5th October, 1931, 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, 1931.

# Victorian Rowing Association

## SEASON 1930-31

### LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

#### Patrons.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
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#### Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

ELECTED		RETIREES		ELECTED		RETIREES	
N. S. MUIR	1930	1930	1932	H. T. JAMES	1931	1931	1933
E. A. SWINDELLS	1930	1930	1932	A. L. DOBBIE	1931	1931	1933
W. JOSEPH	1930	1930	1932	G. ANDERSON	1931	1931	1933
T. JENKIN	1930	1930	1932	H. E. BUTLER	1931	1931	1933
H. J. GREEN	1930	1930	1932	G. HUTTON	1931	1931	1933

#### Executive Committee.

ELECTED		RETIREES		ELECTED		RETIREES	
G. HUTTON, Esq.	1929	1929	1931	N. S. MUIR, Esq.	1930	1930	1932
H. T. JAMES, Esq.	1929	1929	1931	C. McVILLY, Esq.	1930	1930	1932
E. KENNY, Esq.	1929	1929	1931	M. BURKE, Esq.	1930	1930	1932
A. L. DOBBIE, Esq.	1930	1930	1932				

(Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Asst. Secretary ex-officio members)

#### Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	.. R. G. Short	Melbourne	.. E. Edwards
	O. Traynor		E. Brooks
Ballarat	.. H. B. Roberts	Merbein	.. W. Potter
	H. Tonner	Mercantile	.. A. Miller
Ballarat City	.. G. Eaton		J. Campbell
Bairnsdale	.. W. Mathieson	Mildura	.. T. W. Smith
Banks	.. E. O. Hodgson	Nagambie	.. S. Gebbie
	G. W. Ward	Preston	.. F. Mathieson
Barwon	.. T. Coleman	Richmond	.. J. J. Reidy
	W. Howarth		K. McKenzie
Bendigo	.. E. Hill	Rutherglen	.. G. Tully
Corowa	.. J. Thompson	Sale	.. W. McIlroy
Colac	.. R. Rush	Shepparton	.. E. J. Farrell
Corio Bay	.. R. N. McDonald	South Melbourne	H. McEwan
	E. J. Taylor	University	.. E. C. H. Taylor
			S. R. Bell
Dimboola	.. Jas. Currie	Warrnambool	.. A. Wishart
Eaglehawk	.. T. Flint	Wendouree	.. R. W. B. Todd
Essendon	.. M. G. Muir		A. Williams
	A. Morris	Wentworth Dist	H. La Roche
Footscray City	.. T. Gipton	Yarra Yarra	.. C. Richards
	L. Rousch		W. Finnis
Hawthorn	.. V. Barker-Hays		
	L. A. Bown		

FIFTY-FIFTH  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

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TO THE MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,

The Fifty-fifth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Association records still further progress of rowing in Victoria. Difficult as times have been, the Committee is able to submit for your consideration a satisfactory Balance Sheet, although £87 was contributed towards the Oarsmen's Memorial Judge's Box, and a donation from the V.R.A. Combination Eights amounting to £37 was given to the Blind Appeal. The financial position of the Association was relieved through there being no Interstate Race during the season.

Regatta entries during the season were excellent; only one regatta committee was unable to carry out its fixture. The total number of competitors for the season was 3389, which number has only been exceeded on one occasion.

New fixtures introduced are the Open Lightweight Eights race, and the Yarra Pennant race, to which reference is made on page 13. A proposal will also be submitted at the Annual Meeting for the extension of the Junior 50/50 rule to lightweight oarsmen.

Careful attention has been given to regatta courses in the Metropolis. The Committee decided to finish the races on the Henley mile, about 50 yards further upstream, to eliminate a slight bend at the finish, and the course has been surveyed. The Melbourne Harbor Trust recently completed a survey of the Lower Yarra from Spencer Street Bridge to the mouth of the Yarra, and kindly forwarded a surveyed plan to the Association. Necessary action has been taken to ensure the correct starting and finishing angles for championship races on the Lower Yarra, in accordance with the new survey.

As there was no Interstate contest during the season, efforts were made to have the winning Victorian Champion Eight compete in the N.S.W. Championship Eights on the following Saturday. Owing to inclement weather necessitating a week's postponement of the Victorian Championship, it was not possible to arrange the visit.

The Committee hope that Club executives will continue their efforts and make the forthcoming season as successful as the past. For the 1931-32 season Victoria has the added attraction of the Australian Championships on the Yarra and, as at present Victoria are the holders of the historic King's Cup trophy, it behoves all rowing men to assist in the advancement of their Club and the calibre of their oarsmen, to widen the field for the selection of the Victorian Interstate Eight. Remember, it took the State 13 years to regain the honor of the premier rowing State, and no stone should be left unturned to retain the title. By all rowing men co-operating and assisting their own particular Club, and helping with the instruction of novices and crews, the Club is strengthened and the rowing improved.

The membership of the Association and the number of competitors during the past ten seasons are as follow:—

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
1929-30	2251	3017	515	3532
1930-31	—	2868	521	3389

### AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

Consequent upon the decision of the Council at the Fifth Annual Meeting, held at Adelaide on 8th May, 1930, no Interstate races were held during the season.

No meeting of the Council has been held during the season, but postal votes have been taken on the undermentioned subjects:—

- (1) Selection Committee Olympic Games. It was decided "that the Australian Amateur Rowing Council should appoint a Selection Committee of three, to select rowing representatives for the Olympic Games, who would inform the representative of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council on the Olympic Selection Committee of their findings."

The States agreed to the above proposal, and the following were appointed as the Selection Committee:— Messrs. O. J. Wood (N.S.W.), P. J. Ryan (W.A.), and E. Kenny (V.).

- (2) Owing to the prevailing depression, a motion was submitted by West Australia in order to find out the views of the other States as regards a further postponement of the Interstate races, and also as to whether, in the event of a State not being represented, they would forfeit their turn to the race. On a vote being taken, the majority of States were in favour of the holding of the next Australian Interstate Championships, and also the enforcement of the penalty clause that a State forfeit its turn for the race if not represented.

The Victorian Rowing Association has fixed the date for the next Australian Interstate Eight-oared and Sculling Championships, which will be held on the Yarra River, Melbourne, on Saturday, 23rd April, 1932.

In connection with the Olympic levy of sixpence a member, the Victorian Rowing Association resolved that it would support the principle, providing the subscription was on a voluntary basis, and that the money be used for rowing or sculling representation. Mr. Cecil N. McKay promised to raise £ for £ up to £50, provided the subscription was voluntary.

RECORD OF INTER-STATE RACES. EIGHTS

YEAR	WON BY	OTHER COMPETITORS	ROWED AT	TIME	
				M	S
1878	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	—	—
1879	N.S.W.	Victoria	Sydney	20	6
1880	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	26	45
1881	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18	12
1882	N.S.W.	Victoria	Melbourne	20	47
1883	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18	10
1884	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	24	5
1885	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., and Q.	Sydney	19	28
1886	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	18	42 1-3
1887	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	17	12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
†1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17	46
1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	16	57
1889	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17	30
1890	Victoria	Queensland and N.S.W.	Sydney	18	45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
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
1930	Victoria	N.S.W., Q., Tas., S.A., W.A.	Mannum (S.A.)	16	47

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.

\*Vic., N.S.W. and Qld. did not finish owing to accidents.

‡Distance, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles. §Tasmania and Queensland swamped.

## 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. 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
1929	Perth	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	K. Langley (W.A.)	15 47
1930	Mannum (S.A.)	J. R. Scott (N.S.W.)	A. Buckley (Q.), R. Beauchamp (T.), R. Jelbart (V.)	15 14

\* 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.

Five entries were received for the Champion Eights, which was to be rowed on the 21st March, 1931. The flooded condition of the river and strong winds forced the Executive to postpone the fixture to the following Saturday, 28th March, 1931. The race was rowed over a course of 2½ miles, starting at the 2 mile 50 chain mark in Coode Canal, and finishing at the 10 chain mark, Lower Yarra. Richmond won an exciting race by a canvas from Albert Park, Mercantile being two lengths away, third, followed by Bendigo and Hawthorn. The personnel of the Richmond crew was:—F. G. Thompson, 10st. 6lb. (bow); J. Sharples, 11st. (2); V. Callaghan, 11st. (3); M. Gardner, 11st. 7lb. (4); G. Whittaker, 12st. 7lb. (5); L. Thompson, 12st. 4lb. (6); B. Thompson, 12st. 4lb. (7); J. Barton, 12st. 4lb. (stroke); R. Godfredson (cox); G. McPhail (coach). Richmond Rowing Club are heartily congratulated on their first win in the Championship Eights.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHT-OARED RACES.

Season	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
**1929-30	Mercantile	4	18	30
§1930-31	Richmond	5	15	14 3-5

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

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

\*Distance, 2½ miles. \*\*Distance, 3 miles. §Distance, 2½ miles.



## VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Eight crews competed for the Four-oared Championship, rowed on the Lower Yarra over a course of 2½ miles, starting at the 3 mile 2 chain mark, and finishing at the 42 chain mark, on Saturday, 19th December, 1931. Albert Park registered an easy win by six lengths from Mercantile, with Rutherglen, three lengths away, third, followed by Hawthorn, Bendigo, Banks, Richmond, South Melbourne. The personnel of the Albert Park crew was:—V. S. Axup, 10st. 5lb. (bow); A. R. Duncan, 11st. 6lb. (2); C. E. Alsop, 11st. 8lb. (3); A. W. McLeish, 13st. (stroke); R. Orme (cox); H. R. Duncan (coach). Time for race, 17 minutes 28 seconds. Albert Park Rowing Club are congratulated on their splendid victory.

## RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Crews Entered	Time	
			Min.	Sec.
1888	Wendouree	4	19	32
1889	Melbourne City	4	19	15
1890	Yarra Yarra	5	19	30
1891	Yarra Yarra	4	20	40
1892	Yarra Yarra	5	*18	50
1893	Yarra Yarra	4	19	45
1894	Wendouree	4	20	50
1895	Mercantile	3	17	22
1896	Mercantile	3	18	38
1897	Mercantile	2	19	30
1898-9	Albert Park	1	R.O.	
1899-00	Albert Park	2	17	44
1900-1	Mercantile	2	17	47
1901-2	Mercantile	4	15	32 2-5
1902-3	Albert Park	2	14	47
1903-4	Albert Park	3	16	15 2-5
1904-5	Albert Park	3	14	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
1928-29	Mercantile	7	15	48
**1929-30	Mercantile	7	—	
1930-31	Albert Park	8	17	28

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

\*\*Owing to rough weather, rowed in heats over course 1½ miles, Upper Yarra.

## VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

For the first time for ten years, it was decided to hold a Pair-oared Championship on the Lower Yarra, in lieu of Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Boisterous weather prevented the race from being held on the Lower Yarra, and it was decided to hold the event over the Henley mile course, in heats. The race was held on Saturday, 17th January, 1931. Results: First Heat.—Richmond won by three-quarter length from Ballarat, Mildura and Mercantile. Time, 6 minutes, 19 seconds. Second Heat.—Rutherglen won by three lengths from South Melbourne and Hawthorn. Time, 6 minutes, 16½ seconds. Third Heat.—Albert Park won by half length from Banks and Wendouree. Time, 6 minutes 14 seconds. Final.—Albert Park (C. E. Alsop, 11st. 8lb., bow; A. W. McLeish, 13st., stroke; C. Orme, cox), first; Richmond second, Rutherglen, third. Won by three-quarter length, with half a length between second and third. Time, 6 minutes 15 seconds. Albert Park are heartily congratulated on their victory.

## RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR-OARED RACES.

Seasons	Won by	No. of		Time.	
		Entries	Min.	Sec.	
*1900-1901	Mercantile	5	—		
1901-1902	Albert Park	4	—		
†1902-1903	Albert Park	4	14	7½	
1903-1904	Albert Park	3	7	47	
1904-1905	Nagambie	3	—		
1905-1906	Mercantile	5	—		
1906-1907	Mercantile	6	8	30	
1907-1908	Essendon	6	5	23¾	
1908-1909	Civil Service	9	—		
1909-1910	Albert Park	7	6	13	
1910-1911	Footscray City	9	5	20½	
1911-1912	University	10	5	47	
1912-1913	Essendon	9	6	9	
1913-1914	Ballarat	9	8	0½	
1914-1915	Ballarat	9	7	46¾	
1919-1920	Nagambie	7	7	8	
1920-1921	Footscray	10	6	39	
*1921-1922	Wendouree	8	7	4¾	
*1922-1923	Wendouree	6	6	36	
*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	
*1929-1930	South Melbourne	9	7	37	
1930-31	Albert Park	10	6	15	

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

\* Rowed at Ballarat

† Distance, 1½ miles.

## VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Owing to flood waters and a strong westerly, the Championship Sculls was postponed from Saturday, 21st March, 1931, to Saturday, 28th March, 1931. The race was held over a course of 2½ miles on the Lower Yarra, commencing at the 10 chain mark and finishing at the 2 mile 50 chain mark in Coode Canal. H. E. Ricketts, 12st. 2lb. (Yarra Yarra), won by 1½ lengths from E. F. Johnson (Mercantile), A. Dawson (Ballarat), third. G. Anderson (Albert Park) was disqualified for bad steering. No time was taken, as race stopped at 1½ mile mark, where clash occurred. Mr. Ricketts is congratulated on his second victory in this event.

## RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLING RACES.

Season	Won by	Club	No of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
1888	J. C. Fitzgerald	Williamstown	4	22 35
1889	J. H. Kerr	Yarra Yarra	5	22 5
1890	J. C. Fitzgerald	Melbourne City	7	21 10
1891	W. J. Bridson	Wellington (N.Z.)	7	20 58
1892	M. J. Slack	Breakfast Creek (Q.)	5	22 46½
1893	J. C. Fitzgerald	Electric Telegraph	2	24 13
1894	W. Dawson	Ballarat	6	22 6
1895	E. Powell	Albert Park	3	28 36½
1896	T. Carlyon	Echuca East	4	26 25½
1897	C. Chapman	Wairewa (N.Z.)	2	23 3
1898-9	C. Donald	Albert Park	2	23 19
1899-00	C. Donald	Albert Park	2	—
1900-1	C. Donald	Albert Park	3	19 7
1901-2	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	3	19 19½
1902-3	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	4	—
1903-4	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	4	18 0
1904-5	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	2	—
1905-6	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	2	20 55
1906-7	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	2	16 39
1907-8	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	1	R.O.
1908-9	A. Richards	South Melbourne	2	17 0
1909-10	P. C. Ivens	Mercantile	5	19 32½
1910-11	H. E. Stevens	Essendon	9	17 27
†1911-12	H. E. Stevens	Essendon	5	11 20½
†1912-13	E. T. J. Kerby	Civil Service	3	11 55½
1913-14	L. Davis	Albert Park	4	20 15½
1914-15	B. G. T. Kelly	Yarra Yarra	2	18 37
1919-20	J. Barton	Richmond	7	18 50%
1920-21	J. Barton	Richmond	5	15 28
1921-22	J. Barton	Richmond	4	19 6
1922-23	S. McGorm	Sandhurst	5	50 6%
1923-24	J. Barton	Richmond	4	—
1924-25	A. Cambridge	Sandhurst	4	19 23
1925-26	A. Cambridge	Sandhurst	3	18 50
1926-27	H. E. Ricketts	Essendon	3	17 54
1927-28	A. Cambridge	Bendigo	1	R.O.
1928-29	A. Cambridge	Bendigo	3	19 25
1929-30	R. Jelbart	University	5	17 46%
1930-31	H. E. Ricketts	Yarra Yarra	4	—

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance about 1¾ miles.

**VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.**

A record entry of 10 crews was received for the Third Annual Junior Eight-oared Championship, which was rowed on the Lower Yarra, over a course of two miles, upstream, starting at the 2½-mile mark in Coode Canal, on Saturday, 2nd May, 1931. Perfect conditions enabled the starter to effect an excellent start, but over-eagerness on the part of the coxswains caused the race to be stopped on two occasions within a quarter of a mile from the start. Footscray City won an excellent race by a length from Richmond, then followed Ballarat City, Albert Park, Essendon, Wendouree, Mercantile and Hawthorn. University, owing to an accident, did not finish, and Banks scratched. Time, 11 minutes 56 seconds. The personnel of the Footscray City crew was:—J. Kranz, 11st. 2lb. (bow); P. O'Shea, 10st. 8lb. (2); T. Budden, 11st. 13lb. (3); R. Armitage, 11st. 6lb. (4); F. Barnett, 11st. 4lb. (5); J. Lay, 12st. 6lb. (6); B. Cant, 11st. 6lb. (7); A. McGill, 11st. 4lb. (stroke); J. Smith (cox.); D. Cunningham (coach). Footscray City Rowing Club are warmly congratulated on their initial success in this event.

**RECORD OF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHTS.**

Season.	Won by	No. of Entries.	Time.	
			Min.	Sec.
1928-29	Mercantile	8	12	25%
1929-30	Mercantile	4	11	53%
1930-31	Footscray City	10	11	56

**PREMIERSHIPS.**

Interest was sustained to the final event of the year in the Senior Premiership, Albert Park winning by the narrow margin of one point from Richmond. Albert Park Club are heartily congratulated on winning the Senior Premiership, and Richmond are complimented for their close second. Mercantile Rowing Club won the Junior Premiership for the second year in succession, Footscray City Rowing Club being the only Club to seriously challenge Mercantile in the Junior Division. Mercantile are congratulated on their success. The points scored in the respective Premierships were as follow:—

**SENIOR.**

Club.	No. Wins.	Points.	Club.	No. Wins.	Points.
Albert Park	10	48	Yarra Yarra	1	3
Richmond	9	47	Banks	1	2
Mercantile	4	28	South Melbourne	1	2
Rutherglen Lake	2	6			

**JUNIOR.**

Club.	No. Wins.	Points.	Club.	No. Wins.	Points.
Mercantile	12	52	Melbourne	1	8
Footscray City	9	42	Sale	2	8
Ballarat City	5	28	Shepparton	3	8
Bendigo	5	24	Nagambie	2	6
Wendouree	4	24	Corowa	1	4
Albert Park	7	21	Dimboola	1	4
Bairnsdale	2	16	Mildura	2	4
Ballarat	4	14	Richmond	1	4
Eaglehawk	4	12	University	1	4
Wahgunyah	4	12	Rutherglen Lake	1	2
Banks	2	9	Preston	1	2
Essendon	1	8	Merbein	1	1

## RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

1898-1899	.... Ballarat	1914-1915	.... Albert Park (Sen.)
1899-1900	.... Albert Park	1914-1915	.... Footscray (Jun.)
1900-1901	.... Mercantile	1918-1919**	.... Civil Service (Jun.)
1901-1902	.... Albert Park	1919-1920	.... Nagambie (Sen.)
1902-1903	.... Albert Park		.... Banks (Jun.)
1903-1904	.... Ballarat	1920-1921	.... Civil Service (Sen.)
1904-1905	.... Albert Park		.... Albert Park (Jun.)
1905-1906	.... Albert Park	1921-1922	.... Mercantile (Sen.)
1906-1907*	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		.... Barwon (Jun.)
1906-1907	.... Albert Park (Jun.)	1923	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1907-1908	.... Mercantile (Sen.)		.... Ballarat (Jun.)
1907-1908	.... Footscray City (Jr.)	1923-1924	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1908-1909	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		.... Banks (Jun.)
1908-1909	.... South Melb. (Jun.)	1924-1925	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1909-1910	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		.... Essendon (Jun.)
1909-1910	.... Banks (Jun.)	1925-1926	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1910-1911	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		.... Hawthorn (Jun.)
1910-1911†	.... Civil Service (Jun.)	1926-1927	.... Melbourne (Sen.)
	.... Banks		.... Mercantile (Jun.)
1911-1912	.... Albert Park (Sen.)	1927-1928	.... Melbourne (Sen.)
1911-1912†	.... Civil Service		.... Richmond (Jun.)
	.... Banks (Jun.)	1928-1929	.... Mercantile (Sen.)
	.... Essendon		.... Albert Park (Jun.)
1912-1913	.... Albert Park (Sen.)	1929-1930	.... Mercantile (Sen.)
1912-1913	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		.... Mercantile (Jun.)
1912-1913	.... Civil Service (Jun.)	1930-1931	.... Albert Park (Sen.)
1913-1914	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		.... Mercantile (Jun.)
1913-1914	.... Hawthorn (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.

## VICTORIAN ONE MILE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

A strong wind on Saturday, 17th January, 1931, prevented the One Mile Sculling Championship from being held on the Lower Yarra course. The race was held on the same date over the Henley mile in heats. Results:—First Heat: J. Barton (Richmond), 1; G. Anderson (Albert Park), 2; S. B. McGorm (Ballarat), 3. Won by length and a half, with 2½ lengths between second and third. Time, 5 minutes 56 seconds. Second Heat: J. C. Hardy (Footscray City), 1; R. S. Bolton (Mercantile), 2. The final was won by J. Barton, 12st. 2lb. (Richmond), from J. C. Hardy, (Footscray City), by 1½ lengths. Time, 6 minutes 5½ seconds. Mr. Barton is heartily congratulated on his success.

## RECORD OF ONE MILE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Season.	Won by	No. of Entries.	Time.
			Min. Sec.
*1928-29	.... S. B. McGorm (Ballarat)	.... 3	.... 5 57
*1929-30	.... S. B. McGorm (Ballarat)	.... 5	.... 7 10
†1930-31	.... J. Barton (Richmond)	.... 5	.... 6 5½

\*Rowed at Ballarat.

†Rowed in heats, Henley course.

## CLUB SECRETARIES AND ADDRESSES.

Club.	Hon. Secretary.	Address.
ALBERT PARK	A. R. Short	35 College St., Garden Vale
ANTWERP	F. Jolly	Antwerp
BAIRNSDALE	J. Holloway	Bairnsdale
BALLARAT	A. J. King	Box 11, Ballarat
BALLARAT CITY	J. Laurie	C/o G. S. Valentine, Ballarat
BANKS	E. O. Hudson	State Savings Bank, Canterbury, Melb.
BARWON	J. L. McCabe Doyle	Little Malop St., Geelong
BENDIGO	J. Leech	Bendigo
CORIO BAY	R. N. McDonald	47 Gheringhap St., Geelong
COROWA	G. W. Rossar	126 Albury Road, Corowa, N.S.W.
DIMBOOLA	A. E. Hunter	Dimboola
EAGLEHAWK	A. C. Daws	Burnside St., Eaglehawk
ESSENDON	W. E. O'Brien	128 Dean Street, Moonee Ponds, Melb.
FOOTSCRAY CITY	J. F. Horan	2 Buckingham St., Footscray, Melb.
HAWTHORN	L. Hambleton	9 Coleridge St., Kew
LAKE COLAC	P. B. Borwick	C/o Dalgety & Co., Colac
MELBOURNE	E. G. Edwards	46 Derby St., Northcote, N.16
MERBEIN	E. A. Izzard	Merbein
MERCANTILE	R. G. Soward	Club-house, Prince's Bridge, Melb.
MILDURA	W. McPherson	Mildura
NAGAMBIE	C. J. Welch	Nagambie
PRESTON	F. Peters	Henty St., Reservoir, N.19
RICHMOND	A. M. Downing	Club-house, Prince's Bridge, Melb.
RUTHERGLEN LAKE	J. Ray	Glencoe, Rutherglen
SALE	A. Hunter	Sale
SHEPPARTON	E. Mulcahy	Shepparton
SOUTH MELBOURNE	H. C. McEwan	113 Erskine St., Middle Park
UNIVERSITY (Melb.)	S. R. Bell	25 Gladstone St., Sandringham, Melb.
WARRNAMBOOL	E. E. Jenkins	212 Lava St., Warrnambool
WENDOUREE	J. J. Rawlings	Club-house, Ballarat
WENTWORTH DISTRICT	J. O'Meara	Wentworth, N.S.W.
WAHGUNYAH	L. C. Shing	Wahgunyah
YARRA YARRA	A. Stickland	E.S. and A. Bank, William St., Melb.

## YARRA PENNANT RACE.

Following on the principle of the Head of the River Race, rowed on the Thames, London, it was decided to hold a race to be known as the Yarra Pennant. The race, which is non-classifying, and crews graded according to the type of eight-oared boat used, was rowed on the Yarra on Saturday 12th September, 1931. Twenty-one crews entered, and a Pennant was given for the fastest time of the day and an Honor Flag for the fastest time in each division of boats. Seventeen crews started in the Practice Boat division, and four in the Clinker Boat. Started at intervals of 30 seconds, the crews raced against time from Church Street Bridge to Prince's Bridge, a distance of approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Melbourne Rowing Club won the fastest time of the day and fastest time in the Practice Boat division with the same crew. Time, 12 minutes 12 seconds. Personnel of crew:—H. A. Saunders (bow), J. Evans, V. C. Burston, A. Malcolm, A. S. Redding, E. Voight, R. Stamper, P. H. Kearney (stroke), J. Fallon (cox.). Footscray City Rowing Club won the Clinker Boat division. Time, 12 minutes  $24\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. Personnel of crew:—J. Keenan (bow); J. Kranz; T. Buddon, E. Evans, F. Barnett, R. Armitage, B. Cant, A. McGill (stroke), J. Smith (cox.).

It was unfortunate that a severe storm interfered with the race as a spectacle, but the consensus of opinion was that the innovation was a distinct success, and was an ideal race for the opening of the season. It is probable that when the next event is held the Committee will decide to start the crews with 15-second intervals to improve the race from a competition point of view.

### INTER-UNIVERSITY EIGHT-OARED RACE.

The Fortieth Annual Australian Universities' Boat Race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was rowed over the three-mile course on Hamilton Reach, Brisbane, on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1931. Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne were represented. Sydney won by about 12 lengths. Time, 17 minutes 40½ seconds. The Melbourne University crew was:—L. L. Bevan (bow), J. R. Adam, C. G. McAuliffe, J. A. Glenn, W. B. Griffiths, J. E. Brown, T. R. Courtenay, A. W. Oakley, G. K. Duane (cox.). Sydney are congratulated on their success.

### REGATTAS

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

**Press Challenge Cup** (13th December, 1930). Won by "The Herald" (F. Boland, bow; J. Sharples, H. Ellis; C. Jarvis, stroke).

**Inter-Banks Races** (11th April, 1931). Fours, for Henry Gyles Turner Shield, Commonwealth Bank (A. E. Smith, bow; H. Grace, S. W. Belcher; D. R. Snell, stroke; C. Matthews, cox.).

**Eights (Challenge Cup)**. State Savings Bank (C. C. Corney, bow; L. Le Get, E. O. Hudgson, F. V. Angwin, M. F. King, W. T. Owen, G. W. Ward, W. D. Thompson, stroke; D. Tippett, cox.).

**John Lang Cup** (17th April, 1931). Extra-Collegiate (A. Parish, bow; L. C. Parish, C. G. Baird, H. MacDonald, W. B. Griffiths, C. Brown, T. R. B. Courtney; A. G. Oakley, stroke; G. K. Duane, cox.; Dr. B. T. Keon-Cohen, coach).

**Inter-Collegiate Eights**, for the Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield (23rd, 24th April, 1931), Ormond College (C. G. Powell, bow; C. S. Donald, C. E. Gardner, R. S. Hooper, A. D. Mathieson, R. Officer, J. A. Glenn; J. R. Adam, stroke; L. S. Murphy, cox; Mr. E. C. H. Taylor, coach).

**V.R.A. Combination Eights (Blind Appeal)**. Twenty-three crews competed in the Association's Combination Eights in aid of the Blind Appeal, rowed on Saturday, 28th March, 1931. The winning crew was:—A. Reid, Richmond, bow; E. Dahle, Banks; M. Brady, Richmond; N. Brown, Footscray; C. J. Nicholls, Mercantile; J. F. Horan, Footscray; J. Hoppe, Mercantile; S. J. Williams, Albert Park, stroke; D. Cowling, Mercantile, cox.

**Head of the River**, rowed at Melbourne, 14th and 15th May, 1931. Melbourne Grammar School (E. D. Scott, 11st. 7lb., bow; J. W. P. Wilson, 12st. 7lb.; R. S. Wilmoth, 12st. 3lb.; T. W. Saxton, 12st. 13lb.; F. E. C. Loxton, 12st. 2lb.; K. F. Cole, 13st. 2lb.; D. J. Wilson, 12st. 11lb.; T. H. Collins, 11st. 10lb., stroke; R. Eckersley, cox.; Mr. W. N. Ricketts, coach).

**United Services Regatta** (16th May, 1931). United Services Challenge Cup (Holders, Melbourne University Rifles). Melbourne University Rifles (Cpl. S. Smibert, bow; Pte. A. J. Campbell, Pte. G. Pasquerelli, Cpl. J. Wilmoth, Pte. O. K. McCutcheon, Cpl. J. C. Campbell, Pte. J. B. Johnson; Lt.-Sgt. D. K. Thompson, stroke; L. V. Mason, cox.).

**Vice-President's Challenge Cup** (Holders, 22nd A.F.A. Brigade). 22nd A.F.A. Brigade (Gnr. L. Newport, bow; Bdr. T. Fogarty, Gnr. G. A. Brooke; Lieut. D. C. Brooke, stroke; R. Cliff, cox.).

**Public Service Challenge Shield**. Won by Police Department (J. Sullivan, bow; J. Hoare, A. Vale; S. Fraser, stroke).

**Yarra Pennant Race** was inaugurated during the season. See page 13.

### VICTORIAN AMATEUR SCULLING ASSOCIATION.

The Sculling Association has catered well for scullers during the winter months. Great interest centred in the event for the "Herald" Shield. Many events were held for best and practice boats, both handicap and scratch events. Mr. H. E. Ricketts (Yarra Yarra) won the Quarter Mile dash and Half Mile Championships in best boats. Mr. E. F. Johnson, the first Honorary Secretary of the V.A.S.A. on its revival, has resigned owing to pressure of business. Mr. N. R. Growse is now Honorary Secretary of the Association. To Mr. E. F. Johnson, Mr. N. R. Growse and members of the Sculling Association, the Committee tender sincere thanks for the energetic manner in which they have worked for the advancement of sculling in Victoria.

### METROPOLITAN ROWING COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Rowing Committee conducted their fourth annual regatta for novice oarsmen in June, 1931. The event again proved popular, despite the unpleasant conditions encountered during training operations. During the season the Mercantile Club members held a time test competition for eight-oared crews over a course of approximately seven miles. The fixture aroused considerable interest amongst other Clubs, and it has now been decided that the Metropolitan Rowing Committee arrange for trophies to be provided for a Challenge Marathon Race. The course will be from the Mercantile Rowing Club to the Maribyrnong River and back. Each crew to contain not more than two senior oarsmen and contain at least two maiden oarsmen. The competition will commence on 1st May, 1932, and close on 31st August, 1932. Crews will be officially timed by an official appointed by the Metropolitan Rowing Committee. The Committee appreciate the good work that members of the Metropolitan Rowing Committee are doing for the sport.

### REGATTA COMMITTEES.

To the officials and members of the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, Footscray, Nagambie, Rutherglen, Colac, Upper Yarra, Ballarat, Barwon, Bairnsdale, Sale and Mildura Regattas the Committee is deeply grateful for their continued interest and enthusiasm, which materially helps towards the progress of the great sport of rowing. The activity of the Regatta Committees in the difficult times through which we are passing is only further evidence of the spirit which the sport inculcates into the minds of its adherents.

### DIAMOND SCULLS, ENGLAND.

The Committee heartily congratulate Mr. H. R. Pearce on his victory in the Diamond Sculls at the Henley Regatta, London, 1931. Mr. Pearce continues on his unbeaten record, which includes Australian, Empire and Olympic victories, and another Australian victory at the 1932 Olympic Games seems assured.

### REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES, 1931-32.

Opening Day, Yarra Pennant, 12th September, 1931; Melbourne Regatta, 21st November, 1931; Henley, 28th November, 1931; V.R.A. Combination Eights, 5th December, 1931; Championship Fours, 19th December, 1931; Nagambie and Warrnambool Regattas, Boxing Day; Colac and Rutherglen Regattas, New Year's Day; Upper Yarra, 30th January, 1932; Footscray, 1st February, 1932; Champion Eights and Champion Sculls, 20th February, 1932; Barwon, 27th February, 1932; Ballarat, 5th March, 1932; Gippsland Regattas, 26th and 28th March, 1932; Mildura Regatta, 28th March, 1932; Champion Junior Eights and Open Lightweight Eights, 16th April, 1932; Australian Eight-oared and Sculling Championship, 23rd April, 1932; Championship Pairs (Ballarat), 14th May, 1932.



### RULES.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held on the 6th October, 1930, the Rules, Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing were revised and minor amendments made. A reprint of the Rules, Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing will be issued early in the season.

### COMMITTEE DECISIONS.

**LADY OARSWOMEN.** At the meeting of the Committee on the 2nd March, 1931, it was resolved: "That this Association's sanction be refused for regattas when races for women rowers are included in the programme."

**OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHTS.** Meeting dated 3rd August, 1931. Resolved: "That a race to be known as an Open Lightweight Eights be held the same date as the Championship Junior Eights. Race to be open to all oarsmen 10 stone or under, irrespective of status, the race to be non-classifying and no points to be allotted for premier-ship. To be rowed in Clinker boats over a course of 1½ miles." This event was introduced to make greater opportunities for lightweight oarsmen.

**LIGHTWEIGHT OARSMEN STATUS.** At the Committee meeting of 7th September, 1931, a motion submitted by Mr. J. P. Rorke, involving an alteration of the Rules in regard to status of Lightweight oarsmen was carried unanimously. The decision of the Committee will be submitted for ratification by the General Meeting:—"Regulation 2 (q). Notwithstanding anything contained in Regulation 2 (h), (j), (l), a crew, not more than half the members of which have previously successfully competed in the same crew at an event to which these sub-regulations apply, and none of the members of which have previously won a Maiden Race with oars, may compete in such an event." If approved by the Annual General Meeting, this regulation will allow Lightweight oarsmen to compete under the 50/50 conditions at present allowed for Junior oarsmen.

### OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL JUDGE'S BOX.

The Oarsmen's Memorial Judge's Box, erected at the finish of the Upper Yarra Regatta Course (Henley mile), was completed prior to the opening regattas of the season. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. A. J. Shepherd (Vice-President), on 25th October, 1930. The total cost of the structure was £402 17s. 7d., which includes a donation of £19 12s. 6d., by Mr. A. J. Shepherd, to cover the cost of the bronze and enamel lettering on the box. Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association subscribed £50, and the Headmasters of the Associated Public Schools £40, towards the cost. For those who have not had the pleasure of seeing the useful memorial, a brief architectural description is as follows:—"Of brickwork, and finished in colored stucco, the structure rests on a reinforced concrete raft supported by six concrete piles driven well below the river bed. A classic motif has been adopted for the treatment, great care being paid to detail and proportion throughout. Four fluted pilasters at the corners, crowned by foliated capitals, support the entablature with the usual parapet over. The main cornice is denticulated, and the parapet broken on two sides for the inclusion of balusters. A tall flagpole rises centrally. The building externally is of a light buff color, relieved by the introduction of a few bright blue tiles in the semi-circular headed panels over the openings between the pilasters, and by painting the panelled protecting shutters a similar color. Access is provided from the bank by means of a panelled and richly bolection moulded door of elegant proportion. The space available for the officials is 6 feet by 6 feet, care being taken to provide an uninterrupted view of approaching crews. Provision has also been made for signalling the results of each race by hoisting above

the parapet various colored balls, indicating a win by the crew on the north, south, or centre station."

On behalf of the Committee, Colonel J. M. Semmens presented Mr. A. J. Shepherd with a suitably inscribed gold key of the Judge's Box as a memento of the occasion. A presentation was also made to Mr. F. Sydney Nason, Essendon Rowing Club, who designed the Judge's Box and acted as Honorary Architect.

#### BLIND APPEAL.

The Committee decided that the V.R.A. Combination Eights, held on Saturday, 28th March, 1931, should be made a special day in aid of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind Appeal. An excellent entry of 23 crews was received, in addition to which many members entered, crediting their entry as a donation to the blind. Other special efforts were made on the same day, with the result that the sum of £37 was forwarded to the Blind Appeal, as a donation from the Victorian Rowing Association. In recognition of the Committee's effort, the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind has appointed our worthy Vice-President, Mr. A. J. Shepherd, a Life Governor to the Institute. To Mr. A. J. Shepherd and Mr. Marcus Burke, for donations, the Committee is thankful, and sincere thanks are tendered to Messrs. J. R. Rorke, Lou Schmitt, F. Morris, T. S. Flint, H. T. James and H. Butler for their work on the date of the Appeal.

#### AFFILIATED CLUBS.

Affiliated Clubs have had a very trying time during the season, due to the prevailing depression and consequent unemployment. Nevertheless, membership has been well maintained, and Clubs are quickly adjusting themselves to the times. The majority of the Annual Reports perused to date indicate that, with a little careful management during the coming season, Club budgets will soon be squared. Club Committees must not forget that new members are the greatest asset to their Club, and every effort should be made by Committees to ensure that they have a gradual influx of members to make up the constant wastage. As an example of what can be done with enthusiasm and organisation, attention is invited to the Footscray City Rowing Club Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the season. The Committee heartily congratulate the Footscray City Rowing Club on their splendid efforts during the past few years, and the position they have attained at present, both from a rowing and management point of view.

To all Affiliated Clubs the Committee are thankful for their loyal co-operation and efforts on behalf of the sport.

Preston Rowing Club Colors.—Permission was granted for the Preston Rowing Club to alter their colors to "White singlet, with black pipings and a vertical black stripe in the centre of same, front and back, white knickers with vertical black stripe each side."

Corio Bay Rowing Club colors have been altered to "Navy blue singlet."

Associated Services Rowing Club.—At the September, 1931, meeting of the Association, an application was received for affiliation from the Associated Services Rowing Club, Engineer's Depot, Melbourne. This application will be dealt with at the October meeting of the Committee.

#### THANKS.

To Captain A. M. Treacy, O.B.E., for Championship Pennant; Mr. A. J. Shepherd, donation Oarsmen's Memorial Judge's Box and Blind Appeal; Mr. Marcus Burke, Blind Appeal; Colonel J. M.

Semmens, donation; Mr. R. L. Thwaites, A.C.A., auditor; Mr. A. R. Duncan, B.Com., auditor; Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works; Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners; the Press and Subscribers to the Association, the sincerest thanks of the Committee is conveyed. Mr. Larkin, Marine Surveyor, is thanked for his information relative to tides in the Yarra River.

#### GENERAL.

Mr. Harry E. Butler (Assistant Secretary) has been of invaluable assistance during the season, and considerably lightened the work of the Secretary. In addition, Mr. Butler has carried out the duties of Trucking Officer to the Metropolitan Clubs, as well as Honorary Secretary to the Metropolitan Rowing Committee. The Committee appreciate the work for the sport which he has done. Mr. H. T. James, Despatch Steward; Mr. La Roche, Starter; Mr. Jenkin, Judge; and Mr. E. T. Bradshaw, Timekeeper, are sincerely thanked for their unflinching attention to duty as officials at Championship events. Mr. George Hutton has again ably looked after the Association's Motor Boat. Mr. Hutton spends considerable time in seeing that the boat is in first-class order, and the Committee are extremely fortunate in this respect. The boat will be in demand in connection with the Interstate Race this season, and, thanks to Mr. Hutton's efforts, it has practically paid for its own maintenance.

Warrnambool Regatta Committee was unable to hold their annual regatta during the season, owing to the bad times prevailing.

A proposal for the holding of a Championship Maiden Eights race was negatived on account of the unsuitability of a central course that would accommodate the large number of entries likely to be received for such an event.

The Executive Committee has been of untold assistance during the year, and considerably facilitated the administration of the Association. Members of the Executive have attended regularly, and devoted much time to the work of the Association.

Richmond Rowing Club was represented by a Senior Four at the 93rd Hobart Regatta. The crew won the Secheron Purse for Senior Fours.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Twelve Committee meetings were held during the season, in addition to numerous Executive meetings. Attendances at Committee meetings were as follow:—T. L. Mannix, H. T. James, H. E. Butler, M. Burke, A. L. Dobbie, N. S. Muir, T. S. Flint, G. R. Anderson, 12; J. P. Rorke, R. W. B. Todd, W. McIlroy, G. M. Hutton, H. B. Roberts, 11; W. Joseph, H. C. McEwan, E. Kenny, H. La Roche, J. M. Semmens, W. Finnis, H. C. Tonner, A. Hill, T. Gipton, 10; E. O. Hodgson, G. W. Ward, H. J. Green, M. G. Muir, E. A. Swindle's, 9; W. E. O'Brien, K. McKenzie, J. J. Reidy, E. C. H. Taylor, W. C. Haworth, L. Rousch, 8; F. Raven, T. Jenkin, R. G. Short, A. Heritage, T. W. Smith, 7; V. Barker-Hays, A. Wishart, J. G. Sprigg, 6; C. J. Richards, C. I. McVilly, 5; A. J. Shepherd, W. Mathieson, S. E. Gebbie, A. P. Miller, J. H. Currie, 4; H. H. Petty, F. Mathieson, F. P. Morris, G. M. Eaton, A. Williams, 3; A. R. Shannon, L. Hambleton, W. C. Sullivan, B. C. Edwards, J. Campbell, E. D. Brooks, H. C. Morris, 2; L. Bown, E. G. Edwards, W. A. Sutherland, C. B. Taylor, H. Hamilton, W. Potter, J. F. Horan, T. Coleman, C. J. Copeman, J. Keenan, A. McDougall, A. A. Fortingham, D. C. Brook, M. Bailey, O. Traynor, A. M. Downing, F. G. Thompson, 1.

On behalf of the Committee,

Amateur Sports Club, T. L. MANNIX, Honorary Secretary.  
Melbourne, 17th September, 1931.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1931

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Outstanding Trophy Money—		Bank Balances—	
Season 1922-23	£27 2 6	State Savings Bank	£608 11 9
" 1923-24	38 15 3	E.S. & A. Bank	67 13 6
" 1924-25	22 12 0	Cash on Hand	6 8 6
" 1925-26	26 3 0		£682 13 9
" 1926-27	33 4 0	Comm. Bond (£100) at cost	100 2 6
" 1927-28	29 11 6	Sundry Debtors	28 17 10
" 1928-29	90 19 0	Association Property—	
" 1929-30	89 15 6	Best Eight-oared Boat	60 0 0
" 1930-31	295 7 6	Set Swivel Riggers	8 0 0
	£653 10 3	Set Matt Wood Swivels	9 0 0
Balance—		Set Swivels	6 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	396 8 10	Oars, set of 10 Ayling, swivel	38 5 0
		Case and Cover for Boat	10 0 0
		Boat Registration Plant	2 0 0
		Embossing Dies	1 0 0
		Stationery	£2 10 0
		Copying Press	10 0
		Typewriter	3 0 0
		Filing Cabinet	6 0 0
		Motor Boat	6 0 0
		Dies and Collar for Medals	80 0 0
		Access. for Eight-oared Boat	2 0 0
			7 0 0
	£1,049 19 1		238 5 0
			£1,049 19 1

Audited and found correct, R. L. THWAITES, A.C.A. (Aust.) } Hon. Auditors. J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.  
 8th September, 1931. A. R. DUNCAN, B.Com. Melbourne, 1st September, 1931.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

		RECEIPTS.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at 1/9/30—							
E.S. & A. Bank	...	127	6	1			
State Savings Bank	...	607	15	8			
Cash on hand	...	5	0	0			
					740	1	9
„ Club Contributions	...				278	1	
„ Registration Fees—							
Coxswains	...	25	0	0			
Regattas	...	46	4	0			
					71	4	0
„ Championships (Entry Fees)	...				50	5	0
„ V.R.A. Regatta—							
Entry Fees	...	105	10	0			
Programmes	...	12	3	9			
Advertising	...	8	10	0			
					126	3	9
„ V.R.A. Combination Eights—							
Blind Appeal	...				49	12	6
„ Trust Moneys—							
Trophy Money	...	784	2	0			
Staging—Prince's Bridge, 1930	...	120	0	0			
Olympic Fund	...	2	17	6			
Oarsmen's Memorial	...	275	13	8			
					1,182	13	2
„ Miscellaneous—							
Interest and Exchange	...	20	17	7			
Motor Boat Hire	...	10	9	0			
Judge's Box	...	4	4	0			
Subscriptions	...	4	14	6			
Sale of Oars	...	8	0	0			
Bradshaw Eights, 1929-30	...	1	15	0			
Miscellaneous	...	2	15	0			
					52	15	1
					£2,550 16 9		

Audited and found correct.

8th September, 1931.

R. L. THWAITES, A.C.A. (Aust.) } Hon.  
A. R. DUNCAN, B.Com. } Auditors.

## DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1930-31.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Championships—							
Medals ... ..			38	12			6
Steamer ... ..			10	0			0
			18				12
							6
„ V.R.A. Regatta—							
Trophies ... ..	£125		5	0			
Less unpaid ... ..	37		15	0			
			88				
							10
Printing ... ..			15	17			9
Moored Boats ... ..			5	0			0
			20				9
							9
„ Trust Moneys—							
Trophy Money ... ..			1,001	16			
Oarsmen's Memorial ... ..			402	17			7
Staging—Prince's Bridge, 1930 ... ..			120	0			0
			1,523				13
							7
„ Miscellaneous—							
V.R.A. Combination Eights—(Blind Appeal) ... ..			44	15			0
Printing ... ..			25	9			5
Petty Cash ... ..			24	0			0
Honoraria ... ..			40	0			0
Amateur Sports Club ... ..			11	11			0
Certificates ... ..			3	0			0
Motor Boat ... ..			16	13			1
V.R.A. Boat ... ..			7	10			2
Insurance ... ..			3	9			2
Income Tax ... ..			1	14			10
Survey Henley Course ... ..			4	4			0
Miscellaneous and Bank Charges ... ..			4	2			6
			186				9
							2
„ Bank Balances as at 31/8/31—							
E. S. & A. Bank ... ..			67	13			6
State Savings Bank ... ..			608	11			9
Cash on hand ... ..			6	8			6
			681				13
							9
							9
			£2,550				16
							9

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer, Melbourne, 1st September, 1931.

*OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND—JUDGE'S BOX*  
*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 1930-31*

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
To Oarsmen's Memorial Fund—		By Payments to Contractor (A. Crossley)	.. £175 0 0
Balance at 1/9/30 ..	£204 10 3	" ..	.. 150 0 0
Public School Fund—		" ..	.. 25 0 0
Donation ..	40 0 0	" ..	.. 20 16 7
Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association—			£370 16 7
Donation ..	50 0 0	Bronze Tablets ..	.. 24 10 6
A. J. Shepherd—		Honorarium to Architect ..	.. 5 5 0
Donation for Tablets ..	19 12 6	Miscellaneous Expenses ..	.. 2 5 6
Interest ..	1 10 11		
	£315 13 8		
Donated by Victorian Rowing Association ..	87 3 11		
	£402 17 7		£402 17 7

Audited and found correct.

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Melbourne, 1st September, 1931.

8th September, 1931

**RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1930-31.**

Clubs.	Number of Members, Season 1929-30.	Number of Members, Season 1930-31.	Club Contributions.
<b>Metropolitan—</b>			
Albert Park .....	113	105	£19 15 6
Banks .....	115	123	20 2 6
Essendon .....	97	62	14 7 0
Footscray .....	85	116	14 17 6
Hawthorn .....	84	78	14 14 0
Melbourne .....	117	—	20 9 6
Mercantile .....	203	182	35 10 6
Preston .....	40	—	7 0 0
Richmond .....	124	102	21 14 0
South Melbourne .....	31	43	5 8 6
University .....	360	—	18 0 0
Yarra Yarra .....	71	—	12 8 6
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1440</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£204 7 6</b>
<b>Country—</b>			
Antwerp .....	—	—	—
Bairnsdale .....	43	—	4 6 0
Ballarat .....	49	—	4 18 0
Ballarat City .....	52	46	5 4 0
Barwon .....	68	—	6 16 0
Bendigo .....	77	43	7 14 0
Corio Bay .....	63	—	6 6 0
Corowa .....	15	—	1 10 0
Dimboola .....	30	—	3 0 0
Eaglehawk .....	18	—	1 16 0
Lake Colac .....	34	—	—
Merbein .....	12	—	—
Mildura .....	93	—	9 6 0
Nagambie .....	44	—	4 8 0
Rutherglen .....	21	—	2 2 0
Sale .....	35	—	3 10 0
Shepparton .....	38	—	3 16 0
Wahgunyah .....	14	—	1 8 0
Warrnambool .....	21	—	2 2 0
Wendouree .....	56	66	5 12 0
Wentworth .....	—	—	—
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£73 14 0</b>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>2223</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£278 1 6</b>

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## SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1930-31.

Regatta.	Number of Competitors	Date.	Value of Trophies.	Trophy Orders Paid.	Balance held by V.R.A.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from previous years			—	—	358 2 9
1930-31					
Victorian Rowing Association	362	22/11/30	122 5 11	87 10 0	37 15 0
Nagambie	264	26/12/30	99 14 6	69 12 0	30 2 6
Colac	178	1/1/31	102 4 0	90 11 6	11 12 6
Rutherglen	114	1/1/31	89 0 0	86 10 0	2 10 0
Footscray	409	26/1/31	112 4 6	72 2 0	40 2 6
Barwon	296	28/2/31	105 0 0	52 10 0	52 10 0
Ballarat	451	7/3/31	180 15 0	101 12 6	79 2 6
Bairnsdale	98	4/4/31	55 13 6	29 1 0	26 12 6
*Sale	95	6/4/31	39 0 0	24 0 0	15 0 0
Total			908 16 6	613 9 0	295 7 6
Grand Total	3150		—	—	653 10 3

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Number of competitors at following regattas for which special trophies are provided by the Regatta Committees:—

Henley, 416; Upper Yarra, 408; Mildura, 56.

\*Sale Regatta was held at Bairnsdale. Warrnambool Regatta not held.

Grand total competitors for season at regattas, and including Championship events, 3389.

T. L. MANNIX,

Hon. Sec.

