

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION
1876-1937



SIXTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1936-37

Hon. Secretary:
H. E. BUTLER

Asst. Hon. Secretary:
C. F. RAVEN

Hon. Treasurer:
J. P. RORKE

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-First Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, McEwan House, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 4th October, 1937, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS.

To receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

To elect Office-bearers, viz.: Patrons, President, eight Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Asst. Hon. Secretary, Hon. Secretary, and two Hon. Auditors.

Presentation of Premiership Certificates and Championship Trophies.

To consider the following Notices of Motion, viz.:—

(1) By Mr. F. H. WATTS—

(a) "That a new sub-regulation be inserted, to be known as 'd.l.' and to read:

"A Senior race shall not be deemed to include oarsmen who have won a Junior-Senior race or Senior-Junior race with oars in any other State."

(b) "That the present sub-regulation 'e' be deleted, and for it be substituted the following:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the last five preceding sub-regulations, an oarsman, following his initial win in the season 1937-1938, in a Junior Class race, shall retain his right to row in all Junior races until the first registered Regatta in the next succeeding season, when he automatically ranks as Senior in the classes in which he has won Junior races, but retains his right to row in all other Junior Classes: provided always that a win in a Senior race will at once grade him as a Senior oarsman in that class of race from the date of such win."

(2) By Mr. N. W. CAIRNES—

"That the Capitation Fees be increased by one shilling (1s.) per head and the necessary amendments be made to the Rules."

(3) By Mr. C. L. BLATTMAN—

"That Rule VIII, which reads:

"From the decision of the Committee on all matters coming within its powers, or referred to it, there shall be no appeal," be rescinded and the following be substituted:

"Providing not more than seven days have elapsed notice of appeal against a decision may be given in writing and the matter re-considered by the Committee."

General.

H. E. BUTLER,

9th September, 1937.

Hon. Secretary

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Victorian Rowing Association

SEASON 1936-37

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 Sir ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, G.C.M.G.
 His Excellency The Hon. Sir WILLIAM IRVINE, K.C.M.G.

President.

Sir STEPHEN MORELL.

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Hon. Auditors.

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Committee.

Elected Members (10).

ELECTED				RETIRES					
H. T. JAMES	1937	1939	H. J. GREEN	1936	1938
G. S. ANDERSON	1937	....	1939	T. W. GIPTON	....	1936	....	1938
G. M. HUTTON	1937	....	1939	G. ANDERSON	....	1936	....	1938
H. E. BUTLER	1937	....	1939	T. W. JENKIN	....	1936	....	1938
J. H. BAILEY	1937	....	1939	N. S. MUIR	....	1936	....	1938

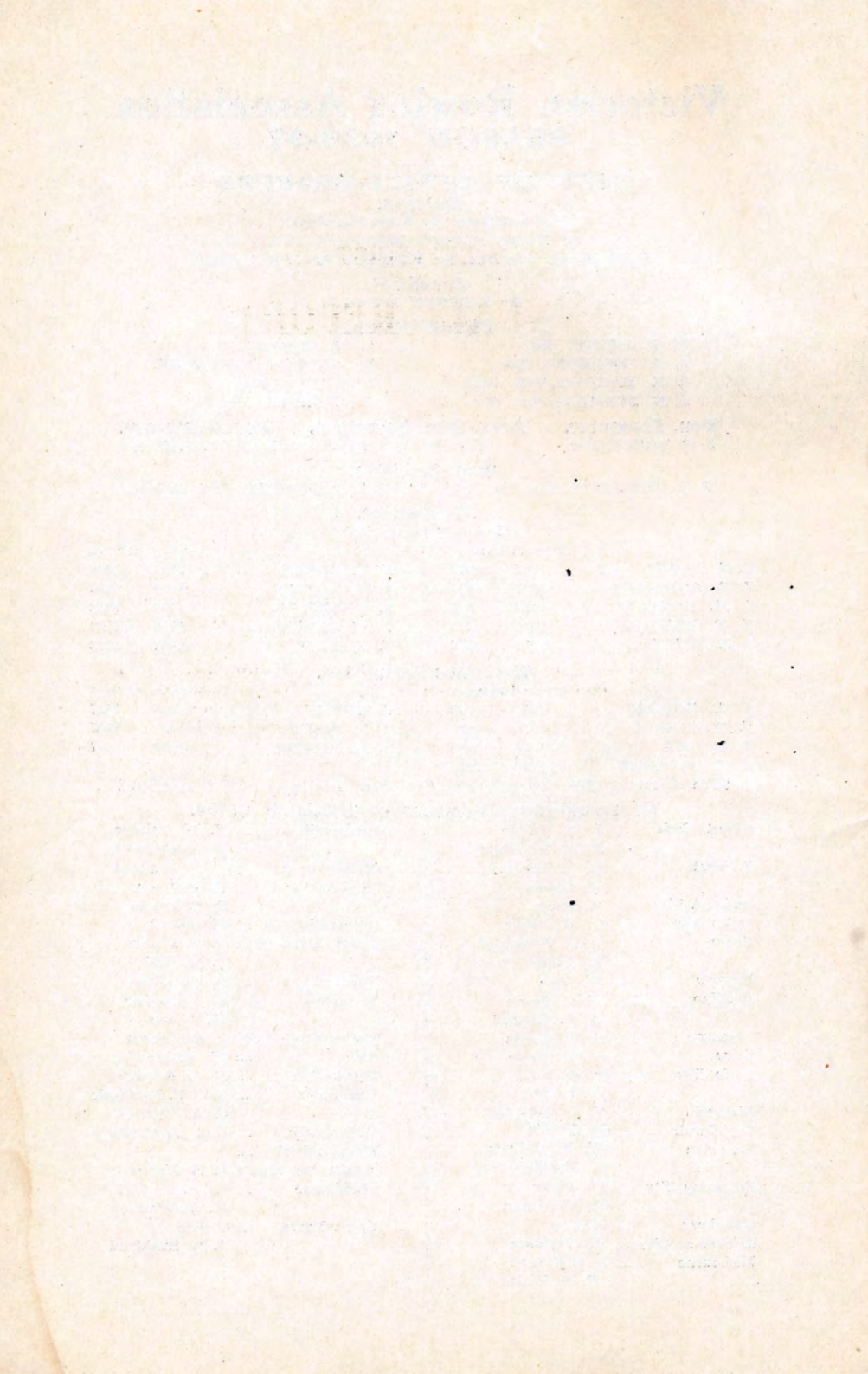
Executive Committee.

ELECTED				RETIRES					
A. L. DOBBIE	1936	....	1938	E. KENNY	....	1935	....	1937
N. S. MUIR	1936	....	1938	H. T. JAMES	....	1935	....	1937
M. BURKE	1936	....	1938	G. M. HUTTON	....	1935	....	1937
A. M. DOWNING	1936	....	1938					

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

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	....	J. P. Gaskin	Mercantile	....	N. W. Cairnes
		J. M. O'Connor			A. J. Callander
Ballarat	....	H. B. Roberts	Middle Park	....	N. H. Kopman
		H. Tonner	Mildura	....	M. E. Green
Ballarat City	....	C. James			D. C. Brooke
Bairnsdale	....	G. W. Ward	Nagambie	....	M. Bailey
Banks	....	N. F. Wilkinson	Power House	....	H. S. Scales
		B. Seletto			R. G. Luff
Barwon	....	K. Pope	Preston	....	G. Hutchins
Bendigo	....	W. C. Currie	Richmond	....	G. Whittaker
		A. G. Patford			W. Yoxon
Corowa	....	F. P. Morris	Rutherglen Lake	....	J. Thompson
Colac	....	C. N. Young	Sale	....	W. McIlroy
Corio Bay	....	F. Marchant	Shepparton	....	E. J. Farrell
		C. G. Saleh	University	....	G. G. C. McKenzie
		E. C. Edmonds			J. A. Smibert
Eaglehawk	....	T. S. Flint	Wahgunyah	....	C. J. McCarthy
Essendon	....	W. E. O'Brien	Warrnambool	....
		K. Mackintosh	Wentworth Dist.	....	J. E. McKeddie
Footscray City	....	W. Pedler	Wendouree	....	R. W. B. Todd
		F. Parkinson			W. Ruddick
Hawthorn	....	J. Gray	Yarra Yarra	....	C. Coe
Heidelberg City	....	R. Atkinson			A. S. Stickland
Melbourne	....	J. Hoffmeyer			
		F. H. Watts			



SIXTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

TO THE MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Sixty-first Annual Report of the Victorian Rowing Association.

Club membership figures show an increase of nine (9) over last year's figures, being 1,475 as against 1,466. The increase is small, but may be considered encouraging, as it gives evidence that the drift has been checked, and it is anticipated that the forthcoming year will show a further increase.

The number of competitors, Maiden and Junior, shows a decrease, being 2,309 as compared with 2,751 for 1935-1936. The decline in Senior competitors still continues, the number for 1936-1937 being 549 as against 561 for 1935-1936. The following table shows how the fall in Maiden and Junior competitors occurred:—

Regatta.	No. of Competitors.	
	1935-1936.	1936-1937.
Henley-on-Yarra	348	324
Melbourne	326	308
Nagambie	160	134
Colac	58	Not held
Rutherglen	114	132
Shepparton	134	102
Upper Yarra	280	223
Footscray	276	Not held
Australia Day	Not held	231
Barwon	266	250
Ballarat	345	303
Bairnsdale	94	56
Sale	92	56
Mildura	186	94
Champion Junior Eight	40	40
Champion L.W. Junior Eight	32	56
	2,751	2,309
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The Footscray Regatta Committee was unable to hold its Annual Regatta, consequent on bridge-building operations on the Maribyrnong River. In order to preserve the January Double, the Victorian Rowing Association decided to hold a Regatta on Australia Day, 1st February, 1937, as a Double with the Upper Yarra Regatta on Saturday, 30th January, 1937. Permission was obtained from the City Council to enclose the boat sheds area on each day and make a charge for admission; also to conduct a refreshment stall. The Upper Yarra Regatta Association permitted the Victorian Rowing Association to take all the proceeds for the Regatta on 30th January, and these, with the proceeds for the Regatta on 1st February, realised a satisfactory financial result and made a welcome augmentation of the Association's funds.

Owing to unfavourable weather, the Colac Regatta had to be abandoned. It is hoped that this season the Colac Regatta Committee will be more fortunate, both in regard to entries and weather.

The Committee regrets having to again record non-success for Victoria in the King's Cup Race.

The membership of the Association, and the number of competitors, during the past twelve seasons, are as shown hereunder:—

Season.	Membership.	Maiden & Junior Competitors.	Senior & Champion Competitors.	Total Competitors.
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	2065	2868	521	3389
1931-32	2001	2560	472	3062
1932-33	—	2344	485	2829
1933-34	1858	2205	411	2616
1934-35	1557	2717	684	3401
1935-36	1466	2751	561	3312
1936-37	1475	2309	549	2858

INTERSTATE EIGHT-OARED RACE (King's Cup)

All States were represented in the Australian Eight-Oared Championship, rowed over a course of three miles on the Murray River at Murray Bridge, South Australia, on 24th April, 1937. The race was won by South Australia, with New South Wales second, West Australia third, Tasmania fourth, Victoria fifth, and Queensland sixth.

The race was rowed under ideal weather conditions. The water was practically smooth, with a stiff tail wind.

The Committee heartily congratulates South Australia, on its win—the first since 1923, when the famous Murray Bridge Eight secured the coveted honours at Perth. The win is all the more meritorious when it is realised that, in order to win, the South Australian crew had to fight for the full distance to withstand repeated challenges by New South Wales and West Australia.

Victoria was represented by the following crew: B. Hainsworth (Richmond), bow; K. E. Harrison (Richmond), 2; A. A. Kelly (Richmond), 3; J. B. Clemens (Mercantile), 4; J. P. Gaskin (Albert Park), 5; M. Gaskin (Albert Park), 6; S. J. Elder (Albert Park), 7; R. Godfredson (Richmond), str.; T. Croft (Richmond), cox.; G. Anderson (Albert Park), coach; Roy Anderson (Albert Park), emergency; H. E. Butler (Melbourne), manager.

INTERSTATE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (The President's Cup).

New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia were represented in the Australian Sculling Championship, which was rowed prior to the King's Cup Race. The race resulted in a win for C. W. Pearce (N.S.W.), with L. A. Purves (Vic.) second, and A. V. Kunoth (S.A.) third.

Mr. Pearce is heartily congratulated on his win in this event.

The Committee also desires to compliment Mr. Purves on the excellent performance he recorded on his first appearance in such an important event. The fact that Mr. Purves held the advantage at the end of the first mile showed that he proved himself an opponent of no mean order.

The Committee records its thanks to the crew, coach, manager, and selectors for their efforts on behalf of the State, and also expresses appreciation to the following gentlemen who did everything possible to assist the Victorians and make their stay in Murray Bridge enjoyable:—

Mr. K. C. E. McLean, Mayor of Murray Bridge.

Mr. F. J. Cawte.

Mr. H. Morris.

Mr. F. J. Carter.

Mr. W. Pfeiffer, President of the Murray Bridge Rowing Club.

All have been suitably thanked.

The selectors of the King's Cup Eight were Messrs. G. W. Smith and G. Anderson. Mr. G. Anderson was selected to coach the crew, and the Executive appointed Mr. F. G. Thompson as the third selector.



RECORD OF INTERSTATE RACES. EIGHTS

YEAR	WON BY	OTHER COMPETITORS	ROWED AT	TIME M. S.
1878	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	—
1879	N.S.W.	Victoria	Sydney	20 6
1880	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	26 45
1881	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18 12
1882	N.S.W.	Victoria	Melbourne	20 47
1883	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18 10
1884	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	24 5
1885	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., and Q.	Sydney	19 28
1886	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	18 42 1-3
1887	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	17 12½
†1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17 46
1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	16 57
1889	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17 30
1890	Victoria	Queensland and N.S.W.	Sydney	18 45½
1891	Q'land	N.S.W. and Victoria	Melbourne	18 45
1892	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Brisbane	15 5
1893	N.S.W.	Victoria and Queensland	Sydney	19 23
1894	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Melbourne	16 24
1895	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Brisbane	16 16 1-3
1896	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Sydney	17 17
1897	Victoria	W.A. and Queensland	Melbourne	17 10
1898	Victoria	Queensland	Brisbane	16 1
1899	Victoria	N.S.W., S.A., Q.	Melbourne	†14 52
1900	Victoria	N.S.W., Q., S.A.	Brisbane	15 50
1901	Victoria	N.S.W., Q., S.A.	Sydney	17 14
1902	Victoria	S.A., Q., W.A., N.S.W.	Adelaide	17 7
1903	Victoria	Q., S.A., N.S.W., W.A.	Melbourne	†14 27 4-5
1904	Victoria	S.A., Q., N.S.W., W.A.	Brisbane	17 17 2-5
1905	Victoria	Tas., N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Q.	Sydney	16 25
1906	T'mania	Vic., N.S.W., W.A., S.A.	Perth	15 57
1907	Victoria	Tas., Q., N.S.W., W.A., S.A.	Adelaide	17 4
1908	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., S.A., W.A., Q.	Melbourne	†14 24 1-5
1909	T'mania	Vic., N.S.W., Q., S.A.	Brisbane	16 2
1910	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., W.A., Q., S.A.	Hobart	15 27
1911	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., S.A., W.A., Q.	Sydney	17 24
1912	Victoria	Tas., S.A., N.S.W., W.A.	Perth	15 33
*1913	S. Aust.	Tas., W.A.	Adelaide	17 1
1914	T'mania	S.A., W.A., Vic., N.S.W., Q.	Melbourne	†13 33
1920	S. Aust.	W.A., Tas., N.S.W., Vic., Q.	Brisbane	15 5
1921	W. Aust.	Tas., Vic., S.A., Q., N.S.W.	Launceston	14 37
1922	S. Aust.	Vic., W.A., Tas., N.S.W., Q.	Sydney	16 19
1923	S. Aust.	W.A., Vic., N.S.W., Tas.	Perth	17 31
1924	Q'land	N.S.W., S.A., W.A., Tas., Vic.	Adelaide	18 11 3-5
1925	W. Aust.	Tas., N.S.W., S.A., Vic., Q.	Melbourne	17 0 1-5
1926	T'mania	S.A., Vic., Q., N.S.W.	Brisbane	15 43
§1927	W. Aust.	N.S.W., Vic., S.A.	Hobart	16 6
1928	W. Aust.	Q., 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
†1932	Victoria	N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Q., Tas.	Melbourne	15 9 1-5
1933	N.S.W.	Q., Vic., Tas., S.A.	Brisbane	14 30
†1934	N.S.W.	W.A., Q., Tas., Vic., S.A.	Hobart	19 38 1-2
1935	N.S.W.	W.A., S.A., Vic., Q., Tas	Penrith	(N.S.W.) 16 20 1-5
1936	N.S.W.	S.A., W.A., Vic.	Perth	16 22
1937	S. Aust.	N.S.W., W.A., Tas., Vic., Q.	Murray Bridge	(S.A.) 15 22

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, 2½ miles §Tas. and Qld. swamped. ¶S.A. and Vic. 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 21
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 30
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
1932	Melbourne	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	R. Beauchamp (T.), C. F. W. Peppler (V.), J. Richardson (Q.)	19 5½
1933	Brisbane	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	R. Beauchamp (T.), J. Richardson (Q.)	14 32
1934	Hobart	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	R. Beauchamp (T.), C. F. W. Peppler (V.), C. E. Slaughter (Q.)	17 46
1935	Perth (N.S.W.)	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	C. F. W. Peppler (Vic.), C. E. Slaughter (Q.), H. A. Wilkinson (Tas.)	16 36½
1936	Perth	C. W. Pearce (N.S.W.)	K. Langley (W.A.)	16 15
1937	Murray B. (S.A.)	C. W. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. A. Purves (V.), A. V. Kuno (S.A.)	15 10

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

†No time taken, collision during race.

‡Distance 2½ miles

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 45th Annual Eight-oared Championship was rowed on the Lower Yarra course on Saturday, 6th February, 1937.

Weather conditions for the race were good.

There were only four entries, and the race was won by the Richmond Rowing Club by two lengths from the Albert Park Rowing Club, with Mercantile third, and Melbourne fourth. The time for the race was 14 min. 32 secs.

The Richmond crew comprised: B. Hainsworth, 11 st. 2 lbs., bow; W. F. Coppinger, 12 st. 0 lbs., 2; K. K. McKenzie, 11 st. 8 lbs., 3; W. Yoxon, 12 st. 8 lbs., 4; W. G. Lloyd, 13 st. 1 lb., 5; K. E. Harrison, 11 st. 10 lbs., 6; E. Lindsay, 12 st., 8 lbs., 7; R. Godfredson, 11 st. 2 lbs., str.; T. Croft, coxswain; F. G. Thompson, coach.

The warm congratulations of the Committee are tendered to the Richmond Rowing Club on its win.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rowed on the Lower Yarra course on Saturday, 19th December, 1936, the race for the Four-oared Championship attracted an entry of seven crews.

Weather conditions for the race were perfect, with a fairly strong stream running out.

As in the Championship Eights, the Richmond Rowing Club provided the winning combination for this event. Mercantile Rowing Club, three lengths away, were second, and Melbourne third. Albert Park, Preston, Melbourne University and Hawthorn finished in the order named. The time was 17 min. 83 1-5 secs.

The Richmond crew was: B. Hainsworth, 11 st. 12 lbs., bow; K. E. Harrison, 11 st. 10 lbs., 2; E. Lindsay, 12 st. 8 lbs., 3; R. Godfredson, 11 st. 9 lbs., str.; H. Plant, coxswain; F. G. Thompson, coach.

The Committee sincerely congratulates the Richmond Rowing Club on its win in this event.

VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, was again the venue for the Victorian Pair-oared Championship. Rowed on Saturday, 22nd May, 1937, the event attracted an entry of eight crews. The weather conditions were ideal.

After a magnificent race, the Melbourne University Boat Club secured the coveted honours, with Ballarat City, a length away, second, and Wendouree third. Corowa, Ballarat, Albert Park, Richmond and Bendigo finished in that order. Time, 6 min. 42 1-5 secs.

R. J. Jelbart, 12 st. 0 lbs., bow; P. B. Jelbart, 13st. 0 lbs., str.; W. R. Ward, coxswain; R. W. B. Todd, coach, comprised the winning combination.

The sincere congratulations of the Committee are extended to the Melbourne University Boat Club on its success.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was contested by C. F. W. Pepler (Yarra Yarra), 12 st. 12 lbs.; B. G. T. Kelly (Melbourne), 12 st. 0 lbs.; L. A. Purves (Yarra Yarra), 13 st. 5 lbs., and R. Williams (Yarra Yarra), 10 st. 0 lbs., over a two and a half miles course on the Lower Yarra on Saturday, 6th February, 1937.

Weather conditions were good.

L. A. Purves won from B. G. T. Kelly by five lengths, with R. Williams third. Time, 17 min. 13 secs.

Mr. Purves is heartily congratulated on his win in the Victorian Sculling Championship.

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
‡1931-32	Albert Park	4	16 10
§1932-33	Hawthorn	7	13 16
§1933-34	Nagambye	4	14 35 2-5
1934-35	London	7	14 20
1935-36	Mercantile	4	14 5 2-5
1936-37	Richmond	4	14 32

‡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, 2¼ miles. **Distance, 3 miles. §Distance, 2½ miles.

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 21
1905-6	Albert Park	3	15 5 3-5
1906-7	Mercantile	4	19 40 2-5
1907-8	Albert Park	2	16 55 2-5
1908-9	Nagambie	5	13 41 4-5
1909-10	Albert Park	7	14 22
1910-11	Essendon	4	15 7 3-5
1911-12	Albert Park	6	15 6
1912-13	Albert Park	7	17 33
1913-14	Albert Park	6	17 20 1-5
1914-15	Albert Park	7	16 14 3-5
1919-20	Nagambie	6	16 7
1920-21	Mercantile	7	17 25 1-5
1921-22	Mercantile	6	14 19 3-5
1922-23	Wendouree	7	14 42
1923-24	Wendouree	6	18 15 3-5
1924-25	Melbourne	6	16 26
1925-26	Melbourne	6	15 46
1926-27	Melbourne	7	16 29 2-5
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
1931-32	Richmond	7	15 33
1932-33	Richmond	5	14 50
1933-34	Nagambie	3	16 10 2-5
1934-35	Nagambie	6	16 32 4-5
1935-36	Albert Park	8	15 36 3-5
1936-37	Richmond	7	17 8 3-5

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

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

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR-OARED RACES.

Season	Won by	No. of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
*1900-1901	Mercantile	5	—
1901-1902	Albert Park	4	—
†1902-1903	Albert Park	4	14 7 4-5
1903-1904	Albert Park	3	7 47
1904-1905	Nagambie	3	—
1905-1906	Mercantile	5	—
1906-1907	Mercantile	6	8 30
1907-1908	Essendon	6	5 23 3-5
1908-1909	Civil Service	9	—
1909-1910	Albert Park	7	6 13
1910-1911	Footscray City	9	5 20 1-5
1911-1912	University	10	5 47
1912-1913	Essendon	9	6 9
1913-1914	Ballarat	9	8 0 1-5
1914-1915	Ballarat	9	7 46 3-5
1919-1920	Nagambie	7	7 8
1920-1921	Footscray	10	6 39
*1921-1922	Wendouree	8	7 4 2-5
*1922-1923	Wendouree	6	6 36
*1923-1924	Wendouree	4	6 11
*1924-1925	Merbein	8	6 23 4-5
*1925-1926	Wendouree	7	7 7 2-5
*1926-1927	Wendouree	7	6 54
*1927-1928	Wendouree	9	8 23
*1928-1929	Wendouree	7	6 16
*1929-1930	Sth. Melbourne	9	7 37
1930-1931	Albert Park	10	6 15
*1931-1932	Albert Park	9	7 30
*1932-1933	Ballarat	7	6 29
*1933-1934	Richmond	7	7 14
1934-1935	Preston	10	6 32
*1935-1936	Sale	11	6 43 1-5
*1936-1937	Melb. University	8	6 42 1-5

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

*Rowed at Ballarat.

†Distance, 1½ miles.

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 50½
1920-21	J. Barton	Richmond	5	15 28
1921-22	J. Barton	Richmond	4	19 6
1922-23	S. McGorm	Sandhurst	5	50 6¾
1923-24	J. Barton	Richmond	4	—
1924-25	A. Cambridge	Sandhurst	4	19 23
1925-26	A. Cambridge	Sandhurst	3	18 50
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 46¾
1930-31	H. E. Ricketts	Yarra Yarra	4	—
1931-32	C. F. W. Peppler	Yarra Yarra	5	15 8%
1932-33	C. F. W. Peppler	Yarra Yarra	5	22 22
1933-34	C. F. W. Peppler	Yarra Yarra	4	16 49¾
1934-35	C. F. W. Peppler	Yarra Yarra	4	19 4½
1935-36	C. F. W. Peppler	Yarra Yarra	4	*
1936-37	L. A. Purves	Yarra Yarra	4	17 13

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance, about 1¼ miles.

*Owing to a clash the race was stopped and re-started. No time was taken.

2000 METRES SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 2000 Metres Sculling Championship was rowed on the Lower Yarra on Saturday, 19th December, 1937, under fair weather conditions, and resulted in a win for L. A. Purves (Yarra Yarra Rowing Club) by three lengths from C. F. W. Peppler (Yarra Yarra Rowing Club), with M. E. K. Hansen (Mercantile Rowing Club) third. These were the only starters. No time was taken for the race.

Mr. Purves is sincerely congratulated on his win in this event.

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.

RECORD OF 2000 METRES SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Season.	Won by	No. of Entries.	Time. Min. Sec.
1931-32	G. B. Anderson (Albert Park)	4	7 28
1932-33	S. B. McGorm (Ballarat)	6	Not taken
1933-34	C. F. W. Peppler (Yarra Yarra)	3	8 1½
1934-35	C. F. W. Peppler (Yarra Yarra)	3	7 40
1935-36	M. E. K. Hansen (Mercantile)	4	9 33
1936-37	L. A. Purves (Yarra Yarra)	3	Not taken

JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP.

For the Junior Eight-oared Championship, rowed over a two-miles course on the Lower Yarra, on Saturday, 24th April, 1937, five crews faced the starter. The weather conditions were good.

The title was won by the Corio Bay Rowing Club (P. F. Kelly, bow; A. Bell, 2; M. McKenzie, 3; C. W. Keys, 4; C. Muhlebach, 5; H. Glover, 6; H. Strachan, 7; H. Olver, str.; Les Long, coxswain; C. G. Saleh, coach) by one and a half lengths from the Richmond Rowing Club, with Footscray City Rowing Club third, Mercantile Rowing Club fourth, and Melbourne University Boat Club fifth. Time, 12 min. 4 secs.

This was the first championship race won by the Corio Bay Rowing Club, and the Committee warmly congratulates the Club and the crew on its success.

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
1931-32	Mercantile	10	11 37
1932-33	Richmond	4	11 39
1933-34	Essendon	7	12 3½
1934-35	Richmond	5	11 14%
1935-36	Richmond	5	12 7
1936-37	Corio Bay	5	12 4

CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT JUNIOR EIGHTS.

This event was rowed over a course of one and a half miles on the Lower Yarra on Saturday, 24th April, 1937, and was contested by seven crews.

The winning combination was provided by the Banks Rowing Club: (S. Chidgey, bow; E. Burkitt, 2; C. Hayton, 3; J. Rawson, 4; D. Burkitt, 5; B. Meredith, 6; C. Corney, 7; R. Meredith, str.; A. Luly, coxswain; R. C. Hilliard, coach). Wendouree Rowing Club were three-quarters of a length away, second, whilst third place was filled by the Albert Park Rowing Club. Time, 9 min. 23 3-5 secs.

The Banks Rowing Club is warmly congratulated on its win in this event.

RECORD OF OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHTS.

Season.	Won by	No. of Entries.	Time. Min. Sec.
1931-32	Richmond	9	9 48
1932-33	Banks	7	8 49 $\frac{3}{4}$
1933-34	Wendouree	5	8 52 $\frac{1}{2}$
1934-35	Melbourne	6	9 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

RECORD OF CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT JUNIOR EIGHTS.

Season.	Won by	No. of Entries.	Time. Min. Sec.
1935-36	Melbourne	4	9 42
1936-37	Banks	7	9 23 $\frac{1}{2}$

PREMIERSHIPS.

The Albert Park Rowing Club won the Senior Premiership, and the Mercantile Rowing Club the Junior Premiership. Sincere congratulations are extended to these Clubs on their success.

The points scored in the respective Premierships were:—

SENIOR.

Club	No. of Wins	Points	Club	No. of Wins	Points
Albert Park	5	40	Rutherglen Lake	1	8
Richmond	2	24	Yarra Yarra	2	5
Mercantile	2	20	Wendouree	2	4
Corowa	5	10	Sale	1	2
Melb. University	3	8	Ballarat City	—	2
Shepparton	2	8	Melbourne	—	1

JUNIOR.

Club	No. of Wins	Points	Club	No. of Wins	Points
Mercantile	10	64	Banks	2	10
Richmond	7	40	Lake Colac	3	6
Footscray City	9	38	Rutherglen Lake	2	4
Albert Park	5	24	Wahgunyah	2	4
Corio Bay	3	24	Shepparton	1	4
Yarra Yarra	6	13	Corowa	1	4
Wendouree	5	14	Warrnambool	1	4
Preston	5	14	Eaglehawk	1	2
Bairnsdale	4	12	Ballarat City	1	2
Barwon	3	12			

RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

1898-1899	.... Ballarat	1921-1922	.... Mercantile (Sen.)
1899-1900	.... Albert Park		Barwon (Jun.)
1900-1901	.... Mercantile	1923	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1901-1902	.... Albert Park		Ballarat (Jun.)
1902-1903	.... Albert Park	1923-1924	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1903-1904	.... Ballarat		Banks (Jun.)
1904-1905	.... Albert Park	1924-1925	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1905-1906	.... Albert Park		Essendon (Jun.)
1906-1907*	.... Albert Park (Sen.)	1925-1926	.... Wendouree (Sen.)
1906-1907	.... Albert Park (Jun.)		Hawthorn (Jun.)
1907-1908	.... Mercantile (Sen.)	1926-1927	.... Melbourne (Sen.)
1907-1908	.... Footscray City (Jr.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
1908-1909	.... South Melb. (Jun.)	1927-1928	.... Melbourne (Sen.)
1908-1909	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1909-1910	.... Banks (Jun.)	1928-1929	.... Mercantile (Sen.)
1909-1910	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		Albert Park (Jun.)
1910-1911	.... Albert Park (Sen.)	1929-1930	.... Mercantile (Sen.)
1910-1911†	.... Civil Service (Jun.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
	Banks	1930-1931	.... Albert Park (Sen.)
1911-1912	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
1911-1912†	.... Civil Service	1931-1932	.... Albert Park (Sen.)
	Banks (Jun.)		Footscray City
	Essendon		(Jun.)
1912-1913	.... Albert Park (Sen.)	1932-1933	.... Richmond (Sen.)
1912-1913	.... Albert Park (Jun.)		Essendon (Jun.)
1912-1913	.... Civil Service (Jun.)	1933-1934	.... Nagambie (Sen.)
1913-1914	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1913-1914	.... Hawthorn (Jun.)	1934-1935	.... Nagambie (Sen.)
1914-1915	.... Albert Park (Sen.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1914-1915	.... Footscray (Jun.)	1935-1936	.... Richmond (Sen.)
1918-1919**	.... Civil Service (Jun.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1919-1920	.... Nagambie (Sen.)	1936-1937	.... Albert Park (Sen.)
	Banks (Jun.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
1920-1921	.... Civil Service (Sen.)		
	Albert Park (Jun.)		

*Prior to 1906-7 only one Premiership awarded to Club securing most points in all events.

**Senior Premiership not awarded for 1918-19 season.

†These Clubs scored equal points.

REGATTAS.

In addition to qualifying Regattas, the following races were held during the year:—

United Services Regatta (22/5/1937).—United Services Challenge Cup (Eights): Scotch College Cadet Corps (Cdt. N. G. McNaught, bow; Cdt. R. M. Aitchison, 2; Cdt. A. L. Rogers, 3; Cdt. A. M. Marshall, 4; Cpl. M. A. Barr, 5; CQMS. T. Darling, 6; Cdt. Lieut. G. A. Turner, 7; Cdt. J. B. Hipwell, str.; Cdt. A. B. Chivers, coxswain; Mr. G. H. Nicholson, coach). Vice-presidents' Challenge Cup (Fours): 34th Fortress Coy., R.A.E. (Militia): (Cpl. N. F. Wilkinson, bow; Sap. R. Thwaites, 2; Sgt. C. Renard, 3; Sap. T. Stephens, str.).

Public Service Challenge Shield (15/5/1937).—Metropolitan Fire Brigade (B. Hainsworth, bow; W. G. Lloyd, 2; L. A. Purves, 3; R. Godfredson, str.; H. Plant, coxswain; E. E. Keary and F. G. Thompson, coaches).

Head of the River (7-8/5/37).—Xavier College (J. F. McDavitt, bow; J. F. Fallon, 2; G. O. C. O'Day, 3; D. J. Breheny, 4; J. J. O'Brien, 5; P. J. Lachal, 6; J. N. Marron, 7; J. J. Bourke, str.; K. L. McEnroe, coxswain, M. Burke, coach).

Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield (29-30/4/37).—Ormond College (J. A. Smibert, bow; A. W. Douglas, 2; W. D. Mott, 3; B. Widmer, 4; G. A. Wood, 5; W. Morgan, 6; K. N. Morris, 7; G. G. C. McKenzie, str.; J. D. Craddock, coxswain; A. L. Rentoul, coach).

John Lang Cup (3/5/1937).—Ormond College (J. A. Smibert, bow; A. W. Douglas, 2; W. D. Mott, 3; B. Widmer, 4; G. A. Wood, 5; W. Morgan, 6; K. N. Morris, 7; G. G. C. McKenzie, str.; J. D. Craddock, coxswain; A. L. Rentoul, coach).

Inter-Faculty Race (John Grice Cup).—Medical Faculty (J. F. Noonan, bow; G. Gossip, 2; I. McCormack, 3; B. Widmer, 4; L. H. Wilson, 5; D. G. Duffy, 6; A. N. Fraser, 7; G. G. C. McKenzie, str.; H. S. Moroney, coxswain; D. G. Duffy, coach).

V.R.A. COMBINATION EIGHTS.

A Committee, on which the Victorian Rowing Association is represented, is at present actively engaged in raising funds for the purpose of establishing a Sportsmen's Ward at the Prince Henry's Hospital, where all sportsmen who are injured whilst participating in their own particular sport will receive attention. To aid this Committee, the V.R.A., on 10th October, 1936, conducted Combination Eights. A splendid response was received, there being 220 individual entries, whilst 20 crews actually competed. The winning combination was: R. Freame (Mercantile), bow; V. Duncan (Richmond), 2; N. W. Plunkett (University), 3; L. H. Wilson (University), 4; N. W. Cairnes (Mercantile), 5; H. Heseltine (Banks), 6; K. V. Barwick (Richmond), 7; G. E. Jennings (Albert Park), str.; J. McLennan (Mercantile), coxswain.

The trophies for this event were donated by Councillor A. Crofts.

For the purpose of augmenting the funds for sending the Victorian King's Cup Eight and Sculler to Murray Bridge to compete in the King's Cup race on 24th April, 1937, the V.R.A., on 10th April, 1937, held a Combination Eights event. The support was not as good

as was expected, only 122 entries being received. The winners proved to be: P. Vanderkelen (Mercantile), bow; B. Bailey (Richmond), 2; M. Dickens (Preston), 3; F. Patterson (Preston), 4; A. Anderson (Albert Park), 5; J. J. McFarlane (Mercantile), 6; J. Blair-Holt (Mercantile), 7; P. O'Shea (Footscray), str.

The trophies were provided by members of the Executive of the V.R.A.

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES—Season 1937-1938.

Novice Regatta, 2nd October, 1937; Dimboola Regatta, 13th November, 1937; Melbourne Regatta, 20th November, 1937; Henley-on-Yarra, 27th November, 1937; Championship Fours and 2000 Metres Sculling Championship, 18th December, 1937; Nagambie Regatta, 27th December, 1937; Shepparton Regatta, 29th December, 1937; Rutherglen and Colac Regattas, 1st January, 1938; Australia Day Week-end Double, 29th and 31st January, 1938; Championship Eights and 2½ Miles Sculling Championship, 12th February, 1938; Barwon Regatta, 26th February, 1938; Ballarat Regatta, 5th March, 1938; Champion Junior Eights and Champion Lightweight Junior Eights, 19th March, 1938; Championship Pairs (at Ballarat), 26th March, 1938; Bairnsdale Regatta, 16th April, 1938; Sale and Mildura Regattas, 18th April, 1938; King's Cup Race and President's Cup Race, 23rd April, 1937 (Lower Yarra). The latter date may be altered to 7th May, 1937.

INTER-UNIVERSITIES RACE.

The Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart Universities were represented in the Fifty-sixth Annual Australian Universities' Boat race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup, which was rowed on the Hamilton Reach of the Brisbane River on Saturday, 5th June, 1937.

The race was won by the Sydney University crew for the third year in succession, with Hobart second, Melbourne third, Brisbane fourth, and Adelaide fifth. The time for the race was 17 min. $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

The Sydney University crew was: J. N. Sevier, 10 st. 0 lbs., bow; D. L. Finlay, 12 st. 2 lbs., 2; J. J. Sheahan, 12st. 0 lbs., 3; T. F. C. Close, 12st. 3 lbs., 4; R. O. K. T. Moodie, 13 st. 5 lbs., 5; A. W. Gunson, 13 st. 3 lbs., 6; C. Rowe, 11 st. 8 lbs., 7; S. E. Finlay, 11 st. 7lbs., str.; B. G. Clarke, coxswain; A. N. Finlay and G. McKenzie, coaches.

Warm congratulations are extended to the Sydney University on its third successive win in this race.

METROPOLITAN ROWING COMMITTEE.

The Metropolitan Rowing Committee conducted its Ninth Annual Regatta for Novice and Lightweight oarsmen on the 26th September, 1936. The event again proved popular and attracted an entry of 183 competitors. Winners of the various events were: Novice Eights, Richmond Rowing Club (No. 1 crew); Novice Fours, City of Heidelberg Rowing Club; Novice Pairs, Yarra Yarra Rowing Club; Novice Lightweight Fours, Mercantile Rowing Club; Novice Lightweight Pairs, Albert Park Rowing Club; Novice Sculls, N. F. Wilkinson (Banks Rowing Club).

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was held at the Oriental Hotel, Adelaide, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd April, 1937.

Present—Mr. R. H. Wallman (S.A.), President, in the Chair; Messrs. R. S. Jeffreys (W.A.), F. L. Poulgrain (Q.), E. T. Bessell (Tas.), E. J. Buckley (proxy for Mr. H. G. Alderson, N.S.W.), and E. Kenny (Vic.), Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1937-38: President, Mr. E. Kenny (Vic.), Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. E. Butler (Vic.), Honorary Auditors, Messrs. J. P. Rorke and R. L. Thwaites; Delegates to the Olympic Federation, Messrs. H. G. Alderson (N.S.W.), and E. Kenny (Vic.); London Representative, Major S. A. Middleton.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (a) British Empire Games of 1938—Rowing Course.—Resolved that the rowing and sculling events at the British Empire Games in 1938 be held on the Nepean River course of a mile and a quarter.
- (b) Rowing Control.—Resolved that the control of technical arrangements and details for the rowing and sculling be left in the hands of the New South Wales Rowing Association.
- (c) Selector.—Resolved that the Council appoint a sole selector for the rowing and sculling events.
- (d) Appointment of Selector.—Four nominations were received, two of which lapsed for lack of seconds. As the result of a ballot, Mr. E. E. Keary (N.S.W.) was elected.
- (e) Coach.—Resolved that the sole selector be asked to nominate for consideration of the Council the names of coaches he recommends for the Australian crews.
- (f) Selection of Crews.—Mr. Kenny stated that Victoria suggested that crews should be given the opportunity to challenge the selected crew. Delegates did not favour the suggestion, and it was resolved that the sole selector be advised that he may select the eight-oared crew at once if he so desired, but that the four-oared crew and sculler were not to be selected until after Henley-on-Yarra Regatta at the end of November.

Financing Selected Crews.—The Honorary Secretary raised the question of financing selected crews. Resolved that it be recommended to the State Associations that each Association find the necessary money to send its own members who may be selected to row in the crews, or as a sculler.

Rotation of Races and Exemptions.—Tasmania submitted the following motion:—

“That clause 39 of the Constitution (Rule 39) be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

“Rule 39. The order of future races shall be as follows:—1938, Victoria; 1939, Queensland; 1940, New South Wales; 1941, West Australia; 1942, Tasmania; 1943, South Australia; and thereafter in a similar order of rotation, and each State shall be represented each year, except that Queensland shall be exempt from competing in South Australia and West Australia; West Australia shall be exempt from competing in Queensland and Tasmania; South Australia shall be exempt from competing in Queensland, and Tasmania shall be exempt from competing in West Australia.” On being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

National Championships of 1940.—The Olympic Federation suggested that the National Championships of 1940 should be cancelled in favour of the Australian National Games. This was considered, and it was resolved that this would not be practicable for the Australian Rowing Championships.

Freight.—Resolved that the A.S.O. be advised that the freight on racing boats by comparison with the freight on other cargo is excessive, and that a request be made for a reduction.

Levy.—Resolved that the levy for 1937-38 be fixed at £4 4s.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Only one General Meeting of the Association was held during the year, viz.: the Annual General Meeting on 5th October, 1936, at which the following Resolution was adopted:—

Olympic Levy.—“That the Victorian Rowing Association would comply with the request of the Olympic Federation in regard to the continuance of the Olympic Levy; that the Levy be collected as in the past, and that the money be held in trust by the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, to be handed over only in the event of a crew and/or sculler going to the Olympic Games.”

COMMITTEE DECISIONS.

Regatta Programmes.—Regatta Committees to be warned that their proposed programmes must be in the hands of the Secretary of this Association for approval not less than one week before the date of the meeting of this Committee at which application for approval to hold the Regatta is to be considered (C. 2/9/1936).

Regatta Officials.—Regatta Committees to be informed that lists of proposed officials, or the list of persons from which the officials would be selected, must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date on which the Regatta is to be held (C. 7/10/1936).

Championship Races.—The Executive be authorised to direct the side of the river from which crews shall start, in the order of the draw, and that the crews must start as near as possible to the side of the river directed by the Executive (C. 7/7/1937).

AFFILIATED CLUBS.

It is gratifying to record that the Wentworth District Rowing Club has again affiliated with the Victorian Rowing Association.

During the year the South Melbourne Rowing Club changed its name to the “Middle Park Rowing Club.”

The following changes in Club colours are recorded:—

Bendigo Rowing Club—From “Blue sweater with vertical gold stripe” to “Blue sweater with gold hoops.”

Dimboola Rowing Club—From “Dark and light blue” to “Green and gold.”

THANKS.

The Committee acknowledges with sincere thanks the receipt of the undermentioned donations towards the cost of sending the King's Cup Eight to Murray Bridge:—

Sir Stephen Morell, £10; Mr. A. J. Shepherd, £3/3/-; Rowing Enthusiasts, Barwon Regatta, £2/12/-; Mr. F. P. Morris, 10/6; Mr. R. T. Rush, 10/-.

Grateful acknowledgment is also made of a donation of £2/2/- by Captain A. M. Treacy to the Association funds; the Upper Yarra Regatta Association for donation of the gate, etc., proceeds of the Upper Yarra Regatta held on 30th January, 1937, and members of the Executive of the V.R.A. for donation of trophies for the V.R.A. Combination Eights held on 10th April, 1937.

Sincere thanks are also extended to Captain A. M. Treacy for again donating the Championship Eight Pennant. Also to Mr. Frank Raven for the great assistance he has rendered in carrying out the administrative work of the Association.

The Committee further thanks the Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Regatta Committees and officials, for assistance given during the season.

To Mr. R. L. Thwaites, A.C.A. (Aust.), and Mr. A. R. Duncan, B. Com., the Hon. Auditors, the Committee is grateful.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that your Committee records the decease during the year of Colonel J. M. Semmens and Messrs. J. Donald, A. H. Enticott and W. H. Mathieson, all of whom rendered services of inestimable value to the sport of rowing.

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Nineteen (19) Executive and twelve (12) Ordinary Committee Meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as follows:—

Executive.—H. E. Butler and H. T. James, 19; G. M. Hutton and J. P. Rorke, 18; E. Kenny, 17; A. L. Dobbie, 16; A. M. Downing (appointed 7/10/36), 15; M. Burke, 13; N. S. Muir, 12; C. F. Raven, 6.

Committee.—G. Anderson, H. E. Butler and J. P. Rorke, 12; M. Burke, H. J. Green, G. Hutchins, G. M. Hutton, H. T. James, E. Kenny and F. P. Morris, 11; T. S. Flint, T. Gipton, C. James, W. E. O'Brien and R. W. B. Todd, 10; J. H. Bailey, A. L. Dobbie, A. M. Downing, J. P. Gaskin, B. G. T. Kelly, K. W. Mackintosh, H. Roberts and N. F. Wilkinson, 9; F. Marchant and G. Whittaker, 8; C. Coe, E. J. Farrell, S. C. Macrae (resigned 19/4/37), N. S. Muir, W. Pedler, J. Thompson and V. Traeger, 7; C. L. Blattman, W. C. Currie (appointed 3/2/37), M. E. Green and F. H. Watts, 6; J. Barton, W. McIlroy, C. F. Raven, A. S. Stickland and G. W. Ward, 5; D. C. Brooke, A. J. Callander, C. J. McCarthy, L. P. Morgan and H. Tonner, 4; K. V. Barwick, C. B. Durrant, M. Gaskin and T. W. Jenkin, 3; J. Hoffmeyer (appointed 7/7/37), J. F. Horan, Sir S. J. Morell, W. Ruddick and C. G. Saleh (appointed 4/8/37), 2; G. S. Anderson, M. Bailey, A. E. Bamford, H. Bladen (proxy), H. Brasch (proxy), N. W. Cairnes (appointed 1/9/37), E. C. Edmonds, R. T. Graham (proxy), J. Gray (appointed 4/8/37), F. D. Hiscock, A. M. King, N. H. Kopman (appointed 4/8/37), J. E. McKeddie, R. Meredith (proxy), J. M. O'Connor (appointed 4/8/37), A. G. Patford, H. S. Scales (appointed 1/9/37), B. Seletto (appointed 1/9/37), and W. Yoxon (appointed 1/9/37), 1.

Average attendance, 33.8.

CLUB SECRETARIES AND ADDRESSES.

Club.	Hon. Secretary.	Address.
ALBERT PARK	V. Traeger	64 Tranmere Ave., Carnegie, S.E.9.
BAIRNSDALE	J. Bulmer	Bairnsdale R.C., Bairnsdale, Vic.
BALLARAT	A. J. Hancock	14 Exeter St., Ballarat, Vic.
BALLARAT CITY	S. G. Rosendale	Webster St., Ballarat, Vic.
BANKS	K. Field	Banks Rowing Club, Princes' Bridge, Melbourne, S.C.1.
BARWON	A. L. Dean	Box 156, G.P.O., Geelong, Vic.
BENDIGO	G. L. Ash	119 Carpenter St., Bendigo, Vic.
CITY OF HEIDELBERG	N. H. Bryning	50 Locksley Rd., Ivanhoe, N.21, Vic.
COROWA	J. H. Marsh	Corowa Rowing Club, Corowa, N.S.W.
CORIO BAY	A. Bell	101 Mercer St., Geelong, Vic.
DIMBOOLA	A. E. Hunter	Dimboola Rowing Club, Dimboola, Vic.
EAGLEHAWK	H. Priest	Victoria Street, Eaglehawk, Vic.
ESSENDON	W. E. O'Brien	128 Dean St., Moonee Ponds, W.4
FOOTSCRAY CITY	F. Parkinson	Box 23, Post Office, Footscray, W.11.
HAWTHORN	F. D. Hiscock	4 Glenroy Rd., Hawthorn, E.2, Vic.
LAKE COLAC	I. H. Fisher	C/o Motor Spares Pty. Ltd., 59 Murray St., Colac, Vic.
MELBOURNE	F. H. Watts	Melbourne Rowing Club, Princes' Bridge, Melbourne, S.C.1
MELB. UNIVERSITY	J. A. Smibert	Ormond College, Carlton, N.3.
MERCANTILE	F. Newport	Mercantile Rowing Club, Princes' Bridge, Melbourne, S.C.1
MIDDLE PARK	C. L. Blattman	Box 238E, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1.
MILDURA	N. R. Mackenzie	Box 290, Post Office, Mildura, Vic.
NAGAMBIE	F. A. Martin	Nagambie Rowing Club, Nagambie, Vic.
POWER HOUSE	R. G. Luff	34 The Avenue, St. Kilda, S.2.
PRESTON	T. J. Fawcett	108 Gilbert Rd., Preston, N.18.
RICHMOND	A. M. Downing	Richmond Rowing Club, Princes' Bridge, Melbourne, S.C.1
RUTHERGLEN LAKE	C. Stornebrink	Main St., Rutherglen, Vic.
SALE	A. G. Sandford	148 Raymond St., Sale, Vic.
SHEPPARTON	C. F. Kirkman	Box 80, P.O., Shepparton, Vic.
WAHGUNYAH	A. E. Parry	Wahgunyah Flour Mills Pty. Ltd., Wahgunyah, Vic.
WENDOUREE	A. F. Speedie	215 Errard St., Ballarat, Vic.
WENTWORTH DISTRICT	A. C. Davis	Wentworth Dist. Rowing Club, Wentworth, N.S.W.
YARRA YARRA	A. S. Stickland	Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, Princes' Bridge, Melbourne, S.C. 1

On behalf of the Committee,

H. E. BUTLER,

Amateur Sports Club.

Honorary Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1937.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Outstanding Trophy Moneys—		Bank Balances—	
Season 1922-23	£24 12 6	State Savings Bank	£674 13 0
" 1923-24	18 5 3	E. S. & A. Bank	45 6 1
" 1924-25	11 12 0		£719 19 1
" 1925-26	8 13 0	Treasury Bond (£100)	100 0 0
" 1926-27	19 12 6	Sundry Debtors—	
" 1927-28	3 10 0	Club Contributions	£15 10 0
" 1928-29	33 2 0	Coxswains' Registration	2 15 0
" 1929-30	30 9 0	Association Property—	
" 1930-31	11 14 0	Canvas Cover for Boat	5 0 0
" 1931-32	32 5 6	Boat Registration Plant	2 0 0
" 1932-33	27 11 6	Embossing Dies	1 0 0
" 1933-34	26 0 6	Typewriter	15 0 0
" 1934-35	64 0 0	Stationery	1 0 0
" 1935-36	82 1 0	Filing Cabinets	8 0 0
" 1936-37	249 6 6	Dies and Collars for Medals	1 0 0
Olympic Levy	£642 15 9	Access for Eight-oared Boat	6 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	32 9 0	Eight-oared Boats	110 0 0
	346 19 4	Oars	35 0 0
	£1,022 4 1		184 0 0
	£1,022 4 1		£1,022 4 1

Audited and found correct—
10th September, 1937.

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RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1936-37.

Clubs.	No. of Members.	Club Cont., 1935-36.	Club Cont., 1936-37.	Olympic Levy, 1936-37		Coxswains' R'trations, 1936-37.		Totals.	
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Metropolitan—									
Albert Park	70		12 5 0	1 15 0	1 10 0	15 10 0			
Banks	98		17 3 0	1 18 6	0 5 0	19 6 6			
Essendon	32		5 12 0	0 16 0	0 15 0	7 3 0			
Footscray City	65		11 7 6	1 12 6	1 0 0	14 0 0			
Hawthorn	29		5 1 6	0 14 6	0 10 0	6 6 0			
Heidelberg City	32		—	—	—	—			
Mercantile	205		35 17 6	5 2 6	2 15 0	43 15 0			
Melbourne	78		13 13 0	1 19 0	1 5 0	16 17 0			
Middle Park	23		4 0 6	0 11 6	—	4 12 0			
Power House	34		5 19 0	0 17 0	0 10 0	7 6 0			
Preston	42		7 7 0	1 1 0	—	8 8 0			
Richmond	103		18 0 6	2 11 6	2 0 0	22 12 0			
University	110	11 0 0	11 0 0	2 15 0	0 5 0	25 0 0			
Yarra Yarra	54		9 9 0	1 7 0	0 15 0	11 11 0			
Totals	975	£11 0 0	£156 15 6	£23 1 0	£11 10 0	£202 6 6			
Country—									
Bairnsdale	32		3 4 0	0 16 0	1 0 0	5 0 0			
Ballarat	37		3 14 0	0 18 6	—	4 12 6			
Ballarat City	51		5 2 0	1 5 6	1 0 0	7 7 6			
Barwon	20	2 0 0	—	—	0 10 0	2 10 0			
Bendigo	52		5 4 0	—	0 10 0	5 14 0			
Corio Bay	28		2 16 0	0 14 0	—	3 10 0			
Corowa	17	1 8 0	—	—	0 10 0	1 18 0			
Dimboola	29		2 18 0	0 14 6	1 0 0	4 12 6			
Eaglehawk	11		1 2 0	0 5 6	0 5 0	1 12 6			
Lake Colac	19		1 18 0	0 9 6	—	2 7 6			
Mildura	36		3 12 0	0 18 0	1 10 0	6 0 0			
Nagambie	21		2 2 0	0 10 6	1 5 0	3 17 6			
Rutherglen	15		—	—	—	—			
Sale	15		—	—	0 10 0	0 10 0			
Shepparton	12		1 4 0	0 6 0	—	1 10 0			
Wahgunyah	2		0 4 0	—	0 5 0	0 9 0			
Wendouree	52		5 4 0	1 6 0	1 5 0	7 15 0			
Wentworth	32	3 4 0	—	—	—	3 4 0			
Warrnambool	19		1 18 0	0 9 6	0 10 0	2 17 6			
Totals	500	£6 12 0	£40 2 0	£8 13 6	£10 0 0	£65 7 6			
Grand Totals	1,475	£17 12 0	£196 17 6	£31 14 6	£21 10 0	£267 14 0			

1st September, 1937.

J. P. RORKE,
Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS.

To Balance at 1/9/36—			
E. S. & A. Bank	£226	6	4
State Savings Bank	460	6	10
			£686 13 2
„ Club Contributions—			
Season 1935-36		17	12 0
Season 1936-37		196	17 6
			214 9 6
„ Registration Fees—			
Coxswains, 1935-36	£0	10	0
Coxswains, 1936-37	21	0	0
			21 10 0
Regattas		37	16 0
			59 6 0
„ Championships—			
Entry Fees			48 0 0
„ Regattas—			
V.R.A. Entry Fees	71	18	0
Receipts	12	1	6
			83 19 6
A.N.A. Entry Fees	41	2	0
Receipts	142	10	0
			183 12 0
			267 11 6
„ Trust Moneys—			
Trophy Money			401 19 6
Staging, 1935	2	2	0
Staging, 1936	12	12	0
			14 14 0
Olympic Levy, 1936-37			31 14 6
Railway Freight			15 0 0
Prince Henry Hospital Eights Entries			43 3 9
			506 11 9
„ King's Cup Race—			
King's Cup Levy, 1935-36		10	15 0
Donations		18	17 6
V.R.A. Combination Eight and Trophies			
Donations		22	8 0
			52 0 6
„ Miscellaneous—			
Hire of V.R.A. Boat		36	16 0
Miscellaneous		15	0 2
			51 16 2

£1,886 8 7

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DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1936-37.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Championships—				
	Trophies			£32 0 6
„	Regattas—			
	V.R.A. Trophies	£99 10 0		
	Less Unpaid	35 10 0		
			£55 0 0	
	Moored Boats		5 0 0	
				£60 0 0
	A.N.A. Trophies	45 3 0		
	Expenditure	90 0 8		
			135 3 8	
				135 3 8
„	Trust Moneys—			195 3 8
	Trophies		489 19 0	
	Staging		12 12 0	
	Refund Freight		15 0 0	
	Prince Henry Hospital		43 3 9	
				£560 14 9
„	King's Cup Race—			
	Perth, 1936—			
	Hire of Boat		8 0 0	
	Murray Bridge, 1937—			
	Rail Fares	73 13 4		
	Board	36 3 0		
	Oars	26 0 0		
	Shipping and Freight	16 0 0		
	Motor Boat	22 9 1		
	Singlets and Blazers	13 18 0		
	Insurance	5 0 6		
	V.R.A. Boat Repairs	8 14 6		
	Trainers	6 2 0		
	Miscellaneous	10 14 7		
			218 15 0	
	V.R.A. Combination Eight Expenses		5 14 6	
				232 9 6
„	Miscellaneous—			
	Printing and Petty Cash		37 13 9	
	Honoraria		40 0 0	
	V.R.A. Boat		24 14 0	
	Affiliation Fees		13 13 0	
	Insurance		7 12 8	
	Mooring Buoys		6 6 0	
	Coxs' Bags		5 0 0	
	Miscellaneous		11 1 8	
				146 1 1
„	Bank Balances as at 31/8/1937—			
	E. S. & A. Bank		45 6 1	
	State Savings Bank		674 13 0	
				719 19 1
				£1,886 8 7

JAMES P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 6th September, 1937.

SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1936-37

Regatta	Number of Competitors	Date	Value of Trophies	Trophy Orders Paid	Balance held by V.R.A.
Balance from Previous Regattas			—	—	£393 9 3
1936-37.					
Victorian Rowing Association	388	21/11/36	£90 10 0	£55 0 0	35 10 0
Nagambie	160	26/12/36	49 17 6	20 9 6	29 8 0
Rutherglen	168	1/1/37	44 10 0	28 12 0	15 18 0
Shepparton	132	2/1/37	36 13 6	16 2 6	20 11 0
Upper Yarra	265	30/1/37	62 14 0	24 10 0	38 4 0
Ballarat	367	13/3/37	128 5 6	41 1 0	87 4 6
Bairnsdale	62	27/3/37	39 3 0	28 2 0	11 1 0
Sale	62	29/3/37	40 16 0	29 6 0	11 10 0
Total	1604		£492 9 6	£243 3 0	£249 6 6
Grand Total	2854		—	—	£642 15 9

J. P. RORKE, Hon. Treasurer,

1st September, 1937.

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

Henley, 422; Australia Day, 275; Barwon, 280; Mildura, 94.

Grand total of competitors for season at regattas, and including Championship events, 2854.

H. E. BUTLER,

Hon. Sec.

