

VICTORIAN
ROWING ASSOCIATION

1876 - 1949



SEVENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1948-1949

<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	<i>Asst. Hon. Secretary:</i>	<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>
H. E. BUTLER	N. W. CAIRNES	C. E. JAMES

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-Third Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, McEwan House, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th October, 1949.

BUSINESS.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Seventy-second Annual General Meeting held on 18th October, 1948.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-bearers, viz.: Patrons, President, eight Vice-Presidents, two Honorary Auditors.
4. Presentation of Premiership Certificates for 1948-49.
5. Presentation of Championship Certificates for 1948-1949.
6. To consider the following recommendations from the Committee, viz.—

(a) A new rule XXXV be inserted in the Rules and By-Laws of the Association.—

“XXXV: The Income and Property of the Association whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in the Rules of the Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profits to members of the Association. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payments in good faith of payment to any officer or servants of the Association, or to any member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association or of any allowances and travelling expenses to a member of the Association actually travelling on the business of the Association.”

(b) That the following proposals to meet the expense of representation in the King's Cup and President's Cup Races each year be adopted and enforced.

- (i) Each year £120 of the surplus revenue of the Association be reserved for the King's Cup and President's Cup Races.
- (ii) The seat fees be increased from £3 per man to £5/5/- per man, and that it be a charge against the Club or Clubs with members in the Eight, or the Sculler, and not against individual members.
- (iii) The Regatta Registration Fees be raised to £5/5/- for all regattas, and that a levy of sixpence be placed on each entry fee. This levy to be paid to the Association.
- (iv) Affiliation fees be increased from 4/- per capita, to 8/- per capita in the case of Metropolitan Clubs, and from 2/6 per capita to 5/- per capita in the case of Country Clubs.

7. To consider the following Notices of Motion.—

By Mr. G. C. Burke:

A new rule, No. XXXVI as under, be inserted:

“XXXVI: No amendment (other than a motion for adjournment shall be moved to any resolution proposed at any annual or special general meeting unless written notice thereof shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days previous to the meeting.”

By Mr. C. E. James:

1. That Rule XIII be deleted and the following substituted therefor.—

“Rule XIII: No Club within a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a Representative Member to the Committee unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association on behalf of the said Club, the sum of eight shillings in respect of every member of such Club. No Club without a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a Representative Member to the Committee unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association on behalf of the said Club, the sum of five shillings in respect of every member of such Club.”

- 1(a) That Rule XXXI be deleted and the following substituted therefor.—

“Rule XXXI: At General Meetings of the Association, the Members of any Rowing Club, within a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall not exercise a greater number of votes than one for each eight shillings paid by such Club under Rule XIII, and the Members of any Rowing Club without a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall not exercise a greater number of votes than one for each five shillings paid by such Club under Rule XIII.”

- 1(b) That Article II of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words “three shillings and sixpence” appearing in the third line and substituting therefor, the words “eight shillings.”

- 1(c) That Article VI of the Constitution be amended by deleting the amount “£9” appearing in the tenth and thirteenth lines and the amount “£5” appearing in sixteenth and nineteenth lines and substituting therefor the amounts “£18” and “£10” respectively.

2. That Rule VII be amended by deleting the amount “£4/4/-” appearing in the twenty-fifth line, and substituting therefor the amount “£5/5/-.”

- 2(a) That the following be added to item 6(f) of the Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing.—

“In addition to the entry fee, there shall be imposed on each entry, a levy of sixpence per oar. This levy shall be collected by the Committee conducting the regatta and shall be paid to the funds of the Victorian Rowing Association.”

3. That Rule XVa be deleted and the following substituted therefor.—

“XVa: Each Club from which is selected the Sculler, Emergency and/or any member of the crew (but not the Coxswain) to represent Victoria in the Australian Sculling or Eight-oared Championships shall pay to the Association, the sum of £5/5/- for each of its members selected. Such money to be paid into a special fund to meet the expenses of representation in the aforesaid Championships.”

8. General.

You are asked to specially note that the Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on **WEDNESDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1949.**

ALL affiliated members of the Association are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Amateur Sports Club,
September, 1949.

H. E. BUTLER,
Honorary Secretary.

Victorian Rowing Association

SEASON 1948-1949

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

Patron:

His Honor Sir HAYDN STARKE.

President:

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Asst. Hon. Secretary:

N. W. CAIRNES, Esq.

Hon. Secretary:

H. E. BUTLER, Esq.

Hon. Auditors:

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G. O. HEYWARD, Esq.

Committee:

(Vacated 31/5/49) (Apptd. 1/6/49).

Elected Members (10).

ELECTED RETIRES				ELECTED RETIRES			
H. E. BUTLER	....	1947	.... 1949	G. ANDERSON	....	1948	.... 1950
N. W. CAIRNES	....	1947	.... 1949	R. J. MARCH	....	1948	.... 1950
E. R. DUNN	....	1947	.... 1949	W. McILROY	....	1948	.... 1950
K. A. G. FEILD	....	1947	.... 1949	W. R. B. TODD	....	1948	.... 1950
E. ELLSWORTH	....	1949	.... 1949	M. S. WILLIAMS	....	1948	.... 1950

Executive Committee:

ELECTED RETIRES				ELECTED RETIRES			
E. KENNY	....	1947	.... 1949	A. M. DOWNING	....	1948	.... 1950
H. T. JAMES	....	1947	.... 1949	K. A. G. FEILD	....	1948	.... 1950
J. P. RORKE	....	1947	.... 1949	N. S. MUIR	....	1948	.... 1950
A. L. DOBBIE	....	1948	.... 1950				

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park	....	J. J. Donald	Melbourne	....	A. J. Anderson
Antwerp	....			....	J. B. Guarán
Ballarat	....	A. Ellsworth	Mercantile	....	D. J. Morgan
Ballarat City	....	A. J. C. Desnoy		....	K. A. Bilney
Bairnsdale	....	J. J. Mulcahy	Mildura	....	R. W. Thursfield
Banks	....	F. A. Smith		....	S. G. Richardson
		G. L. Whittaker	Nagambie	....	R. R. Sullivan
Barwon	....	S. J. Neal	Nestanglo	....	A. W. McLeish
Bendigo	....	T. Rodda	Power House	....
Camperdown	....	J. P. Gaskin	Preston	....	G. Hutchins
Cardross	....	F. P. Morris	Richmond	....	D. A. Cameron
Corowa	....	J. Marsh		....	P. Murphy
Corio Bay	....	F. C. Marchant	Rutherglen Lake	....	J. F. Thompson
Dimboola	....	A. A. Fortington	Sale	....	P. J. Devlin
Eaglehawk	....	T. S. Flint	Shepparton	....	T. E. Mulcahy
Essendon	....	W. Nicholson	South Melbourne	....	E. A. Welsh
		T. Mills	University	....	S. R. Bell
Footscray City	....	W. F. Hayes		....	J. A. Forbes
		K. Dobson	Wahgunyah	....	A. Chandler
Hawthorn	....	P. R. O'Connor	Warrnambool	....	E. Kenny
		G. L. Code	Wendouree	....	F. S. Way
Lake Colac	....	R. Daffy		....	A. Welch
			Wentworth Dist. ..		
			Yarrawonga	....	D. S. Stirling
			Yarra Yarra	....	C. Coe

SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Report and Balance Sheet

OF THE
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

TO THE MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee submits herewith, for your consideration, the Seventy-third Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Victorian Rowing Association.

The Senior Premiership was won by the Melbourne Rowing Club, but only after a keen struggle with the Mercantile Rowing Club, the result being in the balance until the last regatta of the season. The Junior Premiership was easily won by the Mercantile Rowing Club.

In accordance with the decision made at the Annual General meeting on 18th October, 1948, a separate Premiership for Lightweight Oarsmen was instituted. Corio Bay Rowing Club proved easy winners in this Division.

Two new championship events were instituted during the season, viz: Championship Lightweight Junior Pairs and Champion Lightweight Junior Fours. These events were rowed on 27th December, 1948, and 18th December, 1948, respectively.

Probably the most important event for the season 1949-1950, other than the King's Cup and President's Cup Races, will be the British Empire Games to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 4th to 11th February, 1950. At these games, Australia will be represented by the following Eight-oared Crew:—

Bow; R. N. Tinning, 11 st. 11 lbs.; 2, P. Cayzer, 12 st. 5 lbs.; 3, P. Holmes-A'Court, 12 st. 0 lbs.; 4, B. R. Goswell, 13 st. 4 lbs.; 5, R. L. Selman, 14 st. 11 lbs.; 6, E. O. Longley, 13 st. 3 lbs.; 7, E. G. G. Pain, 11 st. 13 lbs.; Str., A. W. Brown, 12 st. 8 lbs.; Cox., J. Barnes, 8 st. 7 lbs.; Coach, W. Thomas; Emergencies, D. Palmer, 13 st. 0 lbs., and V. R. Middleton, 13 st. 0 lbs.

The sending of two emergencies will depend on finance.

All the members are from New South Wales and the crew is almost identical with that which won the King's Cup for New South Wales in May, 1949. In that race, D. R. Palmer rowed in place of P. Holmes-A'Court.

A Test Race to decide representation in the Four-oared event will be held on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on 3rd December, 1949, whilst Test Races to decide representation in the Single Sculls and Double Sculls and the Coxswainless Pairs will be held on the Nepean River at Penrith on 10th December, 1949.

Your Committee, on your behalf, extends to all those who will represent Australia in the rowing events at the Games, the sincerest good wishes for success.

The King's Cup and President's Cup Races will be held in Melbourne on 6th May, 1950. Your Committee has selected the Lower Yarra as the course for these events.

The decision to award the Olympic Games of 1956 to Melbourne, is one which gave intense pleasure to all amateur sporting bodies in Australia. A great deal of work and organisation will be required to stage these games successfully. It is hoped that all sporting bodies concerned, together with other authorities, will work amicably together to ensure that nothing will occur to mar the games.

The Yarrowonga Rowing Club staged its first regatta on 30th December, 1948. The regatta was well organised and proved a successful and enjoyable function. The Weir provides a very fine course.

The membership of the Association increased during the season from 1316 in 1947-48, to 1532 in 1948-49. Your Committee earnestly hopes that this increase will continue and show even better figures at the end of the forthcoming season. Figures for Nestanglo Rowing Club are not shown. In 1947-48, this Club registered 12 members.

The Annual Report for 1947-1948 made reference to a trophy, inscribed "Carrow, Second Rowing Trophy, 1813," which had been donated to the Association by Mr. J. C. Drury, and which your Committee had decided to allot to the Maiden Pairs events at the V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta, to be known as "The Carrow Perpetual Trophy." The Cup was taken to England for exhibition amongst other trophies in the museum which had been established in connection with the Olympic Games of 1948. When Mr. Todd, coach of the Australian Olympic Four, returned to Australia, he advised that the Cup had attracted a great deal of attention and that he had been asked by the Norwich Union Rowing Club whether the V.R.A. would agree to hand the Cup to that Club.

When this request was submitted to your Committee, it was decided to accede to the request of the Norwich Union Rowing Club as it realised that the Cup would have more sentimental value to that Club than to the V.R.A. Accordingly, the Cup was sent to the Norwich Club. An acknowledgement has been received expressing keen appreciation and delight at the action of the V.R.A.

During the season, a suggestion was made that night rowing should be introduced with a view to popularising the sport. The events to be held on a moonlight night with the addition of such lighting as may be necessary. With a view to testing the possibility of such a suggestion, it was arranged that three crews row over a course from Queen's Bridge to the Melbourne University Boat House, the extra lighting being furnished by the headlights of motor cars stationed on the South Bank of the river. The lighting, thus supplied, did not prove satisfactory, and the suggestion has been put on one side for the time being. It is possible that it may be revived during the 1949-50 season.

AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (THE KING'S CUP).

All States were represented in the Australian Eight-Oared Championship (The King's Cup) which was rowed on the Murray River at Murray Bridge on Saturday, 7th May, 1949.

At the time the race was rowed, there was a strong headwind blowing and this made the water rough over the first mile. However, it was by no means unrowable and, after an inspection of the course, the Weather Committee had no hesitation in deciding that the race should start at the scheduled time.

The arrangements for the race were satisfactory.

The draw for stations was made at a civic reception at Murray Bridge on Wednesday, 27th April, 1949, and resulted: 1, Queensland; 2, Tasmania; 3, New South Wales; 4, Victoria; 5, Western Australia; 6, South Australia.

Victoria was represented by the following crew: Bow, W. N. Wallace (Mercantile), 11 st. 1 lb.; H. P. Shears (Mercantile), 11 st. 1 lb.; 3, J. R. King (Essendon), 11 st. 8 lbs.; 4, S. G. A. Thomas (Corio Bay), 13 st. 6 lbs.; 5, M. A. Christie (Melbourne), 12 st. 7

lbs.; 6, L. L. B. Moll (Mercantile), 12 st. 9 lbs.; 7, T. G. Hoffman (Corio Bay), 12 st. 7 lbs.; Str., J. J. F. Goddard (Melbourne), 12 st. 7 lbs.; Cox., D. R. Salmon (Corio Bay), 8 st. 7 lbs.; Coach, J. J. Mulcahy (Melbourne); Emergencies, M. L. Davis (Banks), 12 st. 1 lb.; D. V. Davies (Melbourne), 12 st. 2 lbs.; Manager, H. E. Butler (Melbourne).

Mr. R. J. Boynton (Melbourne) was originally selected as No. 6, but had to withdraw from the crew on medical grounds.

The race was won by New South Wales by four and a half lengths from Western Australia, whilst Victoria was third, a canvas behind Western Australia, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland finished in that order.

The time for the race was 18 mins. 47 secs., which gives some indication of the wind against which the crews had to row.

Your Committee congratulates New South Wales on its victory in this race and on the very fine exhibition of rowing which it gave. It is felt that this crew will worthily represent Australia at the Empire Games in New Zealand in February, 1950. It goes to the Games with the very best wishes of your Committee for its success.

A very pleasing feature of the race, from Victoria's point of view, was the grand fight put up by your representatives in finishing so close to Western Australia. At one stage, the Victorians were three lengths behind Western Australia, but fought on grimly, and, in doing so, brought great credit to their State and to themselves. The efforts the Victorians made were all the more creditable, when the handicaps, due to illness, etc., under which they trained during the first week at Murray Bridge, are taken into consideration.

Messrs. W. R. B. Todd and J. South were appointed by your Committee to select the crew, and were empowered to appoint the coach, who would become the third selector. At the same time, the Executive was given power to appoint a third selector should either of the Committee's appointees be selected as the coach. However, it was not necessary for the Executive to exercise this power as Messrs. Todd and South appointed Mr. J. J. Mulcahy as the coach. Mr. Mulcahy then became the third selector.

To the crew, emergencies, coxswain and coach, your Committee extends its thanks for their efforts on behalf of the State.

During their stay at Murray Bridge, the Victorians were quartered at the Murray Bridge Hotel, the Queenslanders being quartered at the same hotel. The quartering proved most comfortable. The food was good and in ample supply.

On Wednesday, 27th April, 1949, the Mayor of Murray Bridge extended a welcome to all visiting oarsmen and officials. This proved a happy and enjoyable function.

Messrs. Hannaford and Pike, President and Honorary Secretary respectively, of the Murray Bridge Rowing Club, and the officials and members of that Club, were indefatigable in their efforts to make the visit to Murray Bridge a happy one. The way these gentlemen worked to make the race a success deserves the highest commendation. Your Honorary Secretary, as Manager, was deeply indebted to them for the assistance they rendered during the stay of the Victorians in Murray Bridge.

Your thanks are also due to the following:

Mr. Wally Jarvis, a member of the famous Murray Bridge Eight, who acted as Liaison Officer for the Victorians, and proved most helpful in every respect.

Mr. Wally Pfeiffer, for the amount of work he put into making extensive repairs to Mr. Williams' sculling boat.

Mr. Pfeiffer was also a member of the famous Murray Bridge Eight. He refused to accept any remuneration for the work he did.

Dr. F. H. Wickens, who acted as our Honorary Medical Officer. We made a good many calls on his time and always found him willing and ready to meet our demands.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Murray Bridge Hotel, who were unceasing in their efforts to make the Victorians happy and comfortable.

Mr. Max Bailey, for assistance he gave the Victorians whilst they were training at Murray Bridge.

The members of the party returned to Melbourne on various dates.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIPS (THE PRESIDENT'S CUP)

Three States, New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, were represented in the race for the Australian Sculling Championship (The President's Cup), which was rowed over a course of two and a half miles on the Murray River at Murray Bridge on Saturday, 7th May, 1949, against a strong headwind and in rough water.

The stations at the start were: 1, J. G. Williams (Vic.); 2, S. F. Rogers (Q.); 3, M. T. Wood (N.S.W.).

The race was won by M. T. Wood by four and a half lengths from J. G. Williams, with S. F. Rogers third.

This was Mr. Wood's fourth successive win in the Australian Sculling Championship, and, to him your Committee extends sincere congratulations on his success. It also desires to express to him warm thanks for his sportsmanship in helping our representative during training at Murray Bridge.

Although defeated by Australia's present day outstanding amateur sculler, Mr. Williams rowed a plucky race and proved to be a worthy representative of his State. His was an excellent performance and, to him your Committee extends sincere congratulations on his efforts.

REGATTAS

The number of competitors in the Maiden and Junior Division shows an increase, being 3234 as compared with 2916 in 1947-48. The number competing in the Lightweight events shows a slight increase, namely 634 as compared with 552 in 1947-48. The small increase is, no doubt, accounted for by the fact that many of those who previously rowed as Lightweights went into the Higher Division and won events in that Division. In the Senior Division, the numbers competing rose from 417 in 1947-48 to 532 this season. Whilst this increase is encouraging, your Committee feels that the Senior Division could show a still greater number of competitors, and it hopes that the forthcoming season will show a big gain on the figures for 1948-49 above quoted.

The number of Novices and Beginners show a slight increase, 475 as compared with 444 in 1947-48. The number of competitors in Youth's Fours and Open Events rose from 112 to 148.

The Upper Yarra Regatta Association staged an innovation on its programme by the introduction of an event titled "School Champion Fours." This attracted an entry of four crews, including one each from the Dimboola and Colac High Schools. The final provided an exciting race between the Melbourne and Dimboola High Schools. Your Committee considers this is an event which might well be fostered, as the Schools should prove a valuable recruiting ground for Clubs affiliated with the Association.

The following table shows the number of competitors at Regattas and Championships during the past two seasons:

REGATTA	Senior and Championship Competitors		Lightweight & Maiden Competitors		Schoolboy & Youths' Fours & Open Events		Novices and Recimmers	
	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49
Metropolitan Rowing Committee (September Regatta)	38	44	—	—	—	—	141	135
V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta	54	52	290 (64)	287 (76)	—	—	—	—
Henley-on-Yarra Regatta	30	24	332 (48)	280 (32)	—	—	—	—
Nagambie Regatta	20	20	186 (30)	216 (40)	—	—	—	—
Rutherglen Regatta	*	20	128 (26)	154 (20)	†20	—	—	—
Yarrawonga Regatta	24	—	*	84 (18)	*	—	—	—
Lake Colac Regatta	32	36	198 (46)	156 (38)	—	—	20	34
Warrnambool Regatta	30	36	86 (18)	122 (24)	—	—	24	28
Upper Yarra Regatta	44	78	202 (52)	278 (68)	—	—	—	—
Albert Park Lake Regatta	40	66	218 (60)	276 (68)	—	—	—	—
Ballarat Regatta	12	8	400 (58)	385 (72)	—	—	—	—
Barwon Regatta	8	22	350 (90)	354 (112)	—	—	—	—
Bairnsdale Regatta	—	20	146 (28)	126 (28)	—	—	—	—
Sale Regatta	—	16	146 (28)	120 (26)	—	—	—	—
Mildura Regatta	—	22	84 (—)	182 (12)	56	60	80	92
Wentworth District Regatta	—	20	78 (4)	128 (—)	36	36	78	76
Metropolitan Rowing Committee (May Regatta)	18	14	—	—	—	—	101	110
Champion Pairs	20	16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Fours	40	40	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Eights	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Sculls	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
2000 Metres Sculling Championship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Champion Junior Eights	—	—	32	32	—	—	—	—
Champion Lightweight Junior Pairs	—	—	*	14	—	—	—	—
Champion Lightweight Junior Fours	—	—	*	16	—	—	—	—
Champion Lightweight Junior Eights	—	—	40	24	—	—	—	—
	417	532	2916 (552)	3234 (634)	112	148	444	475

*Regatta or race not held.

†Youths' Fours.

‡Schoolboy Fours.

Figures in brackets show number of Lightweight Competitors included in the entries under heading Lightweight and Maiden and Junior Competitors. Henley-on-Yarra entries include 17 from Clubs in N.S.W.

This table does not in any way represent the numerical strength of the Association. It is designed for the sole purpose of showing the support accorded the various regattas and championship events.

RECORD OF INTERSTATE RACES—EIGHTS.

Winning States prior to 1901 (for details see previous Reports):
 1878, Victoria; 1879, N.S.W.; 1880, Victoria; 1881, Victoria; 1882,
 N.S.W.; 1883, Victoria; 1884, Victoria; 1885, N.S.W.; 1886, Victoria;
 1887, Victoria; 1888 (April), Victoria; 1888 (November), Victoria;
 1889, Victoria; 1890, Victoria; 1891, Queensland; 1892, Victoria;
 1893, N.S.W.; 1894, Victoria; 1895, Victoria; 1896, Victoria; 1897,
 Victoria; 1898, Victoria; 1899, Victoria; 1900, Victoria.

Winning States subsequent to 1900:—

YEAR	WON BY	OTHER COMPETITORS	ROWED AT	TIME M. S.
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	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	15 22
1938	W. Aust.	N.S.W., Tas., Vic., S.A., Q.	Melbourne	14 13
°1939	Q'land.	N.S.W., S.A., Tas.	Brisbane	14 30
1946	Vic.	N.S.W., W.A., Tas.	Penrith (N.S.W.)	17 6
‡1947	Vic.	N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Tas.	Perth	11 33
1948	N.S.W.	W.A., S.A., Tas., Q., Vic.	Hobart	14 50 3-5
1949	N.S.W.	W.A., Vic., Tas., S.A., Q.	Murray Bridge	18 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.

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

‡Distance, 2½ miles. §Tas. and Qld. swamped. ¶S.A. and Vic. swamped.

†Owing to rough weather, race was rowed over a course of 2 miles.

°Victoria finished second, but were disqualified for passing outside a buoy.

RECORD OF AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLS.

Winners prior to 1914 (for details, see previous Reports):
 1892, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1895, E. Powell (Vic.); 1896, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1897, E. Powell (W.A.); 1898, A. Dennis (Q.); 1899, J. J. Daley (N.S.W.); 1900, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1901, J. J. Daley (N.S.W.); 1902, J. J. Daley (N.S.W.); 1903, T. H. Bourke (Tas.); 1904, T. H. Bourke (Tas.); 1905, T. H. Bourke (Tas.); 1906, P. C. Ivens (Vic.); 1907, P. C. Ivens (Vic.); 1908, H. Brasch (Vic.)*; 1909, J. R. Towns (N.S.W.); 1910, C. L. McVilly (Tas.); 1911, C. L. McVilly (Tas.); 1912, H. Green (N.S.W.); 1913, F. Coverdale (Tas.); 1914, C. L. McVilly (Tas.).

Winners subsequent to 1914 (1915 to 1919, both inclusive, no races held):—

Year	Rowed at	Won by	Other Competitors	Time m. s.
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	Penrith (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. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	K. Langley (W.A.)	16 15
1937	Murray Br. (S.A.)	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. A. Purves (V.), A. V. Kunoth (S.A.)	15 10
1938	Melb.	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. A. Purves (V.), R. M. L. Ninham (S.A.)	17 18½
1939	Brisbane	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	I. N. Cook (Tas.), R. C. Proctor (Q.)	14 9
1946	Penrith (N.S.W.)	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	Row over owing to illness of R. V. Rawlins (Vic.)	§
1947	Perth	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	R. V. Rawlins (Vic.), P. Forbes (W.A.), I. N. Cook (Tas.)	13 48
1948	Hobart	M. T. Wood .. (N.S.W.)	R. V. Rawlins (Vic.), I. N. Cook (Tas.), N. Cullen (Q.)	15 12½
1949	Murray Br. (S.A.)	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	J. G. Williams (Vic.), S. F. Rogers (Q.)	18 28

*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.

§No time taken.

RESULTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Champion Pairs (Nagambie, 27th December, 1948).— Seven entries. Won by Mercantile Rowing Club (Bow, W. R. Wallace, 11 st. 10 lbs.; Str. H. P. Shears, 11 st. 8 lbs.; Cox., B. Jeffery; Coach, C. G. Saleh) by two lengths from South Melbourne Rowing Club, whilst Albert Park, Banks, Wahgunyah and Footscray City Rowing Clubs finished in that order. The Melbourne Rowing Club Pair sank. Time: 6 mins. 2% secs.

Champion Fours (Lower Yarra, 18th December, 1948).— Four entries. Won by Mercantile Rowing Club (Bow, W. R. Wallace, 11 st. 10 lbs.; 2, R. Aitken, 12 st. 7 lbs.; 3, L. B. Moll, 12 st. 9 lbs.; Str., H. P. Shears, 11 st. 8 lbs.; Cox., B. Jeffery; Coach, C. G. Saleh) by four lengths from Melbourne Rowing Club, with Corio Bay Rowing Club third. Banks Rowing Club crew was swamped by the rough water.

Owing to the rough weather conditions which prevailed, it was not possible to use the full course. Consequently no time was taken.

Champion Eights (Lower Yarra, 19th February, 1949).— Five entries. Won by Melbourne Rowing Club (Bow, W. Donaldson, 11 st. 8 lbs.; 2, A. Wilkinson, 11 st. 7 lbs.; 3, D. V. Davies, 12 st. 1 lb.; 4, N. Wills, 12 st. 4 lbs.; 5, R. J. Boynton, 12 st. 10 lbs.; 6, J. G. Goddard, 12 st. 8 lbs.; 7, M. Christie, 12 st. 7 lbs.; Str., G. Barker, 10 st. 4 lbs.; Cox., C. Nash; Coach, J. J. Mulcahy) by two and a half lengths from Corio Bay Rowing Club, with Mercantile Rowing Club third, Essendon Rowing Club fourth, and Preston Rowing Club fifth. Time: 13 mins. 50 secs.

Champion Sculls (Lower Yarra, 19th February, 1949).— Six entries, of whom five started. Won by J. G. Williams, 12 st. 8 lbs. (Mercantile Rowing Club) by seven lengths from J. Webster (South Melbourne Rowing Club), with J. J. Donald (Albert Park Rowing Club), L. Fairbairn (Mercantile Rowing Club) and J. Evans (Yarra Yarra Rowing Club) finishing in that order. Time: 16 mins. 31% secs.

2000 Metres Sculling Championship (Lower Yarra, 26th March, 1949).— Five entries, but only three starters. Won by J. G. Williams, 12 st. 8 lbs. (Mercantile Rowing Club) by half a length from J. Webster (South Melbourne Rowing Club) with F. Toohy (Warrnambool Rowing Club) in third place. Time: 7 mins. 40% secs.

Junior Eight-oared Championship (Lower Yarra, 26th March, 1949).— Four entries. Won by Essendon Rowing Club (Bow, G. I. Dundas, 10 st. 0 lbs.; 2, G. L. Tyshing, 11 st. 4 lbs.; 3, J. C. Doyle, 11 st. 4 lbs.; 4, D. A. Dodds, 12 st. 7 lbs.; 5, D. H. Brook, 12 st. 0 lbs.; 6, L. R. Soderstrom, 11 st. 6 lbs.; 7, J. R. King, 11 st. 8 lbs.; Str., H. J. Firth, 12 st. 0 lbs.; Cox., J. Tatterson; Coach, T. L. Mannix) by three lengths from Mercantile Rowing Club, with Corio Bay Rowing Club third, and Banks Rowing Club fourth. Time: 11 mins. 29% secs.

Champion Lightweight Junior Pairs (Nagambie, 27th December, 1948).— Eight entries, seven starters. Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club (Bow, G. Taylor, 9 st. 7 lbs.; Str. N. Jackson, 10 st. 0 lbs.; Cox., J. Watts; Coach, W. Graham) by half a length from Mercantile Rowing Club, with Melbourne Rowing Club third. Time: 6 mins. 20 secs.

This was the first occasion on which this event was rowed.

Champion Lightweight Junior Fours (Lower Yarra, 18th December, 1948).—Four entries. Owing to the boisterous weather conditions which prevailed, three of the crews sank. Melbourne Rowing Club (Bow, C. Nash, 9 st. 8 lbs.; 2, C. Matthews, 9 st. 10 lbs.; 3, G. Brewster, 9 st. 12 lbs.; Str., G. Barker, 9 st. 12 lbs.; Cox., I. Brown; Coach, T. S. Flint) was the only crew to complete the course and is recorded as having won the event.

Owing to the alteration of the course, no time was taken.

This was the first occasion on which this event has been rowed.

Champion Lightweight Junior Eights (Lower Yarra, 26th March, 1949).—Three entries. Won by Banks Rowing Club (Bow, A. Irving, 9 st. 10 lbs.; 2, M. J. Farmer, 9 st. 11 lbs.; 3, A. H. Baddeley, 9 st., 8 lbs.; 4, C. J. Bedson, 9 st. 12 lbs.; 5, D. N. Ferguson, 10 st. 0 lbs.; 6, I. A. H. Treeby, 10 st. 0 lbs.; 7, J. D. Palmington, 9 st. 13 lbs.; Str., T. C. Tucker, 9 st. 9 lbs.; Cox., W. Perry; Coach, T. Croft) by threequarters of a length from Corio Bay Rowing Club, with Richmond Rowing Club third. Time: 9 mins. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

To the winners of the foregoing championship events, the warm congratulations of your Committee are extended.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHT-OARED RACES.

Winning Clubs prior to 1900 (for details see previous Reports).
1889, Albert Park; 1890, Banks; 1891, Yarra Yarra; †1892, Yarra Yarra; 1893, Yarra Yarra; 1894, Wendouree; 1895, Yarra Yarra; 1896, Mercantile; 1897, Mercantile; 1898, Banks; 1899, Ballarat.

Winning Clubs subsequent to 1899:—

Season	Won by	No. of Crews Entered	Time Min. Sec.
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	Nagambie	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
1937-38	Albert Park	5	13 28 4-5
1938-39	Richmond	3	13 34 4-5
¶1939-40	Footscray City	4	11 15
1946-47	Corio Bay	6	15 1
1947-48	Corio Bay	5	12 41 4-5
1948-49	Melbourne	5	13 50

†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. ¶Distance, 2 miles.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR-OARED RACES.

Winning Clubs prior to Season 1899-1900 (for details see previous Reports): 1888, Wendouree; 1889, Melbourne City; 1890, Yarra Yarra; 1891, *Yarra Yarra; 1892, Yarra Yarra; 1893, Yarra Yarra; 1894, Wendouree; 1895, Mercantile; 1896, Mercantile; 1897, Mercantile; 1898-99, Albert Park (Row over).

Winning Clubs subsequent to Season 1898-1899:—

Season	Won by	No. of Crews Entered	Time Min. Sec.
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
1937-38	Albert Park	7	17 4 3-5
1938-39	Richmond	7	16 14
1939-40	Albert Park	5	16 28 1-5
1946-47	Banks	5	16 16 1-5
1947-48	Corio Bay	5	15 48 4-5
1948-49	Mercantile	4	— —

*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.

Winning Clubs prior to Season 1909-1910 (for details see previous Reports): *1900-1901, Mercantile; 1901-1902, Albert Park; †1902-1903, Albert Park; 1903-1904, Albert Park; 1904-1905, Nagambie; 1905-1906, Mercantile; 1906-1907, Mercantile; 1907-1908, Essendon; 1908-1909, Civil Service.

Winning Clubs subsequent to Season 1908-1909:—

Season	Won by	No. of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
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
1937-1938	Albert Park	7	7 31 2-5
‡1938-1939	Preston	10	5 55
‡1939-1940	Richmond	9	6 14
1946-1947	Preston	3	7 10 9-10
1947-1948	Haberfield (N.S.W.)	9	—
1948-1949	Mercantile	7	6 2 2-5

Distance of course since 1903, 1 mile.

*Rowed at Ballarat.

†Distance, 1½ miles.

‡Rowed at Nagambie.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLING RACES.

Winners prior to Season 1898-99 (for details see previous Reports): 1888, J. C. Fitzgerald; 1889, J. H. Kerr; 1890, J. C. Fitzgerald; 1891, W. J. Bridson (N.Z.); 1892, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1893, J. C. Fitzgerald; 1894, W. Dawson; 1895, E. Powell; 1896, T. Carlyon; 1897, C. Chapman (N.Z.).

Winners subsequent to Season 1897:—

Season	Won by	Club	No. of Entries	Time Min. Sec.
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. 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 8¾
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
1937-38	L. A. Purves	Yarra Yarra	3	17 30¾
1938-39	L. A. Purves	Yarra Yarra	4	20 3¾
‡1939-40	L. A. Purves	Yarra Yarra	3	13 30
1946-47	J. W. Webster	South Melbourne	3	18 24¼
1947-48	R. V. Rawlins	Melbourne	4	15 41¾
1948-49	J. G. Williams	Mercantile	6	16 31½

Since 1900-1 the distance has been 2½ miles.

†Distance, about 1¼ miles. ‡Distance, 2 miles.

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

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. Pepler (Yarra Yarra)	3	8 1¾
1934-35	C. F. W. Pepler (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
1937-38	L. A. Purves (Yarra Yarra)	4	8 55%
1938-39	L. A. Purves (Yarra Yarra)	5	Not taken
1939-40	L. A. Purves (Yarra Yarra)	2	Not taken
1946-47	J. G. Williams (Mercantile)	3	8 58
*1947-48	R. V. Rawlins (Melbourne)	3	Not taken
1948-49	J. G. Williams (Mercantile)	5	7 40½

*Rowed at Ballarat over a course of 1850 metres.

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 3¾
1934-35	Richmond	5	11 14¾
1935-36	Richmond	5	12 7
1936-37	Corio Bay	5	12 4
1937-38	Corio Bay	6	11 40%
1938-39	Corio Bay	5	11 43
1939-40	Footscray City	6	11 50
1946-47	Mercantile	6	11 54½
1947-48	Banks	4	Not taken
1948-49	Essendon	4	11 29

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%
1933-34	Wendouree	5	8 52¾
1934-35	Melbourne	6	9 8%

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 23¾
1937-38	Melbourne	7	8 53
1938-39	Albert Park	6	9 11
1939-40	Melbourne	4	8 54½
1946-47	Melbourne	4	8 50 3-10
1947-48	Mercantile	5	Not taken
1948-49	Banks	3	9 3¾

PREMIERSHIPS.

The Senior Premiership was won by the Melbourne Rowing Club, after a keen struggle with the Mercantile Rowing Club, which occupied second place only four points behind Melbourne. The Junior Premiership was won by the Mercantile Rowing Club, and the Lightweight Premiership by the Corio Rowing Club. To these Clubs the Committee extends sincere congratulations.

The points scored in the respective Premierships were:—

Senior.

Club	No. of		Club	No. of	
	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Melbourne	7	52	Albert Park	3	8
Mercantile	14	48	Wahgunyah	1	2
Corio Bay	4	40	Ballarat City	1	2
South Melbourne	2	8	Haberfield	1	1
Banks	2	8			

Junior.

Club	No. of		Club	No. of	
	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Mercantile	12	64	Hawthorn	2	10
Corio Bay	7	40	Dimboola	2	8
Preston	8	38	Sale	2	8
Essendon	4	36	Melb. University		
Wendouree	8	32	(Mildura Branch)	1	8
Albert Park	8	24	Berri	2	8
Warrnambool	8	24	Cardross	1	4
Mildura	3	20	South Melbourne	1	2
Banks	3	20	Ballarat City	1	2
Melbourne	5	16	Corowa	1	2
Yarra Yarra	3	12	Ballarat	1	2
Richmond	3	12	Port Adelaide	1	2

Lightweight.

Club	No. of		Club	No. of	
	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Corio Bay	7	52	Warrnambool	3	8
Banks	5	30	Barwon	2	6
Ballarat	3	20	Sale	2	4
Nagambie	3	12	Torrens	1	4
Melbourne	2	12	Berri	1	2
Richmond	3	10	Wendouree	1	2
Albert Park	4	10	Ballarat City	1	2
South Melbourne	3	8	Mercantile	-	2

RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

Record of Premierships prior to 1906-1907: 1898-1899, Ballarat; 1899-1900, Albert Park; 1900-1901, Mercantile; 1901-1902, Albert Park; 1902-1903, Albert Park; 1903-1904, Ballarat; 1904-1905, Albert Park; 1905-1906, Albert Park.

Record of Premierships subsequent to 1905-1906:—

1906-1907*	Albert Park (Sen.)	1926-1927	Melbourne (Sen.)
1906-1907	Albert Park (Jun.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
1907-1908	Mercantile (Sen.)	1927-1928	Melbourne (Sen.)
1907-1908	Footscray City (Jr.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1908-1909	South Melb. (Jun.)	1928-1929	Mercantile (Sen.)
1908-1909	Albert Park (Sen.)		Albert Park (Jun.)
1909-1910	Banks (Jun.)	1929-1930	Mercantile (Sen.)
1909-1910	Albert Park (Sen.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
1910-1911	Albert Park (Sen.)	1930-1931	Albert Park (Sen.)
1910-1911†	Civil Service (Jun.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
	Banks	1931-1932	Albert Park (Sen.)
1911-1912	Albert Park (Sen.)		Footscray City (Jun.)
1911-1912‡	Civil Service	1932-1933	Richmond (Sen.)
	Banks (Jun.)		Essendon (Jun.)
	Essendon	1933-1934	Nagambie (Sen.)
1912-1913	Albert Park (Sen.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1912-1913	Albert Park (Jun.)	1934-1935	Nagambie (Sen.)
1912-1913	Civil Service (Jun.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1913-1914	Albert Park (Sen.)	1935-1936	Richmond (Sen.)
1913-1914	Hawthorn (Jun.)		Richmond (Jun.)
1914-1915	Albert Park (Sen.)	1936-1937	Albert Park (Sen.)
1914-1915	Footscray (Jun.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
1918-1919**	Civil Service (Jun.)	1937-1938	Albert Park (Sen.)
1919-1920	Nagambie (Sen.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
	Banks (Jun.)	1938-1939	Mercantile (Sen.)
1920-1921	Civil Service (Sen.)		Banks (Jun.)
	Albert Park (Jun.)	1939-1940	Albert Park (Sen.)
1921-1922	Mercantile (Sen.)		Footscray City (Jun.)
	Barwon (Jun.)		
1923	Wendouree (Sen.)	1945-1946***	Melbourne
	Ballarat (Jun.)	1946-1947	Corio Bay (Sen.)
1923-1924	Wendouree (Sen.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
	Banks (Jun.)	1947-1948	Corio Bay (Sen.)
1924-1925	Wendouree (Sen.)		Banks (Jun.)
	Essendon (Jun.)	1948-1949	Melbourne (Sen.)
1925-1926	Wendouree (Sen.)		Mercantile (Jun.)
	Hawthorn (Jun.)		Corio Bay (Lt. Wt.)

*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.

***Only one Premiership awarded to Club securing most points in all events.

REGATTAS.

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

Inter-Banks Fours (Henry Gyles Turner Shield) (7th May, 1949). State Savings Bank of Victoria (Bow, J. G. Thwaites; 2, D. E. Dimsey; 3, W. P. Cousland; Str., J. C. Parker; Cox., W. Perry; Coach, C. C. Corney).

Inter-Banks Eights (State Savings Bank Challenge Cup) (7th May, 1949).—State Savings Bank of Victoria (Bow, J. G. Thwaites; 2, G. L. Whittaker; 3, J. W. Halse; 4, D. E. Dimsey; 5, J. E. Credlin; 6, D. G. Burkitt; 7, W. P. Cousland; Str., J. C. Parker; Cox., W. Perry; Coach, C. C. Corney).

Head of the River (22nd and 23rd April, 1949).—Melbourne Church of England Grammar School (Bow, R. G. Day, 10 st. 8 lbs.; 2, M. R. Keely, 12 st. 13 lbs.; 3, F. H. Osborn, 11 st. 5 lbs.; 4, D. Olliff, 13 st. 12 lbs.; 5, W. J. Craig, 13 st. 5 lbs.; 6, A. J. Smith, 12 st. 12 lbs.; 7, J. M. Withers, 13 st. 2 lbs.; Str., H. D. F. Ward, 11 st. 10 lbs.; Cox., J. B. Mitchell, 8 st. 7 lbs.; Coach, W. N. Ricketts). Time for the race was 4 mins. 44 secs., which constitutes a record for the Barwon River course, which is 66 yards short of the mile.

Inter-Collegiate Eights (Mervyn Bournes Higgins Shield) (12th and 13th April, 1949).—Queen's College (Bow, J. B. Malcolm; 2, L. T. Champness; 3, D. J. Graham; 4, D. L. Thomas; 5, P. H. Bailey; 6, L. C. Webster; 7, J. D. Bailey; Str., K. V. Bailey; Cox., A. C. Cole; Coach, J. M. Ferguson).

Interfaculty Eights (John Grice Shield) (9th April, 1949).—Engineering (Bow, P. Derham; 2, I. D. Cameron; 3, P. McPherson; 4, D. Dodds; 5, G. C. Gault; 6, K. B. Nelson; 7, J. M. Ferguson; Str., I. C. Everist; Cox., R. K. Sims).

INTER-UNIVERSITIES RACE.

The Inter-Universities Race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was rowed on the Brisbane River at Brisbane on Saturday, 4th June, 1949. Owing to rough weather conditions, it was impossible to row the race on the Hamilton Reach of the river. Consequently, it was rowed over a course slightly under two miles, on the Newstead Reach. Even then, the race was contested through a stiff westerly wind.

The event was won by Sydney University from Melbourne University, with Brisbane University in third place. Hobart University, whose boat had been damaged on the way to the start, swamped before completing the course.

The time for the race was 11 mins. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Melbourne University was represented by (Bow, D. D. Watson; 2, K. B. Nelson; 3, A. G. Barrett; 4, O. M. Coltman; 5, D. S. Macglashan; 6, L. C. Webster; 7, P. H. Bailey; Str., I. C. Everist; Cox., R. K. Sim; Coach, C. G. Saleh).

Sydney University is warmly congratulated on its success in this race, the third in succession.

METROPOLITAN ROWING COMMITTEE.

The Metropolitan Rowing Committee held two regattas, as under, during the season:—

Regatta on 18th September, 1948.—One hundred and thirty-five competitors participated in this regatta and some excellent racing was witnessed. Events and winning Clubs were: Novice Pairs, Albert Park; Novice Fours, Albert Park (No. 2 crew); Novice

Eights, Corio Bay; Novice Lightweight Pairs, Richmond; Novice Lightweight Fours, Corio Bay; Beginners Pairs, Hawthorn; Novice Sculls, Corio Bay (I. McGowan).

Regatta on 21st May, 1949.—This Regatta attracted an entry of one hundred and ten competitors, and again some good racing was provided for spectators. Events and winning Clubs were: Novice Pairs, Preston; Novice Fours, Melbourne University; Novice Eights, Richmond; Novice Lightweight Pairs, Hawthorn; Beginners Pairs, Albert Park; Beginners Fours, Banks; Novice Sculls, Yarra Yarra (J. Prime).

Erratum.—The winning Club in the Novice Eights at Regatta on 15th May, 1948, was Hawthorn and not Yarra Yarra, as therein shown.

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES, 1949-1950.

12/11/49, Dimboola Regatta; 19/11/49, V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta; 26/11/49, Henley-on-Yarra; 17/12/49, Champion Fours, 2000 Metres Sculling Championship and Champion Lightweight Junior Fours; 26/12/49, Nagambie and Warrnambool Regattas; 31/12/49, Yarrowonga and Camperdown Regattas; 2/1/50, Lake Colac and Rutherglen Regattas; 2/1/50, Champion Pairs and Champion Lightweight Junior Pairs, at Colac; 28/1/50, Upper Yarra Regatta; 30/1/50, Albert Park Lake Regatta; 18/2/50, Champion Eights and Champion Sculls; 25/2/50, Ballarat Regatta; 4/3/50, Barwon Regatta; 18/3/50, Pair-Oared Dash Championship (non-qualifying), at Bendigo; 25/3/50, Champion Junior Eights and Champion Lightweight Junior Eights; 8/4/50, Bairnsdale and Mildura Regattas; 10/4/50, Sale and Wentworth Regattas; 6/2/50, King's Cup and President's Cup Races on Lower Yarra.

AFFILIATION OF CLUBS.

It is with pleasure that your Committee records the re-affiliation of the Power House Rowing Club with the Victorian Rowing Association. To the Power House Club, your Committee extends a sincere welcome.

CHANGES IN CLUB COLOURS.

During the year, approval was given for the following changes in Club Colours:

Power House Rowing Club: From "Green singlets, black and white stripes; coronet on left breast" to "Plain dark green singlet with coronet on left breast." (This change is a temporary one, owing to inability to obtain the former colours.)

Ballarat Rowing Club: From "White singlets, red binding on neck and armholes, Club's monogram in red on left breast" to its former colours "Red and white hoops."

Nestanglo Rowing Club: From "Yellow singlets with red trimmings and a red N over the left breast" to "Navy blue singlets with a large red and gold V."

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was held at the Oriental Hotel, Adelaide, at 12.25 p.m. on Thursday, 5th May, 1949.

Present: Mr. R. H. Wallman, President (S.A.), in the Chair; Messrs. J. R. Berkery (Tas.); H. S. Wilkes (Proxy for Mr. H. G. Alderson, N.S.W.); J. A. Child (Proxy for Mr. R. S. Jefferys, W.A.); M. L. James (Proxy for Mr. J.J. Delahunty, Qld.) and E. Kenny (Vic.), Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

British Empire Games, New Zealand, 1950:—

- (a) Australia to be represented in the Eight-Oared event at the Games by the winning crew in the King's Cup Race of 1949, subject to inclusion in the crew, at any time, of such other Australian oarsmen as the selector or selectors consider will improve the crew. The selector or selectors of such crew to be the selector or selectors of the Eight-Oared crew to represent Australia.
- (b) A Test Race to decide representation in the Four-Oared event at the Games to be held on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on 3rd December, 1949. Test Races to decide representation in the single sculls, double sculls and pairs (coxswainless) to be held over a course of one and a quarter miles on the Parramatta River or the Nepean River, the final course to be decided by the New South Wales Rowing Association, on Saturday, 10th December, 1949. (N.S.W. has decided that the races will be held on the Nepean River at Penrith).
- (c) The Committees of the Victorian and New South Wales Rowing Associations to control and make the necessary arrangements for the Test Races in their respective States.
- (d) A Committee of six, one representative to be nominated by each State, be formed in Victoria and New South Wales, to decide if all test races have been held under conditions fair to all competing crews; each Committee to elect its own chairman, who shall have a deliberative and a casting vote. Each Committee to have power to order a race to be re-rowed if, in its opinion, the race has not been fairly contested.
- (e) State Rowing Association concerned to make any necessary arrangements for boats for crews from its State representing Australia at the Games, and also arrange for the transport of the boats to New Zealand.
- (f) Each State Rowing Association or Council to be responsible for raising the necessary money to send its representatives in the rowing section of the Games; any money received from the Australian British Empire Games Association towards the expenses of the rowing section of the team to be apportioned amongst the States per capita in accordance with the number of their representatives in the rowing section. The States not represented to be asked to help in connection with the general appeal which will be made by the Empire Games Association for funds.
- (g) Nominations, closing on 30th June, 1949, to be invited for the position of rowing manager, and the ballot to be on the preferential system.

Angle start and finish, King's Cup Race.—Where angle starts and finishes are involved, the angle at the start to be reduced to an absolute minimum as far as possible.

Rule 54: Amendment.—Present Rule 54, Laws of Boat Racing, to be rescinded, and the following to be substituted:—

“The umpire shall, if possible, follow each race from start to finish, and may pass any boat he may consider out of the race, provided that he shall first warn the crew of his intention to pass it. In passing a boat, the umpire must do so in such a manner, that it will not be swamped by the wash from the umpire's boat.”

Levy.—The levy for 1949-1950 be Ten Pounds (£10) for each State; this amount to include the cost of affiliation with the International Rowing Federation (F.I.S.A.) for 1949, viz. 350 Swiss francs, (approximately £25/8/6).

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Only one General Meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held during the year, i.e., the Annual General Meeting on 18th October, 1948.

At this meeting the following amendment to the Rules was

APPROVED:—

“That so much of Rule 34 down to and including ‘Maiden events, including Lightweight Maiden events, 1 point per man,’ be deleted and the following substituted:—

“The Association shall conduct a Premiership Competition, which shall be divided into three sections, Senior, Junior, and Lightweight, for which points shall be awarded as follow:—

SENIOR DIVISION.

Championship Events: If there are three or more starters, the winning crew shall be awarded two points per man, and the second crew one point per man. If there are less than three starters, the winning crew shall be awarded two points per man.

Senior Events: One point per man per winning crew or sculler.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Championship Events: If there are three or more starters, the winning crew shall be awarded two points per man, and the second crew one point per man. If there are less than three starters, the winning crew shall be awarded two points per man.

Junior Events (except Junior Sculls): One point per man per winning crew.

Junior Sculls: Two points.

Maiden Events (except Maiden Sculls): One point per man per winning crew.

Maiden Sculls: Two points.

LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION.

Championship Events: If there are three or more starters, the winning crew shall be awarded two points per man, and the second crew one point per man. If there are less than three starters, the winning crew shall be awarded two points per man.

Lightweight Events (except Lightweight Sculls): One point per man per winning crew.

Lightweight Sculls: Two points.’”

The following proposals for the amendment of the Constitution and Rules were also considered, but were NOT APPROVED:—

- (a) Article V of the Constitution be altered to read:
"In each year, at the meeting of the Committee of the Association next following the Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall elect a Secretary, or a Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and a Treasurer. Any member so appointed, not being a 'representative' member, shall be ex officio a Member of Committee. Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, he may carry out any or all of the duties pertaining to the Secretary."
- (b) That Section B of Article VI of the Constitution be deleted.
- (c) That Article VII of the Constitution be deleted.
- (d) That Article VIII of the Constitution be altered to read:
"In each year at the meeting of the Committee next following the Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall elect an Executive Committee, consisting of ten members, together with the Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The Executive shall be empowered to act in place of all existing sub-committees, excepting the Permit Committee. It shall also deal with any urgent matters which may arise from time to time, and shall furnish a monthly report to the General Committee."
- (e) That Rule II be altered to read:
"Any member of the Committee absenting himself (without the leave of the Committee) from three consecutive Ordinary Meetings shall forfeit his seat. In the event of a Representative Member's seat becoming vacant during the year for which he has been appointed, the Club which he represents may appoint a Representative Member to supply his place during the remainder of the year."
- (f) That Rule IV be deleted.

COMMITTEE DECISIONS.

Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing: Para. 2 to be deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

- "2(a) The Senior Class of oarsmen shall be divided into two divisions, the Higher Division and the Lower Division.
- (b) The Higher Division to be open to all amateurs.
- (c) The Lower Division to be open to amateurs, 10 stone or under in weight, who have never won a race in the Higher Division.
- (d) The Junior Class of oarsmen shall be divided into two Divisions, the Higher Division and the Lower Division, and oarsmen may win once in pairs, once in fours, and once in eights in each Division.
- (e) The Higher Division shall be open to amateurs who have never won a race in the Senior Class.

- (f) The Lower Division shall be open to amateurs, 10 stone or under in weight, who have never won a race in the Senior Class or the Higher Division of the Junior Class.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last three preceding sub-regulations, 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 won a senior race with oars, may compete in such an event. A senior race shall not be deemed to include oarsmen who have won a Junior-Senior or Senior-Junior Race with oars in any other State.
- (h) Junior Sculling Races shall be open to all amateurs who have never won a Junior or Senior Sculling Race.
- (i) The Maiden Class of Oarsmen shall be divided into two divisions, the Higher Division and the Lower Division, and oarsmen may win once in pairs, once in fours, and once in eights in each division.
- (j) The Higher Division shall be open to amateurs who have never won a race in the Senior Class or the Higher Division of the Junior Class.
- (k) The Lower Division shall be open to amateurs, 10 stone or under in weight, who have never won a race in the Senior Class, Junior Class, or the Higher Division of the Maiden Class.
- (l) Maiden Sculling Races shall be open to all amateurs who have never won an advertised sculling race from scratch mark. Provided that the winning of a Novice Sculling Race shall not debar anyone from competing in a Maiden Sculling Race.
- (m) Novice Sculling Races shall be open to all amateurs who have never won a Sculling Race sanctioned by the Victorian Rowing Association, or who have never entered for such a race, except during the season in which they first compete as a novice.
- (n) Anyone who has been in a winning representative Interstate Crew (except School, College, University or Club crew), shall not be eligible to row in a Maiden or Junior Race with oars.
- (o) Anyone who has won an Interstate Sculling Race (except School, College, University or Club) shall not be eligible to compete in a Maiden or Junior Sculling Race.
- (p) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-regulations, when two or more regattas are to be held within an interval of not more than ten (10) days between them, and entries for the second regatta close before the first regatta is held, an oarsman, though he may have won at the first regatta, shall, provided his entry has been received before the first regatta, be allowed to compete in any race for which he was eligible at the time of entry. (C.1/9/48).

Weather Conditions, Championship Events: In all future championship events, the authority to decide whether or not the weather conditions are suitable for rowing the events, shall be vested solely in the umpire. (C.2/2/49).

Late Starting, Championship Events: In future championship events competitors be advised that any crew or sculler late at the start will be disqualified. That, unless he is signalled by the umpire that the course is not clear, the starter shall, at the exact time fixed for the start of any championship race, call on to the line and start whatever crews or scullers are waiting to be called into line, and shall not wait for any crew or sculler not waiting to be called on to the line. (C.2/3/49).

Starting at Country Regattas: Committees of Country Regattas be advised that the V.R.A. prefers gun fire as the starting signal. Failing this, that the start be made by word of mouth. (C.6/4/49).

King's Cup and President's Cup Races, 1950: That these events be rowed on the Lower Yarra Course on Saturday, 6th May, 1950. (C.1/6/49).

Championship Distances: The Champion Fours, Champion Junior Eights, Champion Lightweight Junior Eights and Champion Lightweight Junior Fours, be rowed over a course of 2000 metres instead of the two and a half miles, two miles, and one and a half miles, respectively. No change to be made in the distances for the Champion Eights and Champion Sculls because of the fact that the King's Cup and President's Cup Races are rowed over three miles and two and a half miles, respectively. (C.1/6/49).

Alterations to Regatta Programmes: Once a regatta programme has been approved by the Committee of the Victorian Rowing Association, no alteration thereto will be approved unless application for such approval is made to the V.R.A. two meetings prior to the Regatta. (C.3/8/49).

THANKS.

During the year donations for the purposes indicated were received as follow:—

V.R.A. Funds: Mr. A. J. Shepherd, £5 5s. 0d.; Cr. A. M. King, O.B.E., £2 2s. 0d.

King's Cup Fund: Mr. H. L. La Roche, £5 5s. 0d.; Mr. M. S. Williams, £5 5s. 0d.; Mr. N. S. Muir (Social functions), £28 15s. 4d.

To the foregoing gentlemen your Committee desires to express sincere thanks and appreciation.

Dr. Percy Shelton again carried out, in an honorary capacity, the medical examination of members selected for the King's Cup Eight, and also Victoria's representative in the President's Cup Race. All those examined stated that the examination was a most searching one, and that Dr. Shelton devoted considerable time to each member. This meant a big inroad on Dr. Shelton's time, time which, as a busy medical practitioner, he could ill afford. Your Committee deeply appreciates what Dr. Shelton did and desires to express to him its warmest thanks.

During the year, the Little Ships Club offered to provide boats to be present at Championship Events to render assistance in any emergency which may arise, such as a crew being swamped. Your

Committee gratefully accepted this offer and the Little Ships Club had a boat in attendance at the Champion Eights and Champion Sculls. This boat did valuable service in going over the course before the start of the events mentioned and seeing that it was clear of obstructions which may impede the race or cause damage to boats. The thanks and appreciation of your Committee have been conveyed to the Little Ships Club, together with an intimation that their offer will be kept in mind for the coming season.

Your Committee extends grateful thanks to the Town Clerk of Melbourne and the City Council, also the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Melbourne Harbour Trust, for wholehearted assistance and co-operation during the year.

Messrs. Ray Todd, B. R. Coningsby and T. S. Flint, still keep up their assaults on the citadel of the Press in attempts to get all possible publicity for the sport. To them your Committee extends sincere thanks for their efforts.

Throughout the year many members gave unselfish assistance in acting as officials at the various regattas and championship events. To those gentlemen your Committee is grateful for the services they rendered.

Mr. N. S. Muir has given splendid assistance to the Association on many occasions. To him, and to all those who so unselfishly helped him, the warmest thanks of your Committee are extended.

Messrs. G. O. Heyward and J. Taylor, A.F.I.A., have given excellent service as your Honorary Auditors. Your Committee, on your behalf, compliments them and sincerely thanks them for their assistance. *En passant*, your Committee desires to congratulate Mr. Taylor on his having attained the right to place the letters A.F.I.A., after his name.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that your Committee records the decease during the year of Mr. F. W. Marxsen, a member of the Ballarat Rowing Association. Mr. Marxsen was prominent in rowing circles for many years and for some years he carried out the duties of Judge at the Ballarat Regatta. He also, for a period, was Assistant Secretary of the Ballarat Rowing Association.

To the relatives of Mr. Marxsen, the sincere sympathy of your Committee is extended.

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Sixteen Executive and eleven ordinary Committee meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as under:—

Executive: H. E. Butler and E. Kenny, 16; N. W. Cairnes, 15; A. L. Dobbie, K. A. G. Feild and N. S. Muir, 14; C. E. James, H. T. James and J. P. Rorke, 13; A. M. Downing, 11. Average attendance: 8.7.

Committee: H. E. Butler, N. W. Cairnes, J. B. Guaran, C. E. James, E. Kenny, T. Rodda and F. A. Smith, 11; K. Bilney, A. L. Dobbie, E. R. Dunn, J. J. Donald, H. B. Kirsch, F. P. Morris, N. S. Muir and J. P. Rorke, 10; A. J. Anderson, D. A. Cameron, R. Daffy, E. Ellsworth, K. A. G. Feild, T. S. Flint, H. T. James, D. Morgan, W. McIlroy, P. R. O'Connor, D. S. Stirling, W. R. B. Todd, G. L.

Whittaker and M. S. Williams, 9; C. Coe, G. L. Code, A. M. Downing and F. S. Way, 8; R. J. March and W. Nicholson, 7; A. Ellsworth, T. Mills, J. J. Mulcahy, S. G. Richardson, R. R. Sullivan and A. Welch, 6; G. Anderson, W. F. Hayes, G. Hutchins, F. C. Marchant, A. W. McLeish and R. W. Thursfield (Apptd. 6/4/49), 5; K. Dobson, L. Hagger, A. M. King and D. McLaren, 4; A. Chandler, P. J. Devlin, J. P. Gaskin and P. Murphy, 3; G. C. Burke (proxy), A. J. Desnoy, A. A. Fortington, J. E. Marsh, E. Mulcahy (Apptd. 2/2/49), W. L. Podmore and H. F. Thompson, 2; E. A. Welsh, M. K. Brady (proxy), B. R. Coningsby (proxy), — Deakin (proxy), N. A. Gibbs (proxy), T. Gipton (proxy), W. Morrison (proxy), J. Merrett (proxy), H. P. Shears (proxy), C. D. Smith (proxy) and J. Webster (proxy), 1. Average attendance: 40.7.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. E. BUTLER,

Honorary Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,
September, 1949.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS.

To Balance at 1/9/1948—

E.S. and A. Bank	£693	1	11	
State Savings Bank	741	12	5	
				£1,434 14 4

„ Club Contributions—

Season 1947-48	14	10	6	
Season 1948-49	263	5	6	
				277 16 0

„ Registration Fees—

Season 1947-48, Coxswains	1	5	0	
Season 1948-49, Coxswains	31	5	0	
Season 1949-50, Coxswains	0	15	0	
Season 1948-49, Regattas	58	16	0	
				92 1 0

„ Regattas—

V.R.A., 13/11/48—Entry Fees	51	9	0	
Programmes	13	8	2	
				64 17 2

„ Championships—

Entry Fees				42 15 0
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„ Trust Money—

Trophy Money	838	7	0	
Staging, 1948	12	12	0	
				850 19 0

„ King's Cup Race, Murray Bridge, 1949—

Mercantile Rowing Club — “Morell Eights”	9	8	0	
Donations	10	10	0	
Seat Fees	33	0	0	
Social Collections (Mr. N. S. Muir)	28	15	4	
				81 13 4

„ Miscellaneous—

Donations	7	7	0	
Interest (Bonds)	3	17	6	
Interest (Ordinary)	12	8	4	
Insurance (destroyed boats, etc.)	180	0	0	
Oars	40	0	0	
Sundries	15	14	6	
				259 7 4

				£3,104 3 2
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Audited and found correct—	G. O. HEYWARD	{ Honorary
2nd September, 1949.	J. TAYLOR, A.F.I.A.	{ Auditors.

DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1948-49.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Regatta—

V.R.A., 13/11/48—

Trophies	£98	0	0	
Less Unpaid	75	0	0	
				£23 0 0
Programmes and Posters		19	10	6

£42 10 6

„ Trust Money—

Trophies	792	7	6	
Staging, 1948	12	12	0	

804 19 6

„ King's Cup Race, Murray Bridge, 1949—

Fares	107	2	0	
Board	147	0	0	
Freight and Insurance	37	5	0	
Motor Boat Hire	43	19	2	
Blazer Pockets and Singlets	20	8	3	
Oars	46	13	0	
Accessories for Racing Boat	16	6	0	
Masseur	15	0	0	
Sundries	9	6	6	
Freight, Cartage and Insurance (Hobart, 1948)	32	1	6	
Taxi Hire (Geelong to Melbourne)	5	12	0	

480 13 5

„ Miscellaneous—

Printing and Postage	89	3	7	
Honoraria	40	0	0	
Affiliation Fees	21	11	0	
Insurance	12	3	5	
Bank Charges and Cheque Book	2	10	0	
Premiership Certificates	6	6	0	
Presentations	4	15	0	
Income Tax	3	5	0	
Sundries	37	7	10	

217 1 10

„ Bank Balances as at 31/8/1949—

E.S. and A. Bank	800	19	8	
State Savings Bank	757	18	3	

1,558 17 11

 £3,104 3 2

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1949.

LIABILITIES		
Outstanding Trophy Money—		
Previous Seasons	£773 7 3	
Season 1948-49	686 11 6	
	£1,459 18 9	
Boat Replacement Fund	180 0 0	
Coxswains' Registration Fee, 1949-50, paid in advance	0 15 0	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	397 4 2	
		£2,037 17 11
ASSETS		
Bank Balances—		
E.S. and A. Bank	£800 19 8	
State Savings Bank	757 18 3	
		£1,558 17 11
Five-year Savings Certificates	131 0 0	
Treasury Bond	100 0 0	
Deposit on Hall Hire	10 0 0	
Association Property—		
Buoys	£1 0 0	
Embossing Dies	1 0 0	
Stationery	2 0 0	
Typewriter	10 0 0	
Filing Cabinet	7 0 0	
Access. for Eight-oared Boat	5 0 0	
Eight-oared Boat—London	120 0 0	
Motor Boat and Shed	20 0 0	
Oars, eighteen on hand	72 0 0	
		238 0 0
		£2,037 17 11

Audited and found correct—
2nd September, 1949.

G. O. HEYWARD }
J. TAYLOR, A.F.I.A. }

Hon. Auditors.

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.
Melbourne, 1st September, 1949.

SUMMARY OF REGATTA TROPHY ACCOUNTS, SEASON 1948-49

REGATTA.	No. of Competitors.	Date.	Value of Trophies.	Trophies Paid.	Balance held by V.R.A.
Balance from Previous Regattas			—	—	£773 7 3
1948-1949.					
Victorian Rowing Association					
Association	331	13/11/48	£98 0 0	£23 0 0	£75 0 0
Nagambie	240	26/12/48	89 0 0	11 10 0	77 10 0
Warrnambool	150	26/12/48	47 4 0	7 10 0	39 14 0
Yarrawonga	120	30/12/48	25 14 6	4 4 0	21 10 6
Rutherglen	194	1/1/49	71 10 0	10 0 0	61 10 0
Lake Colac	190	1/1/49	72 10 6	12 12 0	59 18 6
Upper Yarra	330	29/1/49	74 5 0	19 15 0	54 10 0
Albert Park	312	31/1/49	80 0 0	18 0 0	62 0 0
Ballarat	463	26/2/49	156 16 0	82 3 6	74 12 6
Barwon	420	5/3/49	109 7 0	34 11 0	74 16 0
Bairnsdale	146	16/4/49	56 0 0	12 0 0	44 0 0
Sale	136	18/4/49	56 0 0	14 10 0	41 10 0
Totals	3,032		£936 7 0	£249 15 6	£1,459 18 9
Grand Total ..	—				

1st September, 1949.

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

Henley-on-Yarra, 332; Mildura, 204 (also 152 in non-qualifying events); Wentworth District, 148 (also 112 in non-qualifying events); Metropolitan Rowing Committee, 245.

Grand total of competitors for season at regattas, and including championship events, 4,389.

H. E. BUTLER, Hon. Secretary.

RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS, SEASON 1948-49

	Number of Members	Club Cont. 1947-48.	Number of Members	Club Cont. 1948-49.	Coxswains' Registrations, 1948-49.	TOTAL			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Metropolitan—									
Albert Park	—	—	41	8 4 0	1 0 0	9 4 0			
Banks	—	—	147	29 8 0	1 10 0	30 18 0			
Essendon	—	—	85	17 0 0	0 15 0	17 15 0			
Footscray City	—	—	44	8 16 0	1 15 0	10 11 0			
Hawthorn	—	—	58	11 12 0	1 10 0†	13 2 0			
Melbourne	—	—	124	24 16 0	1 15 0	26 11 0			
Melb. University	—	—	20	2 10 0	0 5 0	2 15 0			
Mercantile	—	—	260	52 0 0	2 10 0	54 10 0			
Power House	—	—	28	5 12 0	0 5 0	5 17 0			
Preston	17	3 8 0	16	3 4 0	0 15 0	7 7 0			
Richmond	—	—	77	15 8 0	1 15 0	17 3 0			
Sth. Melbourne	—	—	22	4 8 0	0 15 0	5 3 0			
Yarra Yarra	—	—	55	11 0 0	1 10 0	12 10 0			
Totals	17	£3 8 0	977	£193 18 0	£16 0 0	£213 6 0			
Country—									
Antwerp	—	—	4	0 10 0	0 5 0	0 15 0			
Bairnsdale	—	—	17	2 2 6	1 0 0	3 2 6			
Ballarat	—	—	40	5 0 0	0 15 0	5 15 0			
Ballarat City	26	3 5 0	37	4 12 6	1 5 0	9 2 6			
Barwon	—	—	41	5 2 6	1 5 0	6 7 6			
Bendigo	—	—	28	3 10 0	0 5 0	3 15 0			
Camperdown	13	1 12 6	13	1 12 6	—	3 5 0			
Cardross	—	—	16	2 0 0	0 5 0	2 5 0			
Corio Bay	—	—	46	5 15 0	1 10 0	7 5 0			
Corowa	—	—	6	0 15 0	0 5 0	1 0 0			
Dimboola	—	—	25	3 2 6	0 15 0	3 17 6			
Eaglehawk	—	—	12	1 10 0	1 0 0	2 10 0			
Lake Colac	26	3 5 0	26	3 5 0	1 5 0*	7 15 0			
Mildura	—	—	35	4 7 6	0 15 0	5 2 6			
Nagambie	—	—	20	2 10 0	0 15 0	3 5 0			
Nestanglo	—	—	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0			
Rutherglen									
Lake	—	—	19	2 7 6	0 15 0	3 2 6			
Sale	—	—	22	2 15 0	1 0 0	3 15 0			
Shepparton	—	—	30	3 15 0	—	3 15 0			
Wahgunyah	—	—	10	1 5 0	0 10 0	1 15 0			
Warrnambool	—	—	32	4 0 0	0 15 0	4 15 0			
Wentworth	24	3 0 0	16	2 0 0	1 10 0†	6 10 0			
Wendouree	—	—	43	5 7 6	1 0 0	6 7 6			
Yarrawonga	—	—	17	2 2 6	0 5 0	2 7 6			
Totals	89	£11 2 6	555	£69 7 6	£17 5 0	£97 15 0			
Grand Totals	106	£14 10 6	1,532	£263 5 6	£33 5 0	£311 1 0			

*Includes 10/-. 1947-48; †includes 15/-. 1947-48; ‡includes 15/-. 1949-50.

C. E. JAMES,

1st September, 1949.

Hon. Treasurer.

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