

VICTORIAN
ROWING ASSOCIATION

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SEVENTY - SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1951-1952

H. E. BUTLER N. W. CAIRNES C. E. JAMES
Hon. Secretary: Asst. Hon. Secretary: Hon. Treasurer:

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-Sixth 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, 29th October, 1952.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Seventy-Fifth Annual General Meeting held on 31st October, 1951.
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 Certificates to King's Cup Crew.
5. Presentation of Premiership Certificates for 1951-52.
6. Presentation of Championship Medallions and Certificates won during 1951-52.
7. To consider the following motions and amendments of which due notice has been given, viz.:—

(a) By Mr. C. E. James:—

That Rule XIII be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

"No Club within a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a Representative Member to the Committee or nominate a crew or crews for regattas conducted by or with the approval of the Committee, unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association prior to the 1st November in each year, on behalf of the said Club, the sum of six shillings in respect of every member of such Club. No Club outside a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a Representative Member to the Committee, or nominate a crew or crews for regattas conducted by or with the approval of the Committee unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association, prior to 1st November in each year, on behalf of the said Club, the sum of three shillings and sixpence in respect of every member of such Club."

(b) By Mr. T. Cotton:—

Amendment to the preceding motion by Mr. C. E. James:—

"No Club within a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a Representative Member to the Committee or nominate a crew or crews for regattas conducted by or with the approval of the Committee, unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association prior to 1st November in each year, on behalf of the Club, the sum of six shillings in respect of every member of such Club shown on the list of members submitted to the Association on or before 15th October, as required under Rule XXII. No Club outside a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a Representative Member to the Committee or nominate a crew or crews for regattas conducted by or with the approval of the Committee, unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association prior to 1st November in each year, on behalf of the Club, the sum of three shillings and sixpence in respect of every member of such Club shown on the list of members submitted to the Association by such Club on or before the 15th October, as required under Rule XXII. In the event of a

Club paying such fees after the due date, the Association may at its discretion allow such Club to subsequently appoint a Representative to the Committee and nominate a crew or crews for subsequent regattas conducted by, or with the approval of the Committee."

(c) By Mr. T. Cotton:—

That the following addition be made to Rule XXXIII.—

"The colour Gold not to be the basic colour of a Club's registered colours."

To Section 7 of Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing, add:—

"NUMBER TWO CREWS.—The Number Two Crew in any race shall be designated by the bow man wearing a singlet coloured Gold."

Insert new paragraph 11b to the Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing:—

"In the event of any Club entering two crews in any one race at a regatta the bow man of the Club's designated Number Two Crew shall wear a singlet coloured Gold."

8. General.

You are asked to specially note that the meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 29th October, 1952.

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

Amateur Sports Club,
Melbourne.
10th October, 1952

H. E. BUTLER,
Honorary Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION SEASON 1951-1952

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

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Elected Members:

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
R. J. MARCH	1950	1952	H. E. BUTLER	1951	1953
W. McILROY	1950	1952	N. W. CAIRNES	1951	1953
W. R. B. TODD	1950	1952	E. R. DUNN	1951	1953
M. S. WILLIAMS	1950	1952	K. A. G. FIELD	1951	1953
H. B. KIRSCH	1951	1952	E. ELSWORTH	1951	1953

Mr. H. B. Kirsch replaced Mr. J. P. Gaskin who was elected 1950.

Executive Committee:

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
E. R. DUNN	1950	1952	E. KENNY	1951	1953
D. J. MORGAN	1950	1952	L. HANNA	1951	1953
K. A. G. FIELD	1950	1952	N. F. WILKINSON	1951	1953
N. S. MUIR	1950	1952			

SEVENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET

of the
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

TO THE MEMBERS,
GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure that your Committee submits herewith, for your consideration, the Seventy-Sixth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Victorian Rowing Association.

After an absence of four years the King's Cup returned to Victoria following on the brilliant success of the Victorian Crew in the Australian Eight-Oared Championship held at Penrith, N.S.W., on 10th May, 1952. In winning this, the most important event in Australian Rowing, Victoria defeated the New South Wales Eight selected to represent Australia in the 1952 Olympic Games.

The future prospects of Victoria in Interstate and Empire Games Rowing was further enhanced by the success of Melbourne University in the Inter-Varsity Boat Race at Murray Bridge.

At the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, the Australian representation in the rowing events was the largest since the inauguration of the modern games, and it is pleasing to report the very creditable performances of our oarsmen and scullers in world-wide competition. The Coxswainless Pair and Double Scull both reached the semi-finals. The Eight made an impressive debut at Henley on Thames, finishing second to the Leander Eight in the Grand Challenge Cup. Although troubled by an injury to the six man, the Eight fought their way into the finals of the Olympic Games and finished third behind America and Russia in a field of fourteen crews. Mr. M. T. Woods made a successful start, although troubled by arm soreness, in winning the Sculls at Marlow and the Diamond Sculls at Henley on Thames. At the Olympic Games, he was again troubled by his arm; but despite this disability he finished second to the Russian sculler in the final. Our congratulations are extended to these oarsmen who so worthily represented Australian rowing in world competition.

The Senior Premiership was won easily by Mercantile, who also won the Lightweight Premiership. The Junior Premiership provided a very close contest; the result being in doubt until the last regatta, with Yarra Yarra winning the premiership from Banks and Mercantile. Yarra Yarra is to be congratulated on its fine performance in winning its first premiership.

The Committee has been concerned at the small number of entries received for Maiden Events in the year under review. An entry of four Maiden Eights and ten Maiden Fours at the V.R.A. and Henley Regattas, discloses a weakness in Victorian Rowing, which can only be rectified by a determined effort on the part of all Clubs to enter a Maiden Eight or a Maiden Four at the opening regattas. Failure to achieve this objective will be reflected in the membership and finances of the Clubs and ultimately in the weakening of Victorian Rowing. It should be borne in mind by Clubs and members that it is from the ranks of to-day's maiden oarsmen that crews for the Canadian Empire Games in 1954, and the Olympic Games of 1956, will be selected.

The return of the carnival atmosphere to Henley was a welcome sign, and with the completion of the Swan Street Bridge, future V.R.A. and Henley Regattas will return to the Henley Course, which should create a greater public interest, and it is the responsibility of the Clubs to justify that interest by providing keen competitive rowing.

During the past year, Mr. E. Kenny suffered a severe illness which necessitated his absence from rowing activities for some time. We are all delighted to have him back with us once again, working in the cause of rowing with all of his old enthusiasm.

The membership of the Association shows a serious decline; the majority of Clubs affiliated having paid affiliation fees on a lower membership than in the previous year.

	Membership	
	1950-51	1951-52
Metropolitan	930	899
Country	545	483
	<u>1,475</u>	<u>1,382</u>

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

The Australian Eight-Oared Championship was rowed over a three-mile course on the Nepean River at Penrith, N.S.W., on Saturday, 10th May, 1952, under favourable conditions.

All States were represented and the result of the draw which was made on 28th April, 1952, was: Victoria, No. 1; Queensland, No. 2; Western Australia, No. 3; Tasmania, No. 4; South Australia, No. 5; New South Wales, No. 6.

Messrs. R. March and J. South were elected selectors, and they appointed Mr. N. Cairnes coach. He then became third selector.

Victoria was represented by: (Bow), W. L. Wallace, 11 st. 7 lb.; (2), B. J. Doyle, 12 st. 3 lb.; (3), H. D. Duncan, 12 st. 6 lb.; (4), W. O. Granowski, 12 st. 6 lb.; (5), P. N. Everist, 12 st. 9 lb.; (6), W. N. Howell, 13 st. 5 lb.; (7), A. G. Barrett, 12 st. 7 lb.; (Stroke), R. R. Aitken, 12 st.; (Cox), W. M. Bailey; (Emergency), S. J. Rowe, 12 st.; (Coach), N. W. Cairnes, and Manager, D. J. Morgan.

The race was won by Victoria in the record time of 15 minutes 30-4/5 seconds, from New South Wales by four lengths, with Tasmania third, Western Australia fourth, Queensland fifth, and South Australia sixth.

The starter got the crews away to a perfect start, N.S.W. being the early leader. At the three-quarter mile mark, Victoria went to the front. Passing the 2,000-metre, 1¼-mile mark, Victoria was a quarter of a length ahead of N.S.W.; Tasmania and Western Australia were then together in third place, two lengths astern. Queensland was next, then came South Australia. At the half-way mark it was apparent that Victoria was going to win. With its rating of 34, the same as N.S.W., it was gradually drawing away, and over the last mile Victoria rowed right away to win comfortably by four lengths.

All members of the Association have reason to be proud of the achievement of their crew in winning back the King's Cup from New South Wales, the holders for the past four years, particularly in winning from such formidable opposition as the New South Wales Eight, which later represented Australia in the XV Olympiad at Helsinki and finished third in the Olympic Eights.

During the training at Penrith the crew was quartered at Huntington Hall, along with crews from four other States. Unfortunately the accommodation left much to be desired, but the crew made the most of the discomfort and never allowed the conditions to upset their good spirits or health.

Mr. Tom Nickson proved a most able liaison officer and kept in close touch with the crew and manager, and was always ready to assist when called on to do so. Mr. Bruce Neale, President of the Nepean Rowing Club, and the Club officials, were all most helpful and hospitable.

The starter and umpire are to be commended on their excellent handling of the race, and their clear instructions to the strokes and coxswains prior to the race.

All crews were the guests of Ald. Chapman, Mayor of Penrith, at the Log Cabin for a civic reception, and on the Sunday prior to the race the N.S.W. Rowing Association arranged an enjoyable outing to the Blue Mountains, where Ald. Galway, Mayor of the Blue Mountains, entertained the crews.

On the Saturday evening there was a barbecue at Castlereagh, and on the Sunday after, the N.S.W. Rowing Association entertained the crews and interstate visitors at a picnic in the grounds of Riverview College. The picnic was well organised with ample food, and provided an opportunity for a convivial intermingling of oarsmen, old and young, from all over Australia.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (THE PRESIDENT'S CUP)

Three States, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania, contested the race for the Australian Sculling Championship (The President's Cup), which was rowed over a two-and-a-half mile course on the Nepean River at Penrith, N.S.W.

The Victorian selectors selected Mr. R. Rawlins to represent Victoria in this event, but because of a promotion in his employment which interfered with his training, Mr. Rawlins had to withdraw.

The positions at the start were: Queensland, No. 1; Tasmania, No. 2; New South Wales, No. 3.

The event was won by Mr. M. T. Wood, N.S.W., who led from start to finish to win by 300 yards from S. Rogers, Queensland, and W. A. Jones, Tasmania, third.

Mr. Wood won in 15 minutes 14½ seconds, which broke the course record held by Bobby Pearce, to win the President's Cup for the seventh successive time. The congratulations of the Association have been extended to Mr. Wood on his fine achievement.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Holders: Preston Rowing Club.

Rowed at Nagambie on 26th December, 1951.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 6 min. 1 sec.

W. L. WALLACE (Bow); R. R. AITKEN (Stroke); W. M. BAILEY (Cox).

Won by a canvas—Melbourne, second; Albert Park, third. Other competitors—Banks and Preston.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS

Holders: Corio Bay Rowing Club.

Rowed at Melbourne on 15th December, 1951.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time: 5 min. 29-2/5 sec.

L. POLLOCK (Bow); J. BOLTON (2); J. SCHEJBAL (3); N. W. HOWELL (Stroke); W. PERRY (Cox); G. L. WHIT-TAKER (Coach).

Won by three feet—Melbourne-Preston, second. Other competitors—Mercantile and Albert Park.

CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHTS

Holders: Mercantile Rowing Club.

Rowed at Melbourne on 16th February, 1952.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 12 min.

W. L. WALLACE (Bow); J. D. SHEARS (2); J. ROWE (3);
 B. J. DOYLE (4); H. D. DUNCAN (5); W. O. GRANOWSKI (6);
 A. G. BARRETT (7); R. R. AITKEN (Stroke); W. M. BAILEY
 (Cox); N. W. CAIRNES (Coach).

Won by five lengths — Melbourne University, second; Banks,
 third; Albert Park, fourth.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLS

Holder: R. V. Rawlins (Melbourne Rowing Club).

Rowed at Melbourne on 16th February, 1952.

Won by R. V. RAWLINS (Melbourne Rowing Club).

Time: 14 min. 53-4/5 sec.

Won easily — R. Willis (Essendon), second; D. Dudgeon (Rich-
 mond), third; R. G. Day (Mercantile), fourth; J. Evans (Yarra
 Yarra), fifth.

2000-METRES SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Holder: R. V. Rawlins (Melbourne Rowing Club).

Won by R. Willis (Essendon) in a row over.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Holders: Mercantile Rowing Club.

Rowed at Nagambie on 26th December, 1951.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time: 6 min. 18 sec.

D. FERGUSON (Bow); I. TREEBY (Stroke); D. WILLIAMS
 (Cox).

Won by three feet — South Melbourne, second; Yarra Yarra,
 third. Other competitors — Albert Park, Mercantile, Preston,
 Ballarat City.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS

Holders: Corio Bay Rowing Club.

Rowed at Melbourne on 15th December, 1952.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 6 min. 9 sec.

C. D. LEWIS (Bow); R. H. RICHARDSON (2); W. T.
 MORRISON (3); D. J. CRICHTON (Stroke); A. PLUNKETT
 (Cox); K. A. BILNEY (Coach).

Won by four and a half lengths — Ballarat City, second. Other
 competitors — South Melbourne, Ballarat, Corio Bay.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHTS

Holders: Ballarat Rowing Club.

Rowed at Melbourne on 29th March, 1952.

Won by Ballarat Rowing Club. Time: 6 min. 55 sec.

K. G. CHIBNALL (Bow); R. KIRSOPP (2); J. F. FIRTH (3);
 G. A. WALLIS (4); W. J. SUTHERLAND (5); W. C. TAINSH
 (6); P. T. STACEY (7); H. G. MCKENZIE (Stroke); J. W.
 GALLAGHER (Cox); A. SARGEANT (Coach).

Won by half a length — Barwon, second; Corio Bay, third;
 South Melbourne, fourth.

CHAMPION JUNIOR FOURS

(A new race not hitherto previously contested).

Rowed at Melbourne on 15th December, 1952.

Won by Yarra Yarra Rowing Club. Time: 5 min. 43 sec.

W. BURTON (Bow); T. C. CHARLES (2); W. GRONLUND (3); J. EVANS (Stroke); G. KERSLAKE (Cox); C. G. SALEH (Coach).

Other competitors — Banks, Mercantile, Richmond, South Melbourne.

Won by one length — Albert Park, second; Corio Bay, third.

CHAMPION JUNIOR EIGHTS

Holder: Banks Rowing Club.

Rowed at Melbourne on 29th March, 1952.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 6 min. 49 sec.

S. M. SMITH (Bow); R. J. OLIVER (2); J. D. BEECHAM (3); G. MANTON (4); K. A. LEVI (5); I. M. McEACHARN (6); M. D. MURRAY (7); A. B. KOHN (Stroke); A. PLUNKETT (Cox); H. P. SHEARS (Coach).

Won by three-quarters of a length — Corio Bay, second; Yarra Yarra, third. Other competitors — Power House, Essendon, Banks, Richmond.

The sincere congratulations of your Committee are extended to the winners of the foregoing championships.

For winning Clubs and details prior to Season 1951-52, see previous reports.

PREMIERSHIPS

Mercantile Rowing Club won the Senior and Lightweight Premierships, and the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club the Junior Premiership. The warm congratulations of the Committee are extended to these Clubs, and particularly to the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club on having won its first premiership.

The points scored in the respective premierships were:—

Senior

Club	Wins	Pts.	Club	Wins	Pts.
Mercantile	12	88	Melb. University	—	8
Albert Park	12	36	Yarra Yarra	5	5
Banks	5	24	Preston	1	4
Melbourne	9	21	Essendon	1	3

Junior

Club	Wins	Pts.	Club	Wins	Pts.
Yarra Yarra	24	76	Wentworth District	5	16
Banks	13	64	Essendon	3	14
Mercantile	8	58	Hawthorn	3	14
Richmond	8	48	Lake Colac	2	12
Melb. University	5	32	Nagambie	3	12
Barwon	7	28	Bairnsdale	2	8
Footscray City	4	24	Power House	1	8
South Melbourne	7	24	Rutherglen Lake	2	8
Yarrowonga	7	20	Wahgunyah	3	6
Albert Park	6	16	Ballarat	1	4
Ballarat City	2	16	Eaglehawk	1	2
Corio Bay	2	16	Melbourne	1	2
Mildura	2	16			

Lightweight

Club	Wins	Pts.	Club	Wins	Pts.
Mercantile	13	50	Yarra Yarra	3	10
South Melbourne ..	7	30	Banks	3	8
Ballarat	5	26	Bairnsdale	2	4
Ballarat City	5	20	Footscray City . . .	1	4
Corio Bay	3	18	Richmond	2	4
Barwon	1	16	Melbourne	1	2

REGATTAS

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

Inter-Banks Fours (Henry Gyles Turner Trophy).—Won by Commonwealth Bank, represented by L. Byrne (Bow); B. Bradbury (2); A. Allday (3); N. Wills (Stroke); D. R. Snell (Cox).

Inter-Banks Eights (State Savings Bank Cup).—Won by Commonwealth Bank, represented by J. Stevens (Bow); J. Adams (2); D. Williams (3); R. Stewart (4); L. Byrne (5); B. Bradbury (6); A. Allday (7); N. Wills (Stroke); D. Williams (Cox).

Inter-Banks Pairs.—Won by Bank of New South Wales, represented by P. Crockett (Bow); T. Watt (Stroke); R. Caldow (Cox).

Head of the River.—Won by Scotch College. (Bow), R. Grant, 10 st. 6 lb.; (2), C. Wood, 12 st. 1 lb.; (3), J. Wardrop, 12 st. 7 lb.; (4), D. Fisher, 12 st. 10 lb.; (5), J. Scarborough, 13 st. 4 lb.; (6), D. Boykett, 12 st. 1 lb.; (7), R. Yorston, 12 st.; (Stroke), G. Anderson, 12 st. 4 lb.; (Cox), R. Hyett; (Coach), C. Saleh.

Inter-Collegiate Eights (Mervyn Bournes Higgins Trophy).—Won by Trinity College, represented by F. H. Osborn (Bow); W. B. Capp (2); J. A. Hunt (3); R. H. Carnegie (4); A. C. Monger (5); M. J. Cook (6); J. T. C. Hewison (7); B. T. Loton (Stroke); J. D. Feltham (Cox); R. Day (Coach).

INTER-UNIVERSITIES RACE

The fifty-eighth Australian Universities Race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was rowed over a three-mile course on the Murray River at Murray Bridge, South Australia, on 7th June, 1952.

Melbourne University won the Cup for the third year in succession, winning by two and a half lengths from Sydney University, with Perth third, Brisbane fourth, and Adelaide fifth.

The Melbourne University was represented by (Bow), J. A. Gobbo, 12 st. 6 lb.; (2), J. T. C. Hewison, 12 st.; (3), A. C. Monger, 12 st. 7 lb.; (4), R. H. Carnegie, 13 st. 6 lb.; (5), J. D. Bailey, 13 st. 8 lb.; (6), M. F. A. Robertson, 13 st. 2 lb.; (7), J. P. Hall, 13 st. 8 lb.; (Stroke), P. N. Everist, 12 st. 9 lb.; (Cox), J. N. Button; (Coach), D. R. Salmon; (Emergencies), W. B. Capp and R. P. Quirk.

METROPOLITAN ROWING COMMITTEE

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

Regatta on 16th September, 1951.—There were ninety-four competitors at this regatta, the events and results being: Novice Eights, Banks; Novice Fours, Richmond; Novice Pairs, South Melbourne; Novice Scull, South Melbourne; Lightweight Novice Pairs, Richmond; Beginners Fours, Footscray City; Beginners Pairs, South Melbourne.

Regatta on 17th May, 1952.—This regatta attracted an entry of ninety competitors, the successful Clubs being: Novice Eights, Corio Bay; Novice Fours, Sale; Novice Pairs, Albert Park; Novice Scull, Melbourne; Beginners Fours, Richmond; Beginners Pairs, Melbourne.

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

8/11/52, Dimboola Regatta and Four-oared Sprint Championship (non-qualifying); 15/11/52, V.R.A. (Melbourne); 22/11/52, Henley on Yarra; 13/12/52, Champion Fours, Champion Junior Fours, Champion Lightweight Fours (2,000 metres), Champion Sculls (2,000 metres); 26/12/52, Nagambie Regatta; Warrnambool Regatta; 27/12/52, Yarrowonga Regatta, Camperdown Regatta; 1/1/53, Lake Colac Regatta and Champion Pairs, Champion Junior Pairs, Champion Lightweight Pairs; Rutherglen Regatta; 24/1/53, Upper Yarra Regatta; 26/1/53, Albert Park Regatta; 14/2/53, Head of the Yarra; 21/2/53, Champion Eights and Champion Sculls; 28/2/53, Ballarat Regatta; 7/3/53, Barwon Regatta; Labor Day, Yea Regatta; 21/3/53, Champion Junior Eights, Champion Lightweight Eights (2,000 metres); Bendigo Regatta and Pair-Oared Sprint Championship (non-qualifying); 28/3/53, Yarra Yarra Rowing Club Regatta; 4/4/53, Bairnsdale Regatta, Mildura Regatta; 6/4/53, Sale Regatta, Wentworth District Regatta.

COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Selectors, King's Cup Eight:

The Committee at its meeting in November appoint two selectors who shall select the coach, such appointee to become the third selector. If the selectors fail to agree on the appointment of a coach, the Executive be empowered to appoint the coach. Should the coach appointed by the selectors, or by the Executive, be one of the selectors, the Executive be empowered to appoint a third selector (C. 5/9/51).

Manager, King's Cup Eight:

In future, nominations to be called for the appointment of Manager, King's Cup Eight (C. 7/11/51).

Scale of Charges for Lending Racing Boats:

One pound a seat be charged for the first two seats and 10/- for each of the other seats. Such charges to be made for one week or portion of one week. Further that the insurance of the boat, or boats, for the period used by the borrowing Club be covered by the Club borrowing the boat. Such Club, or Clubs, to be responsible for repair of all damages to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, lending the boats (C. 6/2/52).

Notification of Starting Times at Country Regattas:

All regatta authorities to notify all competing clubs of the times of starting of the first heats in each event, unless a programme has been forwarded to Clubs at least three days prior to the regatta (C. 5/3/52).

Entries Received for Regattas:

Regatta Associations and Committees to be reminded of the Regatta Regulation which requires that a list of all entries received for a regatta shall be posted to the Secretary of the Association by first post after the closing of such entries (C. 5/3/52).

Towpath:

Arrangements were made with the Melbourne City Council for the reconstruction of the towpath along the Henley Course the cost to be shared by the Association on a fifty-fifty basis with a limit of £250 on the liability of the Association.

Display of Trophies:

At the V.R.A. Regatta the Gilbey Cup for Senior Eights and the Dunling Shield for Maiden Fours are to be displayed.

THANKS

The thanks of your Committee are extended to the following for donations to the King's Cup Fund and the funds of the Association:—

Mr. M. S. Williams (set of oars), £83.

Mr. A. J. Shepherd, £5/5/-.

Mr. R. W. B. Todd, £1/1/-; Mr. F. P. Morris, £1/1/-; Mr. Moore, 10/-.

Mr. E. R. Dunn (Sports Parade), £13/18/-.

Footscray City Rowing Club, £7/10/-.

Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, £20.

Mr. N. S. Muir (Social collections), £60.

Your thanks are also due, and are extended accordingly to:—

Dr. Percy Shelton for again carrying out in an honorary capacity the medical examination of members selected for the King's Cup Eight. Also the Victorian representative in the Australian Sculling Championship.

Little Ships Club for provision of launches when required.

Messrs. R. W. B. Todd, B. R. Coningsby, T. S. Flint, H. R. Balfe and B. Welch, for sustained efforts to obtain press publicity for the sport.

Members who acted as officials at the various regattas and championships throughout the year.

Messrs. G. O. Heyward and J. Taylor, A.F.I.A., for services as Honorary Auditors.

The Town Clerk of Melbourne, the City Council, the Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners and the Metropolitan Board of Works for assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

OBITUARY

The deepest sympathy of all members of the Association is extended to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. E. Butler, on the passing of his beloved wife.

The Committee expresses its sincere sympathy with Mr. J. South on the loss of his mother, and with Mr. N. W. Cairnes on the passing of his father.

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Twelve Executive and twelve Committee Meetings, including one Special Committee Meeting, were held during the year. Attendances were as under:—

Executive: C. E. James, N. S. Muir, 12; N. W. Cairnes, D. J. Morgan, 11; H. E. Butler, E. R. Dunn, N. F. Wilkinson, 8; K. A. G. Feild, E. Kenny, 7; L. Hanna, 6; H. T. James, 1. Average attendance, 7.75.

Committee: C. E. James, 12; N. W. Cairnes, B. R. Coningsby, E. R. Dunn, D. J. Morgan, J. J. O'Neill, S. G. Richardson, T. Rodda, R. W. Thursfield, R. W. Todd, A. D. Vale, M. S. Williams, 11; H. E. Butler, J. Beattie, R. B. Duncan, T. S. Flint, L. Hanna, W. T. Morrison, W. McIlroy, F. A. Smith, H. P. Shears, D. S. Stirling, 10; R. R. Aitken, A. A. Fortington, N. Ridley, N. F. Wilkinson, 9; D. A. Coe, J. J. Donald, A. L. Dobbie, J. M. Ferguson, E. Kenny, H. B. Kirsch, N. S. Muir, 8; G. Code, H. T. James, L. A. Wilkinson, F. S. Wav, 7; E. Elsworth, K. A. G. Feild, G. Harding, R. J. March, R. D. Williamson, 6; A. Elsworth, F. P. Morris, R. J. Stewart, A. Welch, E. C. White, 5; W. J. Gray, W. L. Podmore, 4; R. Daffy, J. J. Mulcahy, A. W. McLeish, R. R. Sullivan, 3; T. Cotton, R. A. Jones, R. Morris, R. Stanley, R. Vasey, W. Wheatland, 2; D. Brook, J. Butcher, W. Anketel, C. Chalmers, J. Colville, G. D. Clegg, N. Cash, T. Gipton, H. Grinblat, W. Graham, L. Hagger, F. Marchant, F. Peters, J. E. Simmie, A. Wilson, 1. Average attendance, 38.

On behalf of the Committee.

H. E. BUTLER, Honorary Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1952.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Outstanding Trophy Money—		Bank Balances—	
Previous Seasons	£1,332 16 3	E.S. & A. Bank	£1,604 8 7
Season 1951/52	991 9 0	State Savings Bank	807 15 4
	<u>£2,324 5 3</u>		<u>£2,412 3 11</u>
Boat and Oar Replacement Fund	279 7 4	Cash in Hand	98 18 6
Olympic Levy	71 12 0	Treasury Bond	100 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	296 9 7	Savings Certificates	150 13 0
		Association Property—	
		Buoys	£1 0 0
		Embossing Dies	1 0 0
		Stationery	5 0 0
		Typewriter	10 0 0
		Filing Cabinet	7 0 0
		Filing Cabinet	10 18 9
		Motor Speed Boat	150 0 0
		Trailer, Motor Boat	25 0 0
			<u>209 18 9</u>
	<u>£2,971 14 2</u>		<u>£2,971 14 2</u>

Audited and found correct.

G. O. HEYWARD,
J. TAYLOR, A.F.I.A.,
Honorary Auditors.

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1952.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS.

To Balances, 1st September, 1951—			
E.S. & A. Bank	£1,243	7	3
State Savings Bank	790	19	8
			£2,034 6 11
„ Club Contributions—			
Season 1950-51	£24	11	6
Season 1951-52	345	9	6
			370 1 0
„ Registration Fees—			
1951-52 Coxswains	£26	10	0
1951-52 Regattas	111	6	0
			137 16 0
„ Regatta—			
V.R.A., 17th November, 1951—			
Entry Fees	£50	18	6
Programmes	24	8	6
			75 7 0
„ Trophy Money			1,182 1 0
„ Staging, 1951			12 12 0
„ Championships—			
Entry Fees			57 12 0
„ King's Cup Race, Sydney, 1952—			
Donation (Set of Oars), Mr. M. S. Williams	£83	0	0
Entry Fee Levy	131	8	0
Seat Fees	90	0	0
Social Collections (Mr. N. S. Muir) ..	60	0	0
Subscribers (Mr. E. R. Dunn)	13	18	0
Donation, Footscray City Rowing Club	7	10	0
Donations	2	12	0
Sundries	1	10	0
			389 18 0
„ Miscellaneous—			
Olympic Levy	£71	12	0
Racing Eight	538	3	1
Donations (V.R.A.)	5	5	0
Insurance	8	12	6
Unclaimed Trophy Money	11	4	0
Sundries	7	9	2
			642 5 9
Interest (Bonds)	£3	17	6
Interest (Ordinary)	12	18	2
			16 15 8
			£4,918 15 4

Audited and found correct.

G. O. HEYWARD,
J. TAYLOR, A.F.I.A., Honorary Auditors.

DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1951-52.

DISBURSEMENTS

By Regatta—

V.R.A., 17th November, 1951—

Trophies	£91 10 0	
Less Unpaid	82 10 0	
	<u>£9 0 0</u>	
Programmes and Posters	59 18 9	
Amplifiers, Judge's Box, Starting Guns, etc.	27 4 9	

£96 3 6
851 5 6
12 12 0

„ Trophies
„ Staging
„ King's Cup Race, Sydney, 1952—

Board	£169 19 10
Air Fares	150 5 4
Blazer Pockets and Singlets	28 7 9
Oars, including Freight from Sydney	85 12 8
Freight Oars and King's Cup	8 19 3
Launches	41 4 5
Transport (Penrith)	15 0 0
Freight from Brisbane, 1951	11 4 10
Sundries	9 11 5

520 5 6

„ Championships—

Certificates (Inscriptions)	£4 16 0
Starting Guns	2 15 0

7 11 0

„ Miscellaneous—

Printing and Postage	£173 1 3
Honoraria	50 0 0
Insurance	10 3 7
Premiership Certificates	9 9 0
Affiliation Fees	48 14 0
Income Tax	4 17 0
Bank Charges and Cheque Book	2 15 0
Trailer for Motor Boat	25 0 0
Racing Eight	538 3 1
Presentation	3 18 8
Olympic Levy	20 9 0
Overhaul Motor Boat	21 5 4
Sundries	11 19 6

919 15 5

„ Bank Balances, 31st August, 1952—

E.S. & A. Bank	£1,604 8 7
State Savings Bank	807 15 4

2,412 3 11
98 18 6

„ Cash in Hand

£4,918 15 4

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st September, 1952.