

VICTORIAN  
ROWING ASSOCIATION

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

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SEASON 1952-1953  
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H. E. BUTLER      N. W. CAIRNES      C. E. JAMES  
*Hon. Secretary:    Asst. Hon. Secretary:    Hon. Treasurer:*

# VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

*The Seventy-seventh 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, 21st October, 1953.*

## BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Seventy-sixth Annual General Meeting held on 29th October, 1952.
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 1952-1953.
6. Presentation of Championship Medallions and Trophies won during 1952-1953.
7. To consider the following motions and amendments of which due notice has been given, viz.:—

(a) By Mr. N. W. Cairnes:

That the Second Schedule (Entry Form) be amended by the deletion of the column titled "Weight."

(b) By Mr. C. E. James:

That Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing Number 28 (a) be deleted and the following substituted:—  
"Except where individual trophies of a specified nature are presented by the Regatta Committee, the winners of all races shall receive orders from the Secretary of their respective clubs to select their trophy or trophies, but on no account is the winner to take delivery of the trophy or trophies except through the Secretary of his club and upon his written authority. The Secretary of any club when issuing a trophy order shall first satisfy himself that goods to the full value of the amount named in the order have been selected and that the type of trophy is in accordance with the list of permissible trophies, published by the Victorian Rowing Association from time to time.

"In the case of regattas for which trophy orders are issued to winning oarsmen and coxswains, the full amount of the trophy money together with a schedule of all winning crews, shall be forwarded by the Regatta Committee to the Victorian Rowing Association within fourteen days of the date of the regatta. Lists showing the names of individual winning oarsmen and coxswains of each successful club and the value of the trophy due to each shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the clubs concerned by the Treasurer of the Association, together with a cheque to the full value of the trophies won by the members of such clubs. A notice shall be printed in all regatta programmes notifying the value of each individual trophy and indicating that same will be available on application to the Secretary of the club of which the winning oarsman or coxswain is a member. No commission or discount shall be sought or accepted by any club or regatta committee in connection with such trophy orders. Before the 31st August each year the Secretary of each club shall forward

to the Association a list showing the name of each successful member of such club and the type and value of each trophy collected by the member. This list shall be signed by the President, Captain and Secretary of the club."

### 8. General.

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

Amateur Sports Club.

N. W. CAIRNES,

Melbourne.

Acting Honorary Secretary.

September, 1953.

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### LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

#### Patron:

His Honor SIR HAYDN STARKE

#### President:

A. J. SHEPHERD, Esq.

#### Vice-presidents:

J. M. MACFARLANE, Esq.

E. KENNY, Esq.

A. L. DOBIE, Esq.

M. S. WILLIAMS, Esq.

H. T. JAMES, Esq.

W. R. B. TODD, Esq.

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Hon. Treasurer:

C. E. JAMES, Esq.

Asst. Hon. Secretary:

N. W. CAIRNES, Esq.

Hon. Secretary:

H. E. BUTLER, Esq.

#### Hon. Auditors:

G. O. HEYWARD, Esq., and J. TAYLOR, Esq., A.A.S.A.

#### Elected Members:

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
H. E. BUTLER	1951	1953	H. B. KIRSCH	1952	1954
N. W. CAIRNES	1951	1953	R. J. MARCH	1952	1954
E. R. DUNN	1951	1953	J. A. McBEAN	1952	1954
E. ELSWORTH	1951	1953	W. McILROY	1952	1954
G. WHITAKER	1951	1953	M. S. WILLIAMS	1952	1954

#### Executive Committee:

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
E. KENNY	1951	1953	E. R. DUNN	1952	1954
L. HANNA	1951	1953	D. J. MORGAN	1952	1954
N. F. WILKINSON	1951	1953	N. RIDLEY	1952	1954
			F. A. SMITH	1952	1954

#### Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs:

Albert Park	R. B. DUNCAN	Melbourne	J. J. O'NEILL
Antwerp			F. X. MURPHY
Ballarat	R. JELBART	M.U.B.C.	J. FERGUSON
	P. MARXSEN	Mercantile	R. R. AITKEN
Ballarat City	J. BEATTIE		H. P. SHEARS
	D. A. CALDER	Mildura	R. W. THURFIELD
Bairnsdale	J. J. MULCAHY		S. G. RICHARDSON
Banks	A. D. VALE	Nagambie	R. R. SULLIVAN
Corowa	J. J. SHORT	Nestanglo	A. W. McLEISH
Barwon	L. HAGGER	Power House	J. B. MITCHELL
	W. WHEATLAND	Preston	G. HUTCHINS
Bendigo	T. RODDA	Richmond	R. J. STEWART
Camperdown	G. HARDING		F. PETERS
Corio Bay	J. MARSH	Rotherglen Lake	W. MORRISON
Dimboola	D. R. SALMON	Sale	B. R. CONINGSBY
Eaglehawk	A. FORTINGTON	South Melbourne	R. D. WILLIAMSON
Essendon	T. S. FLINT	Wahgunyah	A. E. CHANDLER
	C. CHALMERS	Warrnambool	J. BFST
	W. NICHOLSON	Wendouree	A. WELCH
Footscray City	J. P. ANTHONY		F. S. WAY
	L. A. WILKINSON	Yarrowonga	D. S. STIRLING
Hawthorn	S. R. JEFFERY	Yarra Yarra	J. PRIME
	G. L. CODE		D. A. COE
Lake Colac	J. EVANS	Yea	J. J. DONALD
		Wentworth District	E. C. WHITE

## ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET

of the

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

TO THE MEMBERS,  
GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Seventy-seventh Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Victorian Rowing Association.

The completion of the Swan Street Bridge made it possible for regatta racing to be resumed on the Henley Course, with beneficial results to the organisation of the regattas and attendance of the public. The greatest and most pleasing advantage to rowing was the return of Henley to its Carnival Regatta, which proved highly successful with a large interstate entry and extensive attendance of an enthusiastic public. The resumption of the Henley Carnival should do much to reawaken interest in rowing. Advantage was taken of the return to the Henley Course to extend the distance of Senior Eight and Four events to the international distance of 2,000 metres. This move proved successful and in the opening regattas of the coming season all senior crews will row over the 2,000 metres course.

In winning the Senior, Junior and Lightweight Premierships the Mercantile Rowing Club is to be congratulated on a remarkable achievement in being the first Club to win the triple premiership. The Albert Park Rowing Club is to be commended on its creditable second in the Senior Premiership. This Club, with a small membership, was represented in all Senior Championships and the majority of regattas during the season and set an example which many a large Club could follow with advantage to itself and Victorian rowing. The Footscray City Rowing Club made a fine showing in the Junior Premiership in rising from a lowly place on the premiership list of two years ago to second in the season under review. It is hoped that this Club will continue successful and challenge the leaders in the Senior Division during the coming season.

The successful defence of the King's Cup by Victoria in Perth and the further success of Melbourne University in retaining the Oxford-Cambridge Cup at Penrith, confirms the high standard of rowing in the State and it is the responsibility of all Clubs to maintain this standard by striving to give their members the opportunity to become senior oarsmen and the chance to row for Victoria.

At the commencement of the season it was obvious that the finances of the Association were insufficient to meet the expenditure of sending the crew and sculler to Perth for the Australian Championships, and it was only the generous donations received from the gentlemen whose names appear in the financial report and the work of Messrs. D. J. Morgan and R. W. Todd in raising additional funds that the Honorary Treasurer is able to present a balanced budget for the year.

The successful organisation and conduct of the State Championships throughout the season was made possible by Messrs. Walsh and Nicholls, of the Little Ships Club, who turned out to all Championships on the Lower Yarra in Mr. Walsh's fast motor launch, providing accommodation for the umpire and a safety precaution against accident to crews.

It is pleasing to report that the entries for maiden events during the season showed an increase on the previous season, and reports from the various Clubs indicate that the coming year will show a further improvement.

The membership of the Association shows a gratifying increase after an alarming decline during the previous year.

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-52
Metropolitan . . . . .	930	899	1003
Country . . . . .	545	483	544
	<u>1475</u>	<u>1382</u>	<u>1547</u>

### HONORARY SECRETARY

All members will learn with regret of the resignation because of ill health of our Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. E. Butler. Mr. Butler has suffered a long illness and his friends will be glad to know that since he has gone home to his family in Queensland he is enjoying better health. All members will join in wishing Harry a long and happy retirement.

A farewell evening attended by more than a hundred of his friends was held in his honor prior to his departure for Queensland at which a presentation of a Cup for Perpetual Competition by the Junior Eights at the V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta was made on behalf of the Melbourne Rowing Club and the Victorian Rowing Association.

The service rendered to rowing by Mr. Butler has helped put the sport in the strong position it occupies in both Victoria and Australia today. He has been a member of the Committee of the Association for 30 years, first as a delegate for the Melbourne Rowing Club and then as an Elected Member, Assistant Honorary Secretary, and 20 years as Honorary Secretary. Members of 14 Victorian crews will remember him for the manner in which he looked after their welfare when competing for the King's Cup.

### ARTIE WISHART MEMORIAL CUP

The Yarra Yarra Rowing Club has presented a Cup for perpetual competition by Senior Pairs at the V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta to perpetuate the memory of their late President Artie Wishart. The Club will also provide individual trophies for the successful crews.

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

The Australian Eight Oared Championship was rowed over a course of three miles on the Swan River, Perth, Western Australia, on Saturday morning, 18th April, 1953. Queensland was the only State not represented in this event.

Messrs. R. J. March and J. South were elected Selectors, and they appointed Mr. H. P. Shears Coach and third Selector.

Victoria was represented by:—bow, W. L. Wallace (Mercantile), 11st. 10lb.; 2, B. J. Doyle (Mercantile), 12st. 4lb.; 3, J. P. Hall (M.U.B.C.), 12st. 10lb.; 4, W. O. Granowski (Mercantile), 12st. 5lb.; 5, P. N. Everist (M.U.B.C.), 12st. 7lb.; 6, W. N. Howell (Preston), 13st. 5lb.; 7, A. G. Barrett (Mercantile), 12st. 10lb.; stroke, R. R. Aitken (Mercantile), 12st. 2lb.; coxswain, W. M. Bailey (Mercantile), 8st. 4lb.; coach, H. P. Shears (Mercantile); emergencies, J. A. Harwood (Footscray City), 12st. 6lb.; J. S. Rowe (Mercantile), 12st. 11lb.; manager, D. J. Morgan (Mercantile).

The race was won by Victoria from New South Wales, with Western Australia third, Tasmania fourth and South Australia fifth, Victoria winning by one and a half lengths in 16 minutes 20 seconds. Conditions prior to the start of the race were poor but moderated as the crews came up to the starting line, although the water remained very choppy in the early stages of the race. From an excellent start Western Australia led Victoria, with New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia together; at the first half mile Western Australia still led from Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania in that order. Victoria, rating a steady 35, then began to come up on Western Australia, and at the 2,000 metres mark had a lead of three-quarters of a length, with New South Wales passing Western Australia, and South Australia and Tasmania further back. New South Wales then challenged Victoria, but Victoria withstood the challenge, maintaining a rating of 34 against the challengers' 38, and when Victoria increased its rating over the last few hundred yards it put the race beyond doubt.

In winning the King's Cup for the second successive year your crew gave a splendid exhibition of rowing and the congratulations of all members of the Association are extended to the members of this crew, who trained hard both in and out of the boat to keep Victoria in the forefront of Australian rowing. The emergencies contributed to the success of the crew by the pleasant and cheerful manner in which they approached a difficult task and being fit to take a place in the boat at all times. The rowing of the crew was a credit to the coach, Mr. H. Shears, who rowed two in the Victorian crew at Murray Bridge in 1949. The good wishes of the Association are extended to Bill Bailey, who has so ably steered the last three Victorian crews and has now retired from steering and gone on the land.

The crew while in Perth was accommodated at the Imperial Hotel, which is conducted by Mr. Gra Rosser, who rowed in many W.A. King's Cup crews and coached in Victoria just prior to the war. The kind-hearted and bountiful hospitality the crew received from Mr. and Mrs. Rosser made their stay memorable.

Mr. Ken Carrick, the liaison officer to the crew, was most attentive and helpful, not only to the crew but to the supporters from Victoria, to whom he was most hospitable. The crew trained from Swan River Rowing Club and received every assistance from the Club and its members. On the Sunday prior to the race the crew was taken for a most enjoyable drive around Perth and its beaches by the members of the Swan River Rowing Club.

The organisation of the King's Cup Regatta by the officials of the Western Australian Rowing Association was most efficient and the work of Mr. J. F. Howson, the Honorary Secretary, in the preparations for the regatta, looking after the wellbeing of the crews, and entertainment of the supporters will long be remembered.

After the race all crews were the guests of the Legion of Oarsmen at a barbecue and dance held at the University Boat Club. This proved a very bright and happy function.

The Western Australian Rowing Association was the host to crews and supporters at a picnic to Yanchep on the "Sunday After" which was a fitting climax to the King's Cup Regatta.

#### **AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (THE PRESIDENT'S CUP)**

In the absence of Mr. M. T. Wood, who has held the President's Cup for the past seven years, there was great interest in the event to decide his successor over the two and a half mile

course on the Swan River. It was unfortunate that conditions for the race were extremely rough and unpleasant. The race was contested by L. Plummer (Tasmania), G. Hubbard (Western Australia), P. Evatt (New South Wales), and R. V. Rawlins (Victoria). Rawlins, of Victoria, led for the first mile where Evatt (N.S.W.), sculling strongly, took the lead and, although Rawlins made several determined efforts to overtake him, the more powerful Evatt went on through the rough water to win by 8 lengths from Rawlins with L. Plummer (Tas.) 10 lengths further back third and G. Hubbard (W.A.) fourth. Time, 19 minutes 12  $\frac{4}{5}$  seconds.

The congratulations of the Victoria Rowing Association are extended to Mr. Peter Evatt on his fine performance and to the N.S.W. Rowing Association on maintaining the supremacy in Australian sculling.

To Ron Rawlins, who has made many attempts to win the President's Cup for Victoria we offer our sincere thanks and express the appreciation of the Association for his untiring efforts.

### AUSTRALIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was being held for the first time and attracted an entry of three crews — Western Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales — over the 2,000 metres course on the Swan River. The race was won by New South Wales by a length from Tasmania with Western Australia three lengths behind Tasmania. Time, 8 minutes 35 seconds.

### AUSTRALIAN DOUBLE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was also being held for the first time and only the one entry from Western Australia was received. The crew sculled over the 2,000 metres course, covering the distance in 7 minutes 35 seconds.

### VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(SIR THOMAS NETTLEFOLD MEDALLIONS)

(Holders—Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles. 21st February, 1953.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time, 12min. 41  $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

W. L. WALLACE (bow), W. O. GRANOWSKI (2), K. J. FULTON (3), D. OLIFF (4), G. O. MANTON (5), B. J. DOYLE (6), A. G. BARRETT (7), R. R. AITKEN (stroke), W. M. BAILEY (cox), H. P. SHEARS (coach).

Won by five lengths—Melbourne University second, Albert Park third, and South Melbourne fourth.

### VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holders—Banks Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 13th Dec., 1952.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time, 8min. 52  $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

W. L. WALLACE (bow), B. J. DOYLE (2), A. G. BARRETT (3), R. R. AITKEN (stroke), W. M. BAILEY (cox), H. P. SHEARS (coach).

Won by two lengths—Albert Park second, Preston third.

### VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holders—Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Colac. Course 1 mile. 1st January, 1953.

Won by Albert Park Rowing Club. Time, 6min. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

R. B. DUNCAN (bow), B. D. DICKSON (stroke), J. LIBBIS (cox), H. R. DUNCAN (coach).

South Melbourne-Preston (composite crew) second, Ballarat City-Wendouree, Pichmond and Melbourne also started.

**VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holder—R. V. Rawlins, Melbourne Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2 miles. 21st Feb., 1953.

Won by R. V. RAWLINS, Melbourne Rowing Club. Time, 12 minutes 7  $\frac{4}{5}$  seconds.

D. Tucker (Melbourne) second, D. Dudgeon (Richmond) third, R. Williams (Mercantile), J. Evans (Lake Colac), R. Willis (Melbourne) also started.

**VICTORIAN 2000 METRES SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holder—R. Willis, Essendon Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 21st March, 1953.

Won by D. TUCKER, Melbourne Rowing Club. Time, 7min. 48  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.

D. Dudgeon (Richmond) second.

**VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holders—Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 21st March, 1953.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time 6min. 55  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.

C. LEWIS (bow), J. PIZZHEY (2), C. GREENWOOD (3), K. A. LEVI (4), J. D. BEECHAM (5), C. B. DAWES (6), R. BAENZIGER (7), R. J. OLIVER (stroke), P. BOYKETT (cox), N. W. CAIRNES (coach).

Won by two feet, Power House second, Banks third; other competitors: Richmond, Footscray City.

**VICTORIAN JUNIOR FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holders—Yarra Yarra Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 13th Dec., 1952.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time, 9min. 8  $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

D. PASCOE (bow), A. VALE (2), J. PRESTON (3), V. BRADBY (stroke), D. WILLIAMS (cox), J. McBEAN (coach).

Won by one and quarter lengths—Footscray City second, Mercantile third. Other competitors: Lake Colac, Hawthorn, South Melbourne, Yarra Yarra, Richmond, Albert Park.

**VICTORIAN JUNIOR PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Held for the first time)

Rowed on Lake Colac. Course 1 mile. 1st January, 1953.

Won by Lake Colac Rowing Club. Time, 6min. 51  $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

J. EVANS (bow), D. WESTBURY (stroke), F. BOYKETT (cox), P. B. BORWICK (coach).

Albert Park second, Richmond third. Other competitors: Wendouree, Ballarat, Ballarat City, South Melbourne, Banks, Melbourne, Barwon and Corio Bay.

**VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holders—Ballarat Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 21st March, 1953.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club. Time, 7min. 39sec.

B. BROWN (bow), P. JUKES (2), A. MOODY (3), J. WILKS (4), J. DOWSETT (5), N. MONKEVITCH (6), K. DAVIS (7), K. PALMER (stroke), D. STACEY (cox), L. QUINN (coach).

Won by one length—Ballarat second, Banks third.

**VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holders—Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 13th Dec., 1952.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time 9min. 11sec.

A. BATISTE (bow), V. SHARPE (2), C. LEWIS (3), R. RICHARDSON (stroke), P. WILSON (cox), G. J. ROBERTSON (coach).

Won by four lengths—Banks second, Ballarat third.

Other competitors—Melbourne, South Melbourne, Yarra Yarra, Footscray City.



**VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Holders—Banks Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Colac. Course 1 mile. 1st January, 1953.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time 6min. 38½sec.

A. BADDELEY (bow), F. SPINKS (stroke), M. PERRY (cox).

Barwon second, Eaglehawk third. Other competitors—Richmond, Ballarat, City, Ballarat, Melbourne.

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

**PREMIERSHIPS**

The points scored in the respective premierships were:—

**SENIOR**

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Mercantile . . . . .	11	72	Preston . . . . .	2	5
Albert Park . . . . .	14	46	South Melbourne . . . . .	1	5
Melbourne . . . . .	5	10	Footscray City . . . . .	2	4
M.U.B.C. . . . .		8	Wentworth . . . . .	2	4

**JUNIOR**

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Mercantile . . . . .	20	106	Barwon . . . . .	1	8
Footscray City . . . . .	7	44	Bendigo . . . . .	1	8
Lake Colac . . . . .	10	40	Hawthorn . . . . .	2	8
Banks . . . . .	6	34	Wahgunyah . . . . .	3	6
Melbourne . . . . .	7	16	Wentworth . . . . .	3	6
Yarrawonga . . . . .	2	16	Corio Bay . . . . .	1	4
Albert Park . . . . .	7	16	Sale . . . . .	1	4
Power House . . . . .	2	16	Dimboola . . . . .	1	4
Yarra Yarra . . . . .	5	16	South Melbourne . . . . .	1	2
Richmond . . . . .	6	14	Essendon . . . . .	1	2
Rutherglen . . . . .	2	12	Ballarat . . . . .	1	2
Wendouree . . . . .	3	10			

**LIGHTWEIGHT**

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Mercantile . . . . .	13	52	Ballarat . . . . .	2	14
Barwon . . . . .	4	34	Ballarat City . . . . .	2	4
Banks . . . . .	5	28	Footscray City . . . . .	2	4
Yarra Yarra . . . . .	5	16	Albert Park . . . . .	1	2

**UNIVERSITY ROWING**

**Inter-Universities Race:** The University Boat Race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was rowed over the three-mile course on the Nepean River at Penrith (N.S.W.), on Friday, 5th June, 1953. The race was won by Melbourne University by half a length from Western Australia with Queensland five lengths further back third. Time 16 minutes 13 seconds. The Melbourne University was represented by S. N. Johns (bow), J. T. C. Hewison (2), R. H. Carnegie (3), M. F. A. Robertson (4), A. C. Monger (5), J. C. Howden (6), J. P. Hall (7), P. N. Everist (stroke), J. N. Button (cox), D. R. Salmon (coach).

**Inter-Universities Sculls:** This event was over 2000 metres and was won by J. Hunt, of Melbourne, from P. Royce (South Australia), with P. North (Sydney) third. Time 8 minutes 15 seconds.

**Inter-Collegiate Races:** The races for the Mervyn Bourne Higgins Shield and John Lang Cup were rowed on the Henley Course during May. Trinity College defeated Ormond College by half a length to win the Shield, but were defeated by the Extra Collegiate crew for the John Lang Cup.

## METROPOLITAN ROWING COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Rowing Committee conducted two Novice Regattas during the season, as under:—

**Novice Regatta. 20th September, 1952.**—The successful crews were: Beginners Fours—Banks; Beginners Pairs—Melbourne; Lightweight Novice Four—Yarra Yarra; Novice Pairs—Melbourne; Novice Fours—Richmond; Novice Eights—Banks; Novice Sculls—Banks.

**Novice Regatta. 16th May, 1953.**—The successful crews were: Beginners Pair—Essendon; Lightweight Novice Pairs—Essendon; Lightweight Novice Fours—Essendon; Novice Pairs—Melbourne; Novice Fours—Wendouree; Novice Eight—Yarra Yarra; Novice Sculls—Wendouree.

## INTER-BANKS REGATTA

The Inter-Banks Regatta was held on 9th May, 1953, with the following results: "Henry Gyles Turner Trophy" for Fours, won by Commonwealth Bank; "State Savings Bank Cup" for Eights, won by Commonwealth Bank; Inter-Banks Pairs, won by Bank of New South Wales.

## HEAD OF THE RIVER

Our congratulations are extended to the Geelong Grammar Crew on their excellent performance in winning the Head of the River 1953.

## REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

19/9/53, Novice Regatta; 7/11/53, Dimboola Regatta and Four-oared Sprint Championship (non-qualifying); 21/11/53, V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta; 28/11/53, Henley on the Yarra; 12/12/53, Champion Fours, Champion Junior Fours and Champion Lightweight Fours (2000 metres); Trial Coxswainless Pairs (non-qualifying); 26/12/53, Nagambie Regatta and Champion Pairs, Champion Junior Pairs and Champion Lightweight Pairs; Warrnambool Regatta; 1/1/54, Rutherglen Regatta; Lake Colac Regatta; 2/1/54, Yarrowonga Regatta; Camperdown Regatta; 23/1/54, Upper Yarra Regatta; 25/1/54, Albert Park Lake Regatta; 30/1/54, Empire Games Test Race Coxswainless Pairs—Ballarat; 20/2/54, Champion Eights and Champion Sculls (2½ miles); 27/2/54, Barwon Regatta; 6/3/54, Ballarat Regatta; 8/3/54, Yea Regatta; 20/3/54, Bendigo Regatta Pair-Oared Sprint Championship (non-qualifying); 27/3/54, Champion Junior Eights, Champion Lightweight Eights and Champion 2000 Metres Sculls; 17/4/54, Bairnsdale Regatta; Mildura Regatta; 19/4/54, Sale Regatta; Wentworth Regatta; 15/5/54, Novice Regatta.

## COMMITTEE DECISIONS

### Broadcasting Box

The construction of a pre-cast concrete Broadcasting Box on the south bank of the River Yarra, east of Swan Street Bridge, was authorised.

### King's Cup Selectors

That the Committee will elect two Selectors of the Victorian Crew and Sculler, who shall appoint 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 a coach. Should the coach appointed by the Selectors or the Executive be one of the Selectors, the Executive be empowered to appoint as third Selector the nominee for Selector who finished third in the ballot.

### Levy for King's Cup Race in Perth

The Finance Sub-Committee reported that the normal revenue plus the money raised by special efforts would be £300 short of the sum required to send the Victorian crew to Perth for the King's Cup, and proposed that a levy of 3/- per capita be made on all members affiliated with the Victorian Rowing Association. The motion was adopted.

### Champion Pairs and Double Sculls of Australia

The Victorian Selectors, after selecting the eight-oared crew and sculler may, if they consider any pair-oared crew or double scull which has competed in the current season of a sufficiently high standard to represent Victoria in the Australian Championships, recommend such crew or crews to the Committee for approval. The Committee may grant approval on the following conditions:—

1. The crew or crews to arrange their own finance, without making an appeal to the Association, Affiliated Clubs or members of the Association;
2. Provide their own equipment, including blazer pockets.

### Pair-oared Championships

The motion of 7th September, 1938, that the Pair-oared Championships be rowed at Ballarat, Nagambie and Lake Colac in turn, was rescinded.

### Rowing Committee Olympic Games 1956

The following members of the Victorian Rowing Association were appointed to the Committee: Messrs. N. W. Cairnes, R. J. March, W. McIlroy, T. Rodda, R. W. Todd, E. Kenny.

### Championship Trophies

It was decided to provide the replica of an oar as the trophy for Championship events.

## SERVICES RENDERED

The sincere thanks and appreciation of your Committee are extended to the following for services rendered to the Association during the year under review:—

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

Mr. N. S. Muir, who retired from the Executive Committee after 31 years as a member of the Committee and having been a member of the Executive Committee since its formation in 1927. He was Secretary of the Upper Yarra Regatta Association for many years and through his efforts at the V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta contributed hundreds of pounds to the funds of the Association.

Mr. J. Coghlan for his assistance in transporting equipment of the King's Cup crew.

Mr. T. Rodda for his assistance in marking the Championship Course on the Lower Yarra.

Mr. R. J. March for the care, maintenance and driving of the coaching launch.

Messrs. R. B. Coningsby, T. S. Flint, J. J. O'Neill and S. G. Richardson for painting the Judge's Box.

Little Ship Club for the provision of launches at all Championship events on the Lower Yarra.

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

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

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

### DONATIONS

The sincere thanks of your Committee is extended to the following generous donors who displayed their interest in a practical manner which is appreciated by all members of the Association.

**King's Cup Fund.**—Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, £20; Messrs. O. Granowski, £10/10/-; K. Grant, £10; J. Beattie, Dr. H. C. Disher, Messrs. S. Gugger, A. W. Massina, A. J. Shepherd, £5/5/-; L. Bacash, A. R. Duncan, Bill Field, Cr. A. M. King, Messrs. John Fogarty, J. M. Macfarlane, C. N. McKay, J. H. O'Reilly, £5; R. Todd, £4/4/-; J. Gaskin, M. Gaskin, £3/10/-; A. H. Cambridge, G. R. B. Patterson, H. Rush, D. Salmon, £3/3/-; T. Davies, A. W. McLeish, B. C. Edwards, £3; H. Clarke, £2/12/6; G. Anderson, W. Anketell, Dr. A. L. Bennett, Messrs. B. Borwick, D. Calnin, D. Calder, C. Donald, T. S. Flint, H. W. Irvine, R. J. Jelbart, H. B. Kirsch, A. J. King, R. V. Gregg, H. L. LaRoche, T. Luxton, C. L. McVilly, K. McWilliam, F. Murphy, W. L. Pincott, W. G. Ross, J. B. Suffren, W. Yoxon, £2/2/-; J. Black, A. L. Dobbie, W. Emmerston, R. K. Escott, H. Inglis, H. Lambie, A. Spowers, £2; F. Furlong, £1/10/-; Barwon Bus, £1/12/-; Messrs. J. Andre, W. Binion, J. B. Clemens, M. Davis, M. Foote, H. J. Green, G. O. Heyward, L. L. Moll, F. P. Morris, Bert Miller, Dr. H. C. Maling, Messrs. J. Webster, £1/1/-; P. Appleby, E. W. Cooke, R. Godfredson, A. Hall, G. Hutchins, W. Lambert, D. Laird, R. J. March, R. Pierce, T. Rodda, V. Thomas, J. South, J. Wilson, £1; L. Wilkinson, 12/-; G. McIlvena, 10/6; J. Bradbury, R. Anderson, C. Gibbs, D. Cunningham, A. Heighway, 10/-.

**Victorian Rowing Association.**—Mercantile Rowing Club, £10; Mr. A. J. Shepherd, £5.

**Boat Replacement Fund.**—Mr. J. S. Rowe, £4.

**Tow Path.**—Old Oarsmen's Association, £25; Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, £20.

**Broadcast Box.**—Old Oarsmen's Association, £25; Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, £20; Melbourne Rowing Club, £12/7/-; Banks, Hawthorn, Melbourne University, Mercantile, Richmond Rowing Clubs, £5; Barwon, Lake Colac, Mildura, Naggambie, Power House Rowing Clubs, £2/10/-; Mr. S. G. Richardson, £1.

### OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the passing of P. D. F. Elliott (Wendouree), S. Massina (Hawthorn), A. Wishart (Yarra Yarra).

### EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Twelve Executive and ten Committee meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as under:—

**Executive.**—N. W. Cairnes, C. E. James, E. Kenny, 12; L. Hanna, D. Morgan, 11; E. R. Dunn, F. A. Smith, N. F. Wilkinson, 9; N. Ridley, 6; H. E. Butler, 4; N. S. Muir, 2; K. A. G. Feild, 1. Average attendance, 8.2.

**Committee.**—R. R. Aitken, N. W. Cairnes, R. B. Duncan, C. E. James, E. Kenny, W. Morrison, J. J. O'Neill, F. Peters, T. Rodda, F. A. Smith, D. S. Stirling, N. F. Wilkinson, 10; J. W. Beattie, A. L. Dobbie, J. Donald, A. Fortington, L. Hanna, H. B. Kirsch, D. J. Morgan, W. McIlroy, S. G. Richardson, R. W. Thursfield, R. W. Todd, A. Vale, F. S. Way, E. C. White, 9; B. R. Coningsby, T. S. Flint, N. Ridley, H. P. Shears, M. S. Williams, 8; J. A. Best, E. R. Dunn, J. A. McBean, D. R. Salmon, R. Sullivan, L. A. Wilkinson, 7; G. L. Code, L. Hagger, G. Harding, R. D. Williamson, A. Welsh, 6; N. Cash, J. Ferguson, G. Hutchins, H. T. James, F. X. Murphy, A. W. McLeish, G. Whittaker, 5; J. P. Anthony, H. E. Butler, D. A. Calder, D. A. Coe, W. Wheatland, 4; D. Brooke, J. Evans, R. Jelbart, P. Marxsen, R. J. March, J. Short, 3; J. Butcher, T. Cotton, S. Jeffery, N. S. Muir, F. P. Morris, R. Stewart, R. A. Vasey, 2; W. Anketel, C. Chalmers, F. R. Colville, A. Chandler, V. Bradby, — Bourke, K. A. G. Field, A. Irving, J. Mitchell, R. Morris, G. H. Nicholson, W. Nicholson, W. Podmore, J. Prime, L. Scullion, J. Webster, 1. Average attendance, 46.1.

On behalf of the Committee,

N. W. CAIRNES,

Acting Honorary Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION—Balance-sheet as at 31st August, 1953.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Outstanding trophy money—		Bank Balances—	
Previous season . . . . .	£1,548 18 9	E. S. & A. Bank . . . . .	£1,847 3 6
Season 1952-53 . . . . .	825 2 6	State Savings Bank . . . . .	826 8 0
	<u>£2,374 1 3</u>	Treasury Bond . . . . .	£2,673 11 6
Boat and Oar Replacement Fund . . . . .	363 11 10	Savings Certificates . . . . .	100 0 0
Donations, Broadcast Box . . . . .	95 17 0	Association Property—	155 11 3
Donations, Tow Path . . . . .	45 0 0	Buoys . . . . .	£1 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities . . . . .	260 11 5	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>£3,139 1 6</u>		<u>£3,139 1 6</u>

Audited and found correct.

G. O. HEYWARD,

J. TAYLOR, A.A.S.A. Hon. Auditors.

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st September, 1953.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

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To Balances, 1st September, 1952—			
E. S. & A. Bank . . . . .	£1,604	8	7
State Savings Bank . . . . .	807	15	4
Cash in hand . . . . .	98	18	6
			<u>£2,511 2 5</u>
„ Club Contributions—			
Season 1951-52 . . . . .	11	7	0
Season 1952-53 . . . . .	396	2	0
			<u>407 9 0</u>
„ Registration Fees, 1952-53—			
Regattas . . . . .	100	16	0
Coxswains . . . . .	35	10	0
			<u>136 6 0</u>
„ Regatta, V.R.A., 15th November, 1952—			
Entry fees . . . . .	60	4	0
Programmes . . . . .	23	4	9
			<u>83 8 9</u>
„ Trophy Money . . . . .			846 1 0
„ Championships . . . . .			57 11 0
„ King's Cup Race, Perth, 1953—			
Donations . . . . .	234	14	0
Special Efforts . . . . .	270	6	6
Perth Levy . . . . .	228	8	0
Seat Fees . . . . .	110	0	0
Collections . . . . .	28	0	0
Entry fee levy . . . . .	97	8	0
Refunds . . . . .	28	0	0
			<u>996 16 6</u>
„ Miscellaneous—			
Donations V.R.A. . . . .	19	5	0
Donations Broadcast Box . . . . .	95	17	0
Donations Tow Path . . . . .	45	0	0
Unclaimed Trophy Money . . . . .	15	5	0
Weightbags . . . . .	17	4	0
Levy . . . . .	80	4	6
Motor Boat . . . . .	3	0	0
Interest (Bonds) . . . . .	3	17	6
Interest (Ordinary) . . . . .	14	15	2
Sundries . . . . .	5	10	8
			<u>299 18 10</u>
			<u>£5,338 13 6</u>

Audited and found correct,  
G. O. HEYWARD,  
J. TAYLOR, A.A.S.A.,

Hon. Auditors.

## DISBURSEMENTS

By Regatta, V.R.A., 15th November, 1952—

Trophies . . . . .	£91 10 0		
Less unpaid . . . . .	84 10 0		
		£7 0 0	
Programmes and posters . . . .		59 18 3	
Amplifiers, starting guns, etc. .		26 2 2	
			£93 0 5

,, Trophies . . . . . 880 15 0

,, King's Cup Race, Perth, 1953—

Accommodation . . . . .	330 7 10		
Fares . . . . .	673 8 0		
Hire Racing Eight . . . . .	47 10 0		
Hire Speed Boat . . . . .	46 10 0		
Freight, Oars and Scull . . . .	18 8 4		
Oars . . . . .	80 18 0		
Pockets . . . . .	18 15 0		
Embellishing pockets and in-			
scribing oars . . . . .	23 17 6		
Expenses, Melbourne . . . . .	14 6 4		
Motor Boat, Melbourne . . . . .	10 3 10		
Sundries . . . . .	4 10 7		
			1,268 15 5

,, Championships—

Engraving medals . . . . .	1 7 0		
Gun hire, etc. . . . .	3 10 6		
			4 17 6

,, Miscellaneous—

Printing and Postage . . . . .	119 19 6		
Honoraria . . . . .	50 0 0		
Insurance . . . . .	15 12 0		
Premiership certificates . . . .	14 9 0		
Affiliation fees and booking fees	43 15 0		
Bank charges and cheque book	3 0 0		
Olympic levy . . . . .	71 12 0		
Inscribing oars (1952) . . . . .	16 10 0		
Weightbags . . . . .	23 4 1		
Repairs typewriter . . . . .	11 15 0		
Trophy Cup . . . . .	41 0 0		
Sundries . . . . .	6 17 1		
			417 13 8

,, Bank Balances, 31st August, 1953—

E. S. & A. Bank . . . . .	1,847 3 6		
State Savings Bank . . . . .	826 8 0		
			2673 11 6

£5,338 13 6

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st September, 1953.