

VICTORIAN
ROWING ASSOCIATION
1876 - 1956

X

EIGHTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
SEASON 1955 - 1956

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Hon. Secretary:

N. W. CAIRNES

Hon. Treasurer:

C. E. JAMES

Asst. Hon. Secretary:

S. R. JEFFERY

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Eightieth Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, at 8. p.m., on Wednesday 29th. August, 1956.

Business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Seventy-ninth Annual General Meeting held on 26th. October, 1955.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Balance-sheet.
3. To elect Office-bearers, viz., Patrons, President, eight Vice-presidents and two Honorary Auditors.
4. Presentation of Premiership Certificates.
5. Presentation of Championship Medallions for Season 1955-56.
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion :-
By Mr. N. F. Wilkinson:
That Rule XIV be amended by adding at the end thereof the following :
"Provided however that no club shall have more than three of its members representing clubs without a radius of twenty miles of the G. P. O. Melbourne, so that no more than five Representative Members may be appointed to the Committee from any one club."
7. General.

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

N. W. CAIRNES,
Honorary Secretary.

Amateur Sports Club,
Melbourne,
August, 1956.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

List of Office-Bearers

Patrons:

His Honour, Sir Hayden Starke
Sir Thomas Nettlefold, O.B.E. (Deceased)

President:

M. S. Williams, Esq., LL.M.

Vice-presidents:

J. M. Macfarlane, Esq.	R. J. March, Esq.
E. Kenny, Esq. (Deceased)	F. E. Findlay, Esq.
H. B. Kirsch, Esq.	R. R. Aitken, Esq.
W. R. B. Todd, Esq.	F.B. Dennis, Esq.

<u>Honorary Treasurer:</u>	<u>Asst. Honorary Secretary:</u>	<u>Honorary Secretary:</u>
C. E. James, Esq.	S. R. Jeffery, Esq.	N. W. Cairnes, Esq.

Honorary Auditors:

J. Taylor, Esq. A.A.S.A. and A.D.Vale, Esq.

Elected Member:

	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Retires</u>		<u>Elected</u>	<u>Retires</u>
G. L. Code,	1954	1956	J. Coghlan	1955	1957
R. J. March,	1954	1956	E. R. Dunn,	1955	1957
J. A. McBean,	1954	1956	G. Harding,	1955	1957
W. McIlroy,	1954	1956	R. P. Shears,	1955	1957
M. S. Williams,	1954	1956	A. D. Vale,	1955	1957

Executive Committee:

	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Retires</u>		<u>Elected</u>	<u>Retires</u>
E. R. Dunn,	1954	1956	G. Harding,	1955	1957
D. J. Morgan,	1954	1956	E. Kenny, (Deceased)	1955	-
F. A. Smith,	1954	1956	N.F. Wilkinson	1955	1957
L. A. J. Wilkinson	1954	1956			

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF AFFILIATED CLUBS.

Albert Park	R. B. Duncan	M.U.B.C.	L. Williams
Ballarat	R. Jelbart	Mercantile	B.J. Doyle
	P. Marxen		R.H. Richardson
Ballarat City	J. Beattie	Mildura	R.W. Thursfield
	D.A. Calder		S. G. Richardson
Bairnsdale	J.J. O'Neill	Nagambie	R.R. Sullivan
Banks	V.W. Bradby	Nestanglo	A.W. McLeish
	W.S. Escott	Power House	I.H. Munro
Barwon	L. Hagger	Preston	E. Willis
	W. Wheatland	Richmond	J. Hanger
Bendigo	T. Rodda		F. Peters
Camperdown		Rutherglen Lake	W. Morrison
Corowa	F. Easton	Sale	B. R. Coningsby
Corio Bay	D.R. Salmon	Shepparton	V. Sharp
Dimboola	A.A. Fortington	Sth. Melbourne	J. Webster
Eaglehawk	T.S. Flint	Wahgunyah	A. E. Chandler
Essendon	C. Chalmers	Warrnambool	I. Thompson
	E. Handley	Wendouree	F. Way
Footscray City	F. White		J. R. Elliott
	J. Trethewey	Yarrowonga	D. S. Stirling
	J. R. Mason	Yarra Yarra	J. Clifford
	N.G. Cash		W. Burton
Lake Colac	E. Woolcock	Yea	J. J. Donald
Melbourne	F. X. Murphy	Wentworth District	E. C. White
	W. J. Waterfield		

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TO THE MEMBERS,
GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Eightieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Victorian Rowing Association.

The King's Cup Regatta held this year at Ballarat was one of the most important events in the history of Victorian rowing, being rowed in heats over a 2,000 metres course and serving as test races for the selection of the Australian Eight-oared Crew and Single Sculler for the XVth. Olympiad, the rowing events of which, will be held in Ballarat during November this year.

The success of your crew in regaining the King's Cup for Victoria provided a thrilling spectacle for the 10,000 people who witnessed the series of eliminations to decide the holders of the King's Cup and the President's Cup. Our congratulations are extended to young New South Wales sculler, Stuart McKennis who won the President's Cup and the right to represent Australia in the single sculls at the Olympic Games.

Mr. R. E. Aitken, the coach of the successful Victorian King's Cup crew, became sole selector and coach of the eight-oared crew to represent Australia in the Olympic rowing and invited Messrs F. Benfield and R. Currell of the New South Wales crew to join in trials with the Victorian crew. The participation of the New South Wales oarsmen was made possible by Sir Ivan Holyman of Australian National Airways Pty. Ltd. who provided free air travel to and from Melbourne during the trials. After trying a number of combinations Mr. Aitken selected the following crew, A. M. H. Ailman, bow; D.H. Boykett, 2; F. Benfield, 3; J. G. Howden, 4; G.O.V. Manton, 5; W. H. Howell, 6; A.C. Monger, 7; B.J. Doyle, stroke; H.N. Hewitt, cox; C.B. Dawes and J. Morgan, emergencies. We offer our congratulations to all members of the crew and wish them success in the Olympic Games.

In order to give young oarsmen an opportunity to compete in the highest class of rowing during the Olympic year without loss of status, all senior rowing was replaced by open events and the Senior premiership for the Season 1955-1956 was abandoned.

The recommendations of the Sub-committee for the Betterment of Rowing came into operation and generally proved successful but the full impact of the change in the Junior Rule will not be felt until next season when we should have a number of new senior oarsmen competing with beneficial results for Victorian rowing.

The Albert Park Rowing Club which won the Senior Premiership in the two past seasons once again proved a dominant force in Victorian rowing by winning the Junior Premiership. In six years the Albert Park Club with a small membership has built up from a low position on the premiership list to one of the top clubs in Victoria and we offer our congratulations to the members and executive officers of the Club.

The Lightweight Premiership provided one of the most popular wins for many years with the success of South Melbourne which won its second premiership, its first premiership being the Junior which

was won 47 years ago. In the post war years this Club has always been represented by an enthusiastic number of oarsmen at all Victorian regattas and their success this season in the Lightweight Premiership is well deserved and will earn the congratulations of all Victorian oarsmen.

In winning the second Country Premiership the Wentworth District Rowing Club won all the points at its own regatta against competition from Victorian and South Australian Rowing Clubs and we regret that we do not see more representatives of this Club at Metropolitan regattas. We offer our congratulations to the Wentworth District Rowing Club and wish it further success in the coming season.

A pleasing feature of the Eight-oared Junior Championship was the entry of three crews from the Colleges of the Melbourne University and the Scotch College Head of the River crew. This race drew an entry of eight crews and provided a most thrilling race and was won by Scotch College from Trinity College.

The test races for selection of crews to represent Australia in the coxswained fours, coxswained pairs, coxswainless pairs and double sculls will be held at Ballarat on Friday and Saturday 12th. and 13th. October, 1956 and in these events we can again look forward to seeing the best of Australia's oarsmen competing under the perfect rowing conditions of Lake Wendouree, providing a preview for the Olympic Games Rowing as the majority of the installations for the Olympic Games should be available for these important events.

In recent years we have lost a number of valued old oarsmen and in this year we have suffered another grievous loss in the passing of Edward Kenny. The whole of Australian rowing mourned his passing and the Australian Amateur Rowing Council has created a Memorial Fund which will be used to provide "Kenny Memorial Medallions" for presentation to the members of crews winning the King's Cup each year, a truly fitting memorial for a man who devoted his life to the furtherance of rowing in Australia.

Our President Mr. M. S. Williams who was appointed a delegate to the Australian Amateur Rowing Council on the death of Mr. King has been elected President of the Council for this year of the Olympic Games.

It is pleasing to report that the Shepparton Rowing Club has been reformed and is once again affiliated with the Association and we hope it will not be long before Shepparton crews are once again competing in regattas.

Once again our membership is drifting and the blame for this loss of members must be attributed to the administration of clubs which fail to maintain a continuous campaign of recruitment and provide encouragement for novice oarsmen.

The membership for the past four seasons being:-

	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>
Metropolitan.....	1003	919	966	904
Country.....	<u>544</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>463</u>
	1547	1467	1475	1367

Mr. Frank Dennis of the Hawthorn Rowing Club has continued to provide Victorian Rowing with a medium for publicity in a weekly radio session over Station 3 XY each Saturday morning at 10.15 a.m.

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

The Australian Rowing Championships for 1956 were conducted by the Victorian Rowing Association over the 2,000 metres Olympic Course on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat on Friday and Saturday, 4th. and 5th. May, 1956. These events were used as test races for the selection of the eight-oared crew and the single sculler to represent Australia in the XVth. Olympiad and were therefore contested under Olympic conditions, being rowed in heats on the Friday morning, the heat winners going into the finals on the Saturday afternoon, the remaining crews having a second chance in the repechages on the Friday afternoon, the winners of the repechages also going into the finals.

The championships aroused great interest throughout Victoria with large attendances on both days, approximately 5,000 spectators being present on the Friday and 10,000 on the Saturday. On Saturday a charge was made for admission which enabled the Association to pay all the expenses of the regatta and the Victorian crew and make a small profit.

Messrs R. J. March and N.W. Cairnes were elected selectors and they appointed Mr. R. R. Aitken, coach and third selector. The crew selected was J. Morganti, Mercantile, 13st. 2 lbs. bow; D.H. Roykett, Mercantile, 313st. 2 lbs. 2; A.M.H. Aikman, University, 13st. 2lbs. 3; J. G. Howden, University, 13 st. 0 lbs. 4; G. O.V. Manton, Mercantile, 14 st. 0 lbs. 5; W.W. Howell, Banks, 13 st.5 lbs. 6; A.C. Monger, University, 13 st. 0 lbs. 7; B.J. Doyle, Mercantile, 12 st. 7 lbs. stroke; H. N. Hewitt, Mercantile, 8 st. 0 lbs. cox; C.B. Dawes, Mercantile, 3st. 5lbs. and J. A. Hunt, University, 13st. 5 lbs. emergencies.

New South Wales won the first heat by four lengths from South Australia in 7 minutes 6.1/5 seconds.

The second heat was won by western Australia by a canvas from Tasmania in 6 minutes 42.4/5 seconds.

Victoria won the third heat by two and a half lengths from Queensland in 6 minutes 32.2/5 seconds.

On Friday afternoon the repechage was contested by Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia and resulted in Queensland winning by lengths three from Tasmania and South Australia in 6 minutes 44. 4/5 seconds.

The finalists on Saturday were drawn western Australia, No.1. Station; New South Wales, No.2. Station; Victoria, No. 3. Station; and Queensland, No.4. Station.

In the race Western Australia was best away and very early Victoria took the lead being closely pressed by New South Wales with Western Australia half a length further back followed by Queensland. At the half way mark Victoria held a lead of three quarters of a length from N.S.W. rowing strongly in an endeavour to hit the front with Western Australia and Queensland fighting for third position; approaching the 1 500 metres mark New South Wales raised the rating in a tremendous effort to pass the Victorian crew which maintained a rating of 35 watching N.S.W. gradually reduce their margin until approaching the 400 metres the Victorian stroke with a well judged sprint raised the rating and drew away again to win by three quarters of a length from the hard finishing New South Wales crew with Queensland three lengths further back in third position and Western Australia three quarters of a length away fourth in the fast time of 6 minutes 5.3/5 seconds.

We are proud of the fine performance of our crew in regaining the King's Cup for Victoria and congratulate the coach and crew on a splendid display of rowing and wish them success in the Olympic Games. In congratulating the crew we must not over-look the assistance of Mr. J. P. Hoppe who drove the coaching launch throughout the crew's long preparation making it possible for the coach to concentrate on the crew with a minimum of effort.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP
(THE PRESIDENT'S CUP)

Because of this event being used as a test race for the Olympic Games the Australian Amateur Rowing Council allowed States desiring to do so to nominate two scullers for the event with the result that eight entries were received all States being represented with Western Australia and New South Wales each having two entries.

The first heat was won by M.T.Wood (N.S.W.) by two lengths from T. Machin (S.A.) in 8 minutes 32.2/5 seconds.

S.A.Mackenzie(N.S.W.) won the second heat by two lengths from J. Rosser (W.A.) and D. Dudgeon (Vic.) in 8 minutes 28.2/5 seconds.

G. Hubbard (W.A.) won the third heat by one and a half lengths from G. Squires(Tas.) with J. Goswell (Qld.) third in 8 minutes 12/4/5th.seconds.

The repechage was won by G. Squires (Tas.) by three lengths from J. Goswell (Qld.) followed by T. Machin, (S.A.) D.Dudgeon(Vic.) and J. Rosser (W.A.) in 8 minutes 12.2/5 seconds.

In the final, the scullers were drawn M.T.Wood(N.S.W.) No.1 Station, S.A. Mackenzie (N.S.W.) No.2 Station; G. Squires (Tas.) No.3 Station; G. Hubbard (W.A.) No.4. Station.

G. Hubbard (W.A.) led off the mark but quickly dropped back as M.Wood and S. A. Mackenzie struggled for the lead. At the half way mark S.A.Mackenzie had gained an advantage of one length over M.Wood and from there on gradually drew farther away to win by three lengths from M.T.Woods(N.S.W.) with G. Squires (Tas.) by two lengths further back third and G. Hubbard(W.A.) in fourth position. The time for the race being 7 minutes 27.4/5 seconds.

We offer our congratulations to Stuart Mackenzie who will be a worthy successor to Merv. Woods.

Merv. Woods over a long period has been everything a Champion should be and has upheld the prestige of Australian Rowing in many parts of the world and we wish him success in the test races for the double sculls for which he is now preparing.

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(NORWICH SHILED)

(Sir Thomas Nettlefold Medallions)
(Holders - Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course 2,000 Metres 11th. February 1956. Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time 6 mins. 47.2/5 sec
H.R.Frederico(Bow) W.O.Granowski (2) J. Foley(3) C.B.Daves (4)
G.O.V.Manton(5)D.Boykett(6) J. Morganti(7) B.J.Doyle (Stroke)
N.Hewitt (Cox) R.R.Aitken(Coach) Won by four lengths -
Melbourne University second, Composite crew third.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders Albert Park Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2,000 Metres 21st. April 1956
Won by Mercantile Rowing Club, time, 7 mins. 42.4/5 secs.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (continued)
(Holders Albert Park Rowing Club)

H. R. Frederico (Bow) C. B. Dawes (2) J. A. Hunt (3) R. H. Richardson (stroke) N. Hewitt (Cox) N. W. Cairnes (Coach)
Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length Albert Park, second Corio Bay, third

VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders - Albert Park Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Nagambie, Course 1 Mile, 26th. December 1955

Won by Albert Park Rowing Club. No times taken

R. B. Duncan (Bow) B. D. Dickson (stroke) J. Cockbill (Cox)

H. R. Duncan (Coach)

Won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, Lake Colac second, Essendon third.

Other Starters: Banks/Albert Park Composite crew, Mercantile.

VICTORIAN 2,000 METRE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holder - D. Dudgeon Richmond Rowing Club)

Rowed at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, Course 2,000 Metres, 11th. February 1956

Won by D. Dudgeon, Richmond Rowing Club, Time 9 mins. 2.1/5 secs.

G. Barker (Melbourne) second, J. Hunt (Melbourne University) third.

Other Starters, F. Begelhole (Yarra Yarra) D. Brooke (Essendon)

B. Bacash (Melbourne)

VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra, Course 2,000 Metres. 21st. April 1956

Won by Scotch College, Time 7 mins 7.1/5 secs.

A. S. Peacock (Bow) M. J. Errington (2) A. S. Olsson (3) G. C. Grant (4)

J. P. Rowland (5) A. R. Frater (6) R. E. Lee (7) W. C. Courtney (Stroke)

F. P. Newman (Cox) L. H. Christie (Coach)

Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. Trinity College second, Extra Collegiate third.

Other starters: Mercantile, Grand College, Banks, Albert Park.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders Wendouree Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course 2,000 Metres. 17th December 1956

Won by Albert Park Rowing Club, Time 7 mins 58 secs

E. Stranger (Bow) K. McMahon (2) R. Libbis (3) F. Jacobs (Stroke)

E. Treviso (Cox) F. Easton (Coach)

Won by length, Mercantile second, Banks third, Other starter Richmond.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders Albert Park Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Nagambie, Course 1 mile, 26th. December 1955

Won by Albert Park Rowing Club. No time taken

R. Libbis (Bow) F. Jacobs (Stroke) N. Wright (Cox) F. Easton (Coach)

Won easily, Preston second, Essendon third, Other Starters Mercantile, Yea, Footscray City.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders - Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2,000 Metres. 21st. April 1956

Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club, Time 7 mins. 34.4/5th secs.

T. Summers (Bow) E. Jackson (2) R. Gallery (3) R. Jones (4)

L. Gallagher (5) W. Stevens (6) G. Taylor (7) R. Tanner (Stroke)

A. Campbell (Cox) W. Graham (Coach)

Won by a canvas. Mercantile second.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders - South Melbourne Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course 2,000 Metres 17th. December 1955

Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club, Time 8 mins 6.1/5th secs.

T. Summers (Bow) L. Gallagher (2) G. Taylor (3) R. Tanner (Stroke)

A. Campbell (Cox) J. Webster (Coach)

Won by length. Yarra Yarra second, Mercantile third.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders - South Melbourne Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Nagambie. Course 1 Mile. 26th December 1955

Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club No time taken

T. Summers (Bow) G. Taylor (Stroke) A. Campbell (Cox)

J. Webster (Coach)

Won by 2 lengths, Richmond second, Rutherglen Lake third,
Other starters, Mercantile, Hawthorn, Ballarat City, Yarra Yarra,
Albert Park

PREMIERSHIPS

The points scored in the respective premierships were: -

<u>JUNIOR</u>					
	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Wins</u>	<u>Points</u>
Albert Park	25	93	Mildura	2	12
Mercantile	12	70	Lake Colac	3	10
Banks	12	44	Melbourne	3	10
Hawthorn	10	44	Preston	2	8
Essendon	8	30	Yea	4	8
Wentworth District	4	28	Wendouree	2	8
Dimboola	9	24	Barwon	2	4
Corio Bay	6	19	Nagambie	1	4
Ballarat	4	16	South Melbourne	4	4
Melbourne University	3	15	Bendigo	1	4
Footscray City	3	13	Ballarat City	1	2
Yarrawonga	4	12			

LIGHTWEIGHT

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Wins</u>	<u>Points</u>
South Melbourne	15	82	Richmond	1	4
Mercantile	3	24	Ballarat City	1	4
Yarra Yarra	2	10	Wendouree	1	2
Hawthorn	3	6	Albert Park	1	2

COUNTRY

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Wins</u>	<u>Points</u>
Wentworth District	4	28	Wendouree	3	10
Dimboola	9	24	Yea	4	8
Corio Bay	6	19	Ballarat City	2	6
Ballarat	4	16	Barwon	2	4
Yarrawonga	4	12	Nagambie	1	4
Mildura	2	12	Bendigo	1	4
Lake Colac	3	10			

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Inter-Universities Race: The University Boat Race for the Oxford Cambridge Cup was rowed on the Lower Yarra, Melbourne over a course of 2 1/4 miles on Saturday, 2nd June, 1956 and was won by Melbourne University for the seventh successive year from a record field of seven crews, winning by four lengths in 13 minutes, 7 seconds, with Western Australia, second, Brisbane, third, Sydney, fourth, N.S.W. University of Technology fifth, Tasmania, sixth and Adelaide seventh.

The congratulations of the members of the Association are extended to Melbourne University on another fine victory.

The Melbourne University was represented by J.A. Goodsall, bow; J.R. Colville, 2; E.M.H. Hilditch, 3; R.L. Simpson, 4; J.M. Jelbart, 5; I.W. McMillan, 6; J.W. Michie, 7; I.E. Douglas, stroke; J.F.H. New, Coxswain and Dr. L.S. Williams coach.

Inter-Collegiate Races: The Mervyn Bourne Higgins shield was won by Trinity College from Ormond College on the Upper Yarra course and the following day Trinity College raced Extra Collegiate for the John Lang Cup, this event being won by Extra Collegiate.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

The Head of the River was won by Geelong College by one length from Scotch College with Xavier College 3/4 length away third. The congratulations of the Association are extended to the Geelong College Crew and Coach, Mr. A. B. Bell.

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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES FOR SEASON 1956 - 1957

1956

Sept. 29	Novice Regatta
Oct. 6	Preston Novice Regatta
Oct. 11)	Olympic Test Races at Ballarat.
Oct. 13)	
Oct. 27	Upper Yarra Regatta
Nov. 3	Dimboola Regatta
Nov. 10	V. R. A. (Melbourne) Regatta
Nov. 23)	Olympic Rowing at Ballarat.
Nov. 27)	
Dec. 15	Victorian Four-oared Championships at Geelong.
Dec. 26	Nagambie Regatta and Victorian Pair-oared Championships
Dec. 29	Yarrawonga Regatta

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Jan. 1	Rutherglen Regatta
Jan. 1	Colac Regatta
Jan. 26	Yea Regatta
Jan. 28	Albert Park Lake Regatta
Feb. 16	Champion Eights and Sculls of Victoria.
Feb. 23	Ballarat Regatta
Mar. 2	Barwon Regatta
Mar. 9	Henley on the Yarra
Mar. 16	Hawthorn - Head of the River
Mar. 23	Champion Junior Eights and Champion Lightweight Eights
Mar. 30	Bendigo Regatta
Apr. 13	Public Schools - Head of the River
Apr. 20	Mildura Regatta
Apr. 20	Bairnsdale Regatta
Apr. 22	Wentworth Regatta
Apr. 22	Sale Regatta

Winter Series - Beginners, Novice and Maiden Events:

The Metropolitan Rowing Committee was granted permission to conduct on behalf of the Association the following events, points to count in the 1956/57 Premiership, the V.R.A. to accept the entries and provide the trophies.

June 23rd. Beginners pairs and Novice fours

July 14th. Novice pairs and Beginners fours

July 28th. Maiden pairs and Novice fours

August 14th. Maiden Pairs, Novice pairs and Beginners fours.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

The following decisions were made at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council held at Ballarat, on 3rd May, 1956 :-

Office Bearers : Mr. M. S. Williams was elected President until 31st. December, 1956 and Mr. N. W. Cairnes was elected Honorary Secretary.

Manager - Rowing Section - Australian Olympic Team:

Nominations for Manager were invited to close 31st. July, 1956 and to be submitted to a mail vote of the Council.

Test Race for Coxswainless Fours: In the event of the entries being received from only one State for the Coxswainless Fours Test Race it was decided to hold the Test Race in that State.

Edward Kenny Memorial Appeal: An appeal was opened to establish a memorial to the late Edward Kenny.

Test Races for XVth. Olympiad: The test races are to be held at Ballarat 11th. to 13th. October, 1956 under International conditions with the exception that a member of a crew may be replaced between the heats and the final subjects to the approval of the umpire. The events to be held over two days in the event of the entries not warranting three days. The events to be Four oar with cox, four oar without cox, pair oar with cox, pair without cox, double sculls.

SERVICES RENDERED

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

Messrs J. Hoppe, W. Green and S. Kennedy, for providing and driving coaching launches for Championship events and the King's Cup.

Xavier College for the loan of coaching launch for the King's Cup Crew.

Mr. Jack Coghlan, for assistance in transport arrangements, particularly transport of boats to and from Ballarat for Champion Eights and King's Cup.

Doctors Allan Dillon and W. Jenkins for services to the King's Cup Crew.

Messrs Keith Guthridge and Jack Walsh for provision of Launches for umpiring Championships on the Lower Yarra.

Messrs T. Rodda and Graham Richardson for preparation of the course for the King's Cup Race.

Ballarat City Council for assistance and co-operation in the conduct of the King's Cup.

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ten Executive and Ten Committee meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as under :-

Executive: N.W. Cairnes, C.E. James, S.R. Jeffery, G. Harding, F.A. Smit
D. J. Morgan, 10; N.F. Wilkinson, L.A. Wilkinson, 9; E.R. Dunn, 8;
E. Kenny, 7; Average Attendance; 9.3.

Committee: R.R. Aitken, J. Coghlan, N.W. Cairnes, J.R. Elliott,
G. Harding, S.R. Jeffery, C. E. James, D.J. Morgan, J.A. McBean,
W. Morrison, S.G. Richardson, T. Rodda, D.R. Salmon, F. A. Smith, R.W.
Todd, M. S. Williams, N.F. Wilkinson, 10. V.W. Bredby, J. Clifford,
B.R. Coningsby, B.J. Doyle, J.J. Donald, W.S. Escott, H.B. Kirsch,
P. Marken, F. Peters, R.R. Sullivan, R.W. Thursfield, A.D. Vale,
E. Woolcock, L.A. Wilkinson, 9; E.R. Dunn, R.B. Duncan, J.J. O'Neill,
V. Sharp, E. C. White, 8; J. Beattie, F. Easton, F. E. Findlay, T.S.
Flint, E. Kenny, R. H. Richardson, W. McIlroy, J. Mason, A.W. McLeish,
7; N.G. Cash, A.A. Fortington, L. Hagger, E. Handley, D.S. Stirling,
J. Webster, 6; G. Code, D. A. Calder, R. Jelbart, P. K. Murphy,
H. Shears, W. Wheatland, F. White, W.J. Waterfield, F. Way, 5; W. Burton,
A.E. Chandler, 4; F. B. Dennis, J. Hanger, R. J. March, L. Williams, 3;
D. Brock, H. Dry, P. N. Everist, E. Karby, I. Thompson, 2; J. Butcher,
E.R. Colville, H. R. Frederico, J. Hunt, P. Longshaw, C. Lewis,
E. Mulchay, J. Nougher, A. Rice, E. Willis, 1; Average Attendance; 52.0

N. W. CAIRNES

Honorary Secretary

Amateur Sports Club,
343 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

		<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
To	Balances at 1.9.55 :						
	E. S. and A. Bank . . .	£908	16	.			
	State Savings Bank . . .	967	1	1	£1875	17	1
"	Club Contributions				493	19	.
"	Registration fees:						
	Regattas	77	14	.			
	Coxswains	27			104	14	.
"	Regatta, 19.11.55:						
	Entry fees	46	9	.			
	Programmes	30	18	.	77	7	.
"	Trophy Money				876	4	6
"	Championships				50	5	.
"	King's Cup Race, Melbourne, 1956:						
	Gate receipts (nett)	397	1	9			
	Admission Tickets	50	19	.			
	Donations	134	11	.			
	Motor Boats	33	.	6			
	Programmes	171	10	6			
	Seat Fees	60	.	.			
	Picnic	102	15	6			
	Unclaimed Trophy Money	173	3	.			
	Entry fee levy	78	5	.			
	Collections	50	16	3			
	A.J. Shepherd Bequest	33	10	2			
	Social	5	14	.			
	Sundries	2	1	5			
"	Miscellaneous:						
	Olympic Bookings	755	9	.			
	Oars	48	.	.			
	Staging fees	31	10	.			
	Weight bags	7	14	.			
	Interest	19	16	2			
	Sundries	2	.	.	864	9	2
					£5636	4	2d

Audited and Found correct

J. Taylor, A.A.S.A. A.C.I.S.)

A.D. Vale)

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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

"A.J. SHEPHERD" BEQUEST.

Balance at 31.8.55	£650 .	Commonwealth Bonds	£500 . .
Received from the Estate of the late A.J. Shepherd	350	Balance at Bank	500 . .
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	£1000. . .		£1000 . .

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th June 1956.

ASSETS:

Bank Balances :				
E.S. and A. Bank	£1250	6	4	
State Savings Bank	1009	7	3	£2259 13 7
Commonwealth Bonds				500 . .
Savings Certificates				165 7 9
Association Property :				
Embossing dies	£1.	.	.	
Buoy	1	.	.	
Stationery	5	.	.	
Typewriter	10	.	.	
Typewriter	35	.	.	
Filing Cabinet	7	.	.	
Filing Cabinet	10	18	9	
Boat and Oars	600	.	.	
Blazer Pockets	34	17	6	704 16 3
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				£3629 17 7

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Trophy Money		£1045	16	9
Catering Picnic (estimated)		100	.	.
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		2484	.	10
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		£3629	17	7

Audited and found correct

(C. E. James).
Hon. Treasurer.

J. Taylor, A.A.S.A. }
 A.C.I.S. } Hon.
A. D. Vale } Auditors.

Melbourne, 1st July, 1956.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATED CLUBS. SEASON 1955/56.

	No of members	Club.Cont. 1954/55 £. s. d	No of members	Club Cont. 1955/56 £. s. d	Cox Regn. £. s. d
<u>METROPOLITAN</u>					
Albert Park			36	14. 8 .	15
Banks			200	80 . .	2 14
Essendon			125	50 . .	1 . .
Footscray City			24	9 12 .	14 . .
Hawthorn			56	22 8 .	1 . .
Melbourne			58	23 4 .	15 . .
Melbourne University			16	6 8 .	10 . .
Mercantile			240	96 . .	1 10 . .
Preston			17	6 16 .	10 . .
Richmond	14	4 18 .	52	20 16 .	18 . .
South Melbourne			11	4 8 .	1 8 . .
Yarra Yarra			69	27 12 .	1 . .
	14	4 18 .	904	£361 12 .	£12 14 .
<u>COUNTRY</u>					
Bairnsdale			7	1 15 .	
Ballarat			35	8 13 .	
Ballarat City			50	12 15 .	
Barwon			47	10 . .	
Bendigo			10	2 . .	
Corio Bay			10	4 . .	
Corowa					
Dimboola					
Eaglehawk					
Geelong					
Hamilton					
Wentworth					
Wentworth					
Rutherglen Lake			10	4 . .	
Sale					
Wahgunyah	2	9 . .	10	2 10 .	£ 1 . .
Warrnambool	20	4 10 .	8	2 . .	£ 15 . .
Wenduoree			49	12 5 .	1 4 . .
Wentworth			37	9 5 .	1 3 . .
Yarrowonga			25	5 15 .	15 . .
Yea			17	4 5 .	15 . .
Shepparton	30	6 15 .	8	2
	52	11 14 .	463	£115 15 .	£14 6 .
Grand Total	66	£16 12 .	1367	£477 7 .	£27 . .

Ø 10/- each for 1954/55

Melbourne, 1st July, 1956.

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Hon. Treasurer.