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AND
BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1957-1958

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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Eighty-second 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 Saturday, 30th August, 1958.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Eighty-first Annual Meeting held on 29th August, 1957.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-Bearers, viz., Patron, President, eight Vice-Presidents and two Honorary Auditors.
4. Presentation of Premiership Certificates.
5. Presentation of Championship Medallions.
6. To consider the following amendments to Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing, of which due notice has been given:—
 - (a) Amend Regulation 2 (gg) to read:—

“Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-regulations, when two or more regattas are to be held within an interval of not more than seventeen (17) days between the first and the last of such regattas, then if entries for a race at the second and/or any subsequent regatta held within the said period close before the date of the first regatta, an oarsman competing in a race at any such regatta shall, although he may have won at the first or any subsequent regatta within the period aforesaid and provided the required entry has been received for the races at such regattas in which he desires to compete, before the date of the first regatta shall be allowed to compete in any such race at such subsequent regatta, for which he was eligible prior to the first regatta.”
 - (b) Amend Regulation 24 (a) to read:—

“Boats will win by the bows, but the whole distance must be completed by the full crew before a crew can be held to have won a race.”
7. General.

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

2nd August, 1958.

N. W. CAIRNES,
Honorary Secretary.

**EIGHTY-SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
of the
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION**

TO THE MEMBERS.
GENTLEMEN,

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

Our pleasure at the continued success of Victorian eight-oared crews in winning the King's Cup was marred by the disappointment at the failure of our oarsmen to gain representation in the Australian Team for the British Empire Games of 1958.

Oarsmen and scullers from New South Wales won all the test races, and will be representing Australia at Cardiff. We congratulate them on their success, and wish them well in the British Empire Games and other International Regattas at which they will be competing.

Very close racing was witnessed in all three events of the King's Cup Regatta, held on the Nepean River, N.S.W., and all members of the Association are gratified at the success of our crews in the Australian Eight-oared Championship for the King's Cup and in the Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship, which was conducted for the first time. We congratulate the eight-oared crew on its third successive win for the King's Cup, and the lightweight four-oared crew on its splendid effort in winning the first Championship by three feet.

In congratulating the victorious King's Cup crew we must not forget the enthusiasm and generosity of our President, Mr. M. S. Williams, who has again donated the oars to the crew. Mr. Williams has made this generous presentation to every successful Victorian crew since 1946, and has himself set a splendid example to our crews by his enthusiasm for the advancement of Victorian and Australian rowing.

Our congratulations are extended to S. Rolls (N.S.W.), who won the Australian Sculling Championship for the President's Cup, and who has now been selected to represent Australia in the Pair-oars without Cox at the British Empire Games.

The amendment of two years ago to Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing by the deletion of the "fifty-fifty Junior rule" to help promote more senior rowing has shown the first signs of success in the year under review, and with increasing keenness engendered by the approach of the 1960 Olympic Games we are assured of increased competition in our senior rowing during the forthcoming season. The incentive for our oarsmen to strive for representation in international competition would be greatly strengthened if Clubs and members took a broader view of State and Australian rowing by rallying to the support of funds to send our oarsmen overseas.

We congratulate Mercantile Rowing Club on winning the Senior Premiership, Essendon Rowing Club on winning the Junior Premiership, Yarra Yarra Rowing Club on winning the Lightweight Premiership and Barwon and Dimboola Rowing Clubs on tying for the Country Premiership. The Junior Premiership again provided a close contest, being won by Essendon at the last regatta of the season by six points from Banks. This was Essendon's first premiership for

25 years, and we wish the Club greater success in the coming year and look forward to seeing more of its crews in senior rowing. The Country Premiership is arousing keen interest, and this year Barwon and Dimboola Clubs dead-heated with 52 points each.

A proposal to conduct a Country Championship appears to have every opportunity to be inaugurated in the coming season, and will provide further interesting competition for country oarsmen.

The success of the Winter Series for novice and beginner oarsmen, the greater interest being evinced by Public Schools in regatta racing, and the amazing progress of the Victorian High Schools' Rowing Association have materially assisted the growth of membership of the Association. Clubs with High Schools in the district are strongly urged to assist the schools in entering crews at the Annual Regatta of the High Schools in April. The interest of the Public Schools in our regatta racing is shown by the strong representation during the past season and the successful application by Scotch College to conduct a qualifying regatta during the forthcoming season. These activities, together with enthusiastic club administration, have helped the membership of the Association to reach its highest peak—nearly 1,600 members—for the past 30 years, and with applications before the Committee for the formation of new rowing clubs at Edenhope (Vic.) and Narranderah (N.S.W.), we look forward to the continued expansion of rowing in Victoria.

The membership for the past five years is as follows:—

	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
Metropolitan ..	919	966	904	990	1096
Country	538	509	463	510	496
	<u>1457</u>	<u>1475</u>	<u>1367</u>	<u>1500</u>	<u>1592</u>

The cost of sending crews interstate to contest the Australian Championships each year has been placing an ever-increasing strain on the finances of the Association. The cost of sending crews to Brisbane and Perth normally drains our finances, but thanks to a special fund-raising effort by Mr. N. F. Wilkinson we financed our successful 1957 crew to Brisbane and still finished with a small credit balance, and now, once again, we are indebted to him for the successful appeal he has just concluded to finance our representation in Perth next April. The work and enthusiasm Noel has put into the organisation of these appeals has been tremendous, and earned him the thanks and appreciation of all members of the Association, for without this assistance we would have found it necessary to impose a levy on all Clubs in order to send our representatives to Perth.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of our esteemed Patron, His Honour Sir Hayden Starke, a Past President of the Association who was responsible for the drawing up of the present Constitution of the Victorian Rowing Association.

EMPIRE GAMES TEST RACES

The Test Races for selection of crews to represent Australia at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games to be held at Cardiff, Wales, in July, 1958, were conducted at Ballarat, Victoria, on 18th January, 1958, and Penrith, N.S.W., on Saturday, 25th January, 1958.

The results of the Test Races were as follows:—

Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, Victoria — Saturday, 18th January

Eight-oars with Cox:—New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 2; Melbourne University, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 6 mins. 32.2 secs.

Double Sculls:—New South Wales No. 1 (M. Wood and M. Riley), 1; New South Wales No. 2, 2. Won by 2½ lengths. Time, 7 mins. 7.5 secs.

Nepean River, Penrith, N.S.W. — Saturday, 25th January

Four-oars with Cox won by New South Wales.

Four-oars without Cox won by New South Wales.

Pair-oars without Cox won by New South Wales.

The selected Rowing Team is as follows:—

Single Sculls.—Stuart Mackenzie.

Double Sculls.—M. T. Wood and M. Riley.

Eight-oars with Cox.—B. Evans, N. Clinton, R. Currall, V. Schweikert, K. Railton, P. Waddington, G. Allen and K. Evans. L. Robberds (cox), Dr. E. O. Longley (coach).

Four-oars with Cox and Four-oars without Cox will be made up from the Eight.

Pair-oars without Cox.—S. Roll and K. Webb.

Manager.—E. C. S. Holford.

Our representatives have now arrived in Great Britain, and have already made a good start at the Marlow and Royal Henley Regattas. We wish all members of the team success at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

**AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(The King's Cup)**

The King's Cup Regatta was conducted by the New South Wales Rowing Association on the Nepean River, Penrith, on Saturday, 3rd May, 1958. All States were represented in the King's Cup Race, which was rowed over three miles.

The selectors (Messrs. R. J. March and H. R. Duncan) appointed Mr. R. R. Aitken coach and third selector.

The Victorian Crew, consisting of H. R. Frederico (Mercantile), 11st. 11lb. (bow); D. H. Boykett (Mercantile), 13st. 2lb. (2); J. Morganti (Mercantile), 14st. (3); T. R. Davies (M.U.B.C.), 13st. 5lb. (4); J. M. Jelbart (M.U.B.C.), 14st. 1lb. (5); R. L. Simpson (M.U.B.C.), 13st. 4lb. (6); I. E. Douglas (M.U.B.C.), 12st. 8lb. (7); G. M. Taylor (Mercantile), 11st. 11lb. (stroke); R. C. Davies (Mercantile) (cox); W. S. Arnold (Mercantile), 13st. 2lb. and K. McMahon (Albert Park), 13st. 2lb. (emergencies); Mr. R. R. Aitken (coach), under the management of Mr. R. J. March, won a very close race by one and a quarter lengths from Western Australia in 15 minutes 50 seconds. At the start Queensland was first away, and after covering half a mile Victoria had moved into first position, closely pressed by Western Australia, with New South Wales in third position. Approaching the half-way mark Victoria still held the lead, and New South Wales was challenging Western Australia for second position. At two miles Western Australia was still holding off the New South Wales challenge and pressing Victoria. Victoria maintained its position, and with a quarter mile to go New South Wales was dropping back, whilst Victoria, increasing its rating, held off Western Australia in the race to the finish. Coming under the bridge the fourth man in the W.A. crew collapsed from exhaustion, and Victoria went on to win by one and a quarter lengths, with Western Australia, second, one and a quarter lengths in front of New South Wales, followed by Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia.

The congratulations of all members of the Association are extended to the crew and emergencies on a well-merited victory.

The hospitality extended to all visiting oarsmen by members of the Nepean Rowing Club and by the City of Penrith made the stay of all crews and supporters a happy one, providing everyone with the opportunity to visit the surrounding countryside and beauty spots. We very much appreciate the assistance received from our Liaison Officers, Messrs. Bob Ausburn and Tom Nickson. Mr. Bruce

Neale, President of the Nepean Rowing Club, made all crews and supporters welcome, and was always at the service of the visitors.

The Sunday after the regatta the crews and supporters were the guests of the N.S.W. Rowing Association at the Sydney Rowing Club, where at a most enjoyable function representatives from all States were able to indulge in the good fellowship which characterises all King's Cup Regattas.

We are indebted to Mr. Jim Molloy, who was of great assistance to the crew and coach before leaving Victoria by making himself and his speed boat available to coach the crew. The Association was saved a considerable expense in speed boat hire at Penrith by crew member David Boykett, who took his own boat and motor to the Regatta and made it available for coaching the Victorians.

Our Manager, Mr. Ron March, is to be congratulated on the manner in which he organised all details for the welfare of the team and the goodwill he created between the team and the citizens, officials and oarsmen of Penrith and the N.S.W. Rowing Association.

At the conclusion of the regatta a dinner and social evening at the R.S.L. Club was tendered to the team by the Victorian supporters.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (President's Cup)

South Australia was the only State not represented in the Australian Sculling Championship, which was conducted over the two and a half mile course.

Steve Roll (N.S.W.) led from the start, closely followed by Gerry Hubbard (W.A.) and Graham Squires (Tas.), with Don Dudgeon (Vic.) close up and Ken Goswell (Qld.) following. After three-quarters of a mile Squires (Tas.) moved past Hubbard (W.A.) into second position, but could not make much impression on Roll (N.S.W.), who was handling the difficult conditions well. Hubbard made every effort to regain the second position, but could make no impression on Squires, who was trying to make up the leeway and overtake Roll. Dudgeon continued to scull steadily, and was gradually moving up on Hubbard. With half a mile to go Squires made a strong challenge, but while reducing the margin could not overtake Roll. Hubbard at this stage was under pressure from Dudgeon, who was gradually reducing Hubbard's lead. S. Roll (N.S.W.) went on to win by five lengths from G. Squires (Tas.), with G. Hubbard (W.A.) four lengths further back, third, half a length in front of D. Dudgeon (Vic.), fourth, and K. Goswell (Qld.) finishing well back in fifth position. The time was 15 minutes 56 seconds.

We congratulate Steve Roll (N.S.W.) on winning the Australian Sculling Championship in his first year of competitive sculling.

AUSTRALIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

This event, introduced for the first time as an Australian Championship to provide an incentive for oarsmen weighing 10st. 10lbs. or under, proved a great success and attracted an entry of four crews from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

Victoria was represented by R. Tanner (South Melbourne), 10st. 5lbs. (bow); H. Stevens (South Melbourne), 10st. (2); G. Taylor (South Melbourne), 10st. 3lbs. (3); L. Gallagher (South Melbourne), 10st. 8lbs. (stroke); E. Jones (Ballarat City) (cox); S. Bulmer (Yarra Yarra), 10st. 6lbs. (emergency); and W. Graham (South Melbourne), coach.

Queensland, with a high rating, was first away, followed by Victoria New South Wales and South Australia. Queensland,

with its high rating, maintained a lead for the first three-quarters of a mile, when they began to tire. Victoria, closely followed by New South Wales, moved past to take the lead. New South Wales continued to press Victoria, and with a quarter mile to go challenged and went past Victoria. Coming under the bridge Victoria made a strong effort, but New South Wales withstood the challenge for a short time. However, Victoria, maintaining the pressure in the race for the line, gradually gained with every stroke to pass New South Wales right on the finishing line, and won by three feet, with Queensland five lengths further back third, and South Australia in fourth position. The time was 7 mins. 12 4-5 secs.

This concluded a day of good rowing, with keenly contested races, and we congratulate our Victorian Lightweights on the manner in which they fought back to win for Victoria the first Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship. This brilliant victory was made possible by the coach, Mr. W. Graham, and the assistance in training of the emergency, Stan Bulmer.

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (Norwich Shield)

(Sir Thomas Nettlefold Medallions)

(Holders: Melbourne University Boat Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course, 2¼ miles. 15th February, 1958.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 12 mins. 14.4 secs.

H. R. Frederico (bow), M. R. Keeley (2), R. Lee (3), G. McColl (4), J. Morganti (5), D. H. Boykett (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach).

Won by three-quarters of a length. Melbourne University Boat Club second, Banks third.

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

Rowed on the Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 14th Dec., 1957.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 7 mins. 15 secs.

R. Lee (bow), G. McColl (2), W. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), R. Davies (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach).

Won by a canvas. Corio Bay second, Albert Park third. Other starters: Wendouree and Melbourne University Boat Club.

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

Rowed on Lake Colac. Course, 1 mile. 1st January, 1958.

Won by Yarra Yarra Rowing Club. Time: 5 mins. 2 5-10 secs.

R. Libbis (bow), I. Allen (stroke), I. Kendrick (cox), F. Easton (coach).

Won by four lengths. Albert Park second, South Melbourne third, Essendon fourth.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holder: D. Dudgeon, Richmond Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course, 2¼ miles. 15th February, 1958.

Won by D. Dudgeon, Richmond Rowing Club. Time: 15 mins.

7.7 secs. N. Smith (Corio Bay) second, D. MacMillan (Corio Bay) third. Other starters: G. A. Pratt (Essendon), J. Hume (Yarra Yarra), W. I. Wilson (Mercantile), P. Begelhole (Yarra Yarra), E. Handley (Essendon).

Won by two lengths, with three lengths between second and third.

VICTORIAN 2,000-METRE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holder: D. Dudgeon, Richmond Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 14th Dec., 1957.

Won by G. Pratt, Essendon Rowing Club. J. Hume (Yarra Yarra) second, D. Dudgeon (Richmond) third. Other starters:

P. Begelhole (Yarra Yarra), N. Smith (Corio Bay), W. I. Wilson (Mercantile).

VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders: Melbourne Grammar School)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2,000 metres. 29th March, 1958.
Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 36 secs.

P. Sebire (bow), G. Lynch (2), P. Fraser (3), G. Lane (4), B. Vear (5), W. Thomas (6), J. Donaldson (7), W. O'Connell (stroke), D. Coveney (cox), W. N. Howell (coach).

Won by one and a half lengths. Essendon second, Melbourne Grammar School third. Other starters: Scotch College and Mercantile.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders: Footscray City Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 14th Dec., 1957.
Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 7 mins. 39 1-5 secs.

A. Cordell (bow), D. Oliver (2), S. Newcomb (3), C. Grant (stroke), C. Newman (cox), W. Wallace (coach).

Won by four lengths. Mildura second, Dimboola third, Corio Bay fourth.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holders: Footscray City Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Colac. Course, 1 mile. 1st January, 1958.

Won by Melbourne Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 47 secs.

P. Edwards (bow), J. Lloyd (stroke), M. Austen-Smith (cox), G. Barker (coach).

Won by three lengths. Essendon second, Footscray City third. Other starters: Preston, Yarra Yarra and Dimboola.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR 2,000-METRE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holder: D. MacMillan, Corio Bay Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2,000 metres. 29th March, 1958.

Won by N. Smith, Corio Bay Rowing Club. Time: 8 mins. 5 1-5 secs.

J. Hume (Yarra Yarra) second, R. Sykes (Corio Bay) third.
Won by two lengths.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holder: Leichhardt Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2,000 metres. 29th March, 1958.

Won by Yarra Yarra Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 51 secs.

B. Lewis (bow), P. Gill (2), J. Skidmore (3), W. Stevens (4), A. Rice (5), S. Bulmer (6), E. M. Wilson (7), R. Bulmer (stroke), I. Gosling (cox), D. Evans (coach).

Won by four lengths. Barwon second, Banks third.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP
(Holder: Yarra Yarra Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 14th Dec., 1957.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 52 1-5 secs.

D. Leach (bow), B. Mahon (2), P. Scott (3), C. Laird (stroke), P. Slevin (cox), W. R. B. Grose (coach).

Won by two lengths. Banks second, South Melbourne third, Corio Bay fourth. Other starter: Yarra Yarra.

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

Rowed on Lake Colac. Course, 1 mile. 1st January, 1958.

Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 27 5-10 secs.

G. Taylor (bow), R. Tanner (stroke), W. Jones (cox).
Won by three lengths. Yarra Yarra second, Dimboola third.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Senior

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Mercantile	16	72	Yarra Yarra	5	13
Melb. University	2	24	Footscray	1	2
Melbourne	8	20	Preston	1	2
Corio Bay	4	16	Richmond	1	2
Albert Park	2	14	Essendon	1	2

Junior

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Essendon	30	104	Yea	4	10
Banks	19	98	Wentworth District	1	8
Mercantile	19	76	Melb. University	3	8
Mildura	8	44	Footscray City	1	8
Dimboola	12	42	Power House	2	8
Albert Park	8	32	Nagambie	1	4
Corio Bay	5	28	Bairnsdale	1	4
Richmond	7	26	Melbourne	1	4
Yarra Yarra	9	21	South Melbourne	1	4
Hawthorn	3	20	Rutherglen Lake	1	4
Barwon	4	20	Ballarat City	1	4
Wendouree	5	18	Ballarat	1	4
Corowa	6	18	Bendigo	1	2
Preston	5	12	Lake Colac	1	2

Lightweight

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Yarra Yarra	8	52	Banks	1	6
South Melbourne	10	36	Richmond	2	4
Barwon	3	32	Ballarat	2	4
Dimboola	3	10	Albert Park	2	2
Mercantile	2	8	Wendouree	1	2

Country

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Barwon	7	52	Ballarat	3	8
Dimboola	15	52	Nagambie	1	4
Corio Bay	9	44	Bairnsdale	1	4
Mildura	8	44	Rutherglen Lake	1	4
Wendouree	6	20	Ballarat City	1	4
Corowa	6	18	Lake Colac	1	2
Yea	4	10	Bendigo	1	2
Wentworth District	1	8			

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Inter-Universities' Race: The 64th Annual Universities' Boat Race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was conducted over a three-mile course on the Port River, Port Adelaide, South Australia. After holding the title for eight successive years, Melbourne University lost the Cup to Queensland University by four lengths. Sydney University was third three-quarters of a length further back, with N.S.W. University of Technology fourth, Western Australia fifth and South Australia sixth. The time was 17 mins. 48 secs.

The Melbourne University was represented by J. A. Goodsall (bow), P. A. J. Roff (2), D. B. Jones (3), C. E. McDonald (4), M. R. Jones (5), D. J. Price (6), P. D. H. Heysen (7), J. R. Colville (stroke), P. H. Manger (cox), Mr. G. H. Nicholson (coach).

Inter-Universities' Sculling: Melbourne University was represented by J. Mulcahy, who finished second to W. Hatfield (N.S.W. Technology).

Inter-Collegiate Races (21st and 22nd April, 1958): Ormond defeated Queen's in the first heat, and Trinity defeated Newman in

the second heat. Ormond defeated Trinity in the final, winning the Mervyn Bourne Higgins Shield.

John Lang Cup: The John Lang Cup was raced for on 24th April by Ormond (winner of the Inter-Collegiate) and Extra-Collegiate, and was won by Extra-Collegiate.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

The 1958 Head of the River Race was rowed on the Barwon River, Geelong. The heats were rowed on Friday, 18th April, and were won by Xavier College, Geelong College and Melbourne Grammar. The final on Saturday, 19th April, was won by Melbourne Grammar from Geelong College and Xavier College, who dead-heated for second.

We congratulate the Melbourne Grammar crew and its coach on a fine victory. The coxswain of the Melbourne Grammar Crew was Rodney Davies, who went on to steer the Victorian Eight to victory in the King's Cup.

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES FOR SEASON 1958-59

September, 1958—

- 20.—Novice Regatta (Metropolitan Regatta Committee).
- 27.—Preston Novice Regatta.

November—

- 1.—Dimboola Regatta.
- 15.—V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta.
- 15.—Scotch College: Novice and Beginner Schoolboys' Regatta.
- 22.—Upper Yarra Regatta.

December—

- 13.—Vic. Four-oared Championships and 2,000-metre Sculls.
- 26.—Nagambie Regatta.
- 27.—Yarrawonga Regatta.

January 1st, 1959—

- 1.—Rutherglen Regatta and Vic. Pair-oared Championships.
- 1.—Colac Regatta.
- 24.—Yea Regatta.
- 26.—Albert Park Lake Regatta.
- 31.—Footscray Regatta.

February—

- 14.—Champion Eights and Sculls of Victoria (Lower Yarra)
- 21.—Ballarat Regatta.
- 28.—Barwon Regatta.

March—

- 7.—Henley on the Yarra.
- 14.—Hawthorn Head of the Yarra.
- 21.—Champion Junior and Lightweight Eights and Junior Sculls.
- 21.—Bendigo Regatta. (Lower Yarra)
- 28.—Mildura Regatta.
- 28.—Sale Regatta.
- 30.—Wentworth Regatta.
- 30.—Sale Regatta.

April—

- 4.—Scotch College/Mercantile Regatta (Qualifying).
- 18.—King's Cup Regatta at Perth, Western Australia.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

The following decisions were made by the Australian Amateur Rowing Council during the year and at the Annual Meeting held in Penrith, N.S.W.:—

Empire Games Test Races—Single Sculls: That the Australian

champion sculler, Stuart Mackenzie, who won the Diamond Sculls at 1957 Royal Henley and Single Sculls at the 1957 European Championships, be nominated as Australian representative for the Single Sculls at the British Empire Games to be held at Cardiff, Wales, in 1958; and the Test Race for Single Sculls cancelled.

Empire Games Test Races—Eights and Double Sculls: In view of the success of Victoria in the 1957 King's Cup Race and the proposed cancellation of Test Race for Single Sculls, the provisional venues for the Empire Games Test Races for eights and double sculls be cancelled and the test race for eights be conducted at Ballarat, Victoria, and the test race for double sculls be conducted at Penrith, N.S.W.

Entry Fee for Test Races: That an entry fee of £10 be lodged with all entries in test races conducted under the direction of the Council, and in the event of an entrant not starting, such entry fee be forfeited to the Association conducting the test races, if in the opinion of the Council reasonable grounds for non-start have not been furnished by the entrant.

Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship: The members of the Council expressed satisfaction with the entry of four crews, and decided to continue with the event.

King's Cup Regatta, 1959: The Amateur Rowing Association of Western Australia was granted permission to include the Public Schools' Head of the River on the King's Cup programme, and it was recommended that the race be held on Saturday, 18th April, 1959.

Helms Trophy Award for Australasia for 1957: We congratulate Stuart Mackenzie on being awarded the Helms Trophy for Australasia for 1957. Following his epic race in the Olympic Single Sculls of 1956, in which he finished second to Y. Ivanov, of Russia, he had a season of remarkable success in 1957, winning in addition to a large number of first-class sculling races the championships of New Zealand, Australia and Europe, the Diamond Sculls at Royal Henley and the International Single Sculls at Bruges, Belgium.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The following amendments to the Rules and Regatta Regulations were adopted at the 1957 Annual Meeting:—

Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing: The amendments to REGULATION 1 and REGULATION 2, moved by Mr. N. F. Wilkinson and detailed on Pages 1, 3 and 4 of the Agenda in the Annual Report for 1956-57, were ADOPTED.

REGULATION 7 was amended to read:—

7.—The following must be printed in all programmes of regattas approved by the Victorian Rowing Association and no alteration or addition may be made to these notices unless the permission of the Association is obtained:—

PUNCTUAL STARTING.—Crews must be at the starting point five (5) minutes before advertised starting time of their race. Penalty: Disqualification, or fine up to £2.

NON-STARTERS.—Non-starters in any event must notify the Secretary at least one (1) hour before the time fixed for starting such event. Penalty: Fine up to £1.

TAKING OPPONENTS' COURSE.—Crews leaving their true course during a race and thereby impeding by their wash, or otherwise, any other competing crew, shall be liable to disqualification. A boat's true course is the shortest way to the winning post, leaving room for all opposing crews to come up level in the position in which they started.

SIGNAL TO STOP.—The signal to stop a race is TWO shots from the Umpire's pistol.

PROTESTS.—Protests for fouling or interference must be made to Umpire or Judge by competitor before leaving his boat, and must be confirmed in writing and handed to the Judge, with deposit of ten shillings (10/-), within half an hour of finish of disputed race. Protests on matters outside the Umpire's jurisdiction must be lodged in writing, with a deposit of ten shillings (10/-) with the Judge or Secretary within half an hour of finish of disputed race.

ACCOMPANYING BOATS.—No boats shall accompany any competing boat. Penalty: Disqualification.

DELAYS.—Delays will not be permitted at the start on account of broken oars, lashings or fittings.

DISQUALIFIED CREWS.—Disqualified crews or scullers will not be permitted to row down the course in front of any race or in company with crews whilst competing in a race. Penalty: Fine £1.

SUBSTITUTES.—Names of substitutes must be notified to the Secretary before the race. Penalty: Fine up to £2 or disqualification.

COXSWAINS.—Coxswains must weigh in at (insert time) on (insert date) at (insert place). The winning coxswain must also weigh in after each event.

LIGHTWEIGHT CREWS.—Lightweight crews must weigh in at (insert time) on (insert date) at (insert place). Winning lightweight crew must also weigh in after the final.

CONTROL OF CREWS.—Crews proceeding to the starting point shall obey the instructions of any Umpire or Traffic Steward on duty. Failure to do so shall make the offending crew liable to a fine of up to £2.

REGULATION 11 was amended to read:—"The members of each crew shall be correctly attired and wear the Club's registered colours."

REGULATION 16 (e) was amended to read:—"It shall be considered a foul when, after the race has commenced, any competitor by his oar, boat or person comes in contact with the oar, boat or person of another competitor."

REGULATION 17 was amended by the addition of:—" (c) The umpire shall be the sole judge as to whether the championship course is safe for racing."

REGULATION 20 was amended to read:—"No boat shall be allowed to accompany any competing boat. The umpire may without appeal declare any boat disqualified that may derive any advantage thereby."

RULE XXXV. was amended to read:—

XXXV.—The Victorian Rowing Association shall approve an application from a Club to include one or more oarsmen from other Clubs in a senior eight-oared or four-oared crew, providing—

- (a) All available eligible senior oarsmen of the Club making the application have been provided with satisfactory competition in the Club's crews.
- (b) That the Clubs from which oarsmen will be invited to compete have not more than three eligible senior oarsmen available and the invitation will not preclude eligible senior oarsmen from such Clubs gaining satisfactory competition.

- (c) Application signed by the Club Secretary and endorsed by the Secretary or Secretaries of other Club or Clubs concerned must be lodged with the Secretary of the Victorian Rowing Association at least 14 days prior to the closing date of entries for the first Regatta at which the crew desires to compete.
- (d) The selectors of the Victorian Rowing Association are empowered to examine the applications and make a recommendation to the Committee.
- (e) A permit shall apply for one season only or until such time in that season when one or more of the Clubs is debarred because of failure to comply with the above provisos and a fresh application must be lodged when additional oarsmen from another Club are included in the crew.
- (f) Premiership points shall be awarded according to the Club representation in the crew.

COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Corowa Rowing Club was granted permission to change its racing colours to a "bright red singlet with two black hoops."

Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship: It was decided to conduct a test race for selection of a crew to represent Victoria on Saturday, 15th February, 1958.

Victorian Selectors: Messrs. R. R. Aitken and R. J. March were elected. On the resignation of Mr. Aitken later in the year, Mr. H. R. Duncan was appointed.

Regatta Time Tables: Regatta Committees were reminded of the necessity to notify all Clubs of the Regatta Time Table as soon as possible after the draw.

Sale Regatta: Permission was granted to the Sale Regatta Committee to conduct a double regatta on Easter Saturday and Monday following the withdrawal of Bairnsdale.

Unauthorised Crews on Championship Course: It was decided that crews training would be permitted to row through the Championship Course with the permission of the Starter, Judge or Umpire, but any crew or sculler remaining on the course after being warned shall be fined £1 per man, such fine to be paid by the Club of which the crew or sculler is a member.

Winter Series: The Metropolitan Regatta Committee was granted permission to conduct the Winter Series of Novice and Beginner Events on the following dates:—17th May, 21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 1958.

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:—

Dr. T. Powell Dawes for making a medical examination of the State representatives for the Australian Championships.

Mr. R. J. Jelbart for assistance in producing new edition of Rules of the Association and Regatta Programmes.

Mr. Jack Coghlan for his assistance with transport of boats and equipment.

Mr. Tom Rodda for his assistance in preparing Lower Yarra Course for Championship events.

Messrs. J. Taylor and A. D. Vale for services as Honorary Auditors.

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

Messrs. Balfe, Coningsby, Flint and Todd for the publicity they have given Rowing throughout the year.
Australian Broadcasting Commission and Mr. K. Dakin for the cover allocated to Rowing through the National Radio and Television network.
Melbourne City Council, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners for assistance and co-operation during the year.

DONATIONS

The sincere thanks of your Committee are extended to the following generous donors:—

To the King's Cup Fund.—Mr. M. S. Williams, £80; Tattersall's Sweep Consultation, £50.

To the Olympic Games Fund.—Mr. R. J. Jelbart, £25/17/-.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that the passing of the following old oarsmen is recorded:—

Sir Hayden Starke, Patron.

Mr. C. J. McCarthy, Vice-President of the Banks Rowing Club.

Mr. P. C. Dowling, a past Secretary of the Banks Rowing Club.

Col. G. I. Stevenson, a past President of Yarra Yarra Rowing Club.

To their relatives and friends we express our sincere sympathy.

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ten Executive and ten Committee Meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as under:—

Executive: F. A. Smith, T. Rodda, 10; E. R. Dunn, R. G. Harding, N. W. Cairnes, S. B. Jeffery, N. F. Wilkinson, 9; L. A. J. Wilkinson, 8; D. J. Morgan, 7; C. E. James, 6. Average attendance, 8.6.

Committee: R. R. Aitken, J. Clifford, J. Donald, F. Easton, J. McBean, P. Marxen, W. Morrison, D. Stirling, M. S. Williams, N. F. Wilkinson, L. A. J. Wilkinson, F. Way, 10; J. Beattie, N. W. Cairnes, J. Elliott, C. E. James, S. R. Jeffery, H. B. Kirsch, W. McIlroy, F. Peters, T. Rodda, F. A. Smith, D. R. Salmon, R. R. Sullivan, R. W. Thursfield, J. Webster, E. Woolcock, 9; G. Clegg, B. Coningsby, H. Duncan, E. R. Dunn, T. S. Flint, W. Glasson, D. J. Morgan, W. Nicholson, J. O'Neill, R. W. B. Todd, 8; A. A. Fortington, R. G. Harding, J. McGregor, G. O'Connor, L. Williams, W. Waterfield, 7; D. H. Boykett, J. Coghlan, I. Chanter, D. A. Calder, R. J. March, F. X. Murphy, 6; G. L. Code, D. Christie, E. Handley, H. Nicholson, W. F. Pinder, R. H. Richardson, W. Wheatland, E. White, 5; J. Hume, G. Kemp-Robinson, A. McLeish, J. McAulley, V. Sharp, A. D. Vale, 4; R. Jelbart, W. Wallace, 3; V. Bradby, W. Bradshaw, F. B. Dennis, I. Douglas, W. S. Escott, H. R. Frederico, W. Raper, 2; J. Coe, L. Hagger, P. Lynch, R. Kent, J. R. Mason, D. Oliver, K. Pratt, S. G. Richardson, I. Thompson, 1. Average attendance, 50.7.

On behalf of the Committee,

N. W. CAIRNES,

Honorary Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

To Bank Balances at 1/7/57—			
E.S. & A. Bank	£1163	9	0
State Savings Bank	1059	11	7
		£2223	0 7
„ Club Contributions		602	12 0
„ Registration Fees—			
Regattas	£102	18	0
Coxswains	35	10	0
		138	8 0
„ Regatta—V.R.A. Regatta, 16/11/57—			
Entry Fees	£65	5	0
Programmes	25	17	0
		91	2 0
„ Trophy Money		981	13 6
„ Championships—Entry Fees		54	15 0
„ King's Cup Race, Sydney, 1958—			
Seat Fees, 1957	£100	0	0
Donation (Set Oars—Mr. M. S. Williams)	80	0	0
Donation (Tattersall's)	50	0	0
Entry Fee Levy	124	11	0
Social Collections (Mr. D. J. Morgan)	28	0	2
A. J. Shepherd Bequest	48	7	10
		430	19 0
„ Miscellaneous—			
Staging Fees	£63	0	0
Weightbags	12	7	0
Fines	2	10	0
Re-registration Fee	3	3	0
Donations Empire Games Fund	3	2	0
Sundries	3	10	3
Interest—State Savings Bank	28	12	1
E.S. & A. Bank	34	12	10
		150	17 2
		£4673	7 3

Audited and found correct.

J. TAYLOR, A.A.S.A., A.C.I.S.
A. D. VALE

Hon. Auditors.

DISBURSEMENTS — SEASON 1957-58

Disbursements

By Regatta—V.R.A., 16/11/57—			
Programme Covers	£8	0	4
Amplifiers	7	7	0
			£15 7 4
„ Trophies—			
V.R.A. Regatta, 16/11/57 . . .	£68	0	0
Other Regattas	998	18	6
			1066 18 6
„ King's Cup Race, Sydney, 1958—			
Accommodation	£384	14	9
Fares	208	5	0
Motor Boats	55	16	5
Singlets	15	8	0
Oars	83	9	1
Photos	9	18	4
Boat Repairs and Storage . . .	13	3	2
Laurel Wreaths	4	16	0
Insurance	3	2	6
Freight—1957	52	6	1
1958	27	10	0
Sundries	5	14	6
			864 3 10
„ Miscellaneous—			
Printing and Postage	£165	15	5
Staging Fees	63	0	0
Medallions	36	11	0
Affiliation and Booking Fees . .	41	7	0
Honoraria	50	0	0
Insurance	28	7	9
Premiership Certificates and Frames	28	10	0
Amplifiers—Test Races	17	3	6
Trophies	44	7	0
Weightbags	22	10	0
Boat Repairs	63	17	5
Freight	47	10	0
Transhailer	47	0	0
Sundries	3	4	0
			659 3 1
„ Bank Balances at 30/6/58—			
E.S. & A. Bank	£931	3	0
State Savings Bank	1136	11	6
			2067 14 6
			£4673 7 3

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st July, 1958.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

"A. J. SHEPHERD" BEQUEST

Balance at 1/7/57—£1000 Invested Commonwealth Bonds—£1000

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1958

Assets			
Bank Balances—			
E.S. & A. Bank	£931	3	0
State Savings Bank	1136	11	6
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			£2067 14 6
Commonwealth Bonds		1000	0 0
Savings Certificates		176	17 0
Association Property—			
Stationery	£40	0	0
Typewriter	10	0	0
Typewriter	35	0	0
Filing Cabinet	7	0	0
Filing Cabinet	10	18	9
Boat and Oars	500	0	0
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			602 18 9
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			£3847 10 3

Liabilities

Trophy Money outstanding	£694	0	3
Olympic Games Fund (per Mr. R. Jelbart)		25	17 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		3127	13 0
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			£3847 10 3

Audited and found correct.

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A. D. VALE

Hon. Auditors.

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.