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ROWING ASSOCIATION

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EIGHTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

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SEASON 1958-1959  
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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Eighty-third 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, 29th August, 1959.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Eighty-second Annual Meeting held on 30th August, 1958.
 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. General.
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All members of the Association are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting.

7th August, 1959.

N. W. CAIRNES,
Honorary Secretary.

EIGHTY-THIRD
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-third Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Victorian Rowing Association.

In the rowing events of the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Wales, Australia, represented by oarsmen and scullers from New South Wales, performed well, and maintained the prestige of Australian rowing in international competition, winning the single sculls, second in the eight-oared event, second in the double sculls, third in the four-oared crews with cox, third in the pair-oared crews without cox, and fourth in the four-oared crews without cox.

While gratified at the success of the Australian crews, we Victorians were disappointed when the New South Wales eight-oared crew, which included five members of the successful Empire Games crew, defeated Victoria in the King's Cup Race at Perth.

The forthcoming season is one of vital importance to Victorian oarsmen, with the XVIIth Olympiad to be conducted in Rome from the 25th August, 1960. The King's Cup Race, to be held at Launceston (Tas.) over a 2,000 metres course on Saturday, 19th March, 1960, is to be the test race for eight-oared crews for the Olympic Games, and shortly after test races for four-oared crews with cox and pair-oared crews with cox will be held in Victoria; also test races for four-oared crews without cox, pair-oared crews without cox and double sculls will be held in New South Wales.

The Championships and Regattas for Season 1959-60 have been planned to fit in with the earlier King's Cup Race and other Olympic Test Races, and in addition provision has been made for oarsmen with King's Cup and Olympic prospects to obtain senior eight-oared racing experience in order that Victoria may have the widest possible field from which to draw for these important test races.

We congratulate the New South Wales eight-oared crew and coach (Mr. P. Cayzer) on regaining the King's Cup after eight years, and extend our congratulations to W. Hatfield, who retained the President's Cup for New South Wales.

The Lightweight Four-oared Championship for the Penrith Cup attracted a satisfactory entry of four crews for the second of these championships, and we congratulate the local Western Australian crew, which won convincingly from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

All members of the Association are proud of the performance of the Victorian representatives in the Australian Championships, and we are confident they will prove very hard to beat in the forthcoming season.

A feature of the regatta season under review was the increased participation of crews from the Public Schools and High Schools, creating a wider interest and providing added keenness to all racing.

The Senior Premiership was won by Mercantile for the second successive year. Richmond won its first premiership for 20 years when, after a close contest with Mercantile, it won the Junior Premiership; and Essendon, after winning the Junior Premiership last season, followed it up with the Lightweight Premiership this season. The Country Premiership was won convincingly by Dimboola, they dead-heating in the same premiership last year.

We all join in congratulating these clubs on their Premiership successes.

The first Country Rowing Championships, organised by Mr. A. Worrall Jones of Yea, proved most successful, being patronised by all country centres and providing close races. These events will again be a feature of our racing programme for Season 1959-60.

The Annual Regatta of the Victorian High Schools Rowing Association has been attracting increasing numbers of competitors every year, and the Seventh Annual Regatta conducted on the Henley course was contested by 192 competitors in 38 crews.

An innovation was a qualifying regatta conducted by Scotch College and Mercantile Rowing Club to provide increased racing opportunities for Public and High Schools crews prior to their respective annual regattas and additional qualifying races for club crews.

The regatta proved one of the most successful for many years, providing keen competition between club oarsmen and senior crews from the schools in the qualifying events, and valuable racing experience for the schools' junior crews in the non-qualifying events for school eights and fours. There was a record entry of 694 competitors in 137 crews, representing 29 clubs and schools. The regatta set an example for efficient organisation and split second timing, and we look forward to the continuation of this fixture.

The membership of the Association has further improved during the year just past, and there is no doubt that some part of this growth may be attributed to the increased interest of the schools in both their own regattas and those conducted by the Association. The following figures show the growth of the Association over the past five years:—

	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
Metropolitan	966	904	990	1,096	1,180
Country	509	463	510	496	550
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	1,475	1,367	1,500	1,592	1,730

This striking increase in our membership is gratifying, but it is to be regretted that 290 of these members were unfinancial at the end of the financial year.

The Association this year was faced with large financial commitments in sending representatives to contest the Australian Championships in Perth, Western Australia, and once again we are indebted to Mr. Noel Wilkinson, who organised a fund which we hope will be a foundation for financing this and future interstate representation. Donations came from many old oarsmen, business houses and well-wishers, and we are extremely grateful to these generous supporters, also to Mr. Wilkinson for his great effort.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Mr. J. M. Macfarlane as Patron of the Victorian Rowing Association after more than 50 years' service to rowing as a coxswain, oarsman, coach and administrator.

We welcome Mr. R. R. Aitken as Chairman of Committee, to which position he was appointed during the absence of our President, Mr. M. S. Williams, who has gone abroad and will be visiting the European Rowing Championships as the representative of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council.

6th BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The rowing events of the 6th British Empire and Commonwealth Games were held on Lake Padarn, North Wales, in July, 1958, Australia being represented in all events, the results of which were as follows:—

Eight-oared Crews with Cox:—Canada, 1 (5 mins. 55.1 secs.); Australia, 2 (5 mins. 56.1 secs.); England, 3; Scotland, 4. Australia was represented by B. L. Evans (bow), 12st.; N. J. Clinton (2), 13st. 4lbs.; R. R. Currall (3), 12st. 8lbs.; V. A. Schweikert (4), 12st. 12lbs.; K. P. Railton (5), 13st. 7lbs.; P. R. Waddington (6), 13st. 11lb.; G. K. Allen (7), 13st. 4lbs.; K. J. Evans (stroke), 12st. 5lbs.; L. P. Robberds (cox), Dr. E. O. Longley (coach).

Single Sculls:—Australia, 1 (7 mins. 20 secs.); New Zealand, 2 (7 mins. 23 secs.); England, 3; South Africa, 4. Australia was represented by Stuart A. MacKenzie.

Four-oared Crews without Cox:—England, 1 (6 mins. 34.4 secs.); Canada, 2 (6 mins. 38.9 secs.); Wales, 3; Australia, 4. Australia was represented by R. Currall (bow), 11st. 12lbs.; V. Schweikert (2), 12st. 12lbs.; G. Allen (3), 12st. 8lbs.; K. Evans (stroke), 12st. 10lbs.

Four-oared Crews with Cox:—England, 1 (6 mins. 46.5 secs.); Canada, 2 (6 mins. 53.2 secs.); Australia 3; New Zealand, 4. Australia was represented by B. Evans (bow), 12st.; N. Clinton (2), 13st.; K. Railton (3), 12st. 10lbs.; P. Waddington (stroke), 12st.; L. Robberds (cox).

Double Sculls:—England, 1 (6 mins. 56.4 secs.); Australia, 2 (7 mins. 01.4 secs.); New Zealand, 3; Canada, 4. Australia was represented by M. T. Wood and S. A. Mackenzie.

Pair-oared Crews without Cox:—New Zealand, 1 (7 mins. 11 secs.); England, 2; Australia, 3; Wales, 4. Australia was represented by S. Roll (bow), 11st. 3 lbs.; and K. P. Webb (stroke), 13st.

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

The King's Cup Regatta was conducted by the Amateur Rowing Association of Western Australia on the Swan River, Perth, over the three miles course on Saturday, 18th April, 1959. Queensland was the only State not represented in the event.

The Selectors (Mr. R. J. March and Dr. L. S. Williams) appointed Mr. R. R. Aitken coach and third selector.

The Victorian crew consisted of H R. Frederico (Mercantile), 11st. 10lbs. (bow); J. G. Howden (M.U.B.C.), 11st 11lbs. (2); D. H. Boykett (Mercantile), 13st 3lbs. (3); G. McCall (Mercantile), 13st. 13lbs. (4); J. Hunt (M.U.B.C.), 13st. 11lb. (5); W. N. Howell (Banks), 13st. 3lbs. (6); W. S. Arnold (Mercantile), 12st. 12lbs. (7); G. M. Taylor (Mercantile), 11st. 11lbs. (stroke); J. Cockbill (M.U.B.C.) (cox); I. E. Douglas (M.U.B.C.), 12st. 9lbs, P. Guest (M.U.B.C.), 13st. 4lbs. (emergencies); Mr. R. R. Aitken (coach); under the managership of Mr. T. Rodda.

With a view to becoming familiar with the course and getting the maximum advantage of training together, the crew arrived in Perth on 6th April, 12 days prior to the race. It was unfortunate that immediately following their arrival a number of members of the eight, the four and the sculler became ill as the result of a virus infection prevalent at the time in Perth. This was so severe, it prevented training for the best part of a week. It was fortunate for the sick members of the crew that Dr. Hunt, father of our five

man (John Hunt), made himself available and ministered to the invalids during the period of their illness.

Crews were drawn in the race as follows:—New South Wales, No. 1; Tasmania, No. 2; Victoria, No. 3; South Australia, No. 4; Western Australia, No. 5.

The race started in perfect conditions, Victoria immediately taking the lead, and at the end of the $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile Victoria had a length lead from New South Wales and Western Australia; at the $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile Victoria had further increased its lead, and New South Wales was a length in front of Western Australia, followed by Tasmania and South Australia. At this stage New South Wales had steadied the rating to 36, and began to draw Victoria back. The first mile saw New South Wales, rating 34, rowing with precision and racing level with Victoria, who were beginning to feel the strain. Western Australia was well up with the leaders, holding off a challenge from Tasmania, with South Australia close up. New South Wales, maintaining a rating slightly higher than Victoria gradually moved past, and with perfect rowing had a lead of three-quarters of a length at the half-way mark. Victoria, feeling the strain, and closely pressed by Western Australia, challenged New South Wales, but was unable to make any impression. Again at the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -mile mark Victoria challenged and reduced the leeway slightly, but then New South Wales increased its rating to 36 and drew away to win by four lengths from Victoria, with Western Australia two lengths further back in third position, followed by Tasmania (fourth) and South Australia. Time: 15 mins. 34 secs.

The congratulations of the Association are extended to the New South Wales crew and Mr. Phil Cayzer (coach) on a fine victory.

Our congratulations are extended to the Amateur Rowing Association of Western Australia on the organisation and presentation of the King's Cup Regatta which, together with the added attraction of the Schools' Head of the River, drew an estimated attendance of 40,000 people, who witnessed excellent rowing under ideal conditions.

The picnic to Bindoon Boys' Town in perfect weather conditions on the Sunday afternoon was highlighted by the eagerness of the boys to show the visitors the property, and helped to make it a memorable day.

We appreciate the assistance rendered to our representatives by the Liaison Officer, Mr. Ken Roberts, and the generous support of his brother, Doug Roberts, who made a vehicle available to the crew. We thank Mr. John Hargreaves for the loan of his outboard hull for the coaching; also the Swan River Rowing Club, with its Captain, Bob Humerey, for the facilities of the boat house and ready assistance at all times.

Our representatives earned our appreciation for their fine showing, and while their efforts were not successful, we know they were not disgraced, and look forward with confidence to the next King's Cup race in Launceston, which will be the test race for eight-oared crews for the 17th Olympiad. We thank our manager, Mr. Tom Rodda, for the manner in which he organised and looked after the Victorian representatives.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (President's Cup)

South Australia was the only State not represented in the Australian Sculling Championship, which was raced over the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -mile course on the Swan River.

Victoria was represented by N. Smith (Corio Bay), 13 stone, who had the misfortune to have his boat completely smashed in transport from Victoria, necessitating using a scull generously loaned by Gerry Hubbard, the Western Australian sculler.

In the race W. Hatfield (N.S.W.) took the lead in the first 100 yards, and thereafter he was never headed. At the end of the first half-mile he had a comfortable lead, and was in command of the race all the way, going on to win by 17 seconds from G. Squires (Tasmania), with G. Hubbard (W.A.) third, followed by N. Smith (Vic.), with R. H. McLellan (Q'land) fifth. Time: 15 mins. 31½ secs.

Victorian oarsmen had a preview of the form of the winner when he won the Silver Sculls earlier in the year at Henley on the Yarra, and we congratulate Bill Hatfield on his fine performance in winning the President's Cup.

AUSTRALIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (Penrith Cup)

The second Lightweight Four-oared Championship again attracted a field of four crews from Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

All crews got away well at the 2,000-metres start, and Western Australia was the first to reach the front from a fine start and established a substantial lead early, but New South Wales settled down and narrowed the margin. At the half-way mark New South Wales was challenging Western Australia, with Victoria close up in third position. However, Western Australia resisted the pressure, and rowing smoothly and cleanly, went way again to win by 2½ lengths from New South Wales, with Victoria 2½ lengths further back third, followed by South Australia. Time: 7 mins. 1½ secs.

Victoria was represented by R. Tanner (South Melbourne), 10st. 2lbs. (bow); D. Dunn (Essendon), 10st. 10lbs. (2); G. Taylor (South Melbourne (10st. 7lbs. (3); L. Gallagher (South Melbourne), 10st. 10lbs. (stroke); E. Jones (Ballarat City) (cox); C. Strode (Essendon), 10st. 10lbs. (emergency) and W. Graham (coach).

We congratulate the Western Australian crew on its success, and express our appreciation of the efforts of our own crew.

VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (Norwich Shield)

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

Rowed on the Lower Yarra. Course, 2¼ miles. 14th February, 1959.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 11 mins. 45 3-5 secs.

H. R. Frederico (bow), M. G. Tomanovits (2), R. Lee (3), C. C. Grant (4), D. H. Boykett (5), G. McCall (6), W. S. Arnold (7), G. M. Taylor (st.), C. J. Newman (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach).
Won by 2½ lengths. Melbourne University second.

VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (Holders: Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 13th Dec., 1958.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 7 mins. 11 secs.

H. R. Frederico (bow), G. McCall (2), W. S. Arnold (3), G. M. Taylor (stroke), C. J. Newman (cox), R. R. Aitken (coach).

Won by 1¼ lengths. Melbourne University second. Other starters: Banks, Corio Bay, Yarra Yarra/Hawthorn.

VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (Holders: Yarra Yarra Rowing Club)

Rowed Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen. Course, 1 mile. 1st Jan., 1959.

Won by Melbourne University. Time: 6 mins. 33 secs.

J. A. Hunt (bow), T. R. Davies (stroke), J. Cockbill (cox),
Dr. L. S. Williams (coach).
Albert Park second. Other starters: Yarra Yarra, Banks, Mel-
bourne and Footscray City.

VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holder: D. Dudgeon, Richmond Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2½ miles, 14th February, 1959.
Won by N. Smith (Corio Bay). Time: 15 mins. 21.3-5 secs.
Won by one length, with J. Hume (Yarra Yarra) second, D.
Dudgeon (Richmond) third, followed by G. Pratt (Essendon),
P. Begelhole (Yarra Yarra) and D. MacMillan (Corio Bay).

VICTORIAN 2,000-METRE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holder: G. Pratt, Essendon Rowing Club)

Won by N. Smith (Corio Bay). Time: 8 mins. D. Dudgeon
(Richmond) second, G. Pratt (Essendon) third.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holders: Banks Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2,000 metres. 21st March, 1959.
Won by Melbourne Grammar School. Time: 6 mins. 10.4 secs.
L. V. Luxton (bow), T. R. Pringle (2), R. G. A'Beckett (3),
J. W. Stuckey (4), I. F. Bult (5), D. McA. Baillieu (6), E. W.
Campbell (7), W. L. Ruttledge (stroke), G. C. Morgan (cox),
G. Sargood (coach).

Won by 3 feet. Mercantile second, Banks third, followed by
Richmond, Scotch College, Dimboola and Power House.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holders: Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on the Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 13th Dec., 1958.
Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time: 7 mins. 36.2-5 secs.
A. Cordell (bow), P. Humphris (2), S. H. Newcomb (3),
P. Harding (stroke), D. Palfreyman (cox), W. L. Wallace (coach).
Won by 1½ lengths. Dimboola second, Hawthorn third. Other
starters: Albert Park, Essendon, Mercantile and Preston.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holders: Melbourne Rowing Club)

Rowed Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen. Course, 1 mile. 1st Jan., 1959.
Won by Richmond Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 52 secs.
L. Patullo (bow), E. Britton (stroke), G. Stewart (cox), M.
Gardner (coach).
Won by 2 lengths. Dimboola second. Other starters: Wahgunyah,
Banks, Albert Park, Essendon, Mercantile and Preston.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holder: N. Smith, Corio Bay Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2,000 metres. 21st March, 1959.
Won by J. Sykes (Corio Bay). Time: 8 mins. 10.2 secs.
Won easily from J. Hume (Yarra Yarra) second, with D.
Huffman (Dimboola) third.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(Holders: Yarra Yarra Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2,000 metres. 21st March, 1959.
Won by Essendon Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 57.2 secs.
E. Lomas (bow), A. Vowles (2), B. Crawley (3), D. McNulty
(4), R. Cooper (5), G. Walsh (6), T. Hunter (7), D. Dunn
(stroke), K. Augustine (cox), V. Pratt (coach).

With by one-third of a length. Yarra Yarra second, Barwon third.

VICTORIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (Holders: Barwon Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River. Course, 2,000 metres. 13th December, 1958.

Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club. Time: 7 mins. 42 secs.

R. Tanner (bow), H. Stevens (2), G. Taylor (3), L. Gallagher (stroke), E. Jones (cox), W. Graham (coach).

Won by 4 lengths. Banks second, Barwon third. Other starters: Mercantile and Essendon.

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

Rowed Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen. Course, 1 mile. 1st Jan., 1959.

Won by South Melbourne Rowing Club. Time: 6 mins. 51 secs.

G. Taylor (bow), L. Gallagher (stroke), E. Jones (cox), W. Graham (coach).

Barwon second. Other starters: Rutherglen Lake, Yarra Yarra and Essendon.

VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year saw the inauguration of Country Championships, organised by Mr. A. Worrall Jones, secretary of the Country Championships Committee.

Victoria was divided into eight regions, each region conducting regional championships for eights, fours and pairs. The successful crews and close seconds from each region then contested the Victorian Country Championships at Ballarat on Saturday, 14th March, 1959. Results of the first Victorian Country Championships:—

EIGHT-OARED COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Dimboola Rowing Club:—G. Gazelle (bow), B. Taylor (2), W. Taylor (3), R. English (4), J. Kemfert (5), G. Gooding (6), P. Robinson (7), R. Gooding (stroke), G. Lindner (cox).

Wendouree was second, Barwon third and Wentworth fourth. Won by a canvas, with four lengths between second and third.

FOUR-OARED COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club:—D. John (bow), D. Ramage (2), D. Norwood (3), D. Caithness (stroke), K. van den Belt (cox).

PAIR-OARED COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Wahgunyah Rowing Club:—P. Richardson (bow), R. Richardson (stroke), E. Forbes (cox).

Dimboola was second, Wendouree third, Wentworth fourth, Yea fifth and Barwon sixth. Won by a length, with half a length between second and third.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Senior

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Mercantile	12	82	Essendon	2	8
Melb. University	3	32	Melbourne	3	6
Yarra Yarra	8	23	Albert Park	2	6
Corio Bay	7	15	Richmond	3	4
Banks	4	8	Footscray City	1	2
South Melbourne	2	8			

Junior

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Richmond	29	107	Albert Park	5	16
Mercantile	12	92	Rutherglen Lake	4	14
Dimboola	15	64	Yarrowonga	4	12
Banks	14	54	Ballarat City	3	12
Power House	12	48	Hawthorn	4	10
Essendon	10	44	Wahgunyah	3	10
Yarra Yarra	15	43	Preston	2	6
Melbourne	6	32	Ballarat	2	6
Mildura	6	30	Wendouree	3	6
Corio Bay	8	28	Nagambie	1	4
Lake Colac	6	20	Wentworth Dist.	2	4
Corowa	7	18	Footscray City	1	2

Lightweight

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Essendon	10	56	Dimboola	6	12
Barwon	7	30	Nestles	2	8
Yarra Yarra	3	16	Mercantile	1	4
Banks	2	12	Wendouree	1	2
South Melbourne	2	12	Mildura	1	2

Country

	Wins	Points		Wins	Points
Dimboola	21	76	Ballarat City	3	12
Corio Bay	15	43	Wahgunyah	3	10
Mildura	7	32	Nestles	2	8
Barwon	7	30	Wendouree	4	8
Lake Colac	6	20	Ballarat	2	6
Corowa	7	18	Nagambie	1	4
Rutherglen Lake	4	14	Wentworth Dist.	2	2
Yarrowonga	4	12			

UNIVERSITY ROWING

The Melbourne University Boat Club this year celebrated its Centenary, and we congratulate the Club on its contribution to Victorian and Australian rowing during its long, illustrious life. We regret that after dominating the Inter-Varsity Boat Race for the past eight years that in its hundredth year the Melbourne University Boat Club was unsuccessful in the race for the Oxford-Cambridge Cup. However, as the Club enters its second century we are confident they will live up to the brilliant traditions of the past and be a force to be reckoned with in Australian rowing.

Inter-Universities' Race: The 65th Annual Universities' Boat Race for the Oxford-Cambridge Cup was conducted over the three-mile course on the Nepean River, Penrith, on 30th May, 1959. Queensland won an exciting and close race by a quarter of a length from Sydney University, with N.S.W. Technology third and Melbourne University fourth, followed by Western Australia and Adelaide. Time: 16 mins. 5½ secs.

Inter-Universities' Sculling Race was won by Australian Sculling Champion, W. Hatfield (N.S.W.) from Hazzard (Queensland) and Kloster (Sydney).

Inter-Collegiate Races: In the heats of the Mervyn Bourne Higgins Shield, Trinity College defeated Queen's College, and Ormond College defeated Newman College. In the final Trinity College defeated Ormond College by a very narrow margin.

Two days later, in another close race, Extra-Collegiates defeated Trinity College for the John Lang Cup.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

The 1959 Head of the River Race was rowed on the Barwon River, Geelong. The heats, which were rowed on Friday, 17th April, were won by Melbourne Grammar, Geelong College and Geelong Grammar, and in the final on Saturday, 18th April, Geelong College won from Melbourne Grammar and Geelong Grammar.

We congratulate Geelong College and its coach, Mr. A. B. Bell, on a splendid victory.

With the admission of the new Public Schools, we look forward to the time when the new schools will be providing keen competition in the Head of the River.

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES FOR SEASON 1959-60

September, 1959—

- 19.—Metropolitan Novice Regatta.
- 26.—Preston Novice Regatta.

October—

- 3.—V.R.A. (2,000 metre) Regatta.
- 17.—V.R.A. (2,000 metre) Regatta.

November—

- 7.—Dimboola Regatta.
- 14.—V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta.
- 21.—Upper Yarra Regatta.

December—

- 5.—Edenhope Regatta.
- 19.—Eight-oared and Sculling Championship of Victoria (2,000 metre) and Test Race for Lightweight Fours.
- 26.—Nagambie Regatta.

January, 1960—

- 1.—Rutherglen Regatta.
- 1.—Colac Regatta.
- 2.—Yarrawonga Regatta.
- 30.—Yea Regatta.

February—

- 1.—Albert Park Lake Regatta.
- 6.—Footscray Regatta.
- 13.—Victorian Four-oared Championships.
- 27.—Ballarat Regatta and Victorian Pair-oared Championships.

March—

- 5.—Henley on the Yarra.
- 12.—Barwon Regatta.
- 19.—King's Cup—Launceston, Tasmania.
- 19.—Bendigo Regatta.
- 19.—Hawthorn—Head of the Yarra.
- 26.—Scotch-Mercantile Regatta.

April—

- 2.—Victorian Junior Eight-oared, Sculling and Lightweight Eight-oared Championships.
- 9.—Public Schools—Head of the River.
- 16.—Test Races (17th Olympiad)—Four-oars with Cox and Pair-oars with Cox.
- 16.—Mildura Regatta.
- 16.—Gippsland Regatta.
- 18.—Wentworth Regatta.
- 18.—Gippsland Regatta.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

The following decisions were made by the Australian Amateur Rowing Council during the year and at the Annual Meeting held at Perth, Western Australia:—

Election of Honorary Secretary: Mr. R. G. Blundstone, of Tasmania, was elected Honorary Secretary.

Rowing Representation at Olympic Games, 1960: "The Australian Rowing Team for the 1960 Olympic Games to consist of Eight-oared Crew with Cox, Four-oared Crew with Cox, Single Sculler, Pair-oared Crew without Cox, a Coach and a Manager, making a total team of 19. The Council is empowered to add double sculls if it considers the representation will be of a sufficiently high standard."

Finance Olympic Games: "The Australian Amateur Rowing Council establish an Olympic Games Fund, and each State be requested to contribute a sum equivalent to 10/- per affiliated member to the fund prior to the test races in 1959."

International Rule for Umpiring: "Rule 65 was amended to read:—

65 (a) Each boat shall keep its own water throughout the race any boat which in the opinion of the Umpire by departing from its own water impedes by its wash or otherwise the progress of any other competing boat shall be liable to disqualification. The Umpire shall be the sole judge of a boat's true course during every part of the race. The jurisdiction of the Umpire shall extend over the race and all matters connected with it from the time the race has started until the finish and his decision in all cases shall be final and without appeal. The Umpire may warn any boat of any obstruction in its course or any boat which he considers is leaving its proper course and is thereby likely to impede the progress of any other competing boat. It is not permitted for an Umpire to direct the competitors or give them hints regarding their own water.

N.B.—Each boat is entitled to sufficient room in which to row without interference. 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 at any point during the race.

(b) If it is necessary for an Umpire to warn a crew about to commit a foul, he will call the crew by name and direct its course by raising a white flag shoulder high with his right or left arm fully extended in the direction he is instructing the crew to move. If it is necessary for the Umpire to warn a crew about to ram an object thus causing an accident, he shall call the name of the crew and warn: "BEWARE—BUOY," "BRIDGE" or "OBJECT."

Perpetual Trophy for Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship: The offer of the Penrith Council to provide a Cup for perpetual competition for the Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship was accepted.

Double Sculls in 1959 King's Cup Programme: The inclusion of Double Sculls in the 1959 King's Cup programme was approved subject to a minimum of three entries being received.

Organising Committee for British Empire and Commonwealth Games, Perth, 1962: Mr. R. Polglaze, of Western Australia, was elected Rowing Delegate.

Venues Test Races Olympic Games, 1960: The King's Cup to be held in Tasmania during March, 1960, be over a distance of 2,000 metres and that it be the test race for eight-oared crews for the Rome Olympic Games without the right of challenge, and the coach of the winning crew be the Australian sole selector for the Eight.

At a date subsequent to the King's Cup Race open test races be held over 2,000 metres, the coaches of the respective winning crews to be the Australian Selectors. Entries for these races will close with the Honorary Secretary 14 days after the King's Cup event, and the venue for the test races will be:—

Four-oars with Cox and Pair-oars with Cox, Victoria.

Four-oars without Cox and Pair-oars without Cox—N.S.W.

Lightweight Fours: It was decided that only the coxswain of the winning lightweight four to weigh in after the race.

Future Test Races: Each State to be written advising of the Olympic Requirements for a Rowing Course, and requested to submit to the Council substantially complying with these conditions.

National Championship Regattas: Mr. Kevin Webb of N.S.W. be requested to investigate the possibility of arranging a National Championship Regatta and report to the Honorary Secretary.

Federation Internationale de Societies d'Aviron: Mr. Thomas Keller of Switzerland, was elected President of the Federation Internationale des Societies d'Aviron following the death of Mr. Gaston Mullegg. At an extraordinary meeting of Congress of the Federation on 22nd November, 1958, the Australian Amateur Rowing Council was admitted to full membership because of its organisation of the 1956 Olympic Regatta.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The following amendments to Rules and Regatta Regulations were adopted:—

Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing were amended as follows:—

REGULATION 2 (gg) was amended 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.”

REGULATION 24 (a) was amended 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.”

REGULATION 16 was amended by the addition of sub-regulation (i), viz.:—

16 (i) In Championship events in which the Umpire follows the whole race by motor launch, the International Flag method of control shall be used, viz.:—

(i) If it is necessary for an Umpire to warn a crew about to commit a foul, he will call the crew by name, and direct

its course, by raising a white flag shoulder high with his right or left arm fully extended, in the direction he is instructing the crew to move.

- (ii) If it is necessary for an Umpire to warn a crew about to ram an object, thus causing an accident, he shall call the crew by name and warn "BEWARE BUOY," "BRIDGE" or "OBJECT."
- (iii) If it is necessary for an Umpire to stop a race, he shall raise a red flag and ring a bell, or give such other signal as agreed upon before the race starts.

COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Country Rowing Championships: It was decided to support these Championships and arrange a meeting of country members to form a committee to organise the conduct of the Country Rowing Championships.

Staging at Princes Bridge: The rowing clubs situated at Princes Bridge were requested to form a committee to supervise the care of the staging.

Australian Lightweight Four-oared Championship: It was decided to conduct test races for representation on 14th February, 1959, and the Association agreed to contribute £5 per man towards the expenses and supply singlets and pockets.

Edenhope Rowing Club: The newly-formed Edenhope Rowing Club was granted affiliation with the Victorian Rowing Association.

Umpiring: Because of the unsatisfactory conditions of the umpiring pistols, it was decided to replace them with bells.

Officials' Panel: Messrs. T. Rodda, J. L. Mounsey and J. P. Gaskin were appointed a Panel for Officials, and the names of all Regatta Officials to be submitted to the Panel.

Power House Rowing Club: Permission was given for the change of uniform to Black, White and Green wide vertical stripes.

Regulating Rowing Events on River Yarra: It was decided that the committee should regulate and approve the conduct of non-qualifying rowing events between the Railway Bridge and Como Island.

Warrnambool Rowing Club: The Warrnambool Rowing Club, having paid its arrears of subscription, was granted affiliation.

World Rowing Championships, 1962: Victoria applied to the Federation Internationale des Societies d'Aviron for permission to conduct the World Rowing Championships in 1962.

Chairman of Committee: During the absence of Mr. M. S. Williams (president) overseas, Mr. R. R. Aitken was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

Sale of V.R.A. Eight: Authority was given for the sale of the V.R.A. boat after the King's Cup Race. The boat was subsequently sold for £350.

History of Victorian Rowing: Messrs. T. S. Flint, H. O. Balfe, D. J. Morgan, R. W. Thursfield and G. F. Taylor were appointed to bring up to date the History of Victorian Rowing.

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.
- Dr. Bruce Hunt for medical services rendered to the State Representatives while in Perth for the King's Cup Regatta.
- Mr. G. R. B. Patterson for his assistance in obtaining a motor for the State Coaching Launch.
- Mr. Jack Coghlan for his assistance with transport of boats and equipment.
- Messrs. W. Green, J. Molly and D. Boykett for assistance with launches for coaching and umpiring.
- Messrs. J. Taylor and J. Moore for services as Hon. Auditors.
- Mr. Tom Rodda for his assistance in preparing the Lower Yarra Course for Championship events.
- 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 & Metropolitan Board of Works, and Melbourne Harbor 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:—Sir Edgar Coles, Messrs. M. S. Williams, R. R. Aitken, Tattersall's (Geo. Adams Estate), Anonymous, The Shell Co. of Australia Ltd., Messrs. W. L. Podmore, C. N. McKay, A. E. & B. A. Laycock, Ansett-A.N.A., Messrs. J. H. Picken, T. Fogarty, Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd., Messrs. E. L. & C. Baillieu, J. M. Macfarlane, T. Rodda, The Nesle Company, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Messrs. A. W. Massina, E. A. Fakhry, Lord Baillieu, Lord Bruce, Dr. H. C. Disher, Messrs. L. Luxton, N. Gadsden, A. Spowers, D. Baillieu, Dr. K. Hadley, Dr. C. Littlejohn, Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, Dr. G. Orr, Messrs. H. F. Yuncken, S. Gugger, W. Ryan, M. Dowd, J. P. Gaskin, A. H. G. Clarke, G. Plant, Miss E. A. Luckett, Sir Justice Norman O'Brien, Mr. W. C. Howarth, M.H.R.; Dr. S. Moroney, Dr. G. Pern, Messrs. W. V. Furlong, H. Lambie, W. Loud, T. McKay, N. Jackson, T. Luxton, J. F. Hope, Robt. Hutchinson Ltd., Dunlop Flooring Pty. Ltd., Messrs. P. J. Derham, D. Calinin, Garry Rush, Latiners, J. Tren Grove, Dr. B. T. Keon Cohen, Dr. R. R. Garran, Messrs. K. Epstein, B. Nolan, R. S. Miller, A. N. Davison, Dr. E. R. Corder, Dr. A. Horgan, Messrs. H. Irvine, G. Stooke, W. F. King, M. J. Mulqueen, G. A. Brooke, G. Gray, K. M. Silk, C. S. Ryan, G. M. Gaskin, Ray Todd, J. Andre, F. S. Dethridge, Leyshon Williams, A. L. Rentoul, R. P. Yuncken, H. Warner, Dunklings the Jewellers, Dr. C. Beveridge, Dr. G. Scantlebury, Dr. J. Clareborough, Messrs. I. M. Jolley, J. S. N. Harris, I. Rainford, M. J. Ashkanasy, A. Allsop, F. Buxton, H. R. Petty, W. I. Potter.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of M. Gaston Mullegg, President of the Federation Internationale des Societes d'Aviron. M. Mullegg was in Australia for the Olympic Games, and endeared himself to Australian oarsmen and officials.

We regret the passing of Mr. J. Beattie, a member of the Committee of the Association, where he represented Ballarat City; a senior oarsman with Ballarat City and represented Victoria in the King's Cup. Jack continued his interest in the sport, and was active up to the time of his last illness. He is sadly missed.

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Eleven Executive and eleven Committee Meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as under:— t

Executive: N. W. Cairnes, N. F. Wilkinson, L. A. J. Wilkinson, 11; T. Rodda, F. A. Smith, 10; R. G. Harding, S. R. Jeffery, 9; D. J. Morgan, 8; E. R. Dunn, 6; C. E. James, 4. Average attendance, 8.1.

Committee: N. W. Cairnes, F. Easton, A. A. Fortington, H. B. Kirsch, P. Lynch, W. McIroy, W. Morrison, T. Rodda, F. A. Smith, E. W. Woolcock, 11; R. R. Aitken, J. J. Donald, T. S. Flint, C. E. James, S. R. Jeffery, D. J. Morgan, F. Peters, D. R. Salmon, D. S. Stirling, R. W. B. Todd, N. F. Wilkinson, W. J. Waterfield, F. Way, 10; D. Boykett, J. Coghlan, J. Clifford, J. R. Elliott, P. Gill, J. A. McBean, J. J. O'Neill, P. C. Sebire, V. Sharp, R. W. Thursfield, L. S. Williams, 9; G. Clegg, P. Marxen, R. McGregor, G. M. Taylor, M. S. Williams, L. A. J. Wilkinson, E. C. White, 8; B. R. Coningsby, D. Coe, R. G. Harding, R. J. March, C. Macauley, W. Raper, R. R. Sullivan, W. Wallace, 7; G. L. Code, W. Graham, L. Malkin, J. L. Mounsey, 6; D. Christie, E. R. Dunn, W. Glasson, A. W. McLeish, H. Nicholson, J. Webster, K. Crossley, W. N. Howell, W. Wheatland, 4; H. R. Duncan, 3; W. Bradshaw, G. Nicholson, K. Pratt, 2; G. R. Enticott, J. Foley, L. Hagger, W. Holmes, I. Gosling, R. Jelbart, W. Jones, K. G. Mill, A. C. Monger, A. McKinnon, G. F. O'Connor, J. O'Connell, D. Oliver, W. F. Pinder, R. H. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, D. Riddell, 1. Average attendance, 49.4.

On behalf of the Committee,

N. W. CAIRNES,

Honorary Secretary.

7th August, 1959.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

"A. J. SHEPHERD" BEQUEST

Balance at 1/7/58—£1000. Invested Commonwealth Bonds—£1000

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1959

Assets

Bank Balances—			
E.S. & A. Bank	£915	14	0
State Savings Bank	1216	13	8
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		£2132	7 8
Cash in Hand		23	5 0
Savings Certificates		185	0 9
Commonwealth Bonds		1000	0 0
Investment		1250	0 0
Association Property—			
Stationery	£5	0	0
Typewriter	10	0	0
Typewriter	35	0	0
Filing Cabinet	7	0	0
Filing Cabinet	10	0	0
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		£4657	13 5

Liabilities

Trophy Money outstanding	£638	10	3
Olympic Games Fund (per Mr. R. Jelbert)	25	17	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	3993	6	2
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		£4657	13 5

Audited and found correct.

JAMES TAYLOR, A.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., F.V.I.C.

JOHN M. MOORE, B.Com (London), A.C.A.

Hon. Auditors.

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st July, 1959.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

Receipts				
To Bank Balance at 1/7/58—				
E.S. & A. Bank	£931	3	0	
State Savings Bank	1136	11	6	
				£2067 14 6
„ Club Contributions				511 10 0
„ Regatta and Coxswains' Registration Fees—				
Regattas	£102	18	0	
Coxswains	34	5	0	
				137 3 0
„ Regatta—V.R.A., 15/11/58—				
Entry Fees	£77	17	0	
Programmes	30	0	0	
				107 17 0
„ Trophy Money				1113 7 6
Championships—Entry Fees				76 3 0
„ King's Cup Race, Perth, 1959—				
Donations	£703	15	0	
Seat Fees	120	0	0	
Social Collections	29	11	9	
Entry Fee Levy	127	18	6	
Refund Insurance	7	10	0	
Special Efforts	1317	5	5	
A. J. Shepherd Bequest	47	10	0	
				2353 10 8
„ Miscellaneous—				
Staging Fees	£63	0	0	
Donations Empire Games	20	16	0	
Fines	12	0	0	
Sale Rule Books	6	0	0	
Weight Bags	10	0	0	
Sale of Boat	350	0	0	
Sundries	6	9	5	
Interest—				
State Savings Bank	32	12	2	
E.S. & A. Bank	28	12	8	
				529 10 3
				£6896 15 11

Audited and found correct.

JAMES TAYLOR, A.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., F.V.I.C.
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Hon. Auditors.

DISBURSEMENTS — SEASON 1958-59

Disbursements			
By Regatta, V.R.A., 15/11/58—			
Programmes	£36	11	3
Amplifiers	7	7	0
Starting Guns, Ammunition, etc.	14	16	0
			£58 14 3
,, Trophies—			
V.R.A. Regatta, 15/11/58	£85	10	0
Other Regattas	1168	17	6
			1254 7 6
King's Cup Race, Perth, 1959—			
Fares	721	2	0
Accommodation	434	7	0
Boat Hire	36	0	0
Blazer Pockets	63	8	6
Singlets	53	5	0
Insurance	18	15	6
Freight	60	18	8
Photos	7	0	0
Lightweight Four	35	0	0
Investment	1250	0	0
Motor Launches	51	14	11
Signwriting Oars, 1957 and 1958	52	10	0
Sundries	31	17	5
			2815 19 0
,, Miscellaneous—			
Printing and Postage	196	5	7
Trophies	90	16	0
Staging Fees	63	0	0
Affiliation Fees	41	0	0
Premiership Certificates	27	17	6
Regatta Equipment	30	5	0
Honoraria	50	0	0
Insurance	14	2	0
Booking Fees	5	2	0
Donations Empire Games	33	18	0
Medallions	25	2	6
Stationery	8	18	6
Boat Repairs	17	1	4
Sundries	8	14	1
			612 2 6
,, Bank Balances at 30/6/59—			
E.S. & A. Bank	£915	14	0
State Savings Bank	1216	13	8
Cash on hand	23	5	0
			2155 12 8
			£6896 15 11

C. E. JAMES, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st July, 1959.