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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
AND BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1965-66



# THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION



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## THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The Ninetieth Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, 14 McKillop Street, Melbourne, C.1, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 1966.

### BUSINESS

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Eighty-ninth Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, 28th August, 1965.
2. To receive the Ninetieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-bearers, viz., eight Vice-presidents and two Honorary Auditors.
4. Presentation of Premiership Certificates.
5. Presentation of Championship Medallions.
6. Honoraria.
7. General Business. To consider any notice of motion of which due notice has been given in accordance with the Rules of the Association.  
All Members of the Association are eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting.

11th August, 1966.

S. R. JEFFERY, Honorary Secretary.



**NINETIETH  
ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET  
OF THE  
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION**

(To the Members of the Victorian Rowing Association.)

Gentlemen,—

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

The season under review has been both a busy and successful one, although attendances at the major rowing events conducted by the Association, has been disappointing.

The visit of the New Zealand squad during November, 1965, proved an outstanding success, and provided members with the opportunity of viewing first-class competition at the Twilight Regatta on the Yarra, and also at the third Test Race at Ballarat. To all those people who assisted with the conduct of these Regattas, and to those who so kindly billeted the visiting oarsmen, we wish to record our thanks and appreciation.

The State Selectors, Mr. R. J. March and Dr. L. S. Williams, appointed Mr. H. R. Frederico, Coach and Third Selector of the Victorian King's Cup Crew. A squad of twelve oarsmen was then selected, but four members of the Banks Rowing Club, who had previously made themselves available, declined to row. The Victorian Crew vindicated themselves, the Coach and the Selectors, by winning a closely-contested race in perfect conditions, for this year's King's Cup, on the Huon River at Franklin, Tasmania.

The success also of the Sculler and Lightweight Four gave Victoria a clean sweep at the Regatta, and treated spectators to the most thrilling interstate races seen in years.

The Third National Regatta, which was conducted by the Association on behalf of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, was held at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on the 29th and 30th of April. It was unfortunate that the weather for the Regatta was wet, windy and cold, making organisation and competition difficult. The wind generally was a head wind, and while it made rowing difficult, the course was at all times rowable and fair to all competitors.

The assistance received from the Ballarat Council, and the Ballarat Rowing Association, was greatly appreciated. The opportunity is taken here to thank all competitors for their support, and to express our appreciation for the assistance rendered by racing officials, boat holders, gatekeepers and voluntary helpers.

Your congratulations are extended to the Banks Rowing Club, on their success in winning the Senior Premiership, and also the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club, on its outstanding performance in winning the Junior Premiership. The Mercantile Rowing Club won a closely-contested Lightweight Premiership from Banks, as did the Barwon Rowing Club in the Country Premiership, narrowly scoring over Corio Bay. To these Clubs we also extend your congratulations.

The Australian Amateur Rowing Council, through its Secretary-Treasurer, has continued to work in the best interests of Australian rowing. To Mr. Blundstone we extend our thanks and appreciation for his efforts.

After the conclusion of the National Regatta, the Grading Committee of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council graded the Victorian Eight equal first with the Coxed Four from New South Wales. It is pleasing to report that both these crews will compete at the World Rowing Championships at Bled, Yugoslavia. The Mercantile Coxless Four, which was successful at the National Regatta, was, as a result of a mail vote, granted permission to compete also. We extend to all these competitors our best wishes.

Once again we must extend our thanks to the Victorian Old Oarsmen's Association, who have continued to support the Victorian Rowing Association and our Interstate crews by their attendance in large numbers at Victorian and Interstate Regattas.

The membership of the Association has shown a slight decrease over the past year, and for your information a comparative table for the past five years is shown hereunder:

	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66
Metropolitan ....	1279	1472	1465	1545	1515
Country ....	532	604	592	627	566
Total ....	1811	2076	2057	2172	2081

A more detailed report on the activities of the Association follows.

### SELECTION OF KING'S CUP COACH AND CREW, 1965-66

During the controversy over the selection of the coach and crew for the 1965-66 King's Cup race, the selectors wrote a letter to clarify the facts of the selection for the benefit of the Committee of the Association, and in fairness to the selectors, who came in for some criticism, a summary of this letter is reproduced.

1. The result of the State Championships does not automatically decide the selection of the King's Cup coach, particularly now that the Championship distance is the standard 2000 metres, and there are sufficient incidents in the past to make this clear.
2. Major emphasis was placed on racing and training form in the latter part of the selection period, particularly with regard to the selection of the coach.
3. In view of the disqualification of Mercantile in the Championships, the selectors requested that both Banks and Mercantile row a trial race, which was arranged for Monday, 20th December, but Banks withdrew from the race.
4. Prior to announcing the selection of H. R. Frederico as coach, the selectors obtained written confirmation of the availability of coaches, oarsmen and cox. Following the announcement of the coach, Banks withdrew their oarsmen.
5. At a later date four Banks oarsmen informed the selectors they would be available for selection, but upon being selected in the squad of ten, at the instigation of their Club, failed to appear for training.
6. The crew which represented Victoria was then selected and amply justified their selection.

### INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA V. NEW ZEALAND ROWING TEST RACES, 1965

Negotiations over a number of years culminated in the visit of a team of New Zealand oarsmen to contest a series of three test races against Australian oarsmen. Two test races were held in New South Wales and the third and final test race was held at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. In addition to the test races the visitors competed at a number of twilight regattas which were contested against local oarsmen over short courses.

New Zealand was represented by D. Croot (Manager), W. Parnell (Coach), and eight-oared crew — A. Webster, D. Storey, M. Brownlee, G. Trevett, M. Larsen, D. Boswell, G. Cawood, P. Delaney — with B. Jones (cox) and M. Watkinson in the Single Sculls, and J. Richards and T. Smith in the Pairs, and D. Molesworth and T. Reid in the Double Sculls and emergencies B. Walford and I. Dixon also contested the pair-oared events.



Australia was represented by O. Rosevear (Manager), O. Ruffels (Coach) and eight-oared crew — B. W. Denny, I. J. McWhirter, J. R. Ranch, A. W. Duval, P. J. Dickson, B. I. Dickson, J. A. Campbell, E. E. Brazenall and B. Thomas (cox), and G. Pearce in the Single Sculls, and emergencies, H. M. Croker and G. R. McWhirter, who contested the pair-oared events. All the Australian representatives came from New South Wales.

Arriving in Sydney on 29th October, the New Zealand team entered enthusiastically into a very busy programme with the first contest a Twilight Regatta conducted by Haberfield on Iron Cove on 3rd November. The programme was:

- November 3—Haberfield Twilight Regatta at Iron Cove, N.S.W.
- November 7—First Test Regatta, conducted by Leichhardt, at Iron Cove.
- November 10—Sydney Twilight Regatta, abandoned because of weather.
- November 13—Third Test Regatta on the Nepean River, Penrith, N.S.W.
- November 15—Canberra Twilight Regatta at Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra.
- November 17—V.R.A. Twilight Regatta on the Upper Yarra, Victoria.
- November 20—V.R.A. Third Test Regatta at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.

In addition to the official Australian crews and sculler, Club and composite crews and scullers contested all events.

Geoff. Sykes, of Corio Bay, and the Banks Senior Eight, travelled to Penrith to contest the Second Test Regatta, and put up excellent performances against strong opposition, Geoff. Sykes finishing second to New Zealander, Murray Watkinson, in the Single Sculls, and Banks third in the Eights in a very closely contested race, won by New Zealand by two feet from Australia, with Banks one length further back, third.

## RESULTS OF TEST RACES

FIRST TEST — LEICHHARDT REGATTA — IRON COVE, SYDNEY,  
7th November, 1965.

Single Sculls—

M. Watkinson (N.Z.), first; G. Pearce (Aust.), second.  
Won by 1½ lengths. Time, 8 min. 35½ sec.

Pair Without Cox—

New Zealand No. 2, first; Australia, second.  
Won by 2 lengths. Time, 8 min. 25.4 sec.

Eights—

New Zealand, first; Australia, second; Sydney, third.  
Won by ¾ length. Time, 6 min. 47 sec.

Four With Cox—

New Zealand, first; New Zealand, second.

Double Sculls—

Mosman (N.S.W.), first; New Zealand, second.

SECOND TEST — N.S.W. R.A. — NEPEAN RIVER, PENRITH, N.S.W.,

13th November.

Single Sculls—

M. Watkinson (N.Z.), first; G. Sykes (Corio Bay), second; G. Pearce (Aust.), third.  
Won by 5 lengths. Time, 7 min. 44.8 sec.

Pair Without Cox—

New Zealand No. 1, first; New Zealand No. 2, second; Nepean, third.

Eights—

New Zealand, first; Australia, second; Banks (Vic.), third.  
Won by 2 feet. Time, 6 min. 16.45 sec.

Four With Cox—

New Zealand, first; Sydney, second.

Double Scull—

New Zealand, first; Mosman (N.S.W.), second.

THIRD TEST — V.R.A. — LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT, VICTORIA,  
20th November.

Single Sculls—

M. Watkinson (N.Z.), first; P. Edwards (Melbourne), second; G. Pearce (Aust.), third.

Won by 10 lengths. Time, 9 min. 33.10 sec.

Pair Without Cox—

Australia, first; New Zealand No. 2, second; New Zealand No. 1, third.

Won by 1¼ lengths. Time, 8 min. 12.2 sec.

Four With Cox—

New Zealand No. 1, first; Hawthorn (Vic.), second; Mercantile (Vic.), third.

Double Sculls—

Mosman (N.S.W.), first; New Zealand, second; Wendouree-Corio Bay (Vic.), third.

Pair With Cox—

New Zealand, first; Mildura (Vic.), second; Nagambie (Vic.), third.

## AMPOL TRANS-TASMAN TROPHY FOR PERPETUAL COMPETITION

This fine trophy, presented by Ampol Petroleum Ltd. for perpetual competition between Australia and New Zealand was won comfortably by New Zealand with 120 points against 93 points scored by Australian crews.

We take this opportunity of thanking the New Zealand team and its supporters on their fine, successful rowing, and for the happy spirit of friendship they generated throughout the tour.

An Australian team will be making a reciprocal visit to contest the Ampol Trans-Tasman Trophy at the end of 1967 and we trust Victorian oarsmen will be making the trip to win back this trophy for Australia.

## ROTHMAN'S NATIONAL SPORT FOUNDATION

The visit of the New Zealand team, together with the invaluable coaching discussions between New Zealand and Australian leading coaches, was made possible by the financial assistance of Rothman's National Sport Foundation and Victorian oarsmen are gratefully indebted to the foundation for making this International experience possible.

## AUSTRALIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP KING'S CUP

The King's Cup Regatta was conducted by the Tasmanian Rowing Council on a 2000 metre course on the Huon River, Franklin, an hour's drive from Hobart, on Friday and Saturday, 25th and 26th March, 1966.

The regatta organisation was excellent and the course, with its appointments, was of a very high standard. The Organising Committee is to be commended on the arrangements.

The crew selected to represent Victoria was: R. J. Garrard, 12st. 4lb. (Mercantile), bow; J. D. Castle, 12st. 7lb. (Yarra Yarra), 2; G. H. Boykett, 13st. 5lb. (Mercantile), 3; J. H. Stuckey, 14st. 4lb. (Essendon), 4; M. D. McKenzie, 13st. 4lb. (Mercantile), 5; R. A. Jones, 13st. 6lb. (Yarra Yarra), 6; M. G. Tomanovits, 13st. 6lb. (Mercantile), 7; D. H. Boykett, 13st. 4lb. (Mercantile), stroke; T. C. Daffy (Mercantile), cox; D. Palfreyman, 12st. 11lb. (Mercantile), emergency; H. R. Frederico (Mercantile), coach.



Mr. W. A. Craven, of Hawthorn, was appointed Team Manager. The heats rowed on Friday morning, in a cold head wind, resulted in Victoria winning the first heat from Western Australia by three lengths, with Queensland third. Time, 6 min. 55.2 sec. In the second heat New South Wales was first across the line from South Australia, with Tasmania third; but the umpire removed N.S.W. from the race because of an infringement of the Rules of Boat Racing and South Australia was placed first with Tasmania second. Time, 6 min. 50.3 sec. Conditions in the afternoon for the repechage were improved, but still unpleasant. The repechage was won by N.S.W. by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length from Tasmania, with Western Australia, third, and Queensland fourth. Time, 6 min. 37.4 sec.

The final, rowed on Saturday morning in perfect weather and conditions, provided one of the most thrilling finishes seen in a King's Cup for many years.

South Australia took the lead early, followed by New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. At the 500 metres South Australia held a lead of a length from N.S.W., with Victoria and Tasmania close up. As they approached the half-way mark N.S.W. increased the rating to narrow the lead of South Australia, with Tasmania moving up to challenge Victoria for third position. As they raced to the 1500 metres, South Australia was just holding the lead by a narrow margin under strong pressure from N.S.W. In a finish with three crews, South Australia, N.S.W. and Victoria locked together; N.S.W. gradually forged past South Australia and Victoria, making a supreme effort, passed South Australia and N.S.W. to lead over the line by half a canvas, with N.S.W. second, South Australia a quarter length further back, third; Tasmania, fourth, 3 lengths, and Western Australia, fifth. Time, 5 min. 54.6 sec.

The weather conditions remained perfect for the picnic held on Sunday in pleasant surroundings at Bushy Park. Again we offer our thanks to the organisers for a happy, enjoyable occasion.

Our Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. Harry Ireland, was as assiduous as ever in looking after the team, and was of great assistance to all members during the long preparation.

## AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP PRESIDENT'S CUP

J. Sykes, 10st. 2lb. (Corio Bay) was selected to represent Victoria in the President's Cup Race, and he won the first heat comfortably from J. Moore (Tas.) and B. Bray (Qld.). Time, 8 min. 38.2 sec.

The second heat was won by R. Shirlaw (N.S.W.) from D. K. Walker (W.A.), and B. Reschke (S.A.). Time, 9 min. 3.2 sec.

The repechage was won by J. Moore (Tas.), from B. Bray (Qld.), followed by D. K. Walker (W.A.) and B. Reschke (S.A.). Time, 8 min. 11.4 sec.

John Moore (Tas.) established an early lead in the final and held the lead for most of the race, but over the final 100 metres he had no answer to the fast finish of Jeff Sykes (Vic.), 3 stone lighter, who raced up and past Moore to win the President's Cup by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length with R. Shirlaw (N.S.W.), third; B. Bray (Qld.), fourth, and D. K. Walker (W.A.) fifth. Time, 7 min. 8.6 sec.

## AUSTRALIAN LIGHT-WEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP PENRITH CUP

Victoria was represented by the Corio Bay Lightweight Four, consisting of T. McNair, 10st. 12lb. (bow), R. Griffiths, 10st. 5lb. (2), R. Webb, 10st. 12lb. (3), G. Xouris, 10st. 12lb. (stroke), K. Stevens (cox), T. Prime, 10st. (emergency), R. H. George (coach).

The first heat was won comfortably by Tasmania from Western Australia and Queensland. Time, 7 min. 57 sec.

Victoria won the second heat by one foot from New South Wales, with South Australia third. Time, 7 min. 32.8 sec.

The repechage was won by South Australia, N.S.W. second, West Australia third and Queensland fourth. Time, 7 min. 37 sec.



The final was an excellent close race with Tasmania leading early, followed by Victoria, who soon moved to the front, followed closely by N.S.W. and South Australia. Victoria held its lead and at 800 metres to go was being hotly pressed by N.S.W. and South Australia. In the race over the last 300 metres South Australia made a strong challenge, passing N.S.W., but were unable to catch the evenly rowing Victorian four which crossed the line  $\frac{3}{4}$  length in front of South Australia, with N.S.W. a canvas further back third, followed by Tasmania and Western Australia. Time, 6 min. 51.2 sec.

Our Victorian representatives proved outstanding in Australia's major Championship Regatta, winning all three events from the best representatives of all States, and we are proud of the fine performances of our oarsmen, sculler and coaches in achieving this outstanding result.

## VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### VICTORIAN EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIPS—

(Norwich Shield — Holders: Banks Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course 2000 metres.

18th December, 1965.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time, 6 min. 16.4 sec.

D. R. Lean (Bow), B. J. Vear (2), D. Stankovich (3), I. R. McCann (4), C. J. Bartlett (5), T. R. Davies (6), P. M. Guest (7), D. B. Ramage (Stroke), G. Godkin (Cox), A. N. Jacobsen (Coach).

Won by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, Yarra Yarra second, Essendon third.

Mercantile were disqualified.

### VICTORIAN FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—

(Holders, Banks Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course 2000 metres. 19th February, 1966.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time, 8 min. 32 sec.

C. J. Bartlett (Bow), T. R. Davies (2), P. M. Guest (3), D. B. Ramage (Stroke), G. Godkin (Cox), A. N. Jacobsen (Coach).

Won by half length from Mercantile. Hawthorn, Yarra Yarra and Yarra Yarra/Banks Composite also competed.

### VICTORIAN PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—

(Holders, Hawthorn Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen. Course, 1 mile. 1st January, 1966.

Won by Mildura Rowing Club.

J. Cleary (Bow), B. Kilpatrick (Stroke), P. Ramsey (Cox), W. Astbury (Coach).

Other placings were Melbourne second, Nagambie third, Mercantile fourth.

Other starters were Albert Park, Essendon, Hawthorn, Wahgunyah/Corowa Composite and Yarra Yarra.

### VICTORIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP—

(Holder, P. F. Edwards, Melbourne Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course, 2000 metres.

18th December, 1965.

Won by J. R. Sykes, Corio Bay Rowing Club, by one length from P. Hoban (Yarra Yarra), P. F. Edwards (Melbourne) third. Other starters were Banks (R. Sellick), South Melbourne (L. Gallagher), and Wendouree (J. Thomas). The winning time was 7 min. 42.4 sec.

### VICTORIAN JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—

(Holders, Mercantile Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2000 metres. 19th February, 1966.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club. Time, 7 min. 47 sec.

B. Gebbie (Bow), P. Morgan (2), P. White (3), D. Webb (4), G. Giles (5), P. Slevin (6), P. Scott (7), R. Fitch (Stroke), W. Cooke (Cox), D. Leach (Coach).

Second placing went to Mercantile, the other starters being Banks, Essendon, Melbourne, Melbourne University, Wendouree and Yarra Yarra.

#### **VICTORIAN JUNIOR FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders, Essendon Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course, 2000 metres.

18th December, 1966.

Won by Yarra Yarra Rowing Club. Time, 7 min. 15.6 sec.

W. Sanguinetti (Bow), K. Fuff (2), J. Moffatt (3), P. Dalton (Stroke), K. Mawson (Cox), K. Wickham (Coach).

Won by 1¼ lengths from Banks, Melbourne third. Essendon, Mercantile and Richmond also started.

#### **VICTORIAN JUNIOR PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders, Wendouree Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen. Course 1 mile. 1st January, 1966.

Won by Essendon Rowing Club.

B. Murphy (Bow), E. Erbgut (Stroke), B. McLaughlin (Cox), B. L. Smith (Coach).

The other starters were: Yarra Yarra, second; Banks, third; Hawthorn, fourth; and Melbourne, fifth. Mercantile were disqualified and Yea scratched.

#### **VICTORIAN JUNIOR SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holder, A. Rice, Yarra Yarra Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2000 metres. 19th February, 1966.

Won by G. Ramsbottom, Melbourne Rowing Club, from R. Sellick, Banks Rowing Club, in a winning time of 10 min. 4 sec. Banks (J. Bennett), Essendon (W. Ward) and Melbourne University (D. R. Messenger) also competed. R. Trezise (Albert Park) scratched.

#### **VICTORIAN LIGHT-WEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders, Mercantile Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lower Yarra. Course, 2000 metres. 19th February, 1966.

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club. Time, 8 min.

T. Prime (Bow), I. Mackay (2), J. Sykes (3), W. Lehman (4), T. McNair (5), R. Webb (6), G. Xouris (7), R. Griffiths Stroke, I. Erskine (Cox.), R. H. Georgec (Coach).

Second placing was awarded to Banks Rowing Club, the other starters being Essendon, Hawthorn and Mercantile.

#### **VICTORIAN LIGHT-WEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders: Corio Bay Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course 2000 metres.

18th December, 1965.

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club. Time, 7 min. 20.3 sec.

T. Prime (Bow), R. Griffiths (2), R. Webb (3), G. Xouris (Stroke), K. Stevens (Cox), R. H. George (Coach).

Won by half length from Richmond, Melbourne University third, and Essendon fourth. Ballarat City, Banks, Hawthorn and Mercantile also competed.

#### **VICTORIAN LIGHT-WEIGHT PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders, Banks Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen. Course, 1 mile. 1st January, 1966.

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club.

R. Webb (Bow), G. Xouris (Stroke), K. Stevens (Cox).

Other final placings were Mercantile, Essendon and Ballarat City, in that order. Banks, Hawthorn, Richmond and South Melbourne also started, and entries from Barwon and Yarra Yarra were scratched.

#### **VICTORIAN COUNTRY EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders, Wendouree Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course, 2000 metres. 19th March, 1966.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club from Wendouree and Dimboola, in that order.

The winning crew was R. Wakling (Bow), P. Morgan (2), P. White (3), D. Webb (4), G. Giles (5), P. Slevin (6), R. Scott (7), R. Fitch (Stroke), W. Cooke (Cox).



**VICTORIAN COUNTRY FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders, Barwon Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course, 2000 metres.

19th March, 1966.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club.

G. Giles (Bow), P. Slevin (2), P. Scott (3), R. Fitch (Stroke), W. Cooke (Cox).

Other placings were Corio Bay and Ballarat City, in that order.

**VICTORIAN COUNTRY PAIR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP—**

(Holders: Mildura Rowing Club.)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Course, 2000 metres.

19th March, 1966.

Won by Wendouree Rowing Club.

K. Fraser (Bow), W. Coutts (Stroke), B. Zala (Cox).

Mildura and Lake Colac were placed second and third respectively.

**PREMIERSHIP POINTS****SENIOR**

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Banks ....	76	12	Melbourne ....	9	4
Mercantile ....	30	5	Corio Bay ....	8	7
Yarra Yarra ....	25	5	Mildura ....	8	3
Wendouree ....	15	9	Essendon ....	4	1
Hawthorn ....	12	3	Nagambie ....	2	1

**JUNIOR**

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Yarra Yarra ....	148	29	Corio Bay ....	12	3
Mercantile ....	82	16	Mildura ....	12	2
Banks ....	79	21	Albert Park ....	8	3
Essendon ....	60	18	Ballarat ....	8	2
Barwon ....	42	8	Monash University ....	8	1
Melbourne University	20	3	Lake Colac ....	6	3
Hawthorn ....	18	5	Rutherglen Lake ....	6	2
Power House ....	18	4	Footscray City ....	4	1
Richmond ....	18	5	Melbourne ....	4	2
Wendouree ....	18	5	Wahgunyah ....	2	1
Ballarat City ....	12	3	Wentworth ....	2	1
			Yea ....	2	1

**LIGHT-WEIGHT**

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Mercantile ....	50	9	Essendon ....	18	6
Banks ....	42	6	Richmond ....	12	2
Corio Bay ....	40	5	Albert Park ....	6	3
Ballarat City ....	34	11	Melbourne ....	2	1

**COUNTRY**

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Barwon ....	70	11	Rutherglen Lake ....	6	3
Corio Bay ....	64	15	Lake Colac ....	6	3
Ballarat City ....	46	14	Nagambie ....	2	1
Wendouree ....	45	16	Wahgunyah ....	2	1
Mildura ....	22	5	Wentworth ....	2	1
Ballarat ....	8	2	Yea ....	2	1

## ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd April, the Public Schools Head of the River Regatta was conducted on the Barwon River, Geelong, and resulted in a fine win by Scotch College. Melbourne Grammar School and Geelong College filled 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Our congratulations are extended to Scotch College and their coach, Mr. D. R. T. Macmillan, for an outstanding performance.

## VICTORIAN HIGH SCHOOLS

The 14th Annual Regatta was held on the Henley course on Friday, 1st April. The Head of the River race for first crews was won by Melbourne High School. Winning crews in the other events conducted at the regatta are as follows:—Camberwell High School (2nd eights), Geelong High School (3rd eights), Reservoir High School (1st fours), Maribyrnong High School (2nd fours), Ballarat High School (3rd fours).

Our congratulations are extended to the successful crews in all events.

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ROWING

The Australian Universities Rowing Championships were conducted on Saturday, 28th May, 1966, at Mannum, South Australia.

The results of the events conducted were as follows:—

**LIGHT-WEIGHT FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP.**—Adelaide, 1st; Sydney, 2nd; Melbourne, 3rd. Other competitors: Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Newcastle, Australian National University, Monash.

**SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.**—P. H. Hoban, Monash, 1st; M. J. Reynolds, Queensland, 2nd; K. Jelbart, Australian National University, 3rd. Other competitors: W. Yuille, Western Australia; C. Morgan, Sydney.

**BOAT RACE FOR OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CUP.**—Tasmania, 1st; New South Wales, 2nd; Melbourne, 3rd. Other competitors: Monash, Sydney, Queensland, Newcastle, Western Australia, Adelaide.

## REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES SEASON 1966-67

1966

OCTOBER—

- 15—Metropolitan Rowing Committee, Annual.
- 22—Banks Regatta.
- 29—Preston Novice Regatta.

NOVEMBER—

- 19—V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta.
- 26—Dimboola Regatta.

DECEMBER—

- 3—Upper Yarra Regatta.
- 17—Championship (Senior Four, Junior Four, Junior Scull, Lightweight Eight. Venue: To be decided when tests have been made on new Lower Yarra Course.)
- 26—Nagambie Regatta.
- 31—Yarrowonga Regatta.

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JANUARY—

- 2—Rutherglen Regatta.
- 28—Yea Regatta.
- 30—Albert Park Regatta.
- 30—Championship (Senior Pair, Junior Pair, Lightweight Pair and Scull. Venue: Albert Park.)



#### FEBRUARY—

- 11—Footscray Regatta.
- 18—Championship (Senior Eight and Scull, Junior Eight, Lightweight Four. Venue: Ballarat).
- 25—Ballarat Regatta.

#### MARCH—

- 4—Henley Regatta.
- 11—Barwon Regatta.
- 13—Colac Regatta.
- 18—Head of the Yarra.
- 25—Mildura Regatta.
- 27—Wentworth Regatta.

#### APRIL—

- 1—Scotch Mercantile Regatta.
- 7 and 8—Head of the River.
- 7—High Schools Regatta.
- 15—Junior Schools Regatta.
- 21 and 22—King's Cup Regatta (Murray Bridge).

### OFFICIALS PANEL

The Officials' Panel comprises Messrs. R. R. Aitken (Chairman), N. W. Cairnes, R. B. Duncan, J. J. Donald, R. G. Harding and T. R. Rodda, with Mr. A. W. Oakley as Secretary.

The primary object of the Panel is to assist in, and when possible, improve the conduct of regattas within the State for the benefit of the competing oarsmen. To this end the Panel arranges for the Officials required at all registered regattas, and endeavours to ensure that they are adequately instructed in their duties. Such instruction takes the form of a discussion at which senior officials endeavour to pass on the benefit of their practical experience and an examination on the Rules of Racing and the application of them.

There are at present 69 registered officials, of whom 43 come from the metropolitan area and 26 from the country clubs.

Unfortunately not all of those who are qualified to act are available as frequently as is desirable, with the result that perhaps an unfair burden falls upon the remainder, some of whom have carried out duties in one capacity or another at a dozen or fifteen regattas during the season.

Examinations were conducted during the year in Melbourne and Geelong. The response in both cases was disappointing and only 12 new licences were issued. This is a matter of concern to the panel. No regatta can be conducted without Officials, and the more capable the official the better the regatta for the competitors.

Those members of the Association, therefore, who have the time available are urged to submit themselves for the next series of tests conducted by the Panel, and thereby give the present competing oarsmen the advantage of their knowledge and experience.

### AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

The following decisions were made at the Annual General Meeting:—

- President: Mr. A. Southcott (South Australia) was elected.
- Honorary Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. R. G. Blundstone (Tasmania) was elected.
- Honorary Auditor: Mr. A. A. Pitt (Tasmania) was elected.
- Australian Olympic Federation Delegates: Sir Harold Alderson, K.T., M.B.E., and Mr. R. G. Blundstone were elected.
- Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association Delegates: Sir Harold Alderson, K.T., M.B.E., and Mr. R. G. Blundstone, were elected.
- London Representative: Mr. Max Berge Phillips was elected.
- Australian Continental Representative, F.I.S.A.: Mr. W. J. Rogers was elected.

F.I.S.A. Representatives (three): Mr. N. F. Wilkinson (Victoria), Mr. J. Rogers (Nassau, Bahamas) and Mr. Max Berge Phillips (London) were elected.

Equipment Sub-committee: Messrs. J. Howden, D. Boykett and N. W. Cairnes (Victoria), and Mr. A. Callaway (New South Wales) were elected.

Olympic Fund Investment: It was agreed to invest \$600 on Fixed Deposit with the Hobart Building Society for two years at 6 per cent.

Affiliation Fees: That the Victorian Rowing Association be permitted to revise its number of registered oarsmen, and if necessary the appropriate adjustment be made in the affiliation fee due for the year 1967-68.

Selection Committee: It was agreed that the Grading Committee shall be the Selection Committee to select a crew or crews and/or sculler to represent Australia for the 1966 World Rowing Championships.

Australian Team Managers: It was agreed that no Manager of an Australian Team, or Competitor, shall be permitted to act as a F.I.S.A. Umpire-Referee at any regatta in which team members are competing.

Olympic Games, Mexico City, 1968: It was agreed that should the A.A.R.C. Councillors think it necessary, after perusing the report received by the Australian Olympic Federation from the Sports Medical Association of Australia, the Honorary Secretary be instructed to advise all Constituent Associations to submit names of oarsmen prepared to participate in the tests as suggested by the Victorian Branch of the Australian Sports Medical Association, and that the State Associations bear any cost involved.

British Commonwealth and Empire Games: It was agreed that the Council investigate, and if necessary take action to ensure that rowing does not lapse as a sport at the British Commonwealth and Empire Games, the rules of which it is believed provide that any sport which is not held at two consecutive Games shall be excluded from future Games.

(It was noted that there were only two applications for the 1970 Empire Games, those being Scotland, where no rowing was on the programme, and New Zealand, where rowing had been named as an alternative sport.)

It was decided to write to the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association, pressing for the inclusion of rowing in the programme should the Games be held in New Zealand, and not as an alternative sport.

Manager, World Rowing Championships: It was agreed that nominations for the position of the Australian Manager for the World Rowing Championships be called as soon as possible. Mr. W. A. Craven (Victoria) was subsequently appointed.

Grading Committee: Mr. R. R. Aitken (Victoria), Mr. P. Cayzer (New South Wales), and Mr. W. L. Wallace (South Australia) were appointed. The Grading Committee was also appointed the Fairness and Weather Committee for the King's Cup events in Hobart.

Venue and Date King's Cup: It was decided that the 1967 King's Cup Regatta be held at Murray Bridge, South Australia, on the 12th and 13th May, 1967, and that all events be conducted with heats, repechage heats, and that owing to the width of the river, four crews would participate in each final.

New Zealand Tour, 1967: It was decided to accept the invitation of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association for the Australian Amateur Rowing Council to send a team of approximately 19 oarsmen, including a Manager, for a series of test races during the period approximately 15th November to 15th December, be accepted.

Selection of Crews to represent Australia in New Zealand, 1967: It was decided to use the King's Cup Regatta 1967 as a test race to decide Australia's representation for races against New Zealand Crews pertaining to the Eight-oared Crew, Coach and one Emergency, and the Sculler. The existing Grading Committee to be empowered to select a Four with Cox and one Emergency, and a Pair-oared Crew for the test races in New Zealand.



Grading Committee, Olympic Games, Mexico City: It was agreed that the appointed Grading and Selection Committee make sure that the Australian Crews recommended to go to Mexico be limited to only those crews which are considered up to world standard.

Time period for future King's Cups: Notice was given to alter Australian Amateur Rowing Council Rule 4.02 to the effect that where at present it reads "that the date shall not be earlier than 15th April or later than 15th May in any year" to now read "15th March or later than 15th April in any year." This matter to be voted on at the next annual meeting, to be held in South Australia.

#### MAIL VOTES

The following mail votes were taken during the year:—

Submitted by the Tasmanian Rowing Council: "That the King's Cup for Eights and the President's Cup for Sculls be conducted on 26th March, 1966, be all finals, and that no heats or repechage events be conducted."

Voting — For: Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia. Against: New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland. The motion was declared lost and heats and repechage events were conducted on Friday, 25th March, and the Finals on Saturday morning, 26th March.

Submitted by New South Wales: National Championships. "That Rule 4.25 be amended by adding the following races:—

- Australian Championship Lightweight (150 lbs.), Four without Cox.
- Australian Championship Lightweight (150 lbs.), Pair with Cox.
- Australian Championship Lightweight (150 lbs.), Pair without Cox.
- Australian Championship Lightweight (150 lbs.), Double Sculls.
- Australian Championship Lightweight (150 lbs.), Single Sculls."

Voting—For: New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland. Against: South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia. The motion was declared lost.

### DECISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1965

The Annual General Meeting considered and adopted the following items submitted in the agenda attached to the Annual Report for season 1964-65:—

ITEM 6.—Constitution Clause II. and Clause VI. (a), together with Rule XIII. and Rule XXXI. relating to affiliation fees.

ITEM 7.—Rule III. relating to the closing date of nominations for office-bearers of the Association.

ITEM 8.—Rule XI.: The Committee may alter or rescind any of its by-laws or Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing provided that at least 31 days' notice in writing is given and at least three-fourths of the members present vote in favour. Rule XXX.: The Clauses of the Constitution and Rules of the Association may be made altered or rescinded only with the concurrence of three-fourths of members present at the Annual General Meeting, or, at a Special General Meeting of the Association, provided that at least thirty-one days' notice in writing has been given.

ITEM 9.—Constitution Clause V. and Constitution Clause VIII., providing for two Assistant Honorary Secretaries.

ITEM 10.—Rule XXXIV., deleting Beginners' Events.

ITEM 12.—Regulation 2 relating to average weights for Lightweight Crews.

ITEM 13.—Regulation 7, relating to the collection of the King's Cup levy.

ITEM 14.—Rule VII. and Regulation 2 relating to the grouping of Regattas to form a series.

ITEM 15.—Honoraria: The payment of Honoraria amounting to \$50, \$30 and \$20 to the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Secretary respectively.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following decisions were made by the General Committee:—

**REGATTA PROGRAMMES.**—Fixing of Regatta and Championship dates, venues and programmes and the grouping of regattas into series.

### VICTORIAN CREWS AND EQUIPMENT—

The conditions of selection and representation by members of the Association for the Australian Rowing Championships.

A new boat and oars will be ordered each year for the King's Cup crew by the Executive Committee, such equipment to be available for training and racing.

The sculler selected will be responsible to provide his own equipment which shall be transported and insured to and from the venue at the expense of the Association.

The boat and oars for training and (if necessary) racing for the Penrith Cup squad shall be provided by the Club or Clubs from which the crew is selected, such loan to be arranged by the manager and the coach.

### SALE OF EQUIPMENT—

Sale of King's Cup oars.

Sale of Racing Eight "King C Gillette."

Sale of Racing Eight used by 1966 King's Cup crew.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**—The resignation of Mr. K. G. G. Crossley was accepted with regret.

**INVESTMENTS.**—In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee the following investments were approved:—

\$1000, Ford Motor Co., 7½ per cent. 8 years, Debentures.

\$600, I.A.C., 7½ per cent. 10 years, Debentures.

\$800, Esanda, 7¼ per cent. 10 years, Notes.

\$600, General Credits, 7½ per cent. 9 years, Debentures.

\$200, Mercantile Credits, 7¼ per cent. 10 years, Notes.

**DELEGATE TO THE AMATEUR SPORTS CLUB.**—Mr. A. W. McLeish was appointed.

**VICTORIAN MANAGER.**—Mr. W. A. Craven was appointed.

**VICTORIAN SELECTORS' EIGHT AND SCULLER.**—Mr. R. J. March and Dr. L. S. Williams were appointed.

**VICTORIAN SELECTORS' LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR.**—Mr. K. A. Bilney and Mr. W. A. Craven were appointed.

**HONORARY SECRETARY.**—Following the resignation of Mr. J. W. Bradshaw, Mr. S. R. Jeffery was appointed Honorary Secretary.

**HONORARY TREASURER.**—Following on the leave of absence granted to the Treasurer, Mr. N. F. Wilkinson, Mr. K. Wickham was appointed Acting Treasurer.

**MONASH UNIVERSITY ROWING CLUB.**—Affiliation was granted to the newly-formed Monash University Rowing Club.

## SERVICES RENDERED

The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Committee are extended to the following gentlemen and organisations for services rendered to the Association throughout the year.

Messrs. J. Taylor and J. M. Moore, for services as Honorary Auditors.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners, Department of Customs and Excise, Melbourne City Council, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, Ballarat Rowing Association, Ballarat City Council, for their assistance and co-operation in connection with the conducting of regattas and championship events throughout the year.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission and the commercial radio and television stations who allocated time to rowing through the radio and television network.



Mr. J. Coghlan and his drivers, who transported rowing equipment during the year.

Members of the Officials' Panel who examined candidates for Official Licences and Licensed Officials who officiated at regattas throughout the year.

Mr. S. C. McLean, who provided public address equipment for regattas.

The Victorian Public Schools and High Schools, and Interstate Clubs who supported our regattas.

Dr. Harry Ireland, Honorary Medical Officer, for medical services rendered.

Mr. R. W. B. Todd and Mr. T. S. Flint, for publicity given to rowing per medium of the press.

## DONATIONS

The sincere thanks of the Committee are extended to the following donors to the funds of the Association.

Tattersall's Sweep Consultations, Dr. Clive Disher Trust Fund, Family of the Late Sir Thomas Nettlefold, Mrs. W. Burke, A. W. McLeish, R. W. B. Todd, A. N. Jacobsen, R. R. Aitken, M. S. Williams, D. R. Salmon, R. W. Thursfield, Old Oarsmen's Association, C. Morley, Rothmans Pty. Ltd.

## OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the passing of Members of the Association who have been active for a number of years.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families and clubs of Mr. F. Marchant (Corio Bay Rowing Club), Mr. B. Coningsby (Melbourne Rowing Club), Mr. M. Last (Albert Park Rowing Club), Mr. R. Smythe (former King's Cup oarsmen), Mr. W. Anketell (Vice-president of the Old Oarsmen's Association and a member of the Melbourne Rowing Club), Mr. H. Balfe (killed in an accident, and who was for many years the rowing correspondent of "The Age" newspaper).

## EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sixteen Executive and eleven General Committee Meetings were held during the year. Attendances were:—

EXECUTIVE.—N. W. Cairnes, S. R. Jeffery, 16; J. W. Bradshaw, R. G. Harding, E. Woolcock, 13; T. Rodda, P. J. Thomson, 12; N. F. Wilkinson, 11; R. J. March, 9; A. W. Oakley, Jnr., 8; K. J. Wickham, 7; W. C. Healy, 5. Average attendance, 8.

GENERAL.—J. W. Bradshaw, G. D. Clegg, T. S. Flint, J. L. Hardie, M. F. McKenna, W. T. Morrison, D. Stirling, 11; H. O. Balfe, R. B. Duncan, W. A. Dennis, R. G. Harding, S. R. Jeffery, A. W. McLeish, A. W. Oakley, Jnr., W. R. B. Todd, M. S. Williams, E. Woolcock, K. J. Wickham, 10; D. Browne, N. W. Cairnes, B. Craven, J. J. Donald, J. G. Parr, P. J. Thomson, I. Stewart, F. Way, 9; R. R. Aitken, J. Coghlan, J. R. Elliot, H. B. Kirsch, S. Newcomb, T. Rodda, 8; R. J. March, J. D. Palmington, W. J. Ramsbottom, B. L. Smith, L. S. Williams, N. F. Wilkinson, W. J. Waterfield, E. C. White, 7; D. H. Boykett, P. Dalton, J. C. Harrison, J. A. McBean, R. Tanner, J. A. Walscott, 6; B. R. Coningsby, A. N. Jacobsen, P. Marxsen, I. McBain, H. Nicholson, J. Peters, J. Phillips, W. G. Raper, E. M. Wilson, L. A. J. Wilkinson, 5; D. Clarke, F. B. Dennis, W. C. Healy, A. Milbourne, W. O'Keefe, F. Peters, D. R. Salmon, 4; I. J. Albert, G. O. J. Capper, P. J. Fraser, J. R. Harvey, A. Smith, 3; J. Burford, E. M. Davidson, W. Hutchins, S. Ruglen, G. Xouris, H. Scott, 2; A. Clark, W. A. Craven, J. E. Dixon, I. E. Douglas, J. F. Esse, J. Carr, J. G. Howden, W. N. Howell, K. Kent, R. Keon-Cohen, C. Long, A. Rice, D. Seator, P. Watkin, W. Stokes, P. Healy, 1. Average attendance, 47.

## ADDENDUM

I wish to add the thanks of the Association due to Messrs. Bradshaw, Jeffery, Wilkinson, Oakley, Thompson and Wickham for their untiring work for the V.R.A.

I feel that I should also congratulate our Victorian Sculler, our Light-weight Four and our Victorian Eight, each of whom so brilliantly won the President's Cup, the Penrith Cup and the King's Cup for Victoria and to their coaches, Mr. George, of the Four, and Mr. Frederico, of the Eight, who both so ably demonstrated their skill and patience. The year has been a glorious one for the V.R.A. The memory of and the feeling of delight engendered by their wins will last as long as any of us who saw the racing survive.

My, and I am sure our, greatest thanks go to Mr. March and Dr. Williams, the selectors of the crew, for their judgment in picking the coach and eight-oared crew, and their patience under criticism. It is interesting to recall that your representatives had selected Mr. March as a selector of the King's Cup crew on the last fifteen occasions and that he has rewarded your confidence by his competence by being one of the selectors of eleven winning crews and of two crews which finished second. Dr. Williams has been elected selector nine times and has had five wins.

However, the year was still not a good one. The Victorian Rowing Association is a voluntary Confederation of Rowing Clubs. Any Club can withdraw its membership at any time and it can also, if it refuses to comply with the resolution of the Representative Committee of the Association, be suspended or expelled.

The Association's objects are in essence to continue Boat Racing in Victoria and to promote and control it in the Annual Interstate Rowing Contests.

By the Rules of the Association has always followed the obvious and necessary procedure of electing two men to select first of all the man who is to coach the crew, and secondly to select the crew to represent us. It must be assumed that as the selectors are the choice of the General Committee that they are competent and honest. The competence of each of the selectors chosen is demonstrated above and must be beyond question. The only other objection that could be raised by reasonable thinking men is to their honesty. I am quite certain that nobody in his right senses could claim or even suggest that either was unfair or dishonest. The two selectors chose Mr. Frederico as coach. In doing so, in fact, they acted as the delegates of the whole Association. The result upheld their judgment. The selectors and the coach proceeded, as was their duty, to select what they thought were the best men to represent Victoria. In the selected crew were four men from the Banks Rowing Club.

Finally, the V.R.A. Constitution and Rules are the charter of all oarsmen, not of one club. Whilst they are in the book they must govern all or there is chaos. The Constitution and Rules can very easily be changed if the majority of members favour a change. But instead of giving notice of motion to change the Constitution and the Rules, which they were quite entitled to do, the Banks Rowing Club Committee, in fact, determined on direct action. How misguided, deplorable and selfish this action was has been demonstrated by the result of the King's Cup and the judgment of the selectors.

—M. S. WILLIAMS, President.



## VICTORIAN ROWING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

		ADMINISTRATION
To Bank Balance, 1/7/65		\$536.04
" Affiliation Fees—		
1964/65	\$17.20	
1965/66	1863.50	
		1880.70
" Registration Fees—		
Regatta	\$210.00	
Coxswain	63.60	
		273.60
" Championships—		
Entry Fees	\$170.70	
Gate and Sale of Programmes	58.90	
Donations	17.10	
		\$246.70
Less Cost—		
Entry Refund	\$2.40	
Engraving	47.70	
Medallions	60.97	
Advertising	20.00	
Sundries	32.07	
		163.14
		83.56
" New Zealand and National Regattas—		
Donations, Sale of Badges, Car Stickers	\$759.45	
Entry Fees	447.80	
Gate Receipts	772.35	
Programme Sales	76.28	
		\$2055.88
*Less Expenditure		
Transport and Insurance	\$183.21	
Advertising	96.38	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	692.02	
Trophies	306.45	
Launches	152.20	
Badges	131.25	
Amplification	100.00	
Sundries	33.83	
		\$1695.34
		360.54
" Miscellaneous—		
Sale of Racing Scull	\$390.00	
Interest	140.77	
Poster	69.30	
Fines	93.90	
Hiring	208.00	
Sale of Constitutions	86.00	
Sundries	66.30	
		1054.26
" Rothmans Foundation	548.31	
" Less Accom. and Transport, N.Z., Australian Crews	548.31	
		\$4188.70

\*Sundries—Expenses of \$102.59 due but not paid as at 30/6/66.

**ASSOCIATION  
DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1965-66**

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**ACCOUNT**

By Trophy Orders .....		\$1546.20	
Less Recoups—Regatta Comm. ....		1546.20	
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„ Staging Dues .....		\$126.00	
Less Recoups .....		126.00	
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„ Regatta—			
Trophies .....	\$150.00		
Engraving .....	25.50		
Printing .....	36.79		
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		\$212.29	
Less Income:			
Entry Fees .....	\$130.80		
Sale of Programmes .....	34.00		
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		164.80	
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			\$47.49
„ Miscellaneous—			
Contributions to L.W.4 .....		\$248.75	
Purchase of Typewriter .....		67.62	
Postage .....		417.61	
Honarium .....		120.00	
Affiliation Fees .....		468.80	
Locks .....		55.59	
Repairs .....		36.00	
Donation, Empire Games .....		20.00	
Copies Constitution .....		30.00	
Insurance .....		27.59	
Cartridges .....		27.60	
Weights for Scales .....		24.00	
Printing .....		23.25	
Framing Certificates .....		12.00	
Sundries .....		28.28	
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			\$1607.09
„ Transfer to King's Cup Account .....			1405.62
„ Bank Balance, 30/6/66 .....			1128.50

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\$4188.70

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## VICTORIAN ROWING

### KING'S CUP

Dr. Disher Fund Interest .....	\$102.50
Donations .....	273.50
Seat Fees .....	200.00
King's Cup Levy .....	297.35
Sale King's Cup Boat .....	1250.00
Sale Oars .....	140.00
Transfer from Administration Account .....	1405.62

\$3668.97

### KING'S CUP

Balances, 1/7/65, Bank .....	\$2216.46
Investments—	
King's Cup .....	\$15200.00
Penrith Cup .....	1200.00
A. J. Shepherd Bequest .....	2000.00
	<u>\$20616.46</u>
Penrith Cup .....	200.00
King's Cup .....	800.00
Interest—	
Investments .....	\$1414.16
A. J. Shepherd Bequest .....	101.81
	<u>1515.97</u>

\$23132.43

### TROPHY

Balance, 1/7/65 .....	\$1277.02
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### OLYMPIC

Bank Balance, 1/7/65 .....	\$1640.01
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## ASSOCIATION

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### ACCOUNT

Repairs .....	\$320.23
Freight .....	118.82
Insurance .....	28.56
Manager's Account .....	105.84
Fares .....	387.80
Blazer Pockets .....	13.00
Accommodation .....	864.55
Purchase King's Cup Boat .....	1440.00
Purchase Oars .....	345.50
Petrol and Oil .....	44.67
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	\$3668.97

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### INVESTMENT FUND

Balance 30/6/66—			
Investments:			
King's Cup .....	\$20200.00		
Penrith Cup .....	1400.00		
	<hr/>	\$21600.00	
Bank .....		1532.43	
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		\$23132.43	

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### ACCOUNT

Balance, 30/6/66—		
Bank .....	\$132.52	
Investments .....	1144.50	
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### ACCOUNT

Expenses, Tokyo Olympics .....	\$15.57
Bank—Balance .....	1624.44
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	\$1640.01

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## ASSOCIATION

Balance, 1/7/65 .....	\$4558.04
Oars (purchase) .....	345.50
Boat (purchase) .....	1440.00
Typewriter (purchase) .....	67.62
Excess, Receipts over Disbursements .....	592.46

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\$7003.62

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## BALANCE

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Trophy Money Outstanding .....	\$1277.02
Olympic Games Fund .....	1624.44
King's Cup and Penrith Fund Investment A/c. ....	23132.43
Association Funds .....	4223.62

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\$30257.51

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Audited and found correct:

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

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

# ROWING ASSOCIATION

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## FUNDS

Sale—		
Eight .....		\$800.00
Eight .....		1250.00
Scull .....		390.00
Depreciation—		
Scull .....	\$10.00	
Eight .....	190.00	
		200.00
Sale of Oars .....		140.00
Association Funds, 30/6/66 .....		4223.63
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		\$7003.62

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## SHEET

30/6/66

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Bank Balances—		
Trophy A/c. ....	\$132.52	
Olympic Games .....	1624.44	
King's Cup .....	1532.43	
Association Funds .....	1128.50	
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		\$4417.89
Investments—		
Trophy A/c. ....	\$1144.50	
New Boat A/c. ....	1400.00	
King's Cup .....	20200.00	
Penrith Cup .....	1400.00	
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		24144.50
Property—		
Stationery .....	\$10.00	
Typewriters .....	159.62	
Filing Cabinets .....	64.00	
Scales .....	30.00	
Outboard Motor .....	720.00	
Coaching Launch .....	160.00	
Loud Hailers .....	110.00	
Starting Guns .....	96.00	
Oars .....	345.50	
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		1695.12
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		\$30257.51

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KEVIN J. WICKHAM,  
Acting Hon. Treasurer.





Ballarat.

# THIRD NATIONAL REGATTA

Friday and Saturday, 29th and 30th April, 1966

## RESULTS

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION FOUR-OARED CREWS WITH COX—

N.S.W. Composite 1, Banks (Vic.) 2, South Australian Composite 3, Haberfield (N.S.W.) 4. Essendon (Vic.) eliminated.

FINAL: Time, 7 min. 40 sec. Margin: 2½ lengths, 1 length.

Winning Crew: R. Ranch (bow), C. Stevens (2), A. Duval (3), P. Dickson (stroke), B. Thomas (cox), A. R. Callaway (coach).

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION FOUR-OARED CREWS WITHOUT COX—

Mercantile (Vic.) 1, Mosman-Haberfield (N.S.W.) 2, Sydney-Sydney University (N.S.W.) 3, Yarra Yarra-Banks (Vic.) 4. Colleagues-Sydney University (N.S.W.) scratched. Haberfield (N.S.W.) scratched.

FIRST AND FINAL: Time, 7 min. 56.5 sec. (It is believed this time should be 30 sec. less.)

Margin: 2 lengths, 1/3 length.

Winning Crew: G. Xouris (bow), P. E. Philp (2), R. J. Garrard (3), D. Palfreyman (stroke), S. H. Newcomb (coach).

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION PAIR-OARED CREWS WITH COX—

Mercantile (Vic.) 1, Wendouree (Vic.) 2, Mildura (Vic.) 3, Sydney (N.S.W.) 4, Haberfield No. 1 (N.S.W.) 5. Melbourne (Vic.), South Australia Composite and Hawthorn (Vic.) eliminated. Derwent-Mercantile (Tas.) and Haberfield No. 2 (N.S.W.) scratched.

FINAL: Time, 8 min. 37 sec.

Margin: 2 lengths, 1½ lengths.

Winning Crew: S. M. Gillon (bow), G. H. Boykett (stroke), T. C. Daffy (cox), M. G. Tomanovits (coach).

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION PAIR-OARED CREWS WITHOUT COX—

Mosman (N.S.W.) 1, Nepean (N.S.W.) 2, Haberfield (N.S.W.) 3, Colleagues (N.S.W.) 4. G.P.S.O.B. & B.R.C. (Qld.) eliminated. Derwent-Mercantile (Tas.) scratched.

FINAL: Time, 8 min. 14 sec. Margin, 5 lengths, 2 lengths.

Winning Crew: R. Shirlaw (bow), R. Ninham (stroke).

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION DOUBLE SCULLS—

Wendouree-Corio Bay (Vic.) 1, Balmain No. 2 (N.S.W.) 2, Yarra Yarra-Richmond (Vic.) 3, Haberfield (N.S.W.) 4. Balmain No. 1 (N.S.W.) eliminated. Sydney University-Balmain (N.S.W.), scratched.

FINAL: Time, 7 min. 40 sec. Margin, 2/3 length, 1 length.

Winning Crew: J. Sykes (bow), J. Thomas (stroke).

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CREWS—

Sydney (N.S.W.) 1, South Australian Composite 2, Banks (Vic.) 3, Mercantile (Vic.) 4. Tasmania eliminated.

FINAL: Time, 7 min. 19 sec. Margin, 2 lengths, 3 feet.

Winning Crew: R. Stone (bow), D. Capetti (2), D. Carmody (3), D. Purcell (4), I. Carmody (5), R. Powell (6), B. Holden (7), B. Downie (stroke), L. Crick (cox), W. H. Holden (coach).



#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CREWS WITHOUT COX—

Haberfield (N.S.W.) 1, Ballarat City (Vic.) 2. Melbourne University (Vic.) disqualified.

FIRST AND FINAL: Time, 8 min. 7.5 sec. Margin, 1½ lengths.

Winning Crew: D. Krause (bow), M. Craig (2), W. Paget (3), C. Schofield (stroke).

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR-OARED CREWS WITH COX—

Ballarat City (Vic.) 1, Haberfield No. 1 (N.S.W.) 2, Essendon (Vic.) 3, Albert Park (Vic.) 4. Haberfield No. 2 (N.S.W.) eliminated. Wendouree (Vic.), Mercantile (Vic.) and Balmain (N.S.W.) were scratched.

FINAL: Time, 9 min. 16.7 sec. Margin, 6 lengths, 4 lengths.

Winning Crew: A. Dixon (bow), D. Brown (stroke), S. Butler (cox), F. Findley (coach).

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULLS—

C. Bullard (Haberfield, N.S.W.) 1, I. R. Winter (Buckingham, Tas.) 2, G. Ramsbottom (Melbourne No. 1, Vic.) 3, P. Hannan (Drummoyne, N.S.W.) 4, R. Willis (Melbourne No. 2, Vic.) 5. P. Begehole (Yarra Yarra, Vic.), C. Roberts (Richmond, Vic.) were eliminated. J. P. Ryan (Ulverstone, Tas.) was overweight and did not start. J. Sykes (Corio Bay, Vic.) was scratched.

FINAL: Time, 8 min. 49.5 sec. Margin, 10 lengths.

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION JUNIOR EIGHT-OARED CREWS WITH COX—

Mercantile (Vic.) 1, Mosman (N.S.W.) 2, Melbourne University (Vic.) 3, Yarra Yarra (Vic.) 4, Monash University (Vic.) scratched.

FIRST AND FINAL: Time, 6 min. 59 sec. Margin, 1/3 length, 2/3 length.

Winning Crew: R. S. Weatherhead (bow), W. B. Hutchins (2), R. B. Wilson (3), R. A. Negri (4), J. Burford (5), D. G. Douglas (6), V. G. Mulder (7), J. E. Bourke (stroke), M. F. Owen (cox), G. A. McCall and N. W. Cairnes (coach).

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY EIGHT-OARED CREW—

Hutchens School (Tas.) 1, King's College (S.A.) 2.

FIRST AND FINAL: Time, 7 min. 39 sec. Margin, 2½ lengths.

Winning Crew: F. B. Dixon (bow), W. A. Webster (2), P. H. Boyd (3), L. G. Morrisby (4), G. Groom (5), E. Hale (6), C. J. T. Jones (7), M. A. Woods stroke, P. K. Limb (cox), P. R. Cox (bow).

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY FOUR-OARED CREWS WITH COX—

Ballarat Grammar (Vic.) 1, Ballarat College (Vic.) 2, Hutchens School (Tas.) 3, Devonport High School (Tas.) 4. Richmond River High School (N.S.W.), Ballarat High School (Vic.), Reservoir High School No. 1 (Vic.) and Reservoir High School No. 2 (Vic.) were eliminated.

FINAL: Time, 7 min. 58 sec. Margin, 6 feet, 2 lengths.

Winning Crew: E. Vallance (bow), W. Wood (2), T. Clarke (3), S. Carrol (stroke), T. Wilson (cox), J. Nevett (coach).