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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

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ONE HUNDREDTH

ANNUAL REPORT
AND BALANCE SHEET

Season 1975-76

THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The One-Hundredth Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, 14 McKillop Street, Melbourne, 3000, on Saturday, 28th August, 1976 at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Ninety-ninth Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, 30th August and Friday, 12th September, 1975.
2. To receive the One-Hundredth Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-bearers, viz. President, eight Vice-Presidents and two Honorary Auditors.
4. Presentation of Premiership Certificates.
5. Presentation of Championship Medallions.
6. To consider amendments to the Constitutions, Rules and Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing, of which due notice of motion has been given.
7. Honoraria.
8. General Business.

No motions may be submitted without due notice, but recommendations may be made to the Committee.

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

W. J. WATERFIELD,
Honorary Secretary.

1st July, 1976.

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REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES Season 1967-77

1976.

October—

- 9 Metropolitan.
- 16 Banks.

November—

- 20 Dimboola.
- 21 Horsham.
- 27 Upper Yarra.

December—

- 4 V.R.A. Centenary.
- 5 V.R.A. Centenary Combination Eights.
- 11 V.R.A. (Melbourne) at Ballarat incl. Champ. Four with Cox, Champ. Pair with Cox, Champ. Junior Four, Champ. Lightweight Pair with Cox).
- 27 Nagambie.
- 28 Yarrowonga.

1977.

January—

- 1 Rutherglen.
- 22 Victorian Universities at Ballarat.
- 29 Hawthorn Centenary Regatta.
- 31 Albert Park Lake.

February—

- 5 Championships at Ballarat - Senior Eight, Senior Single Scull, Senior Lightweight Four, Junior Single Scull, Youth Four.
- 19 Colac Centenary Regatta.
- 20 Warrnambool.

March—

- 5 Henley on Yarra.
- 12 Barwon (incl. Champion School Eight and Four).
- 13 Ballarat.
- 14 Championships at Ballarat - Senior Coxless Four, Senior Coxless Pair, Senior Lightweight Coxless Pair, Junior Eight, Junior Pair, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Single Scull.
- 19 Scotch Mercantile.
- 26 Saltwater River Centenary Regatta (Footscray).
- 26 Public Schools Junior Regatta.

April—

- 1-2 Public Schools Head of the River.
- 7-11 King's Cup and National Regatta, Perth.
- 9 Mildura.
- 11 Wentworth.

THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Patron: R. W. THURSFIELD, Esq.

President: R. R. AITKEN, Esq.

Vice-Presidents: W. A. DENNIS, Esq (deceased 30/11/75); H. R. FREDERICO, Esq.; A. W. McLEISH, Esq.; R. J. MARCH, Esq.; G. H. NICHOLSON, Esq.; J. G. PARR, Esq.; T. RODDA, Esq.; W. R. B TODD, Esq.

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LIFE MEMBERS.

N. W. CAIRNES, Esq. and N. F. WILKINSON, Esq.

Elected Members

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
P. A. Cayzer	1974	1976	K. S. Cusworth	1975	1977
G. D. Clegg	1974	1976	R. B. Duncan	1975	1977
J. J. Donald	1974	1976	J. R. Jopling	1975	1977
F. G. Rickards	1974	1976	R. W. Lahey	1975	1977
B. L. Smith	1974	1976	W. R. Stokes	1975	1977

Executive Committee

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
J. W. Bradshaw	1974	1976	E. Woolcock	1974	4/2/76
R. F. Hammon	5/5/76	1976	D. B. Bishop	1975	1977
T. C. Johnston	1974	1976	D. H. Boykett	1975	1977
P. J. Thomson	1974	1976	P. A. Cayzer	1975	1977

Representatives of Affiliated Clubs and Schools

Albert Park	A. McCowan	Melbourne Univ.	D. R. English
Ballarat City	M. J. Rowan		and K. B. Toleman
	and R. B. Wilson	Mercantile	M. F. Owen
Banks	A. P. Evans		and M. G. Tomanovits
	and K. I. Harris	Mildura	T. Swanson
Barwon	A. L. Hart	Monash Univ.	P. C. Dane
	and C. R. Reynolds		and K. P. Jelbart
Bendigo	W. D. Parkinson	Nagambie	P. McNamara
Corio Bay	R. C. Morell	Power House	L. Budge
	and R. P. Podbury		and N. F. Smith
Corowa	P. Guy	Preston	K. Kent
Dimboola	R. B. Pilmore	Richmond	T. Murphy
	and D. Todd		and F. W. Peters
Essendon	R. F. Hammon	Rutherglen Lake	W. T. Morrison
	and L. G. Saunders	South Melbourne	P. Morrow
Footscray City	K. M. Bourke	Wahgunyah	A. Currie
Hawthorn	F. B. Dennis	Warrnambool	T. Lange
	and K. M. Rooney	Wendouree/Ballarat	
Horsham	G. J. Hardie		J. R. Elliott and P. H. Marxsen
	and R. N. McKay	Wentworth District	E. C. White
Lake Colac	E. Woolcock	Yarrowonga	R. G. Mitchell
Latrobe Univ.	C. Cottman	Yarra Yarra	H. Coe
Melbourne	B. Dalton		and L. Gallagher
	and N. Greenwood		
High Schools	J. Leach	V.L.R.A.	Mrs. K. Bennett
Public Schools	D. H. Boykett		and Miss C. Judd

Representatives on Victorian Olympic Council

P. A. Cayzer, J. G. Parr and N. F. Wilkinson (Treasurer).

ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET OF THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

To the Members, Victorian Rowing Association.

Gentlemen,—

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the One-Hundredth Annual Report, together with the audited Balance Sheet and Accounts for the 1975-76 rowing season and the year ended 30th June, 1976, respectively.

The Australian Lightweight Coxless Four from Melbourne University Boat Club became the first Australian crew to win two medals in World Championships or Olympic Games when, after winning the Gold Medal at Lucerne in 1974, the identical crew won the Bronze Medal at the 1975 World Rowing Championships at Nottingham, England, and in doing so put up the best performance of the Australian team. The Eight and Lightweight Sculler finished in sixth place in the Final of their events, the Women's Four with coxswain finished in second place in the Petite Final and the other crews and sculler were eliminated in the repechage heats.

As this report is being printed Australian oarsmen are competing at the Montreal Olympic Games and we wish Brian Richardson, the only Victorian representative, along with all other members of the team, much success in their quest for Olympic Gold. A number of prominent Association members will also be in Montreal for the Olympic Games and we look forward to their return with news of world rowing.

The combined King's Cup and National Regatta conducted at Penrith, New South Wales, created another first with the inclusion of the Australian Women's Rowing Championships on the programme. The Victorian Eight improved on the previous year's performance and finished a creditable second to a very polished New South Wales crew, while the Victorian Lightweight Four continued its supremacy in this event with a fine win and the Youth Eight retained the Noel F. Wilkinson Trophy. The decision to allow each State Association to be represented by up to three scullers in the President's Cup was well supported and in the large field two of Victoria's three scullers competed in the Final and were placed fifth and sixth.

At the National Regatta, for club crews, Victorian crews were successful in winning only three events — Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Coxless Four and School Four.

In the State Premiership competitions, Monash University Rowing Club won the Senior Premiership, Banks Rowing Club won the Junior First Division Premiership, Albert Park Rowing Club won the Junior Second Division Premiership and Mercantile Rowing Club won the Lightweight Premiership. A new Premiership for Veteran oarsmen was won by the Banks Rowing Club and we extend congratulations to all these Clubs.

The members of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, and in particular our delegate, Mr. A. W. McLeish, again did their utmost to ensure that Australian rowing was well promoted. Mr. Alec McLeish has now completed his six year term as Victorian delegate to the Council and the Association is most appreciative of his efforts for Victorian and Australian rowing during this period. Congratulations are extended to our President, Mr. R. R. Aitken, who has been appointed Chairman of the Council for a period of four years and we wish him well in this new position.

Again this season the Youth Rowing Sub-Committee, under the auspices of the Rothmans National Sports Foundation, continued to promote youth rowing and thanks go to the Sub-Committee members for their efforts.

During the season an era of rowing ended when Mr. Ray Todd, Victoria's Mr. Rowing, decided to retire after 58 years of involvement in every aspect of the sports — competing, coaching, managing and promoting. He is held in high esteem by oarsmen throughout Australia, as well as in Victoria, and the people of Ballarat so appreciated his continual promotion of Lake Wendouree as one of the finest rowing venues in the world that the City of Ballarat recently honoured him with a civic reception. At a testimonial dinner, organised by the Wendouree/Ballarot Rowing Club, oarsmen from all parts of Victoria honoured Ray Todd for his devotion to the sport and the Association takes this opportunity to wish him a healthy and prosperous retirement.

The Association congratulates Mr. Andrew Michelmore on being appointed the 1976 Victorian Rhodes Scholar and also for his receiving the award for rowing in the Sportsmen of the Year Awards by the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria.

The Old Oarsmen's Association continued to give splendid support to the Association and its executive and members are thanked for their assistance, which is always so readily given. This support, from such a solid core of supporters whose sole aim is to see Victorian rowing prosper, is in no small way one of the reasons for the success enjoyed in recent times by the Association.

The Association is indebted to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for the support given in the general promotion of the sport and more especially for assistance and guidance with the rowing promotion scheme conducted at Albert Park Lake late in June, 1976.

The Association, reaching the ripe old age of 100 years, is planning suitable celebrations to mark its Centenary and all members are urged to fully support the functions organised by the sub-committee appointed to arrange suitable celebrations in October-November, 1976.

A table showing the membership of the Association over the past five years is set out below:

	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76
Metropolitan	1422	1372	1349	1286	1245
Country	748	849	822	655	594
	<u>2170</u>	<u>2221</u>	<u>2171</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1839</u>

A more detailed review of the season's activities is set out below:

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NOTTINGHAM - AUGUST, 1975

Australia was represented by:—

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN: S. Dean (Tas.) bow, M. Shaw (N.S.W.) 2, P. Shakespeare (W.A.) 3, R. Paver (N.S.W.), 4, I. Clubb (N.S.W.) 5, B. Richardson (Vic.) 6, I. Luxford (N.S.W.) 7, C. Shinnars (N.S.W.) stroke, J. Donnelly (N.S.W.) cox, W. Liley (Vic.) reserve, M. Grace (N.S.W.) coach.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR WITHOUT COXSWAIN: C. J. Smith bow, G. L. Rees 2, A. G. Michelmore 3, T. C. Johnston stroke, P. Philp coach (Vic.).

PAIR WITH COXSWAIN: J. Clark bow, M. Crowley stroke, T. O'Hanlon cox (N.S.W.).

DOUBLE SCULL: W. Newton bow, R. Reddell stroke (N.S.W.).

SINGLE SCULL: R. Alexander (Queensland).

LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL: P. Rowe (N.S.W.).

John D. Coates of New South Wales, was Team Manager.

Australia was also represented by:—

WOMEN'S FOUR WITH COXSWAIN: S. Harding bow, V. Roe 2, P. Murray 3, W. John stroke, J. Coxhead cox, J. Bennett coach (Vic.).

Mrs. K. Bennett of Victoria was Manageress.

Results were as follows:—

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN:

Petite Final		Final	
1. West Germany ..	5:52.38	East Germany	5:39.01
2. Canada	5:54.23	Russia	5:41.34
3. Great Britain	5:56.41	New Zealand	5:43.61
4. Poland	5:57.80	Czechoslovakia	5:43.89
5. Holland	6:04.05	U.S.A.	5:46.62
6.		Australia	5:54.65

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR WITHOUT COXSWAIN:

Petite Final		Final	
1. Canada	7:01.56	France	6:47.31
2. Denmark	7:01.83	Great Britain	6:49.23
3. Italy	7:03.94	Australia	6:52.13
4. Turkey	7:08.85	U.S.A.	6:53.20
5. Sweden	7:11.81	Holland	6:54.00
6. Mexico	7:21.10	West Germany	6:58.03

LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL:

Petite Final		Final	
1. West Germany ..	7:47.53	Switzerland	7:41.69
2. Ireland	7:50.22	Austria	7:48.04
3. Great Britain	7:51.61	U.S.A.	7:51.61
4. Canada	7:56.17	Mexico	7:53.87
5. Belgium	7:59.10	Holland	7:56.78
6. China	8:17.26	Australia	8:01.74

WOMEN'S FOUR WITH COXSWAIN:

Petite Final		Final	
1. Rumania	3:45.57	East Germany	3:24.18
2. Australia	3:49.44	Bulgaria	3:27.77
3. Great Britain	3:52.93	West Germany	3:29.80
4. Czechoslovakia . . .	3:53.32	Russia	3:31.36
5. Ireland	4:00.39	Holland	3:32.27
6. China	4:03.05	U.S.A.	3:36.52

PAIR WITH COXSWAIN:

Final	
1. East Germany	7:16.24
2. Poland	7:19.43
3. West Germany	7:20.13

Australia were eliminated in repechage.

DOUBLE SCULL:

Final	
1. Norway	6:34.49
2. East Germany	6:35.10
3. Great Britain	6:39.61

Australia were eliminated in repechage.

SINGLE SCULL:

Final	
1. West Germany	7:10.08
2. Ireland	7:12.50
3. East Germany	7:13.83

Australia were eliminated in repechage.

Other results were:—

Four with Coxswain: Russia 1st, 6:31.46; East Germany 2nd, 6:36.47; West Germany 3rd, 6:40.93.

Four without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 6:13.81; Russia 2nd, 6:18.82; Rumania 3rd, 6:24.09.

Pair without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 7:06.40; Bulgaria 2nd, 7:10.81; Holland 3rd, 7:11.49.

Quadruple Scull: East Germany 1st, 5:57.44; Czechoslovakia 2nd, 6:00.28; Russia 3rd, 6:00.42.

Lightweight Eight: West Germany 1st, 6:26.09; U.S.A. 2nd, 6:27.88; Great Britain 3rd, 6:29.87.
 Women's Eight: East Germany 1st, 3:14.53; U.S.A. 2nd, 3:16.21; Rumania 3rd, 3:18.50.
 Women's Pair without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 3:49.83; Russia 2nd, 3:50.61; Rumania 3rd, 3:54.25.
 Women's Single Scull: East Germany 1st, 3:55.75; Hungary 2nd, 4:06.29; Russia 3rd, 4:08.02.
 Women's Double Scull: Russia 1st, 3:33.70; East Germany 2nd, 3:34.99; Bulgaria 3rd, 3:37.40.
 Women's Quadruple Scull: East Germany 1st, 3:21.61; Bulgaria 2nd, 3:24.12; Russia 3rd, 3:26.33.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MONTREAL - AUGUST, 1975

Despite last minute efforts to have a Ballarat College four-oared crew entered, Australia was not represented at these Junior Championships which were conducted on the new rowing course to be used for the 1976 Olympic Games events.

Results were as follows:—

Eight with Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 4:21.56; West Germany 2nd, 4:23.59; Russia 3rd, 4:26.50.
 Four with Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 4:51.14; France 2nd, 4:55.57; West Germany 3rd, 4:58.53.
 Four without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 4:49.34; Great Britain 2nd, 4:52.35; West Germany 3rd, 4:53.11.
 Pair with Coxswain: Russia 1st, 5:41.82; Great Britain 2nd, 5:43.02; West Germany 3rd, 5:43.45.
 Pair without Coxswain: West Germany 1st, 5:17.60; Russia 2nd, 5:21.34; Canada 3rd, 5:24.25.
 Single Scull: East Germany 1st, 5:26.65; West Germany 2nd, 5:30.68; Yugoslavia 3rd, 5:33.73.
 Double Scull: East Germany 1st, 4:57.77; Russia 2nd, 4:59.34; West Germany 3rd, 5:05.06.
 Quadruple Scull: Russia 1st, 4:32.15; East Germany 2nd, 4:35.17; West Germany 3rd, 4:37.72.

OLYMPIC GAMES MONTREAL - JULY, 1976

Australia will be represented by:—

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN: M. Shaw (N.S.W.), P. Shakespeare (W.A.), G. Uebergang (N.S.W.), A. MacDonald (N.S.W.), R. Paver (N.S.W.), T. Conrad (N.S.W.), I. Clubb (N.S.W.), I. Lee (N.S.W.), S. Carter (N.S.W.) cox, B. Richardson (Vic.) reserve, M. Morgan (N.S.W.) coach.

PAIR WITHOUT COXSWAIN: I. Luxford bow, C. Shinnars stroke (N.S.W.).

SINGLE SCULL: E. Hale (N.S.W.) 3.

John D. Coates of New South Wales is Team Manager.

NEW ZEALAND COLTS' TOUR OF AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1975

Victoria were represented by:—

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN: R. Curnow bow, R. Atkinson 2, J. Cumper 3, T. Ross-Edwards 4, B. Longden 5, M. Nolan 6, M. Ross 7, G. Longden stroke, P. Gome cox, W. Stokes coach (M.U.B.C.).

Results were as follows:—

PENRITH, N.S.W., REGATTA:

Eights — New Zealand 1st, N.S.W. 2nd, Victoria 3rd, Tasmania 4th.

Pair — N.S.W. 1st, New Zealand 2nd.

LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA, REGATTA:

Eights — New Zealand 1st, N.S.W. 2nd, Tasmania 3rd.

Victoria did not compete through injury.

Pair — N.S.W. 1st, New Zealand 2nd.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA, REGATTA:

Eights — New Zealand 1st, N.S.W. 2nd, Victoria 3rd.

Tasmania did not compete.

Pair — N.S.W. 1st, New Zealand 2nd.

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

The combined King's Cup and National Regatta and, for the first time, the Australian Women's Rowing Championships were conducted on the Nepean River at Penrith, New South Wales, on a fully buoyed six lane 2,000 metre course. The Interstate Championships being conducted on Wednesday 17th and the morning of Friday, 19th March, while the National Championships were held on the afternoon of Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and finished early on Sunday, 21st March, a very full programme of 112 events.

Almost continual rain during the first week of March resulted in severe flooding of the Nepean River and caused some doubts about conducting the regatta as programmed, but as the rain and floods abated the organisers decided to proceed as planned which resulted in the course preparations being done in a rush and rowing conditions during the regatta being affected by a slight stream flow.

In a reversal of the selection methods used in the previous season the crew and coach were selected after the Eight-oared Championship and Victoria was represented by: T. J. Young, 85.73 kg (Mercantile), bow; S. B. Jelbart, 80.28 kg (Monash), 2; A. J. Withers, 97.53 kg (Mercantile), 3; W. G. Mogennis, 88.91 kg (Monash), 4; H. J. Lowe, 80.73 kg (M.U.B.C.), 5; K. P. Jelbart, 96.62 kg (Monash), 6; M. C. Ross, 91.17 kg (M.U.B.C.), 7; B. J. Richardson, 86.63 kg (Monash), stroke; D. B. England, 50.81 kg (Monash), cox; J. E. Bourke, 83.92 kg (Monash) and D. R. English, 84.37 kg (M.U.B.C.), emergencies; D. B. Bishop (Monash), coach.

Mr. F. G. Rickards, of Melbourne University Boat Club, was team manager.

The results of the heats and repechage, held on Wednesday morning and afternoon were:—

First Heat: 1st, Victoria; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, Tasmania. Time, 5 minutes 43.6 seconds. Margins, 0.6 and 19.2 seconds.

Second Heat: 1st, New South Wales; 2nd, Western Australia; 3rd, Queensland. Time, 5 minutes 37.4 seconds. Margins, 20.9 and 15.9 seconds.

Repechage: 1st, Western Australia; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, Tasmania; 4th, Queensland. Time, 5 minutes 52.5 seconds. Margins, 0.5 and 4.7 seconds.

The final on Friday morning was won by New South Wales from Victoria 2nd, South Australia 3rd and Western Australia 4th, in a winning time of 5 minutes 47.2 seconds. Margins were 11.6 and 0.7 seconds.

All crews got away well at the start with New South Wales soon taking the lead and at the 500 metre mark they had a 2 second advantage over Victoria, who were followed by Western Australia and South Australia. At the 1,000 metre mark it was still New South Wales by 3 seconds to Victoria, a further 4 seconds to South Australia and a further second to Western Australia. Over the remaining 1,000 metres the position remained unchanged with New South Wales drawing ahead to win by 11.6 seconds.

Congratulations are extended to the New South Wales crew and coach on their fine win and subsequent selection to form the basis of the Australian Eight for the Montreal Olympic Games.

The King's Cup was presented to the winning crew by Mr. J. Clough, N.S.W. Minister for Youth and Ethnic Affairs, who was assisted by Mr. Tom McGill, the sole survivor of the A.I.F. crew which first won the Cup at the Royal Henley Peace Regatta in 1919.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (PRESIDENT'S CUP)

Taking advantage of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council decision to allow each State to be represented by up to three scullers in the President's Cup event, Victoria was represented by: No. 1, P. L. Benjamin (82.56 kg) of Mercantile Rowing Club; No. 2, K. Leach (80.28 kg) of Mercantile Rowing Club; and No. 3, J. R. Sykes (69.85 kg) of Corio Bay Rowing Club.

Results of the heats and repechages were:—

First Heat: 1st, J. R. Sykes (Victoria); 2nd, R. Alexander (Queensland); 3rd, A. R. Marshall (Tasmania). Time, 7 minutes 16.8 seconds. Margins, 0.6 and 15.9 seconds.

Second Heat: 1st, R. Reddell (New South Wales); 2nd, E. Hale (New South Wales); 3rd, P. Rowe (New South Wales). Time, 7 minutes 04.6 seconds. Margins, 9.2 and 4.7 seconds.

Third Heat: 1st, P. L. Benjamin (Victoria); 2nd, N. Talbot (South Australia); 3rd, P. Jones (Western Australia). Time, 7 minutes 12.3 seconds. Margins, 4.4 and 13.9 seconds.

First Repechage: 1st, G. Petelin (Queensland); 2nd, P. Rowe (New South Wales); 3rd, R. Alexander (Queensland); 4th, K. Leach (Victoria). Time, 7 minutes 23.2 seconds. Margins, 3.0 and 20.0 seconds.

Second Repechage: 1st, E. Hale (New South Wales); 2nd, P. Jones (Western Australia); 3rd, J. Bugg (Tasmania). Time, 7 minutes 25.6 seconds. Margins, 7.8 and 11.0 seconds.

Third Repechage: 1st, N. Talbot (South Australia); 2nd, A. Marshall (Tasmania); 3rd, S. Spurling (Tasmania). Time, 7 minutes 16.4 seconds. Margins, 3.0 and 7.3 seconds.

In the final, P. L. Benjamin (Victoria) led to the 1,500 metre mark but could not maintain his position against the strength and experience of E. Hale (New South Wales) and R. Reddell (New South Wales). E. Hale, sculling from behind after a bad start, won from R. Reddell with G. Petelin (Queensland), N. Talbot (South Australia), P. L. Benjamin (Victoria) and J. R. Sykes (Victoria) finishing in that order. Winning time of 7 minutes 6.6 seconds. Margins, 4.5 and 4.2 seconds.

Congratulations are extended to Ted Hale on his fine win and his subsequent selection to represent Australia at the Montreal Olympic Games.

AUSTRALIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (PENRITH CUP)

The crew selected to represent Victoria were: J. F. Hawkins, 68.1 kg (Mercantile), bow; P. M. Macartney, 72.5 kg (Mercantile), 2; I. J. Porter, 72.3 kg (Mercantile), 3; T. J. Thurtell, 67.1 kg (Mercantile), stroke; V. Ronai, 50.8 kg (Mercantile), cox; G. R. Hucker, 70.0 kg (Wendouree-Ballararat), emergency; M. G. Tomanovits (Mercantile), coach.

Results of the heats and repechage were:—

First Heat: 1st, Victoria; 2nd, Queensland; 3rd, Western Australia. Time, 6 minutes 31.0 seconds. Margins, 16.1 and 0.1 seconds.

Second Heat: 1st, New South Wales; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, Tasmania. Time, 6 minutes 39.2 seconds. Margins, 7.0 and 20.1 seconds.

Repechage: 1st, South Australia; 2nd, Western Australia; 3rd, Queensland; 4th, Tasmania. Time, 6 minutes 49.5 seconds. Margins, 4.0 and 5.7 seconds.

In the final, South Australia broke at the start and the race was recalled. On the second try, Victoria led off the start but were headed by New South Wales at the 500 metre mark. At the 1,000 mark South Australia and Victoria were vying for the lead, followed by New South Wales and Western Australia, and at the 1,500 metre mark Victoria had moved out to a commanding lead from Western Australia, New South Wales and South Australia in that order. Victoria consolidated their position and went on to a good win with the other three crews fighting for second place, South Australia stopped short of the finish line and the final placings were: 1st, Victoria; 2nd, Western Australia; 3rd, New South Wales and 4th, South Australia. Time, 6 minutes 38.0 seconds. Margins, 8.5 and 2.6 seconds.

Victoria continued its supremacy in the Penrith Cup events and congratulations are extended to the Victorian Lightweight Four on their fine win, which made six consecutive wins for Victoria.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (NOEL F. WILKINSON TROPHY)

This season the selectors were more limited than previously in the number of eligible oarsmen available for selection due to the early date of the regatta, for the public school crews were only being formed and had no racing experience at the time when the Youth crew had to be selected. However, they were impressed by the ability and enthusiasm of members of the Geelong clubs and the following crew was selected to represent Victoria: R. Box, 71.67 kg (Barwon), bow; R. Klupacs, 69.85 kg (Corio Bay), 2; H. Mussett, 77.11 kg (Barwon), 3; B. Fenner, 70.76 kg (Corio Bay), 4; S. M. Gillett, 73.03 kg (Corio Bay), 5; R. Tomczak, 79.38 kg (Barwon), 6; N. J. Myers, 73.48 kg (Corio Bay), 7; I. A. Steel, 70.76 kg (Corio Bay), stroke; P. Searle (Corio Bay), cox and L. Gladman (Barwon), coach.

Results of the heats and repechage were:—

First Heat: 1st, New South Wales; 2nd, Victoria; 3rd, Queensland. Time, 4 minutes 31.4 seconds. Margins, 1.3 and 1.2 seconds.

Second Heat: 1st, Tasmania; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, Nepean Rowing Club. Time, 4 minutes 38.1 seconds. Margins, 5.0 and 1.9 seconds.

Repechage: 1st, Queensland; 2nd, Victoria; 3rd, South Australia. Time, 4 minutes 37.0 seconds. Margins, 0.5 and 1.0 seconds.

In the final the Victoria crew led all the way from the start and after withstanding a challenge from Tasmania went on to a convincing win. The final placings were: 1st, Victoria; 2nd, Tasmania; 3rd, New South Wales. Time, 4 minutes 31.5 seconds. Margins, 0.6 and 0.3 seconds.

We congratulate this fine crew and their coach on their performance in retaining the Wilkinson Cup for Victoria.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(UNITED LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION TROPHY)

Victoria were not represented in this event which resulted, after a protest and re-row, in a win by Tasmania from New South Wales and Western Australia. Time, 3 minutes 37 seconds. Margins, 3.5 and 7.8 seconds.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(VICTORIA CUP)

In this event New South Wales led all the way to win from Western Australia with South Australia 3rd, Victoria 4th and Queensland 5th. Time, 3 minutes 43.8 seconds. Margins, 9.1 and 4.3 seconds.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(NELL SLATTER TROPHY)

This event was won by C. Everson (New South Wales) from M. Renouf (Victoria) and S. Graham (Queensland). Time, 3 minutes 56.9 seconds. Margins, 5.6 and 19.9 seconds.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champion Four with Cox

1st, Sydney/N.S.W. University Composite; 2nd, Mosman; 3rd, Monash/M.U.B.C. Composite. Time, 6:25.1.

Champion Four without Cox

1st, Mosman; 2nd, Joondalup; 3rd, Sydney Composite. Time, 6:13.9.

Champion Pair with Cox

1st, Sydney; 2nd, Warrnambool; 3rd, Torrens. Time, 7:27.0.

Champion Pair without Cox

1st, Sydney University; 2nd, M.U.B.C.; 3rd, Sydney. Time: 7:15.0.

Champion Double Scull

1st, Haberfield/Sydney; 2nd, Queensland University/G.P.S.; 3rd, North Esk/Lindisfarne. Time, 6:54.2.

Champion Quadruple Scull

1st, Sydney/Haberfield Comp.; 2nd, Haberfield/Sydney Comp.; 3rd, Queensland University Composite. Time, 6:09.3.

Champion Lightweight Eight

1st, Mercantile; 2nd, Balmain Composite; 3rd, Glebe/Sydney Composite. Time, 6:01.8.

Champion Lightweight Four without Cox

1st, Mercantile; 2nd, Sydney/Haberfield Composite; 3rd, University of W.A. Time, 6:26.3.

Champion Lightweight Pair without Cox

1st, Balmain; 2nd, A.N.A.; 3rd, Sydney. Time, 7:13.0.

Champion Lightweight Scull

1st, P. Nevett (A.N.U.); 2nd, J. Sykes (Corio Bay); 3rd, G. Wearne (Drummoyne). Time, 7:45.4.

Champion Junior Eight

1st, Sydney University/University of N.S.W. Composite; 2nd, Mercantile; 3rd, Drummoyne. Time, 5:58.0.

Champion Junior Four

1st, Sydney University/University of N.S.W. Composite; 2nd, Sydney; 3rd, Reconian Composite. Time, 6:43.5.

Champion Junior Pair

1st, Sydney University; 2nd, Tasmanian University; 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 7:13.7.

Champion Junior Scull

1st, P. Nevett (A.N.U.); 2nd, C. Rowe (Haberfield); 3rd, J. Stride (Sydney). Time, 7:24.5.

Champion Youth Four

1st, Lindisfarne; 2nd, Sydney; 3rd, Nepean. Time, 4:58.1.

Champion Youth Pair

1st, Nepean No. 2; 2nd, Nepean No. 1; 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 5:39.8.

Champion Youth Scull

1st, R. French (University of Queensland); 2nd, C. Rowe (Haberfield); 3rd, S. Callaghan (St. George). Time, 5:21.8.

Champion School Eight

1st, Newington College; 2nd, St. Ignatius; 3rd, Scots College. Time, 4:33.2.

Champion School Four

1st, Ballarat & Clarendon College; 2nd, Canberra Grammar; 3rd, Ashfield High. Time, 5:02.8.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victorian Eight-oared Championship (Norwich Shield)

(Holders, Melbourne University Composite crew).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, January 24, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Monash University Rowing Club. Time, 6:25.2.

M. J. Slee bow, J. E. Bourke 2, P. A. Cusworth 3, R. K. Cusworth 4, W. G. Magennis 5, B. J. Richardson 6, S. B. Jelbart 7, K. P. Jelbart stroke, D. B. England cox, D. B. Bishop coach.

Won by 1 length from Melbourne University with Mercantile 3rd and Banks 4th.

Victorian Four-oared Championship.

(Holders, Adelaide/Torrens Composite crew).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, December 14, 1975.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Sydney Rowing Club. Time, 6:44.6.

A. Brown bow, I. Lee 2, E. Hale 3, S. Handley stroke, S. Carter cox, M. Morgan coach.

Won by 4 lengths from Sydney No. 2 with Melbourne University No. 2 3rd, Adelaide University No. 2 4th, Torrens 5th and Melbourne University No. 1 6th.

Other starters were Adelaide No. 1, Adelaide No. 2, Monash University and Adelaide University No. 1.

Victorian Pair-oared Championship

(Holders, Corio Bay Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time, 8:25.0.

C. J. Smith bow, G. L. Rees stroke, G. G. Garnham cox, P. Philp coach.

Won by 4 lengths from Monash University No. 2 with Warrnambool 3rd, Monash University No. 1 4th and Bendigo 5th.

Victorian Coxswainless Pair-oared Championship

(Holders, Haberfield Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time, 8:04.0.

C. J. Smith bow, G. L. Rees stroke, P. Philp coach.

Won by 3 lengths from Monash University with Wendouree/Ballarat 3rd.

Victorian Sculling Championship

(Holder, P. Rowe, Haberfield Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, February 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by P. Benjamin (Mercantile Rowing Club) by 3½ lengths from J. R. Sykes (Corio Bay), with K. Leach (Mercantile) 3rd, P. Nevett (A.N.U.) 4th, A. McCowan (Albert Park) 5th and R. Garrard (Mercantile) 6th. Time, 7:17.4.

Other starters were N. Smith (Power House) and L. Budge (Power House).

Victorian Junior Eight-oared Championship

(Holders, Mercantile Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Banks Rowing Club. Time, 6:53.5.

P. J. Moon bow, D. J. Dunn 2, W. J. Oates 3, J. F. Lewis 4, G. L. Matheson 5, P. J. FitzGibbon 6, A. J. McQueen 7, R. B. Pilmore stroke, S. T. Hart cox, J. Bennett coach.

Won by 1 length from Melbourne University and Power House, who were equal 2nd, with Melbourne/Footscray Composite 4th, Mercantile 5th and Melbourne Grammar School 6th.

Other starters were Hawthorn, Essendon and Geelong Grammar.

Victorian Junior Four-oared Championship

(Holders, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, February 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time, 6:42.8.

J. Hawkins bow, P. Macartney 2, I. Porter 3, T. Thurtell stroke, V. Ronai cox, M. Tomanovits coach.

Won by 3½ lengths from Essendon No. 1 with Melbourne University 3rd, Wendouree/Ballarat 4th, Power House 5th and Monash University 6th.

Other starters were Essendon No. 2, Wentworth, Ballarat College and Hawthorn.

Victorian Junior Pair-oared Championship

(Holders, Barwon Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, December 14, 1975.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by City of Warrnambool Rowing Club. Time, 8:15.0.

J. Stonehouse bow, D. McDougall stroke, J. Crosbie cox, W. Scutcheon coach.

Won by 2½ lengths from Essendon with Melbourne University 3rd, Richmond 4th, Banks 5th and Power House 6th.

Victorian Junior Sculling Championship

(Holder, P. Benjamin, Mercantile Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by S. Mollard, Monash University Rowing Club, by 2 lengths from J. Murray (Barwon) with D. Elliott (Ballarat City) 3rd and L. Budge (Power House) 4th. Time, 9:08.4.

Other starters were T. Poole (Corio Bay), N. Smith (Power House) and R. Gardner (Barwon).

Victorian Lightweight Eight-oared Championship

(Holders, Mercantile Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time, 6:49.6.

A. N. Guerin bow, M. Connolly 2, I. Duthie 3, M. F. Owen 4, A. Spriggins 5, R. Garrard 6, C. Koster 7, G. Robertson-Smith stroke, M. Aitken cox, D. Palfreyman coach.

Won by 5 lengths from Power House.

Victorian Lightweight Four-oared Championship

(Holders, Melbourne University Boat Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, January 24, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Mercantile Rowing Club. Time, 7:32.3.

J. Hawkins bow, P. Macartney 2, I. Porter 3, T. Thurtell stroke, V. Ronai cox, M. Tomanovits coach.

Won by 6 lengths from Wendouree/Ballarat with Melbourne University 3rd, Melbourne/Footscray Composite 4th, Power House 5th and Murray Bridge 6th.

Victorian Lightweight Pair-oared Championship

(Holders, Power House Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, December 13, 1975.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club. Time, 8:45.9.

P. J. Morgan bow, K. M. Chandley stroke, J. Hart cox, G. Hunter coach.

Won by 1 length from Melbourne with Essendon No. 2 3rd, Corio Bay No. 2 4th, Corio Bay No. 1 5th and Essendon No. 1 6th.

Other starters were Warrnambool, Ballarat City and Power House.

Victorian Lightweight Sculling Championship

(Holder, N. F. Smith, Power House Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 8, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by A. Feldt, Hawthorn Rowing Club, by 4 lengths from T. Poole (Corio Bay) with N. F. Smith (Power House) 3rd, D. Elliott (Ballarat City) 4th and L. Budge (Power House) 5th. Time, 7:59.7.

Victorian Youth Four-oared Championship

(Holders, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 8, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Ballarat & Clarendon College.

S. Moreton bow, J. Cunningham 2, A. Heys 3, M. Cunningham stroke, M. O'Brien cox, J. Heys coach.

Won on a row-over.

Victorian Schoolboy Eight-oared Championship (New event)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Brighton Grammar School. Time, 7:18.0.

G. J. Malloy bow, P. W. Scott 2, C. L. Wilson 3, R. B. Keast 4, R. M. Zacharin 5, G. R. Viner 6, P. C. Fitch 7, A. P. Briggs stroke, D. J. Strong cox, R. Wilson coach.

Won by 1½ lengths from Scotch College 1st crew with Melbourne Grammar 1st crew 3rd, Scotch College 2nd crew 4th and Melbourne Grammar 2nd crew 5th.

Victorian Schoolboy Four-oared Championship (New event)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 7, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Ballarat & Clarendon College. Time, 8:04.1.

S. Moreton bow, J. Cunningham 2, A. Heys 3, M. Cunningham stroke, M. O'Brien cox, J. Heys coach.

Won by 4 lengths from Ballarat & Queens Grammar School with St. Patrick's College 3rd.

Victorian Country Eight-oared Championship

(Holders, Barwon Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, April 11, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club.

R. Gardner bow, K. M. Chandley 2, R. Box 3, H. Mussett 4, Roman Tomczak 5, P. White 6, J. Murray 7, Richard Tomczak stroke, B. Digby cox.

Warrnambool were 2nd.

Victorian Country Four-oared Championship

(Holders, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, April 11, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club.

B. Sarah bow, J. Coutts 2, G. Hucker 3, A. McKinley stroke, G. Harrison cox.

Barwon were 2nd with Warrnambool 3rd.

Victorian Country Pair-oared Championship

(Holders, Corio Bay Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, April 11, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by City of Warrnambool Rowing Club.

J. Stonehouse bow, D. McDougall stroke, J. Crosbie cox.

Lake Colac were 2nd with Wendouree/Ballarat 3rd.

Victorian Country Lightweight Four-oared Championship

(Holders, Barwon Rowing Club).

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, April 11, 1976.

Course 2,000 metres.

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club.

F. X. McMahon bow, W. F. Noyes 2, J. R. Virgona 3, M.

Killeen stroke, D. G. Steven cox.

Barwon were 2nd.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

SENIOR

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Monash University	68	12	Corio Bay	4	3
M.U.B.C.	52	18	Melbourne	4	2
Mercantile	13	6	Hawthorn	3	3
Warrnambool	10	5	Essendon	2	1
Albert Park	4	4	Wendouree/Ballarat	2	1
Barwon	4	3	Power House	1	1

LIGHTWEIGHT

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Mercantile	60	11	Barwon	6	2
Wendouree/Ballarat	16	4	Power House	6	2
Corio Bay	13	4	Footscray City	4	2
Hawthorn	10	5	M.U.B.C.	4	2
Albert Park	8	4	Richmond	4	1
Essendon	8	3	Yarra Yarra	4	1
Melbourne	8	3	Warrnambool	2	1
Rutherglen Lake	6	3			

JUNIOR FIRST DIVISION

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Banks	224	37	Power House	34	13
Essendon	140	37	Wendouree/Ballarat	34	9
Mercantile	100	20	Richmond	11	5
Corio Bay	75	26	Hawthorn	4	2
Barwon	75	14	Melbourne	0	0

JUNIOR SECOND DIVISION

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Albert Park	90	20	Ballarat City	4	2
Warrnambool	26	12	Dimboola	4	2
M.U.B.C.	24	9	Footscray City	4	2
Rutherglen Lake	10	5	Monash University	4	2
Wentworth District	6	3	Mildura	4	1
Lake Colac	6	2	Wahgunyah	2	1

VETERAN

	Points		Points
Banks	41	Mercantile	8
Mildura	34	Yarra Yarra	8
Albert Park	12	Melbourne	3

For the 1976-77 season, Albert Park Rowing Club will move into the Junior First Division and Melbourne Rowing Club will change to the Junior Second Division.

ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Public Schools Annual Head of the River was held on Friday and Saturday, 9th and 10th April, 1976, on the Barwon River course at Geelong.

Geelong College raced away from Geelong and Brighton Grammar Schools in a superb exhibition of rowing for their first win for 16 years. It was a triumph for College's coach, former Olympian David Ramage, in only his second year of coaching.

Brighton Grammar School were not disgraced and fully justified their place in a Head of the River final for the first time in 15 years as a rowing school.

Result: Geelong College 1st by $\frac{3}{4}$ length from Geelong Grammar with Brighton Grammar 3rd. Time, 4:44.6.

We congratulate Geelong College and their coach, David Ramage, on a fine win.

VICTORIAN HIGH SCHOOLS

The 24th Annual Regatta of the Victorian High Schools Rowing Association was conducted this season on the Barwon River at Geelong on Friday, 2nd April, 1976.

The Head of the River race was won by Bell Park High School by 3 lengths from Melbourne High School.

The Championship Four event was won by Ballarat High School. We extend our congratulations to all winning crews.

BALLARAT SCHOOLS

The Ballarat schools conducted their Head of the Lake event on Saturday, 10th April, 1976, resulting in a win for Ballarat & Clarendon College from Ballarat High School with Ballarat & Queens Grammar School 3rd and St. Patrick's College 4th.

Congratulations are extended to Ballarat & Clarendon College.

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Australian Universities Rowing Championships

This year's Championships were conducted on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, on 14th and 15th May, 1976, and hosted by the La Trobe University Rowing Club.

The eight-oared championship for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was won by Tasmania by 1 length from Adelaide with Monash 3rd, Melbourne 4th, Sydney 5th and A.N.U. 6th. Time, 6:21.6.

The lightweight four-oared championship for the Sir Fred J. Schonnell Cup was won by Melbourne, 3 lengths from Monash with Tasmania 3rd, Adelaide 4th and A.N.U. 5th. Time, 7:06.2.

The coxswainless pair-oared championship for the Carlton and United Goblets was won by Melbourne by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths from N.S.W. with Adelaide 3rd, Sydney 4th, Flinders 5th and Tasmania 6th. Time, 8:07.2.

The sculling championships for the W. D. & H. O. Wills Trophy was won by P. Nevett (A.N.U.), 6 lengths from R. French (Queensland) with C. Rowe (Sydney) 3rd and R. Bleakley (Melbourne) 4th. Time, 7:53.2.

We extend our congratulations to Melbourne University on their success.

OFFICIALS' PANEL

With the support of the majority of licenced officials, now numbering 76, the Panel was able to provide sufficient officials for all regattas, although on one or two occasions there was barely the required number. The spread of availability could be better as many regatta officials act on only a few occasions whilst others volunteer for almost every regatta. The Secretary to the Panel also reported a serious tardiness in responding to the circular for the second half of the season and trusts that officials will not "sit" on their replies next season.

One series of examinations were held in September, 1975. The following were successful and are now licenced V.R.A. regatta officials: Messr. J. Crowley (Essendon), R. Griffiths (Mercantile), R. F. Hammon (Essendon), P. Jones (Mercantile), T. Murphy (Richmond) and W. Willis (Richmond).

We offer congratulations to Mr. Reg. McKay (Footscray City) who was successful at Easter in obtaining his Australian licence.

The Officials' Panel for 1975-76 comprised Messrs. R. R. Aitken, R. B. Duncan, W. T. Morrison, P. J. Thomson, E. C. White and J. L. Hardie (Secretary).

Mr. Robert Aitken has advised that he will not be available for election to the Panel for season 1976-77 and this opportunity is taken to thank him sincerely for his work over many years, the majority of which he has been Chairman of the Panel.

YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE

Demand for the sub-committee's assistance during the year has fallen off but clubs or groups that have requested seminars have been assisted and the committee continues to operate with the valued grants from the Rothmans Sports Foundation.

Committee Secretary, Mr. M. J. Rowan travelled to Mildura in November with Messrs. Jeff. Sykes and Colin Smith and a successful two day seminar was held at Mildura and Wentworth with oarsmen from Mildura, Renmark, Robinvale and Wentworth in attendance. The local radio and newspaper coverage was complimentary to the Association.

The Ballarat Rowing Association was assisted with the arrangements for a rowing stand at a successful sports exhibition conducted in Ballarat.

Clubs or groups requiring the services of the sub-committee are asked to contact its Secretary, Mr. M. J. Rowan.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

Office-Bearers:

The following office-bearers were elected:—

President: B. Durston (W.A.).

Honorary Auditor: K. Cummins (N.S.W.).

Australian Olympic Federation and British Commonwealth Games Association: Delegates — J. Pritchard (Queensland) and L. E. Stepto (N.S.W.).

London Representative: M. Berge-Phillips.

Umpires' Committee: A. Hay (Tas.), S. Hobbs (N.S.W.) and W. T. Morrison (Vic.).

Chairman:

Mr. R. R. Aitken was elected for a four year term.

Rowing Sectional Manager, Olympic Games, Montreal:

Mr. John D. Coates (N.S.W.) was appointed.

Honorary Promotion and Publicity Officer:

Mr. R. Poke (N.S.W.) was appointed.

National Coach:

Consideration of an appointment was deferred pending a decision regarding a National Sponsor.

Financing, Pre-Olympic Games competition, 1976:

Resolved that no per capita levy be imposed in 1976.

Youth Rowing:

Resolved to change the applicable date of the eligible age for Youth Oarsmen from December 31st to June 30th.

Uniform Status Rules:

Resolved that a sub-committee be formed to consider the advisability of and to report on the possibility of having a uniform set of status rules for National Regattas.

Australian Championships, 1977:

The King's Cup and National Regatta will be held in Perth, W.A., from 7th to 11th April, 1977.

National Regatta Programme:

Resolved that the Rules be amended to include a Lightweight Coxswainless Pair event.

Delegates, F.I.S.A. Congress, Montreal:

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, L. E. Stepto and W. J. Waterfield were appointed to represent Australia.

DECISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, 30th August, 1975.

The meeting approved the payment of Honoraria to the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Secretaries totalling \$245.

The following rule amendments were adopted:—

Amend Constitution Clause II to increase the amount for subscribers to the funds of the Association to \$1.50 per annum.

Amend Rules XV(1)(b), XV(2)(b), XV(2)(d), XV(2)(e) & XV(3) to allow for the selection of up to three single scullers to represent Victoria in the Australian Sculling Championship.

Amend Regulation 15 (b) and part of Regulation 7 regarding the penalty for late arrival at the start for State Championship events.

Substitute regulation 2 (v)(3) regarding bouyancy sections in tub boats.

Amend Regulation 27 (b) and add Regulation 28 (bb) regarding the value of trophies or trophy orders when five or less than five entries are received for an event.

Add Regulations 27 (c) and 27 (d) providing for a race by invitation where only one entry is received or remains for an event.

Add Regulations 28 (a), 28 (b), 28 (c) and 28 (d) regarding requests for crews to compete by invitation.

Delete existing Regulations 28, 29 and 30 and substitute as Regulations 29, 30 and 31.

The following motions were defeated:—

To amend Regulation 6(e) to increase regatta entry fees.

To add Regulations 2(ac), 2(ad) and 2(ae) regarding competing at a lower classification than would otherwise be allowed after not competing in qualifying regattas for one or more full seasons.

To substitute Regulation 2(g) limiting competition in Junior Championship events.

To add Rule XXXV (v) regarding entries from Interstate crews for Victorian Championship events.

To amend Regulation 6(e) to increase levies on regatta entry fees.

To substitute Regulation 6(c) regarding a restriction on persons allowed to compete in qualifying regatta events.

Committee Meetings.

Decisions of the General Committee included:—

Delegate to Amateur Sports Club of Victoria:

Mr. T. Rodda was appointed.

Delegate to Sports Council of Victoria:

Mr. W. J. Waterfield was appointed.

Permit Committee:

Messrs. R. F. Hammon, P. H. Marxsen, F. W. Peters, F. G. Rickards and M. G. Tomarovits were elected.

Officials Panel:

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, R. B. Duncan, W. T. Morrison, P. J. Thomson and E. C. White were appointed.

Regatta Programme:

The regatta and championship dates, venues and programmes were fixed, the regattas grouped into series and the preset order of events adopted.

Combined Clubs:

Approval was given for Footscray City Rowing Club and Melbourne Rowing Club to combine under Rule XXXV-A (ix) for regatta competition.

M. S. Williams' Memorial Medallions:

Adopted that a sum of money be set aside for the purchase of M. S. Williams Memorial Medallions to be presented to the winners of the Champion Schoolboy Eight event.

Veterans' Rowing:

Adopted to include events for eights, fours and sculls on regatta programmes for veterans with the provision that veterans will have only one race per day.

Victorian Manager, King's Cup Squad:

Mr. F. G. Rickards was appointed.

Coach of the Victorian Eight:

Mr. D. B. Bishop was appointed.

Victorian Lightweight Four Selectors:

Messrs. P. E. Philp and J. R. Sykes were elected.

Coach of Victorian Lightweight Four:

Mr. M. G. Tomanovits was appointed.

Victorian Youth Eight Selectors:

Messrs. J. W. Burford and C. J. Lehman were elected.

Coach of Victorian Youth Eight:

Mr. L. Gladman was appointed.

Victorian Selectors — Eight and Sculler (1977):

Messrs. D. B. Bishop and C. J. Lehman were elected.

1976 V.R.A. Centenary:

An enlarged sub-committee of Messrs. N. W. Cairnes, P. A. Cayzer, G. D. Clegg, K. S. Cusworth, J. J. Donald, R. B. Duncan, J. R. Jopling, R. W. Lahey, W. T. Morrison, J. G. Parr, F. G. Rickards, B. L. Smith and W. R. Stokes were appointed to arrange the celebrations.

King's Cup Levy — Women's events:

Adopted that the King's Cup levy collected on entry fees for Women's events at V.R.A. regattas be paid to the V.L.R.A.

Equipment Levy — Country Regattas:

Adopted that several country regatta committees be permitted to retain 50% of the equipment levy collected on entry fees at their regatta to compensate for the V.R.A. not providing amplifier equipment at these regattas.

Fund Raising, Pre-Olympic Competition:

The committee of the Monash University Rowing Club were appointed as the fund raising committee.

Colts' Tour of New Zealand:

Adopted that Victoria endeavour to select a Victorian Colts' crew with a view to competing in New Zealand in December, 1976.

Investments:

The following investments were approved:—

Ampol Ltd., \$2,000; A.P.M., \$2,000; B.H.P., \$1,000; B.P., \$2,000; C.U.B., \$1,000 and Myers, \$2,000.

Services Rendered:

The Committee wishes to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to the following people and organisations for services rendered to the Association during the past year — Mr. P. H. Marxsen, for acting as Permit Committee Secretary. Mr. K. S. Cusworth, for services as Honorary Registrar.

Messrs. G. O. Harris and S. G. Richardson, the Association's Trustees.

Messrs. S. G. Richardson and J. Taylor, for acting as Honorary Auditors.

Monash University Rowing Club for the use of equipment for the King's Cup squad.

Messrs. P. McKeon and C. Morris for towing boats to Penrith and return to Melbourne.

Mercantile Rowing Club for the use and storage of equipment for the King's Cup squad.

Yarra Yarra Rowing Club for the use of their boat trailer to transport boats to Penrith.

Barwon Rowing Club for the use of equipment for the Youth eight.

M.U.B.C. for the use of equipment for the Colts' Team and assistance with the transport of New Zealand equipment.

Ballarat City Rowing Club for equipment and transport assistance regarding the New Zealand visit.

Banks Rowing Club for transport of New Zealand equipment.

Essendon Rowing Club for equipment for New Zealand visit.

Mr. L. Valpied for liaison work with the New Zealand team both before and after their arrival in Ballarat.

Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for the general grant to assist the activities of the Association, assistance with the Rowing Promotion Programme and the progress of the bicycle path.

Mr. G. H. Nicholson (Chairman) and members of the Fund Raising Sub-committee for their fine effort in raising Victoria's share of the Nottingham team costs.

Sports Council of Victoria for the lecture series on Sporting Administration and the Sports Medicine lectures.

Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for the General Coaches Education Course.

Members of the Officials Panel and Licenced Officials, who continue to ensure a high standard of regatta and championship racing and conducted instruction sessions for coxswains.

Mr. R. B. Wilson, for his race commentaries at various regattas during the season.

Messrs. W. R. B. Todd, R. B. Wilson, J. Barber and K. Knox, for publicity given to rowing through the daily press.

The A.B.C. and commercial television and radio stations both in the city and country who allotted time to rowing.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne City Council, Ballarat City Council, Ballarat Rowing Association, for their assistance and co-operation with the conduct of championships and regattas throughout the season.

DONATIONS

The Association extends its most sincere thanks to the following supporters of Victorian rowing for their most generous donations:

Dr. H. C. Disher Trust Fund, Estate of the late George Adams (Tattersalls), Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, Estate of the late Marcus Burke, L. T. Nettlefold, Old Oarsmen's Association of Victoria, C. Seward Pty. Ltd., Public Schools' Association, Outboard Marine Australia Pty. Limited, Rothmans Sports Foundation.

OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that we record the passing of the following Association members:

Dr. H. C. Disher who, as Captain Disher, was Stroke of the No. 1 A.I.F. Eight-oared crew which defeated crews representing America, Canada, France, New Zealand, Cambridge and Oxford Universities at the Peace Regatta held at Henley-on-Thames in 1919 in competition for the Gold Cup presented by His Majesty King George V and now the trophy competed for annually by eight-oared crews from each

State of Australia. A supporter of many facets of rowing over many years, Dr. Disher will always be remembered when oarsmen gather.

Mr. W. A. Dennis, Richmond Rowing Club, Association Vice-President.

Mr. P. Jelbart, Melbourne University Boat Club.

Mr. D. Merriman, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club.

Mr. C. Ward, Mercantile Rowing Club.

Mr. M. Brown, Melbourne Rowing Club.

Mr. P. Kenworthy, Essendon Rowing Club.

Mr. A. Downing, Richmond Rowing Club.

Our condolences are extended to the families of the deceased.

EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Twelve Executive and eleven General Committee meetings were held during the year. Attendances were:

Executive — J. L. Hardie, 12; J. W. Bradshaw, W. J. Waterfield, N. F. Wilkinson, 11; D. B. Bishop, 10; B. M. Adam, P. J. Thomson, 8; F. A. Cayzer, 7; D. H. Boykett, 6; E. Woolcock, 3; A. W. McLiesh, 2; T. C. Johnston, 1. Average attendance, 7.

General Committee — B. M. Adam, R. R. Aitken, N. W. Cairnes, G. D. Clegg, K. S. Cusworth, J. R. Elliott, M. Owen, W. D. Parkinson, F. G. Rickards, E. Woolcock, 11; K. M. Bourke, L. Gallagher, J. L. Hardie, R. G. Mitchell, R. Morell, R. Podbury, K. B. Toleman, N. F. Wilkinson, R. B. Wilson, 10; D. H. Boykett, J. W. Bradshaw, L. Budge, A. Currie, J. J. Donald, A. Evans, Miss C. Judd, R. W. Lahey, R. N. McKay, A. W. McLiesh, T. Murphy, C. R. Reynolds, T. Rodda, B. L. Smith, W. R. Stokes, D. Todd, M. Tomanovits, W. J. Waterfield 9; Mrs. K. Bennett, D. B. Bishop, P. A. Cayzer, H. Coe, R. B. Duncan, P. Guy, J. R. Jopling, F. W. Peters, E. C. White, 8; H. R. Frederico, R. F. Hammon, G. H. Nicholson, P. J. Thomson, 7; B. Dalton, G. B. Stewart, 6; P. H. Marxsen, R. B. Pilmore 5; T. Cracknall, P. C. Dane, W. A. Dennis, D. R. English, N. Greenwood, W. T. Morrison, J. G. Parr, 4; K. P. Jelbart, T. Lange, R. J. March, K. Rooney, L. G. Saunders, D. S. Stirling, 3; A. T. Gibson, G. J. Hardie, A. McCowan, P. McNamara, P. Morrow, T. Swanson, K. J. Wickham, 2; F. Dennis, R. M. Gowty, K. Harris, A. L. Hart, T. C. Johnston, N. F. Smith, 1. Average attendance, 50.

On behalf of the Committee.

W. J. WATERFIELD, Honorary Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS.

To: Bank Balance 1st July, 1975—		
Administration Account	\$287.44	
King's Cup Investment Fund	2,683.09	
Trophy Account	132.52	
International Rowing Fund	3,138.40	
A.A.R.C. Capitation	753.03	
Youth Rowing Fund	303.06	
		\$7,297.54
Administration—		
Affiliation Fees	2,718.25	
Registration Fees	264.60	
Fines and Hirings	1,997.99	
Staging Dues	189.00	
Printing, etc. (Reimbursement)	459.25	
Donation	250.00	
Special Effort (Reimbursement)	551.00	
Trophy Orders (Reimbursement)	1,420.25	
Montreal Appeal (Reimbursement)	1,360.07	
Interest	88.54	
Sundry	87.56	
		9,386.51
State Grant		2,830.00
Championships and Regattas		3,229.40
Interstate Championships—		
Donations	300.00	
Interest (Dr. Disher Fund)	61.50	
Interest (King's Cup Invest. Fund)	5,735.46	
King's Cup Levy	438.82	
Seat Fees	1,140.00	
Sale Equipment	2,200.00	
C'wealth. Gov. Subsidy	1,997.00	
Sundry	274.16	
To adj. Bal. error 1974/75	1,823.66	
		13,970.60
Redemption Loans—		
King's Cup Investment Fund	1,000.00	
International Rowing Fund	917.00	
		1,917.00
Youth Rowing—		
Grant — Rothmans	1,111.00	
Refund Expenses	22.40	
Interest	2.54	
		1,135.94
International Rowing Fund—		
Special Levies	704.80	
Interest (Investment Fund)	2,570.00	
Capital Profit	83.00	
		3,357.80
		\$43,124.79
A.A.R.C.		
To: Balance 1st July, 1975—		
Bank and Deposits		\$753.03
Administration Account Transfer		735.60
		\$1,488.63

ASSOCIATION DISBURSEMENTS, SEASON 1975-76

EXPENDITURE.

By: Administration—

Affiliation Fees	\$45.00
Staging Dues	252.00
Honoraria	245.00
M. S. Williams' Trophy	250.40
Special Effort	550.00
Insurance	102.56
Equipment Repairs and Costs	619.15
Rowing Promotion	117.51
Sundry	84.58
Trophy Orders	2,152.80
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,603.30
Advance re Montreal Appeal	1,701.71
To Adj. Bal. error 1974/75	1,823.66

\$9,547.67

A.A.R.C.—

Capitation Fees	259.20
Championship Regattas	1,653.48

Youth Rowing—

Rowing Promotion	438.44
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Interstate Championships—

Accommodation — Penrith	3,186.85
Travelling Expenses	1,050.00
Equipment	5,763.50
Refund Gov. Subsidy	580.00
Singles	120.00
Petrol	297.70
Repairs	324.69
Sundry	159.20

11,481.94

Investments

6,540.10

International Rowing Fund—

Contribution Colts Crew	347.00
Bal. Exps. Colt Crew	52.36
Purchase Sculls	1,000.00
Investments	3,271.70

4,671.06

Balance at Bank and Deposits 30th June, 1976—

Administration Account	1,796.60
King's Cup Investment Fund	1,631.65
Trophy Account	132.52
International Rowing Fund	2,742.14
A.A.R.C. Capitation Account	1,229.43
Youth Rowing Fund	1,000.56

8,532.90

\$43,124.79

CAPITATION ACCOUNT

By: Affiliation Fees	\$259.20
Balance 30th June, 1976—	
Bank and Deposits	1,229.43
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	\$1,488.63

KING'S CUP

To: Balance 1st July, 1975—		
Investments — King's Cup	\$55,358.08	
Investments — A. J. Shepherd		
Bequest	2,000.00	
Bank and Deposits	4,506.75	
		<u>\$61,864.83</u>
Interstate Championship Surplus		665.00
Administration Account Transfer		2,000.00
		<u>\$64,529.83</u>

INTERNATIONAL

To: Balance 1st July, 1975—		
Investments	\$24,552.00	
Bank and Deposits	3,138.40	
		<u>\$27,690.40</u>
International Fund Surplus		1,958.44
		<u>\$29,648.84</u>

YOUTH

To: Balance 1st July, 1975—		
Bank and Deposits		\$303.06
Grant — Rothmans	\$1,111.00	
Interest	2.54	
Refunds	22.40	
		<u>1,135.94</u>
		<u>\$1,439.00</u>

ASSOCIATION

To: Balance 1st July, 1975		\$5,011.78
Purchase—Eight	\$4,784.00	
Oars	979.50	
Sculls	1,000.00	
		<u>6,763.50</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditure		3,332.82

\$15,108.10

INVESTMENT FUND

By: Balance 30th June, 1976—		
Investments	\$62,898.18	
Bank and Deposits	1,631.65	
	<u> </u>	\$64,529.83
		<u> </u>
		\$64,529.83

ROWING FUND

By: Balance 30th June, 1976—		
Investments	\$26,906.70	
Bank and Deposits	2,742.14	
	<u> </u>	\$29,648.84
		<u> </u>
		\$29,648.84

ROWING FUND

By: Promotional Expenses		\$438.44
Balance 30th June, 1976—		
Bank and Deposits		1,000.56
		<u> </u>
		\$1,439.00

FUNDS

By: Sale Oars	\$600.00	
Dep. Sale Boat	1,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,600.00
Depreciation—		
Coaching Launch	20.00	
Loud Hailers	40.00	
Oars	257.50	
Ergometer	25.00	
Boat Rack	10.00	
Amplifiers	100.00	
Winch	10.00	
Radios	50.00	
Eight Oared Boat	284.00	
Four Oared Boat	300.00	
	<u> </u>	1,096.50
Balance 30th June, 1976		12,411.60
		<u> </u>
		\$15,108.10

TROPHY

To: Balance 1st July, 1975—		
Investments	\$1,144.50	
Bank and Deposits	132.52	
		<u>\$1,277.02</u>
		<u>\$1,277.02</u>

BALANCE

LIABILITIES.

King's Cup Investment Fund	\$64,529.83
International Rowing Account	29,648.84
A.A.R.C. Capitation Fund	1,229.43
Trophy Account	1,277.02
Association Funds	12,411.60
Youth Rowing Fund	1,000.56

\$110,097.28

We have examined the Accounts and Records of the Association and found that the Receipts and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet are properly prepared and in our opinion correct. We have obtained all information and explanations required.

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ACCOUNT

By: Balance 30th June, 1976—		
Investments	\$1,144.50	
Bank and Deposits	132.52	
		\$1,277.02
		\$1,277.02

SHEET

ASSETS.

Bank and Deposits—		
King's Cup Investment Fund	\$1,631.65	
International Rowing Fund	2,742.14	
A.A.R.C. Capitation Fund	1,229.43	
Trophy Account	132.52	
Youth Rowing Account	1,000.56	
Association Account	1,796.60	
		\$8,532.90
Investments—		
King's Cup Investment Fund	62,898.18	
International Rowing Fund	26,906.70	
Trophy Account	1,144.50	
		90,949.38
Property—		
Stationery	10.00	
Typewriters	80.00	
Filing Cabinets	40.00	
Scales	25.00	
Coaching Launch	140.00	
Loud Hailers	240.00	
Oars (2 sets)	1,500.00	
Ergometer	300.00	
Amplifiers	800.00	
Starting Guns	30.00	
Trailer	50.00	
Boat Rack	50.00	
Winch	50.00	
Radios	500.00	
Four Oared Boat	2,300.00	
Sculls	1,000.00	
Eight Oared Boat (Bal.)	3,500.00	
		10,615.00
		\$110,097.28

JAMES TAYLOR, F.C.I.S., F.A.S.A., F.T.I.A., F.I.C.M.
S. G. RICHARDSON. Honorary Auditors.

N. F. WILKINSON, Honorary Treasurer. Melbourne, 1st July, 1976.