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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION
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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT
AND BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1977-78

THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred and Second Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association will be held at the Mercantile Rowing Club, Princes Bridge, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 6th September, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the Minutes of the One Hundred and First Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday, 7th September, 1977.
2. To receive the One Hundred and Second Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect Office-bearers, viz. President, eight Vice-presidents and two Honorary Auditors.
4. To consider amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing, of which due notice of motion has been given.
5. Honoraria.
6. 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, 1978.

REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Season 1978-1979

1978:

October

- 8 V.R.A. Sprint.
- 14 Metropolitan
- 21 Banks

November

- 18 Dimboola
- 19 Horsham.
- 25 V.R.A. Special (Henley Course).

December

- 2 V.R.A. (Melbourne).
- 9 Upper Yarra.
- 26 Nagambie.
- 30 Yarrawonga.

1979:

January

- 1 Rutherglen.
- 20 Victorian Universities (Ballarat).
- 27 Geelong Special.
- 29 Albert Park.

February

- 3 Warrnambool.
- 4 Colac.
- 10 Championships at Ballarat (Senior Eight, Junior Four, Junior Scull, Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Pair without Cox, Youth Four).
- 17 Henley on Maribyrnong — non-qualifying.

February

- 24 Barwon.

March

- 3 Henley on Yarra.
- 10 Ballarat.
- 11 Championships at Ballarat (Senior Four, Senior Pair, Senior Scull, Junior Eight, Lightweight Four without Cox).
- 12 Championships at Ballarat (Senior Four without Cox, Senior Pair without Cox, Junior Pair, Lightweight Four, Lightweight Pair, Lightweight Scull, Youth Eight, School Eight, School Four).
- 17 Head of the Yarra (Hawthorn).
- 24 Scotch Mercantile.
- 31 Footscray.

April

- 14 Mildura.
 - 16 Wentworth.
 - March 31:** Public Schools' Junior Regatta.
 - April 6-7:** Public Schools' Head of River.
 - April 21-28:** King's Cup and National Regatta (West Lakes, South Australia).
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THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

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Elected Members

	Elected	Retires		Elected	Retires
G. D. Clegg	1976	1978	K. S. Cusworth	1977	1979
J. J. Donald	1976	1978	R. B. Duncan	1977	1979
F. G. Rickards	1976	1978	J. R. Jopling	1977	1979
B. L. Smith	1976	1978	R. W. Lahey	1977	1979
M. G. Tomano- vits	1976	1978	W. R. Stokes	1977	1979

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K. M. Bourke	1976	1978	D. H. Boykett	1977	1979
J. W. Bradshaw	1976	1978	P. A. Cayzer	1977	1979
R. F. Hammon	1976	1978	C. J. Smith	1977	1979
M. F. Owen	1976	1978			

Representatives of Affiliated Clubs and Associations

Albert Park	L. G. Clode	Melbourne Uni.	B. Longden
Ballarat City	R. B. Wilson		and G. Rees
Banks	P. Moriarty and T. Rankin.	Mercantile	P. G. Richter and A. T. Sloan
Barwon	G. Hunter and C. R. Reynolds	Monash Uni.	P. C. Dane and K. P. Jelbart
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Essendon	C. Ohlson and J. W. Stuckey	South Melbourne	R. Tanner
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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND 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 Hundred and Second Annual Report for the 1977-78 rowing season, together with the audited Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1978.

The season under review started on a high note with the success of the Australian Lightweight crews at the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam, when the Lightweight Four won a Silver Medal, the Lightweight Eight won a Bronze Medal and the Lightweight Sculler finished fourth, which earned Australia the title of the most successful Lightweight nation at the Championships. With Victorian oarsmen in the majority among the Lightweight crews this result has given Lightweight rowing in Victoria an even greater boost. As this report is being prepared another Australian Team, comprising sixteen Victorians in a team of nineteen, is in Europe preparing to defend their title at the World Lightweight Rowing Championships to be conducted at Copenhagen and to all members of the team we extend our best wishes for success.

However, whilst Lightweight rowing in Victoria is riding on the crest of a wave, other aspects of rowing in Victoria seem to be standing still. The Association may be the oldest Rowing Association in the World but let us look upon our entry into the second hundred years as a rebirth and not with the tiredness of old age.

Who is "the Victorian Rowing Association?"

You are the Association, the club and the members, so let us all strive to develop and promote our sport, whether it be by serving on a committee, assisting or competing at a regatta, encouraging and teaching newcomers or the many other facets of Association activity.

During the season most regattas were strongly supported with some close decisions between very competitive crews and scullers. In the competition for State Premierships, Monash University Rowing Club won the Senior Premiership, Melbourne University Boat Club won the Lightweight Premiership, Barwon Rowing Club won the Junior First Division Premiership and Melbourne Rowing Club won the Junior Second Division Premiership and we extend our congratulations to all these Clubs.

The combined King's Cup and National Regatta was conducted on the Huon River at Franklin, Tasmania, with the National Regatta attracting record entries. Victoria finished second to New South Wales in the final of the King's Cup, while the Victorian Lightweight Four continued its dominance of this event. The Single Sculler attained a very creditable fourth place while the two Youth Eight crews were placed in third and sixth positions.

At the National Regatta Victorian crews were successful in winning the Lightweight Eight, Lightweight Four without Cox, Lightweight Scull and School Eight events.

The Australian Amateur Rowing Council, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. R. Aitken, devoted many hours to ensure that Australian rowing was promoted to the fullest and the thanks of the Association are extended to all concerned. We sincerely thank Mr. Jack Pritchard for his efforts and assistance over the past four years as Honorary Secretary of the Council and congratulate Mr. John Coates, of New South Wales, on his election to this position.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation of Victoria again provided support and assistance in many fields of Association activity for which we are most grateful. The main activity, the promotion of rowing, was handled by the very active V.L.R.A./V.R.A. Promotion Committee who, with the assistance of local clubs, conducted ten rowing promotions aimed at recruiting new members into the clubs, as well as promoting the sport at the 1978 World Sports Expo held in Melbourne. The results of their efforts can be seen in the increased membership and activity at a number of clubs and all members are urged to adopt the theme "Get Together Rowing" and do their utmost for the development of the sport.

In memory of the late David S. Stirling, a tireless worker for the Association and a friend to all coxswains and lightweight oarsmen, the members of Lodge Henley presented to the Association a magnificent perpetual trophy, which is to be awarded annually to the winners of the Victorian Champion Lightweight Four event, and we are most grateful to these people for their fine gesture.

As always, we are again most appreciative of the support and assistance so freely given by that fine body of "retired" oarsmen whose sole aim is to see Victorian rowing prosper, the Old Oarsmen's Association of Victoria and to its executive committee and members we say a most sincere thank you.

During the season your Association was pleased to participate in the commemoration of the 25th year of Queen Elizabeth II's reign as our Monarch and following the V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta, at which winning crews were presented with trophies marking the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Association was able to make a suitable contribution to The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians.

Members of the Association who have not already made their arrangements to visit New Zealand in October-November, 1978, are again reminded of the ideal opportunity to see some of the world's best oarsmen in action and also to support a large Australian Team, when the World Rowing Championships are conducted in a neighbour country.

Set out below is a table showing the membership of the Association over the past five years:

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Metropolitan	1349	1286	1245	1374	1326
Country	822	655	594	583	576
	<u>2171</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1839</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1902</u>

Our membership this past season has again remained relatively stable, only showing a slight decrease on the previous season. Development of our sport is a very critical area and clubs have a responsibility to themselves as well as the Association to actively conduct or assist with recruiting campaigns.

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

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS — AMSTERDAM AUGUST, 1977

Australia was represented by:

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN: M. Ross (Vic.) bow, I. Paver (N.S.W.) 2, S. Handley (N.S.W.) 3, D. Clark (N.S.W.) 4, A. Brown (N.S.W.) 5, G. Clubb (N.S.W.) 6, I. Clubb (N.S.W.) 7, I. Lee (N.S.W.) stroke, T. O'Hanlon (N.S.W.) cox, S. Saunders (W.A.) reserve, A. Callaway (N.S.W.) coach.

Due to illness S. Saunders replaced G. Clubb in the final.

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN: P. Gardiner (N.S.W.) bow, M. Robertson (Vic.) 2, P. Ainsworth (Vic.) 3, R. Stewart (Vic.) 4, I. Porter (Vic.) 5, A. De Belin (N.S.W.) 6, R. Garrard (Vic.) 7, J. Hawkins (Vic.) stroke, D. England (Vic.) cox, J. Bailey (N.S.W.) reserve, H. R. Frederico (Vic.) coach.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR WITHOUT COXSWAIN: C. J. Smith bow, P. T. Antonio 2, S. M. Gillett 3, G. L. Rees stroke, P. E. M. L. Philp coach (Vic.).

LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL: J. Bailey (N.S.W.).

WOMEN'S FOUR WITH COXSWAIN: A. Chirnside (Vic.) bow, V. Spooner (N.S.W.) 2, V. Roe (N.S.W.) 3, S. Harding (N.S.W.) stroke, J. McCure (N.S.W.) cox, J. Callan (N.S.W.) reserve, T. Conrad (N.S.W.) coach.

John Boulton of New South Wales was Team Manager.

Results were as follows:

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN:

Petite Final			Final		
1.	Bulgaria	5:55.81	East Germany	5:45.36	
2.	France	5:56.84	Russia	5:50.71	
3.	Canada	5:57.30	West Germany	5:52.83	
4.	Hungary	6:02.43	Czechoslovakia	5:55.14	
5.	Australia	6:05.47	Great Britain	5:56.18	
6.	Belgium	6:06.69	U.S.A.	5:58.94	

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN:

Petite Final			Final		
1.	West Germany	6:07.77	Great Britain	5:57.37	
2.	Switzerland	6:08.26	Spain	5:57.44	
3.	Italy	6:12.93	Australia	6:00.51	
4.	Japan	6:15.45	Holland	6:02.30	
5.	U.S.A.	6:16.12	Denmark	6:06.78	
6.	Sweden	6:19.46	Canada	6:14.30	

LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR WITHOUT COXSWAIN:

Petite Final			Final		
1.	Italy	6:37.94	France	6:30.00	
2.	Denmark	6:39.80	Australia	6:31.44	
3.	U.S.A.	6:40.73	Holland	6:34.11	
4.	Canada	6:47.72	Switzerland	6:34.87	
5.	Repl. of China	6:52.04	Great Britain	6:37.73	
6.	Finland	6:59.28	West Germany	6:38.26	

LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL:

Petite Final			Final		
1.	Holland	7:23.78	Switzerland	7:18.58	
2.	Spain	7:26.91	Denmark	7:18.59	
3.	West Germany	7:33.25	U.S.A.	7:19.28	
4.	Great Britain	7:34.91	Australia	7:27.08	
5.	Ireland	7:35.11	Canada	7:32.94	
6.	Japan	7:41.36	Austria	7:37.94	

WOMEN'S FOUR WITH COXSWAIN:

Petite Final			Final		
1.	West Germany	3:34.85	East Germany	3:20.59	
2.	Holland	3:36.76	Russia	3:23.14	
3.	U.S.A.	3:37.98	Rumania	3:25.29	
4.	Great Britain	3:44.84	Canada	3:28.05	
			Australia	3:34.28	

Other results were:

- Four with Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 6:39.16; West Germany 2nd, 6:41.76; Bulgaria 3rd, 6:49.63.
- Four without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 6:16.73; New Zealand 2nd, 6:19.14; Czechoslovakia 3rd, 6:21.10.
- Pair with Coxswain: Bulgaria 1st, 7:21.72; East Germany 2nd, 7:24.60; Czechoslovakia 3rd, 7:28.72.
- Pair without Coxswain: Russia 1st, 7:06.19; Great Britain 2nd, 7:09.63; East Germany 3rd, 7:13.36.
- Single Scull: East Germany 1st, 7:12.22; Finland 2nd, 7:15.53; Russia 3rd, 7:20.23.
- Double Scull: Great Britain 1st, 6:42.83; East Germany 2nd, 6:44.70; Russia 3rd, 6:45.93.
- Quadruple Scull: East Germany 1st, 5:57.44; Czechoslovakia, 2nd, 6:01.37; Bulgaria 3rd, 6:04.43.
- Women's Eight: East Germany 1st, 3:00.23; Russia 2nd, 3:02.37; Canada 3rd, 3:05.72.
- Women's Pair without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 3:27.89; Holland 2nd, 3:30.54; Canada 3rd, 3:32.29.
- Women's Single Scull: East Germany 1st, 3:34.31; Bulgaria 2nd, 3:36.31; Hungary 3rd, 3:37.27.
- Women's Double Scull: East Germany 1st, 3:16.83; Bulgaria 2nd, 3:20.04; U.S.A. 3rd, 3:22.48.
- Women's Quadruple Scull: East Germany 1st, 3:10.11; Rumania 2nd, 3:12.55; Bulgaria 3rd, 3:16.21.

F.I.S.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS TAMPERE, FINLAND, AUGUST, 1977

Australia was not represented at these Championships.

The results were as follows:

- Eight with Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 4:14.24; Russia 2nd, 4:15.29; West Germany 3rd, 4:19.77.
- Four with Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 4:51.31; Russia 2nd, 4:54.72; Czechoslovakia 3rd, 4:55.42.
- Four without Coxswain: West Germany 1st, 4:34.62; East Germany 2nd, 4:34.92; Great Britain 3rd, 4:40.97.
- Pair with Coxswain: Poland 1st, 5:16.91; East Germany 2nd, 5:19.40; Italy 3rd, 5:19.80.
- Pair without Coxswain: East Germany 1st, 5:07.86; West Germany 2nd, 5:13.77; Norway 3rd, 5:14.74.
- Single Scull: West Germany 1st, 5:10.30; East Germany 2nd, 5:14.38; Russia 3rd, 5:16.17.
- Double Scull: West Germany 1st, 4:54.23; East Germany 2nd, 4:56.67; Norway 3rd, 4:58.46.
- Quadruple Scull: East Germany 1st, 4:30.30; West Germany 2nd, 4:31.28; Russia 3rd, 4:36.86.

WORLD LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS COPENHAGAN, AUGUST, 1978

Australia will be represented by:

- EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN:** R. Cooper (S.A.), P. Gardiner (N.S.W.), D. Hatcher (Vic.), L. McCarthy (N.S.W.), I. Porter (Vic.), M. Robertson (Vic.), C. J. Smith (Vic.), J. Sykes (Vic.), A. Maginn (Vic.), cox, D. Cooper (Vic.) reserve, R. Stewart (Vic.) reserve, D. Palfreyman (Vic.) coach.
- FOUR WITHOUT COXSWAIN:** V. Bollen bow, P. Antonie 2, S. Gillett 3, G. L. Rees stroke, P. E. M. L. Philp coach (Vic.).
- SINGLE SCULL:** A. McKinley (Vic.).
- Noel Wilkinson of Victoria is Team Manager.

WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW ZEALAND, NOVEMBER, 1978

It is anticipated that Australia will be represented in every event in New Zealand. To date, only the members of the Eight with Coxswain have been selected, the other selections will be made at the Test Races to be conducted at West Lakes, South Australia, in late September.

EIGHT WITH COXSWAIN: I. Lee (N.S.W.), I. Clubb (N.S.W.), G. Clubb (N.S.W.), G. Uebergang (N.S.W.), A. MacDonald (N.S.W.), K. Jelbart (Vic.), W. Dankbaar (S.A.), S. Handley (N.S.W.), S. Carter (N.S.W.), cox, J. Sivewright (N.S.W.) reserve, J. Stride (N.S.W.) reserve, M. Morgan (N.S.W.) coach. John Boulton of New South Wales is Team Manager.

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

The combined King's Cup and National Regatta together with the Australian Women's Rowing Championships were conducted on the 2000 metre rowing course on the Huon River at Franklin, Tasmania. The Interstate Championships were conducted on Thursday 23rd and the morning of Saturday, 25th March, whilst the National Championships commenced on the afternoon of Saturday 25th and continued through to the late afternoon of Monday, 27th March, an extremely lengthy programme of 168 events which, with scratchings and non-appearance of crews, reduced to 139 actual events.

The regatta was conducted in cool weather with the varying wind providing a great variation in rowing conditions.

At the conclusion of the Victorian Eight-oared Championship the State Selectors named a spad of sixteen oarsmen and two coxswains for selection of the crew to represent Victoria in the King's Cup and after some weeks of trials and tests the crew was selected as follows: S. Shirrefs (Mercantile) bow, R. Guy (Mercantile) 2, A. Sloan (Mercantile) 3, J. Lowe (M.U.B.C.) 4, W. Magennis (Monash) 5, T. Young (Monash) 6, K. Jelbart (Monash) 7, B. Richardson (Monash) stroke, M. Aitken (Mercantile) cox, L. Ljubanovic (Monash) and C. Rawson (Monash) emergencies, C. Dane (Monash) coach.

Mr. K. M. Bourke, of Footscray City Rowing Club, was appointed team manager.

On the eve of their departure for Tasmania, T. Young was forced to withdraw from the squad due to ill health and was replaced by A. Withers of Mercantile Rowing Club.

The results of the heats and repechage, held on Thursday, were:

First Heat: 1st, South Australia; 2nd, Tasmania; 3rd, Queensland. Time, 7 minutes 25.4 seconds. Margins, 8.6 and 5.2 secs.

Second Heat: 1st, New South Wales; 2nd, Victoria; 3rd, Western Australia. Time, 7 minutes 16.4 seconds. Margins, 17.0 and 11.0 secs.

Repechage: 1st, Victoria; 2nd, Tasmania; 3rd, Queensland; 4th, Western Australia. Time, 6 minutes 46.4 seconds. Margins, 3.0, 9.9 and 8.3 secs.

The final on Saturday morning resulted in a win for New South Wales, their fifth success in a row with Victoria 2nd, Tasmania 3rd and South Australia 4th. The winning time was 6 minutes 5 seconds with margins of 3.0, 4.9 and 8.1 seconds.

The New South Wales crew got away to an excellent start to be a canvas ahead of Victoria and Tasmania after 200 metres and by the 1000 metre mark had increased this to a three-quarter length lead. At about 1300 metres Victoria threw out the challenge to New South Wales with a great effort, to be level at the 1600 metre mark, but were unable to match the New South Wales final sprint which took them over the line ahead of Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

Again we congratulate the New South Wales crew and their coach on another fine win and their selection to form the basis of the Australian Eight for the New Zealand World Rowing Championships.

AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(PRESIDENT'S CUP)

The Victorian Selectors nominated A. G. McKinley of Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club to represent Victoria in the President's Cup and did not avail themselves of the provision for each State to be represented by up to three scullers.

The heats, repechage and semi-finals resulted as follows:

First Heat: 1st, R. Redell (New South Wales); 2nd, R. McGowan (New South Wales); 3rd, R. Alexander (Queensland); 4th, R. Harris (South Australia); 5th, P. Jones (Western Australia). Time, 7 minutes 59 seconds. Margins, 1.7, 3.7, 14.5 and 3.1 secs.

Second Heat: 1st, E. Hale (New South Wales); 2nd, A. Marshall (Tasmania); 3rd, S. Spurling (Tasmania); 4th, D. Townsend (Tasmania). Time, 7 minutes 56.7 seconds. Margins, 13.0, 6.4 and 0.5 secs.

Third Heat: 1st, A. McKinley (Victoria); 2nd, R. French (Queensland); 3rd, G. Simmons (Western Australia); 4th C. Poynton (Western Australia). Time, 7 minutes 58.5 seconds. Margins 8.0, 10.4 and 2.4 secs.

Repechage: 1st, P. Jones (Western Australia); 2nd, R. Harris (South Australia); 3rd, D. Townsend (Tasmania); 4th, C. Poynton (Western Australia). Time, 8 minutes 49 seconds. Margins 1.8, 5.5 and 17.8 secs.

First Semi-Final: 1st, R. Redell (New South Wales); 2nd, R. Alexander (Queensland); 3rd, A. McKinley (Victoria); 4th, G. Simmons (Western Australia); 5th, A. Marshall (Tasmania); 6th, R. Harris (South Australia). Time, 9 minutes 57.6 seconds. Margins 13.1, 5.7, 8.2, 4.7 and 5.1 secs.

Second Semi-Final: 1st, E. Hale (New South Wales); 2nd, R. McGowan (New South Wales); 3rd, R. French (Queensland); 4th, D. Townsend (Tasmania); 5th P. Jones (Western Australia); 6th, S. Spurling (Tasmania). Time, 10 minutes 1.4 seconds. Margins, 4.7, 3.4, 14.7, 6.0 and 6.4 secs.

In the Final, it was New South Wales all the way, with E. Hale leading for the length of the race with R. Redell and R. McGowan battling for the minor placings. E. Hale won the race from R. McGowan 2nd, R. Redell 3rd, A. McKinley (Victoria) 4th, R. French (Queensland) 5th and R. Alexander (Queensland) 6th. The winning time was 7 minutes 26.4 seconds with margins of 6.1, 1.7, 0.9, 6.1 and 32.0 secs.

Congratulations to Ted Hale on his third successive win in this event.

AUSTRALIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (PENRITH CUP)

The Melbourne University Four again made the task of the Selectors relatively easy with their convincing and consistent winning performances.

The crew selected to represent Victoria were: V. Bollen bow, P. T. Antonie 2, S. M. Gillett 3, G. L. Rees stroke, A. Maginn cox, C. J. Smith emergency and P. E. M. L. Philp (M.U.B.C.) coach.

Results of the heats and repechage were.

First Heat: 1st, Victoria; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, New South Wales. Time, 7 minutes 9.9 seconds. Margins, 4.6 and 6.1 secs.

Second Heat: 1st, Tasmania; 2nd, Western Australia; 3rd, Queensland. Time, 7 minutes 24.8 seconds. Margins, 3.6 and 22.0 secs.

Repechage: 1st, New South Wales; 2nd, South Australia; 3rd, Western Australia; 4th Queensland. Time, 8 minutes 28.5 seconds. Margins, 4.1, 4.7 and 18.6 secs.

Victoria won the Final in convincing style, after leading all the way, in a time of 6 minutes 41.2 seconds with New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia finishing in that order. Margins were 5.3, 2.5 and 2.2 secs.

Victorian crews continue to dominate this event, with this the eighth successive win, and the crew and coach are congratulated on their fine win and selection in the Australian Team to compete at the World Lightweight Championships at Copenhagen.

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

With an increased number of oarsmen available for selection the Selectors' task was made somewhat easier this season, however, they were still faced with the problem of oarsmen in three different centres. They finally decided to select two crews of club oarsmen to represent Victoria, one crew based in Geelong and the other crew training in Melbourne. The selected crews were:

No. 1 crew: B. Horney (Barwon) bow, J. Nurzenski (Barwon) 2; J. Wanat (Corio Bay) 3; G. Duniam (Barwon) 4; R. Kavant (Barwon) 5; A. Cleary (Barwon) 6; R. George (Corio Bay) 7; A. Egan (Corio Bay) stroke; M. Sheahan (Barwon) cox; D. Gillett (Corio Bay) emergency, A. Darker (Barwon) coach.

No. 2 Crew: A. Gallagher (Banks) bow, N. King (Banks) 2, N. Robinson (Banks) 3, S. Grant (Banks) 4, S. Brown (Banks) 5, S. Moreton (Wendouree/Ballararat) 6, A. Courtney (Banks) 7; R. Moorfield (Banks) stroke, S. Hart (Banks) cox, A. Manson (Banks) emergency, J. Bennett (Banks) coach.

Results of the heats and repechage were:

First Heat: 1st, Tasmania No. 1; 2nd, Victoria No. 1; 3rd, New South Wales No. 1; 4th, Western Australia. Time, 5 minutes 2.5 seconds. Margins, 0.5, 9.2 and 1.0 secs.

Second Heat: 1st, South Australia; 2nd, New South Wales No. 2; 3rd, Victoria No. 2; 4th, Tasmania No. 2. Time, 5 minutes 0.4 seconds. Margins, 12.2, 1.4 and 10.8 secs.

Repechage: 1st, Victoria No. 2; 2nd, Victoria No. 1; 3rd, Western Australia; 4th, New South Wales No. 2; 5th, New South Wales No. 1; 6th, Tasmania No. 2. Time, 5 minutes 42 seconds. Margins, 0.5, 1.9, 0.4, 4.9 and 4.1 secs.

In the final Tasmania No. 1, after a good start, were never headed, despite a challenge by South Australia, and went on to win in a time of 4 minutes 26.2 seconds from South Australia 2nd, Victoria No. 1 3rd, Western Australia 4th, New South Wales No. 2 5th and Victoria No. 2 6th. The margins were 4.2, 6.5, 0.3, 1.0 and 1.7 secs.

Congratulations are extended to Tasmania on their second successive win in this event.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(UNITED LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION TROPHY)

In a fine exhibition of rowing, Victoria, after leading from the start, went on to a convincing win from Western Australia, New South Wales and South Australia in that order. Time, 3 minutes 31.7 seconds. Margins, 7.2, 1.8 and 0.6.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP

(VICTORIA CUP)

Victoria, after a slow start and surviving a strong challenge from South Australia in the latter part of the race, won this event from South Australia 2nd, New South Wales 3rd and Queensland 4th. Time, 3 minutes 53.6 seconds. Margins, 2.6, 4.0, and 11.3 secs.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(NELL SLATTER TROPHY)

E. Adams (New South Wales) led from start to finish to win this event from L. Patterson (Victoria) 2nd, S. McGinniss (Tasmania) 3rd, M. Renouf (Victoria) 4th, D. Phillips (New South Wales) 5th and K. Law (New South Wales) 6th. Time, 4 minutes 10.7 seconds. Margins were 3.1, 0.3, 0.9, 3.8 and 2.5 secs.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champion Four with Cox

1st, Sydney; 2nd, Adelaide University/Adelaide Composite;
3rd, Mercantile. Time, 6:17.0.

Champion Four without Cox

1st, Sydney/Drummoyne Composite; 2nd, Monash University;
3rd, M.U.B.C. No. 2. Time, 6:53.4.

Champion Pair with Cox

1st, Sydney No. 1; 2nd, Sydney No. 2; 3rd, Drummoyne.
Time, 7:12.3.

Champion Pair without Cox

1st, Sydney; 2nd, Adelaide; 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 7:31.8.

Champion Double Scull

1st Haberfield; 2nd, Sydney No. 2; 3rd, Haberfield/Drummoyne
Composite. Time, 7:07.8.

Champion Quadruple Scull

1st, Sydney; 2nd, Haberfield/Drummoyne Composite; 3rd
G.P.S.O.B./Queensland University/Brothers Composite. Time,
6:12.1.

Champion Lightweight Eight

1st, M.U.B.C.; 2nd, Mercantile No. 1; 3rd, Haberfield. Time,
5:52.1.

- Champion Lightweight Four without Cox**
1st, M.U.B.C. No. 2; 2nd, M.U.B.C. No. 1; 3rd, Haberfield. Time, 6:24.1.
- Champion Lightweight Pair without Cox**
1st: A.N.A.; 2nd, Drummoyne; 3rd, Leichhardt. Time, 8:03.4.
- Champion Lightweight Scull**
1st, A. McKinley (Wendouree/Ballarart); 2nd, J. Sykes (Corio Bay); 3rd, A. Feldt (Banks). Time, 7:31.6.
- Champion Lightweight Double Scull**
1st, Haberfield; 2nd, Sydney; 3rd, A.N.A. Time, 7:51.8.
- Champion Junior Eight**
1st, Sydney No. 2; 2nd, Mosman; 3rd, Tasmanian Composite. Time, 6:45.3.
- Champion Junior Four**
1st, Nepean; 2nd, Adelaide University; 3rd, Drummoyne. Time 7:15.1.
- Champion Junior Pair**
1st, Drummoyne; 2nd, Manning River; 3rd, Footscray City. Time, 8:05.2.
- Champion Junior Scull**
1st, C. Shinnars (Sydney); 2nd, B. Sarah (Wendouree/Ballarart); 3rd, D. Schier (Franklin). Time, 7:01.0.
- Champion Youth Four**
1st, St. George; 2nd, Tipperoo; 3rd, Corio Bay. Time, 4:55.1
- Champion School Eight**
1st, Scotch College (Victoria); 2nd, Newington College; 3rd Geelong College. Time, 4:59.5.
- Champion School Four**
1st, Canberra Grammar; 2nd, Launceston Grammar; 3rd, Hutchins School. Time, 6:07.4.
- Champion Women's Elite Pair without Coxswain**
1st, Tirnanoc/Sydney University Composite; 2nd, Adelaide University; 3rd, Artemis. Time, 3:54.1.
- Champion Women's Elite Double Scull**
1st, Tasmanian University/Mosman Composite; 2nd, Leichhardt; 3rd, Y.W.C.A./Artemis Composite. Time, 4:22.0.
- Champion Women's Elite Quadruple Scull**
1st, Tasmanian University/Corio Bay/Mosman/Leichhardt Composite; 2nd, Sydney/Artemis Composite; 3rd, Tweed River High School. Time, 3:38.3.
- Champion Women's Eight**
1st, Melbourne/Monash/Latrobe Universities Composite; 2nd, Tirano/Sydney University Composite; 3rd, Leichhardt/Sydney/Tasmanian University Composite. Time, 3:28.5.
- Champion Women's Lightweight Pair without Coxswain**
1st, Y.W.C.A./Monash Composite; 2nd, Leichhardt; 3rd, North Esk. Time, 4:07.1.
- Champion Women's Lightweight Scull**
1st, L. Patterson (Corio Bay); 2nd, E. Adams (Sydney); 3rd, K. Law (Sydney). Time, 4:04.2.
- Champion Women's Senior Four**
1st, University of W.A./W.A.I.T. Composite; 2nd, Sydney University; 3rd, Monash/Latrobe Universities Composite. Time, 3:26.1.
- Champion Women's Senior Pair without Coxswain**
1st, Sydney University; 2nd, Monash/Y.W.C.A. Composite; 3rd, Reeconian. Time, 3:54.1.
- Champion Women's Senior Scull**
1st, L. Patterson (Corio Bay); 2nd, S. McGinniss (Tasmanian University); 3rd, R. Hoffman (Y.W.C.A.). Time, 4:02.9.
- Champion Junior Girls' Four**
1st, Leichhardt; 2nd, Tweed River High School; 3rd, Artemis. Time, 3:59.7.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victorian Eight-oared Championship (Norwich Shield)

(Holders: Monash University Rowing Club).
Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 21st January, 1978.
Won by Monash University Rowing Club. Time, 6:11.9.
C. Rawson bow, L. Ljubanovic 2, M. Ross 3, M. Hunt 4,
K. Jelbart 5, T. Young 6, W. Magennis 7, B. Richardson
stroke, D. Gnome cox, P. C. Dane coach.
Won by a canvas from Sydney with Melbourne University
No. 2 3rd, Mercantile No. 1 4th, Tasmanian University 5th,
and Melbourne University No. 1 6th.
Other starters were Banks, Mercantile No. 2, Corio Bay,
Adelaide University and Mercantile No. 3.

Victorian Four-oared Championship

(Holders: Sydney Rowing Club).
Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, March 12th, 1978.
Won by Adelaide University Boat Club. Time, 6:52.
J. Bolt bow, H. Duncan 2, R. Lang 3, M. Hebblewhite stroke,
B. Parsons cox, R. D. Cheesman coach.
Won by a canvas from Mercantile/Monash Composite with
Melbourne University No. 1 3rd and Melbourne University
No. 3 4th.

Victorian Coxswainless Four-oared Championship

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.
Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time, 6:30.
V. Bollen bow, P. Antonie 2, S. Gillett 3, G. Rees stroke,
P. Philp coach.
Won by 3 lengths from Mercantile/Monash Composite with
Melbourne University No. 2 3rd.

Victorian Pair-oared Championship

(Holders: Sydney Rowing Club)
Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 12th March, 1978.
Won by Monash University Rowing Club. Time, 7:47.
C. Rawson bow, L. Ljubanovic stroke, P. Gome cox, P. C.
Dane coach.
Won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length from Melbourne University No. 2 with
Melbourne 3rd and Bendigo 4th.

Victorian Coxswainless Pair-oared Championship

(Holders: Bendigo Rowing Club)
Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.
Won by Monash University Rowing Club. Time, 7:52.
C. Rawson bow, L. Ljubanovic stroke, P. C. Dane coach.
Won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths from Bendigo.

Victorian Sculling Championship

(Holder: R. Redell, Haberfield Rowing Club)
Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 21st January, 1978.
Won by E. Hale, Sydney Rowing Club, by $2\frac{3}{4}$ lengths from
A. McKinley (Wendouree/Ballararat) with J. Sykes (Corio Bay)
3rd, M. Hawke (Haberfield) 4th, A. McCowan (Albert Park)
5th, and S. Spurling (Buckingham) 6th. Time: 7:34.
Other starters were D. Townsend (Tasmanian Uni.), B. Sarah
(Wendouree/Ballararat), B. Finnigan (Nagambie), M. Kwaitkow-
ski (Footscray City), S. Allsop (Monash), P. McNamara
(Nagambie), K. Leach ((Mercantile), D. Cochran (Bendigo)
A. Feldt (Banks), J. Stonehouse (Warranmbool), E. Fenn
(Rutherglen Lake) and D. Elliott (Ballarat City).

Victorian Junior Eight-oared Championship

(Holders: Banks Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.

Won by Mosman Rowing Club. Time: 6:19.5.

S. Brass bow, M. O'Gorman 2, M. Stagg 3, G. Pearson 4, G. Jones 5, G. Zuber 6, L. McCauley 7, S. Gordon stroke, K. Johnson cox, S. Evans coach.

Won by 1¼ lengths from Melbourne Grammar with Geelong College 3rd, Banks/Wendouree 4th, Power House 5th, and Banks 6th.

Other starters were Xavier College, Melbourne University, Mercantile, Geelong Grammar and Brighton Grammar.

Victorian Junior Four-oared Championship

(Holders: City of Warrnambool Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 21st January, 1978.

Won by Melbourne Rowing Club. Time: 7:02.

J. Fitzgerald bow, R. Young 2, M. Van Onselen 3, R. Martin Stroke, J. Nayer cox, G. Murphy coach.

Won by 1½ lengths from Wendouree/Ballarat with Essendon 3rd and Corio Bay 4th.

Other starters were Albert Park, Banks, Hawthorn and Mercantile.

Victorian Junior Pair-oared Championship

(Holders: Essendon Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 12th March, 1978.

Won by Mosman Rowing Club. Time: 7:51.5.

G. Pearson bow, M. Stagg stroke, K. Johnson cox, S. Evans coach.

Won by 1/3 metre from Adelaide with Footscray City 3rd, Warrnambool 4th, Adelaide Uni. 5th and Melbourne Uni. 6th.

Other starters were Hawthorn Nos. 1 and 2, Banks, Albert Park, Wendouree/Ballarat Nos. 1 and 2, Murray Bridge, Rutherglen Lake, Essendon and Melbourne.

Victorian Junior Sculling Championship

(Holder: M. Hawke, Haberfield Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.

Won by B. Sarah, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club by 2 lengths from J. Stonehouse (Warrnambool) with E. Fenn (Rutherglen Lake) 3rd, M. Kwaitkowski (Footscray) 4th, and S. Allsop (Monash) 5th. Time: 7:40.

Other starters were B. Finnigan (Nagambie), T. Prime (Corio Bay), A. Gibson (Hawthorn), and R. Blanchfield (Wendouree/Ballarat).

Victorian Lightweight Eight-oared Championship

(Holders: Mercantile Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 12th March, 1978.

Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time: 5:57.

V. Bollen bow, P. Antonie 2, S. Gillett 3, G. Rees 4, M. Quinn 5, R. Stewart 6, D. Cooper 7, C. Smith stroke, A. Maginn cox, P. E. M. L. Philp coach.

Won by 1½ lengths from Mercantile No. 1 with Mercantile No. 2 3rd.

Victorian Lightweight Four-oared Championship

(D. S. Stirling Trophy)

(Holders: Melbourne University Boat Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 21st January, 1978.

Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time: 6:57.2.

V. Bollen bow, P. Antonie 2, S. Gillett 3, G. Rees stroke, A. Maginn cox and P. E. M. L. Philp coach.

Won by 6 lengths from Melbourne University No. 2 with Mercantile No. 3 3rd, and Mercantile No. 1 4th.

Victorian Coxswainless Lightweight Four-oared Championship

(Holders: Melbourne University Boat Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.

Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time: 7:28.4.

V. Bollen bow, P. Antonie 2, S. Gillett 3, G. Rees stroke,
P. E. M. L. Philp coach.

Won by 6 lengths from Melbourne University No. 2.

Victorian Lightweight Pair-oared Championship

(Holders: Essendon Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 21st January, 1978.

Won by Melbourne University Boat Club. Time: 8:20.

S. Marshall bow, C. Bartlett stroke, M. Burger cox, P. E.
M. L. Philp coach.

Won by 15cm from Melbourne with Power House 3rd, Bar-
won 4th, and Rutherglen Lake 5th.

Victorian Coxswainless Lightweight Pair-oared Championship

(Holders: Adelaide University Boat Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.

Won by Melbourne Rowing Club. Time, 7:29.

J. Fitzgerald bow, R. Young stroke, G. Murphy coach.

Won by 4 lengths from Murray Bridge with Melbourne
University 3rd.

Victorian Lightweight Sculling Championship

(Holder: A. McKinley, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 12th March, 1978.

Won by A. McKinley, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club, by
4 lengths from J. Sykes (Corio Bay) with E. Fenn (Ruther-
glen Lake) 3rd, M. Kwaitkowski (Footscray) 4th, L. Budge
(Banks) 5th. Time, 7:23.

Victorian Youth Four-oared Championship

(Holders: Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat 21st January, 1978.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club. Time, 7:03.9.

J. Nurzenski bow, R. Kavant 2, A. Cleary 3, B. Horney
stroke, M. Sheahan cox, A. Darker coach.

Won by 4 lengths from Banks with Corio Bay 3rd, Mercantile
4th and Barwon No. 2 5th.

Victorian Schoolboy Eight-oared Championship

(M. S. Williams Medallions)

(Holders: Wesley College)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.

Won by Melbourne Grammar School. Time, 6:37.

A. Duncan bow, J. Michelmor 2, R. Ponsford 3, P. Southwell
4, A. Birnie 5, M. Hooper 6, A. Langford 7, A. Kerr stroke,
P. Bate cox, A. J. Smith coach.

Won by 1 metre from Wesley College with Scotch College
3rd, Caulfield Grammar 4th, Carey Grammar 5th, and Scotch
College No. 2 6th.

Other starters were Geelong College, Brighton Grammar,
Ballarat & Clarendon College, Wesley College Nos. 2 and 3,
Brighton Grammar Nos. 2 & 4 and Carey Grammar No. 2.

(Holders: Ballarat Grammar School)

Rowed on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 13th March, 1978.

Victorian Schoolboy Four-oared Championship

Won by St. Patrick's College. Time, 8:13.9.

B. Auchettl bow, B. Smith 2, P. Reedy 3, M. Ryan stroke,
L. Moloney cox, K. O'Brien coach.

Won by 1 length from Ballarat & Queens Grammar with
Ballarat High 3rd.

Victorian Country Eight-oared Championship

(Holders: Barwon Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River, Geelong, 18th February, 1978.

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club.

J. Olliff bow, G. Amezdroz 2, D. Wainwright 3, J. Sablak 4, A. Cassidy 5, C. Walker 6, N. Myers 7, D. Cooper stroke, P. McGann cox.

Won by 1¼ lengths from Barwon No. 1 with Barwon No. 2 3rd.

Victorian Country Four-oared Championship

(Holders: City of Warrnambool Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River, Geelong, 18th February, 1978.

Won by Corio Bay Rowing Club.

D. Wainwright bow, C. Walker 2, N. Myers 3, D. Cooper stroke, P. McGann cox.

Won by ½ length from City of Warrnambool with Barwon 3rd and Wendouree/Ballarat 4th.

Victorian Country Pair-oared Championship

(Holders: Bendigo Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River, Geelong, 18th February, 1978.

Won by City of Warrnambool Rowing Club.

C. McDonald bow, C. Wooster stroke, K. Johnson cox.

Won by 2 lengths from Bendigo.

Other starters were Wendouree/Ballarat Nos. 1 and 2, Barwon and Corio Bay.

Victorian Country Sculling Championship

Rowed on Barwon River, Geelong, 18th February, 1978.

Won by B. Sarah, Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club, by 3 lengths from J. Stonehouse (Warrnambool) with T. Poole (Corio Bay) 3rd and D. Cochrane (Bendigo) 4th.

Victorian Country Lightweight Four-oared Championship

(Holders: Barwon Rowing Club)

Rowed on Barwon River, Geelong, 18th February, 1978.

Won by Barwon Rowing Club.

W. Digby bow, R. Gardiner 2, T. Purcell 3, B. Horney stroke, E. Digby cox.

Won by 1 length from Corio Bay.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

SENIOR

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Monash University	66	17	Wendouree/Ballarat	5	4
M.U.B.C.	44	10	Ballarat City	2	2
Mercantile	28	4	Bendigo	2	1
Banks	18	7	Melbourne	2	1
Hawthorn	8	3	Rutherglen Lake	2	1
Corio Bay	6	6	City of Warrnam-		
Albert Park	5	5	bool	1	1

LIGHTWEIGHT

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
M.U.B.C.	58	9	Footscray City	6	3
Melbourne	32	12	Richmond	6	3
Corio Bay	23	8	Albert Park	4	2
Mercantile	22	3	Ballarat City	4	2
Banks	20	7	Wendouree/Ballarat	4	2
Power House	18	5	Hawthorn	2	1
Barwon	14	6	Rutherglen Lake	2	1

JUNIOR FIRST DIVISION

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Barwon	134	30	Albert Park	40	12
Corio Bay	72	15	Wendouree/ Ballarat	33	14
Mercantile	68	10	Essendon	19	7
Banks	61	17	Hawthorn	14	6
Power House	47	14	M.U.B.C.	12	2

JUNIOR SECOND DIVISION

	Points	Wins		Points	Wins
Melbourne	44	10	Rutherglen Lake	18	6
City of Warrnam- bool	41	18	Yarrawonga	14	6
Horsham	30	9	Richmond	12	5
Footscray City	26	11	Dimboola	12	3
Latrobe University	24	5	Yarra Yarra	7	3
Ballarat City	22	5	Mildura	6	2
Corowa	20	4	Bendigo	3	2
			Lake Colac	2	1

For the 1978-79 season, Melbourne Rowing Club will move into the Junior First Division and Melbourne University Boat Club will change to the Junior Second Division.

ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The annual Public Schools' Head of the River Regatta took place on the Barwon River at Geelong on April 14 and 15, 1978 with Scotch College winning the title by one metre in a thrilling finish from Melbourne Grammar with Xavier College two lengths away in third place. The winning time was 4:45.

Congratulations are extended to the Scotch College crew and their coach David Boykett on the school's first head of the river title since 1973.

VICTORIAN HIGH SCHOOLS

The Victorian High Schools' Rowing Association conducted their 26th Annual Regatta on the Henley Course where the Head of the River race was won by Bell Park High School from Melbourne High School.

The Champion Four event was won by Ballarat High School.

Congratulations to the members of all winning crews and their coaches on their success.

BALLARAT SCHOOLS

On April 8, 1978, the Ballarat Schools Head of the Lake competition resulted in a win for Ballarat & Queens College by one length from St. Patrick's College with Ballarat High third and Ballarat & Clarendon College fourth.

We congratulate the successful crew on the school's second successive win in this event.

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Australian Universities Rowing Championships:

Sydney University Boat Club hosted the 83rd Intersarsity Boat Race and Rowing Championships which were conducted on the Nepean River at Penrith on May 19 and 20, 1978.

Monash won the eight-oared championship for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup from Adelaide second and Tasmania third in a winning time of 5:57.1.

The lightweight four-oared championship for the Sir Fred J. Schonnell Cup was won by Melbourne with Adelaide second and Sydney third in the winning time of 6:42.3.

Flinders won the Carlton and United Goblets for the coxswainless pair-oared championship in 7:05.5 with Queensland second and Sydney third.

The W. D. & H. O. Wills Trophy for the single sculling championship was won by C. Shinnars of Sydney in 7:25.5 with J. Kettelwell (Queensland) second and P. Mangelsdorf (Flinders) third.

Congratulations to Monash University and Melbourne University on their success.

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

After a successful beginning during the 1976-77 season and the assistance of a further State Government grant to rowing through the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, the joint promotions committee of Kath Bennett, Anne Chirnside, Ray Hammon, Rosemary Hoffman, Caroline Judd, Ruth Klinge, Terry Murphy, Martin Owen, Dot Rycroft and Bill Waterfield, continued their efforts to increase the participation in our sport.

Commencing early in the season and using their established programme of publicity and involvement, Get Together Rowing promotions were conducted at Mildura, Robinvale, Wentworth, Footscray and the rowing clubs on the Yarra River at Princes Bridge. The response of both men and women at all these venues was commensurate with the input of the clubs concerned and following the promotions some of the clubs have been enjoying an increase in membership and local awareness of our sport.

The Committee, mainly through the efforts of the women members, and with the sponsorship of G.R.E. Insurance, was involved with the World Sports Expo staged at the Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne, in February and the rowing stand was one of the Exhibition's highlights, with over 70,000 people who visited the show having the opportunity to try rowing and receive expert tuition. Each evening, representatives from affiliated women's clubs staged exciting match races on the rowing ergometers and the final match was one of the features on the last day of the Exhibition and was rowed before a capacity crowd in the Western Annex arena, with presentations to the winner and runner-up being made by Mr. J. D. L. Lush, General Manager/Operations of G.R.E. Insurance. Involvement with activities such as this helps to make the general public aware of our sport and our message reached a large number of both male and female prospective participants.

In addition to all this activity, the Committee have been engaged in the compilation of an administrative handbook and a promotional display kit during the season and, in anticipation of further State Government assistance for rowing promotion, have already planned activities for the 1978-79 rowing season to assist clubs recruit new members and to promote our sport to the public in general.

OFFICIALS' PANEL

The Panel for 1977-78 comprised Messrs. J. Burford, R. B. Duncan, R. N. McKay, W. T. Morrison, R. H. Richardson and J. L. Hardie (Secretary). Although the number of licensed officials was sustained there was difficulty on a few occasions in providing sufficient officials to properly supervise regattas. A tendency still exists for some officials to make themselves available on rare occasions. This is not satisfactory and the Panel is concerned at the trend as it considers such officials could possibly lose their "touch."

Examinations were held during the season in Melbourne, Yarrowonga and Dimboola, the country examinations being with the assistance of the Government Grant to Rowing and the following were successful in obtaining licences — Messrs. K. W. Bolwell (Horsham), W. K. Fechner (Dimboola), G. J. Hardie (Banks), M. Bushby (Yarra Yarra), L. Hanna (Yarra Yarra), F. Keenan (Yarrowonga), P. Mansfield (Yarrowonga), R. A. Todd (Yarrowonga) and our first lady official Ms. R. Klinge (Y.W.C.A.).

Some ten Victorian officials holding Australian Licences made themselves available for the King's Cup and National Regattas in Hobart and from all accounts made a considerable contribution to the number officiating.

No Victorian officials submitted themselves for Australian licences this season but congratulations go to Reg McKay who was successful in obtaining his F.I.S.A. Licence at Amsterdam. Further congratulations go to Reg on his selection as one of the two Australian F.I.S.A. licence holders to officiate at the World Rowing Championships in New Zealand later this year.

Season 1977-78 marked the retirement of Messrs. N. W. Cairnes, T. Rodda, A. W. McLeish and K. S. Cusworth from the ranks of the active regatta officials. All four have given many years of service in this sphere and deserve the thanks of all competing oarsmen.

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

Office-bearers

The following office-bearers were elected:

President: D. Clayton (S.A.).

Honorary Secretary: J. D. Coates (N.S.W.).

Honorary Treasurer: N. F. Wilkinson (Vic.).

Honorary Auditor: P. J. Thomson (Vic.).

Australian Olympic Federation Delegates: J. D. Coates and L. E. Stepto (N.S.W.).

Grading and Selection Committee:

Messrs. B. Evans (N.S.W.), J. Howden (Vic.), and R. Moore (S.A.) were elected.

Manager Australian Rowing Team, World Championships, New Zealand:

Mr. J. Boulton (N.S.W.) was appointed.

Manager Australian Rowing Team, F.I.S.A. Lightweight Championships, Copenhagen:

Mr. N. F. Wilkinson (Vic.) was appointed.

Lightweight Single Scullers:

From 7.1.78 the maximum weight is 72.5 kg.

Financing 1978 World and Lightweight Championships Teams:

Resolved that a \$3 levy be placed on all oarsmen affiliated with the A.A.R.C.

Format of Penrith Cup Event:

Articles were amended to change the event to one for coxswainless crews and to allow each State to enter up to three crews.

Seat Fee for International Team Members:

The amount was increased to \$350.

Delegates to Continued F.I.S.A. Conference, Lucerne:

Messrs. A. G. Michelmore and N. F. Wilkinson were appointed.

Delegates to F.I.S.A. Congress, New Zealand:

Messrs. R. R. Aitken, J. D. Coates and L. E. Stepto were appointed.

DECISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, 7th September, 1977

The meeting approved the payment of Honoraria to the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Secretaries totalling \$385.

The following Rule amendments were adopted:

Amend Constitution Clauses II and VI and Rules XIII and XXXI to increase affiliation fees payable to the Association.

Amend Regatta Regulation 6 (e) to increase King's Cup levy to 10c.

Amend Rule XXXII to increase coxswain's registration fee to \$1.

Amend Regatta Regulation 3 (a) to make a coxswain's minimum weight 50 kg.

Amend Regatta Regulation 2 (ab) re eligibility of oarsmen in representative Victorian teams to represent their Club, University or School.

Amend Regatta Regulations 2(w)2 and 2(w)3 re definition of Junior Youth oarsmen.

Amend Regatta Regulation 26(c)(i) and 26(c)(ii) re ineligible crews in regatta events.

Amend Rules XV(2) and XV(3) re provision of a boat for the Penrith Cup representatives.

Amend Rule VII and Regatta Regulations 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 to clarify the duties of a regatta referee.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, 2nd November, 1977

The following Rule amendments were adopted:

Amend Rule XV(3)(b) re accommodation for Victorian teams at venue of Interstate Championships.

Delete Rule XV(2)(d) re departure of Victorian teams for venue of Interstate Championships.

Delete Rules XXXV(iii) and XXXV(iv) re limit on club entries in Victorian Championship events.

Amend Rule XXXV-A re composite crews.

Amend Regatta Regulation 2(v)(1) re eligibility of an oarsman to compete in novice rowing or sculling 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. B. Dalton, P. L. Guy, R. F. Hammon, P. H. Marxsen, and M. G. Tomanovits were elected.

Officials Panel:

Messrs. J. W. Burford, R. B. Duncan, R. N. McKay, W. T. Morrison and R. H. Richardson were appointed.

Regatta Programme:

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

Use of Power Hailers:

Adopted that the use of power hailers at regattas be restricted to V.R.A. Licenced Officials acting in an official capacity.

Officials at Non-qualifying Regattas:

Adopted that Licenced Officials be not supplied at non-qualifying regattas unless they were given full powers to act similar to a qualifying regatta.

1977 Nagambie Regatta:

Adopted that the Executive Committee take over the conduct of the 1977 Nagambie Regatta.

Queen's Silver Jubilee Commemoration and Appeal:

Adopted that the entry fees for events at the V.R.A. (Melbourne) Regatta be donated to the Queen's' Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians and the trophies for the events be the plaques, pennants and medallions presented by the Silver Jubilee Commemorative Organisation.

Dual Membership of Clubs:

Regatta Regulation 6 (d) was deleted.

Representative Victorian Teams:

Regatta Regulation 2 (ab) re eligibility for regatta events was further amended.

Copenhagen/New Zealand Levy:

Adopted that Clubs be levied \$1.00 per affiliated member.

Fund Raising, Copenhagen Lightweight Championships:

A sub-committee of Messrs. D. Palfreyman, P. Philp and N. F. Wilkinson were appointed and it was adopted that the balance remaining from the 1977 Appeal be transferred to the Lightweight Appeal.

1978 Australian Lightweight Rowing Team:

Adopted that the Association donate \$100 for each Victorian member of the Team to compete at the F.I.S.A. Lightweight Championships at Copenhagen in August.

Improvement in Victorian Rowing:

A sub-committee of Mr. Justice H. R. Frederico and Messrs. C. J. Lehman, C. Johnson and G. Plant were appointed to discuss proposals for the betterment of Victorian Rowing.

Entertainment of Guests:

Adopted that the Association entertain local Council Officials on the occasion of the Victorian Championship Regattas at Ballarat and the Special Regatta at Geelong.

Victorian Team Manager:

Mr. K. M. Bourke was elected.

Victorian Lightweight Four Selectors:

Dr. M. Schapper and Mr. J. R. Sykes were elected.

Victorian Youth Eight Selectors:

Messrs. J. B. Heys and R. Podbury were elected.

Victorian Selectors — Eight and Scullers (1979):

Mr. Justice H. R. Frederico and Mr. J. R. Sykes were elected.

Regatta Entry Fees and Levies:

Regatta Regulations 6 (f) and 27 (c) were amended.

Investments:

The following investments were approved:—

C.A.G.A. \$2,000; Finance Corporation of Australia Limited \$2,000; General Motors Acceptance Corporation \$1,500; Custom Credit \$2,000; Brambles Ltd. \$2,000; Repco Limited \$1,000; B.P. Australia \$2,000; Myers \$1,000; B.H.P. \$1,600; and Australian Gas Light Company \$800.

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 year under review:—

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, Trustees for the Association.

Messrs. H. N. Hewitt and J. Taylor, for services as Honorary Auditors.

Messrs. J. R. Harvey, S. G. Richardson, T. Rodda and D. Edwards, the Henley Course Buoy Laying Committee, for efforts to ensure fair conditions for racing on the River Yarra.

Monash University Rowing Club for the storage and use of equipment for the King's' Cup Squad.

Melbourne Rowing Club for storage of equipment and use of facilities.

Footscray City Rowing Club for storage of equipment.

M.U.B.C. for the use and storage of equipment for the Penrith Cup Crew.

Barwon Rowing Club for the use of equipment and facilities for the Youth Eight crew.

Banks Rowing Club for the use of equipment and facilities for the Youth Eight crew.

Outboard Marine of Australia Pty. Limited for the outboard motor.

Mr. M. Williams, Victorian Team Liaison Officer in Franklin, for his assistance and encouragement.

Mr. J. Patterson for towing the boat trailer to Franklin.

Mr. R. H. Richardson for maintenance of regatta equipment.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and its Officers for the Grant to assist the activities of the Association and their general encouragement and assistance during the season.

The members of the Fund Raising Sub-committee and the Team for their great effort in raising Victoria's share of the costs to send the Australian Lightweight Team to compete in the F.I.S.A. Championships.

Members of the Officials Panel and Licenced Officials for continuing to ensure a high standard of regatta and championship racing throughout the season.

Mercantile Rowing Club for the use of their facilities for the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Melbourne Rowing Club for the use of their premises for the meetings of the Promotions Committee.

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

Messrs. R. B. Wilson, L. McPherson and R. F. Hammon, for the publicity given to rowing through the daily press and radio.

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

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne City Council, Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, Ballarat City Council and the Ballarat and Geelong Rowing Associations for their assistance and co-operation in connection with the conduct of championships and regattas during the season.

DONATIONS

The sincere thanks of the Association are extended to the following supporters of Victorian rowing for their most generous donations:—

Messrs. J. L. Hardie, L. Nettelfold, C. Seward and H. H. Yoffa, Dr. H. C. Disher Trust Fund, Estate of the late George Adams (Tattersalls), Public Schools Association, Outboard Marine of Australia Pty. Limited, Estate of the late Marcus Burke, Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, Old Oarsmen's Association of Victoria, Preston Rowing Club, Repco Pty. Ltd., Franklin Caravans (Australia) Pty. Ltd., and Anon.

OBITUARY

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

Mr. K. Sparling, Corio Bay Rowing Club.

Mr. R. M. Williams, Mercantile Rowing Club.

Mr. L. McTaggart, Mildura Rowing Club.

Mr. W. Podmore, Richmond Rowing Club.

Mr. G. Pitt, Yarrowonga Rowing Club.

EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sixteen Executive and eleven General Committee meetings were held during the season. Attendances were:—

Executive: J. L. Hardie, W. J. Waterfield 16, J. W. Bradshaw 14, K. M. Bourke 13, N. F. Wilkinson 12, G. H. Nicholson (A.A.R.C. Delegate), P. E. M. L. Philp 11, P. A. Cayzer 10, R. F. Hammon, M. F. Owen 9, D. H. Boykett 8, C. J. Smith 7. Average attendance 8.5.

General Committee: Due to the loss of the attendance sheets for six of the eleven meetings, individual attendances are not listed in this Report. Average attendance was 48.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. J. WATERFIELD, Honorary Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING STATEMENT OF INCOME AND

INCOME

To: *Bank Balance 1st July, 1977—*

Administration Account	\$5,792.85	
King's Cup Investment Fund	3,691.00	
Trophy Account	132.52	
International Rowing Fund	1,928.74	
A.A.R.C. Capitation Fund	758.23	
Youth Rowing Fund	950.56	
		\$13,253.90

Administration—

Affiliation Fees	\$3,537.20	
Registration Fees	451.70	
Fines & Equipment Levies	2,436.54	
Staging Dues (reimbursement)	133.00	
Donations	265.00	
Centenary Sub-Committee	1,378.54	
Weight Bags	163.80	
Interest	48.92	
Printing etc. (reimbursement)	403.23	
Sundry	909.43	
		9,727.36
Trophy Money (reimbursement)		1,571.91
Championships and Regattas		3,430.16
State Grant		4,300.00

Sale of Equipment 8,200.00

Interstate Championship—

State Grant	250.00	
Interest (Dr. Disher Fund)	104.00	
Interest (King's Cup Investment Fund)	8,001.82	
King's Cup Levy	1,118.60	
Seat Fees	1,200.00	
Donations	500.00	
Air Fare Refund	1,494.60	
Sundry	703.07	
		13,372.09

Redemption of Loans—

King's Cup Investment Fund	2,800.00	
International Rowing Fund	2,811.40	
		5,611.40

International Rowing Fund—

Donations	86.95	
Sale of Scull	255.55	
Special Levies	2,483.00	
Interest on Investment Fund	3,414.20	
Capital Profit	188.60	
		6,428.30

\$65,895.12

ASSOCIATION EXPENDITURE, SEASON 1977-78

EXPENDITURE

By: Administration—

A.A.R.C. Capitation	\$278.00	
Affiliation Fees	195.20	
Staging Dues	126.00	
Honoraria	385.00	
Insurance	110.09	
Repairs & Maintenance	343.90	
Donation—Queen's Jubilee Fund ..	450.00	
Donation—World Championships ..	1,600.00	
Sundry	924.53	
	<hr/>	\$4,412.72
Printing, Postage & Stationery ..		2,284.90
Trophy Orders		1,570.51
Championships & Regattas		3,041.48

State Grant—

V.L.R.A.—Rowing	\$550.00	
Rowing Promotion Committee	2,370.00	
Coxswain Training	100.00	
Officials' Training	271.90	
Youth Rowing	300.00	
	<hr/>	3,591.90

Purchase of Equipment—

Administration	\$913.02	
Interstate Championship	6,075.42	
	<hr/>	6,988.44

Interstate Championships—

Accommodation (Franklin)	\$2,529.00	
Air Fares	3,490.25	
Insurance	205.44	
Singlets & Jumpers	372.00	
Spare Parts, Repairs etc.	294.58	
Boat Transport	290.00	
Sundry	361.06	
	<hr/>	7,542.33

Investments Purchased—

King's Cup Investment Fund	\$9,139.90	
International Rowing Fund	4,494.38	
	<hr/>	13,633.38

International Rowing Fund—

Special Levies	\$2,085.00	
Cont. World Championships, Copenhagen	2,939.00	
	<hr/>	5,024.00

Balance at Bank & Deposits, 30th June, 1978—

Administration Account	\$3,499.75	
King's Cup Investment Fund	10,305.44	
Trophy Account	132.52	
International Rowing Fund	2,650.06	
A.A.R.C. Capitation Account	266.23	
Youth Rowing Fund	950.56	
	<hr/>	17,804.56

\$65,895.12

KING'S CUP

To: Balance 1st July, 1977—		
Investments—		
King's Cup	\$63,831.28	
A. J. Shepherd Bequest	2,000.00	
Bank & Deposits	3,691.00	
	<hr/>	\$69,522.28
Interstate Championships Surplus		7,954.34
Administration Account Transfer		5,000.00
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		\$82,476.62

TROPHY

To: Balance 1st July, 1977—		
Investments		\$1,144.50
Bank & Deposits		132.52
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		\$1,277.02

INTERNATIONAL

To: Balance 1st July, 1977—		
Investments	\$29,555.82	
Bank & Deposits	1,928.74	
	<hr/>	\$31,484.56
International Fund Surplus		1,404.30
A.A.R.C. Capitation Fund Transfer		1,000.00
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		\$33,888.86

A.A.R.C.

To: Balance 1st July, 1977—		
Bank & Deposits		\$758.23
Administration Account Transfer		786.00
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		\$1,544.23

YOUTH

To: Balance 1st July, 1977—		
Bank & Deposits		\$950.56
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		\$950.56

INVESTMENT FUND

By: Balance 30th June, 1978—	
Investments	\$72,171.18
Bank & Deposits	10,305.44
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	\$82,476.62

ACCOUNT

By: Balance 30th June, 1978—	
Investments	\$1,144.50
Bank & Deposits	132.52
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	\$1,277.02

ROWING FUND

By: Balance 30th June, 1978—	
Investments	\$31,238.80
Bank and Deposits	2,650.06
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	\$33,888.86
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	\$33,888.86

CAPITATION ACCOUNT

By: Affiliation Fees	\$278.00
Transfer to International Rowing Fund	1,000.00
Balance 30th June, 1978—	
Bank & Deposits	266.23
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	\$1,544.23

ROWING FUND

By: Balance 30th June, 1978—	
Bank & Deposits	\$950.56
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	\$950.56

ASSOCIATION

To: Balance 1st July, 1978	\$12,482.85
Purchase—	
Hull Coaching Launch	\$763.50
Loud Hailer	149.52
Oars—Set of 10	1,007.50
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	1,920.52

\$14,403.37

BALANCE

LIABILITIES	
King's Cup Investment Fund	\$82,476.62
Trophy Account	1,277.02
International Rowing Account	33,888.86
A.A.R.C. Capitation Account	266.23
Youth Rowing Account	950.56
Association Account	8,634.75

\$127,494.04

FUNDS

By: Sale—			
Oars	\$500.00	
Scull	250.00	
Four	2,200.00	
			<u>\$2,950.00</u>
Depreciation—			
Typewriters	\$10.00	
Coaching Launch	113.50	
Loud Hailers	39.52	
Oars (2 Sets)	257.50	
Ergometer	25.00	
Boat Rack	10.00	
Radios	70.00	
			<u>525.52</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts	2,293.10	
Balance 30th June, 1978	8,634.75	
			<u>\$14,403.37</u>

SHEET

ASSETS

Bank & Deposits—			
King's Cup Investment Fund	\$10,305.44	
Trophy Account	132.52	
International Rowing Fund	2,650.06	
A.A.R.C. Capitation Account	266.23	
Youth Rowing Account	950.56	
Association Account	3,499.75	
			<u>\$17,804.53</u>
Investments—			
King's Cup Investment Fund	\$72,171.18	
Trophy Account	1,144.50	
International Rowing Fund	31,238.80	
			<u>104,564.48</u>
Property—			
Stationery	\$10.00	
Typewriter	60.00	
Filing Cabinets	40.00	
Scales	25.00	
Coaching Launch	750.00	
Loud Hailers	410.00	
Oars (2 Sets)	1,750.00	
Ergometer	250.00	
Amplifiers	800.00	
Starting Guns	30.00	
Trailer	50.00	
Boat Rack	30.00	
Winch	50.00	
Radios	630.00	
Scull	250.00	
			<u>5,135.00</u>
			<u>\$127,494.04</u>

Melbourne, 1st July, 1978

NOEL F. WILKINSON,
Hon. Treasurer

Auditors' Report to the Members of the Victorian Rowing Association

We have examined the accounts and records of the Association for the year ended 30th June, 1978.

Based on our examination, we report that in our opinion the accompanying accounts are properly prepared and are in accordance with the records.

JAMES TAYLOR, F.C.I.S., F.A.S.A., F.T.I.A., F.I.C.M.

H. NEIL HEWITT, F.C.A.

Honorary Auditors

