



**V.R.A.**  
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION  
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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH

**ANNUAL REPORT**

AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

SEASON 1984-85

## REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

### Season 1985-86

#### 1985

##### October

- 12 V.R.A. Special (Carrum)
- 19 Yarra Yarra
- 26 Bendigo (non-qualifying)

##### November

- 2 Barwon "Springding"
- 9 V.R.A. (Melbourne)
- 16 Dimboola
- 17 Horsham
- 23 Wendouree-Ballarat — including Champion Senior B Four, Pair, Single Scull, Senior B Lightweight Pair, Womens Senior B Scull
- 30 Upper Yarra

##### December

- 7 Warrnambool
- 8 Colac
- 14 Championships at Ballarat — Senior A Eight, Senior B Eight, Lightweight Eight, Womens Senior A Four, Womens Senior A Lightweight Four
- 26 Nagambie
- 28 Yarrowonga

#### 1986

##### January

- 1 Rutherglen
- 24/26 NSW National Selection Trials

##### February

- 1 Banks
- 8 Henley on Maribyrnong (non-qualifying)

- 9 Essendon Ladies
- 14/16 Championships/National Selection Trials at Ballarat — Senior A Four, Coxless Pair, Single Scull, Senior C Four, Pair, Single Scull, Senior A Lightweight Coxless Four, Lightweight Coxless Pair, Lightweight Single Scull, Womens Senior A Coxless Pair, Single Scull, Senior A Lightweight Coxless Pair, Lightweight Single Scull
- 15 Head of Yarra (Hawthorn)
- 22 Victorian Universities (Henley Course)

#### 1986

##### March

- 1 Australian Henley
- 8 Barwon — including Champion Junior Four, Single Scull, Schoolboy Eight, Schoolgirl Four
- 10 Ballarat — including Champion Senior C Eight, Junior Eight and Pair, Womens Junior Four
- 22 Footscray
- 23 Y.W.C.A. (Albert Park Lake) including Womens Champion Junior Pair and Single Scull
- 29 Mildura
- 31 Wentworth

##### April 2 to 6

Australian Interstate and National Championships, West Lakes, Adelaide, South Australia

## THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association will be held at the Banks Rowing Club, Princes Bridge, Melbourne, on Wednesday 4th September, 1985, at 7.30 p.m.

### BUSINESS

1. To confirm the Minutes of the One Hundred and Eighth Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 5th September, 1984.
2. To receive the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
3. To elect Office-Bearers, viz.: President, nine Vice-Presidents and two Honorary Auditors.
4. To consider any other business of which due notice has been given.
5. Honoraria.
6. Presentation of Trophies.
7. 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.*

*J. L. HARDIE,  
Acting Secretary.*

1st July, 1985.

# THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

## OFFICE-BEARERS

**President:** The Hon. Mr. Justice H. R. FREDERICO

**Vice-Presidents:** Mr. K. M. BOURKE; Mr. J. J. DONALD; Mr. R. W. LAHEY; Mr. R. J. MARCH; Mr. R. C. MORRELL; Mr. W. T. MORRISON; Mr. G. H. NICHOLSON; Mr. F. G. RICKARDS; Ms. M. SWAN

**Acting Secretary:** Mr. J. L. HARDIE

**Honorary Assistant Secretary:** Mrs. B. A. GILLETT

**Honorary Regatta Secretary:** Mr. P. H. O'BRIEN (resigned 5/9/84)  
Mr. D. L. WILSON (appointed 5/9/84)

**Officials Panel Honorary Secretary:** Mr. L. E. HANNA

**Honorary Treasurer:** Mr. J. L. HARDIE

**Honorary Registrars:** Mr. J. L. HARDIE and Ms. M. SWAN

**Honorary Auditor:** Mr. H. N. HEWITT, FCA.

**Life Members:** Mr. R. R. AITKEN, M.B.E.; Mrs. K. BENNETT; Mr. N. W. CAIRNES; Miss C. JUDD; Mrs. J. STOCKMAN; Mr. W. J. Waterfield; Mr. N. F. WILKINSON, B.E.M.

### **Executive Committee:**

	Elected	Retires
✓ Mr. J. J. Bennett	1984	1986
Mr. B. J. Richardson	1984	1986
✓ Mrs. D. Rycroft	1984	1986
Mr. W. J. Waterfield	1984	1986
Mrs. K. Bennett	1984	1985
✓ Miss C. Betremieux	1983	1985
✓ Mr. J. W. Bradshaw	1983	1985
✓ Mr. R. N. McKay	1983	1985

**Delegate to Australian Rowing Council:** Mr. R. N. McKay

**Delegates to Victorian Olympic Council:** Messrs. J. S. Rowe and J. St. V. Welch

**Delegate to Sports Federation of Victoria:** Mr. W. J. Waterfield

**State Director:** Mr. R. P. Lachal

**Trustees:** Mr. G. O. Harris and Mr. S. G. Richardson

**Officials Panel:** Messrs. R. B. Duncan; R. O. Murphy; R. N. McKay; R. Podbury; W. J. Waterfield

**Permit Committee:** Mr. C. D. Bartlett (elected 6/2/85); Miss M. Coe (resigned 7/11/84); Mr. R. G. Mitchell; Miss K. Tuisk; Mr. D. L. Wilson; Miss M. Evans

**State Directions Committee:** Messrs. G. M. Baker; J. L. Hardie; R. W. Mann and P. Moriarty

### Representatives of Affiliated Clubs:

Albert Park None advised	Melbourne University Ladies Miss Y. Layher, Miss A. Turrell
Ballarat City C. Angow, R. B. Wilson	Mercantile A. Briggs, M. F. Owen
Banks J. Oates, S. Jameson	Mildura R. P. Podbury, P. Woodward
Barwon I. S. Murray, L. Ljubanovic	Monash University Womens Miss L. Avery, Miss K. Tuisk
Bendigo W. D. Parkinson, Ms. C. M. Burge	Nagambie P. McNamara
City of Warrnambool R. Murphy, Miss M. Rycroft	Nestles Ladies Miss J. Duggan
Corio Bay J. W. Patterson, R. G. Kemp	Power House L. Budge, J. Furness
Corowa R. Mann, J. J. Donald	Richmond G. D. Clegg, M. Quinn
Dimboola D. W. Todd, Miss P. Westendorf	Robinvale G. K. Hamilton
Essendon G. Bottrell, T. Paul	Rutherglen Lake W. T. Morrison
Essendon Ladies Mrs. L. Meckstroth, Miss A. Kettle	South Melbourne B. Dalton, P. Watson
Footscray City D. Cochrane, R. Brown	Wahgunyah J. Evans
Hamilton Dr. A. Marshall, Mrs. E. L. Marshall	Wendouree-Ballarot E. Waller, R. C. Widgery
Hawthorn Miss J. Cussen, C. McInnes	Wentworth District E. C. White, V. Ronai-Horvath
Horsham City R. N. McKay	Yarrowonga R. G. Mitchell, R. A. Todd
Lake Colac E. Woolcock	Yarrowonga Ladies F. Cook
Latrobe University Miss M. Evans, Miss A. Holland	Yarra Yarra J. Fairbank, C. Theobald
Melbourne J. Fitzgerald, T. Catford	Y.W.C.A. Miss M. L. Johnston
Melbourne University C. D. Bartlett, S. M. Gillett.	

### Representatives of Affiliated Schools:

Carey Grammar School H. N. Hewitt	St. Kevin's College G. Johnston
Lauriston Girls' School M. Nicholson	St. Patrick's College Br. R. Aron
M.C.E.G.G.S. Mrs. H. Negri	Scotch College G. H. Boykett
Melbourne High School Mr. G. M. Baker	Wesley College D. Palfreyman
Methodist Ladies' College Mrs. S. Palfreyman	Xavier College Fr. J. Ramsay

### Appointments 1984-85

- State Mens Team Manager:* Miss C. Betremieux  
*State Womens Team Manager:* Mrs. B. A. Gillett  
*State Mens Eight and Sculler Selectors:* Messrs. B. J. Richardson and M. G. Tomanovits  
*State Mens Lightweight Four Selectors:* Messrs. J. F. Hawkins and R. C. Garrard  
*State Mens Youth Eight Selectors:* Messrs. N. W. Donaldson and D. Fisher  
*State Womens Senior A Four and Sculler:* Mrs. B. A. Gillett and Mrs. K. Bennett  
*State Womens Lightweight Four:* Messrs. B. Dalton and S. Mollard

# THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

To the Members, Victorian Rowing Association,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Report for the 1984-85 rowing season, together with the audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1985.

The season could be confidently described as one of many highlights which were distributed through most sectors of the Association's activities. We were delighted with the continuing sponsorship and support of Pilkington ACI Ltd. The sponsorship funds were this season supplemented by an extra grant towards the cost of staging the Interstate and National Regatta. Pilkington ACI throughout the season displayed a keen interest in Association activities, both on and off the water and the Organising Committee of the National Championships was very grateful for their involvement. As was the case last season the benefits to member Clubs and Schools from the sponsorship were mainly indirect and can be studied later in this report.

There were three other highlights and it is difficult to differentiate between them. The success of the Australian crews at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, FISA Championships and the Victorian members in those crews; the Australian Championships conducted by your Association and the successes of Victorian Club and State crews thereat and the record number of Victorian oarspersons gaining selection in 1985 Australian representative crews.

We congratulate the Mens Eight (Bronze Medal), Mens Quad Scull (Silver Medal), Womens Four (Bronze Medal) on their performances at the Olympic Games; the Womens Eight (Silver Medal) at the FISA Lightweight Championships and the all Victorian Junior Four crew (Bronze Medal) at FISA Junior Championships. Congratulations go also to the Victorian Lightweight men who represented Australia in Senior B competition against New Zealand for their 100% result in pair and four.

We believe the Association has set the highest standards possible in its conduct of Australian Championships in the past and believe this high standard was maintained at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, in April this year. Despite inclement weather, the Championship Regattas were most successful and pleasing in respect of the financial result and the performance of Victorian competitors. Victoria regained the King's Cup and in doing so completed a clean sweep of the four mens Interstate events. Our ladies were not far behind in winning two of the three womens Interstate events. Victorian Club and School crews had outstanding success in the National Championships winning no less than 20 of the 47 events conducted.

As this report is being written, Victorian oarsmen and women, as members of Australian crews, are preparing for international competition in Europe and New Zealand. A total team of 88 includes coaches, managers, doctors and competitors and of these, 42 are Victorians. Such is the reward for success, but with success comes a price and this time it is \$42,000, which is Victoria's share of the \$85,000 to be raised to meet the teams' expenses. Our thanks go to Mrs. Barbara Gillett who, apart from being an Assistant Team Manager, is again leading the teams and supporters in their efforts to raise the necessary funds.

The Association has continued to receive support, guidance and financial assistance from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, particularly in the field of finance for subsidising the activities of the State Director in promotion and development of our sport. The Department is also involved in supervising the (at present) temporary sports promotion officers, funded by the State Government under the scheme for unemployed Olympic Athletes. Your Association is receiving great benefit at present from the part-time work of David Doyle under this scheme. Several of our members have also benefited from the Victorian Sports Aid Foundation grants to assist in international competition.

Full development of the National Water Sports Centre at Carrum has, we understand, been deferred, but from information received it is believed that there is a plan being studied to commence construction perhaps this year, on a staged basis: the first stage being construction of the weir to form either a 1000 or 2000 metre course with perhaps basic facilities. We are assured the project has not been allowed to lapse and your Committee will continue to do all within its power to procure an international rowing course for Victoria.

In late 1984 revised Status Rules were adopted for Women, following which somewhat similar rules for Men were adopted in May last. The rules will take effect in the forthcoming season and reflect an increased emphasis on Under Age rowing whilst also retaining the previous grades albeit under different names and variations to eligibility. The regatta programme for 1985-86 is being drawn to cater for the new rules and there may be teething problems to overcome. If so, it is to be hoped that Clubs, Schools and competitors alike will understand that most things new have to go through a proving period before the desired result is obtained.

Members will recall that the Association Honorary Secretary of 14 years standing, Mr. Bill Waterfield, retired at the 1984 Annual General meeting. In recognition of his outstanding work and service to Victorian Rowing your Committee, at the September 1984 meeting, unanimously conferred on him Life Membership of the Victorian Rowing Association. Since Bill Waterfield's retirement the Association has been without the services of a permanent Secretary. It has become obvious and is now generally accepted the workload of Secretary of the V.R.A. is beyond an unpaid volunteer unless there happen to be persons available who are: (a) sufficiently devoted to rowing; (b) have time on their hands and (c) are financially situated so as not to require financial reimbursement.

The activities of our State Director are reported on later, but it is appropriate at this stage to advise that at the final meeting of the Executive Committee for the season on June 27, Mr. Bob Lachal tendered his resignation, effective 26th July, to take up an appointment with the Antarctic Division as Officer-in-Charge at Macquarie Island, 1986. Bob has been State Director for two years and his energy and hard work have had a marked impact on Victorian Rowing in that period. At the July General Committee Meeting his resignation was formally accepted and our President conveyed to Bob the thanks of the Association members and good wishes on his new appointment.

Consequent on these two happenings and over the next month, the Executive Committee will be giving urgent consideration as to how the two positions are to be filled or whether there are alternatives as to how the Association can be provided with an effective administration. Most likely by the time this report is printed, proposals will be before members.

Before going on to more detailed recording of the Association's activities for year 1984-85, a few words should be written on the criticism of Victorian Rowing and expressions of dissatisfaction of the situation as it exists at present. It has not been general, but has been enough to warrant attention. The comments cover a wide area ranging from those comparing Victorian apparent lack of progress with certain other States; not enough being done for sections of the Association and lack of professionalism, etc. The disturbing fact is, that practically without exception the criticism, complaints or comments which ever way one chooses to describe them, all come from within Association membership.

The Victorian Rowing Association comprises Clubs, Schools and their members. Delegates from Clubs and Schools comprise the Committee plus the officebearers who are in turn elected by the Committee delegates. Any comments, favourable or unfavourable from the membership, therefore reflect on that membership. The V.R.A. is not a separate body; it is a combination of all those Clubs, Schools and their members. In respect of administration most problems of the past season were due simply to lack of people willing and able to carry out all the necessary duties and tasks. We have to tackle the problems from within; they are not insurmountable and perhaps we are writing ourselves down by letting our problems overshadow our achievements.

Think about these facts:

Victoria's dominance in both Interstate and National Regattas in 1984 and 1985.

Victorian rowers comprising half the numbers in this year's overseas teams.

A financial position which is the envy of all other States.

At present we have some difficulties, but notwithstanding these it would appear we must be doing some things right.

Now follows more detailed summary of Association activities for Season 1984-85:

### **OLYMPIC GAMES — LAKE CASITIS, USA — August, 1984.**

Australia was represented by the following crews:

*Eight with Coxswain:* C. Muller (NSW), C. Hefer (NSW), S. Patten (Vic.), T. Willoughby (SA), I. Edmunds (Qld.), J. Battersby (NSW), I. Popa (Vic.), S. Evans (NSW) Str., G. Thredgold (SA) Cox, R. Batschi Coach.

*Four without Coxswain:* J. Bentley (SA), J. Lowe (Vic.), D. Fisher (Qld.), D. Doyle (Vic.) Str., P. Shakespear (NSW) Coach.

*Pair without Cox (and emergencies for Eight and Four):* R. Booth (SA), J. Stride (NSW).

*Quadruple Sculls:* A. Lovrich (WA), T. McLaren (NSW), G. Gullock (Vic.), P. Reedy (Vic.), R. Robertson (NSW) Coach. A. Pollock (NSW) Emergency.

*Women's Four with Coxswain:* K. Brancourt (NSW), R. Gray-Gardiner (SA), S. Chapman (Vic.), M. Foster (Vic.), S. Lee (Vic.) Cox, W. Dankbaar (SA) Coach.

*Emergency for Women's Four and Women's Single Sculler:*  
J. Marshall (Vic.).

*Team Manager:* D. Croot (NSW). *Team Doctor:* W. Webb (NSW).



Results were as follows:

*Men's Eight with Coxswain*

Final

1. Canada .....	5.41.32
2. U.S.A. ....	5.41.74
3. AUSTRALIA .....	5.43.04
4. New Zealand .....	5.44.14
5. Britain .....	5.47.01
6. France .....	5.49.52
7. Chile .....	6.07.03

*Women's Four with Coxswain*

Final

1. Rumania .....	3.19.03
2. Canada .....	3.21.55
3. AUSTRALIA .....	3.23.29
4. U.S.A. ....	3.23.58
5. Netherlands .....	3.23.97
6. West Germany .....	3.29.83

*Men's Quadruple Scull*

Final

West Germany .....	5.57.55
AUSTRALIA .....	5.57.98
Canada .....	5.59.07
Italy .....	6.00.94
France .....	6.01.35
Spain .....	6.04.99

*Men's Four without Coxswain*

Final

New Zealand .....	6.03.48
U.S.A. ....	6.06.10
Denmark .....	6.07.72
West Germany .....	6.09.27
Switzerland .....	6.09.50
Sweden .....	6.11.71

Petite Final

Canada .....	6.26.10
AUSTRALIA .....	6.28.31
Britain .....	6.32.13
China .....	6.50.03

Other events:

*Four with Coxswain:* Britain 1st 6.18.64; U.S.A. 2nd 6.20.28; New Zealand 3rd 6.23.68.

*Pair without Coxswain:* Rumania 1st 6.45.39; Spain 2nd 6.48.47; Norway 3rd 6.51.81. (Australia eliminated in repechage).

*Pair with Coxswain:* Italy 1st 7.05.99; Rumania 2nd 7.11.21; USA 3rd 7.12.81.

*Double Sculls:* U.S.A. 1st 6.36.87; Belgium 2nd 6.38.19; Yugoslavia 3rd 6.39.59.

*Single Sculls:* Finland 1st 7.00.24; West Germany 2nd 7.02.19; Canada 3rd 7.10.38.

*Women's Eight with Coxswain:* U.S.A. 1st 2.59.80; Rumania 2nd 3.00.87; Netherlands 3rd 3.02.92.

*Women's Pair without Cox:* Rumania 1st 3.32.60; Canada 2nd 3.21.55; West Germany 3rd 3.40.50.

*Women's Quad Sculls:* Rumania 1st 3.14.11; U.S.A. 2nd 3.15.57; Denmark 3rd 3.16.02.

*Women's Single Sculls:* Rumania 1st 3.40.69; U.S.A. 2nd 3.43.89; Belgium 3rd 3.45.72. (Australia eliminated in repechage).

**F.I.S.A. LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS — MONTREAL,  
CANADA — August, 1984**

Australia was represented by the following crews:

*Men's Eight:* P. Gardiner (Vic.), M. Howes (NSW), R. Hookway (Tas.), C. Bartlett (Vic.), I. Jordan (Tas.), B. House (Tas.), P. Antonie (Vic.), S. Spurling (Vic.) Str., D. Caterson (NSW) Cox, D. Palfreyman (Vic.) Coach.

*Men's Four without Coxswain:* W. Digby, R. Gardner, S. Wilson, B. Digby Str., G. Hunter, Coach, all from Victoria.

*Emergency for Eight and Four:* N. Hunter (NSW).

*Women's Eight:* K. Reidel (SA), A. Cross (SA), J. Sheehan, A. Maidment (WA), B. Cassells (NSW), D. Cooper (NSW), G. Toogood (Vic.), J. Hall (NSW) Str., B. Dalton (Vic.) Coach, M. Robertson, Cox, A. Turrell (Vic.) Emergency.

*Team Manager:* Mrs. B. A. Gillett. *Team Doctor:* S. Jelbart (Vic.).

Results were as follows:

<i>Women's Eight</i>		<i>Men's Eight</i>	
Final		Final	Petite Final
1. U.S.A. ....	6.30.40	1 Denmark	West Germany
2. AUSTRALIA .....	6.33.46	2 Italy	Canada
3. Canada .....	6.35.65	3 Spain	Netherlands
<i>Men's Four without Coxswain</i>		4 Ireland	AUSTRALIA
Final		5 U.S.A.	
1. Spain .....	6.09.39	6 Britain	
2. West Germany .....	6.09.73	(Times not available)	
3. Britain .....	6.11.46		
4. Denmark .....	6.15.42		
5. Italy .....	6.17.73		
6. AUSTRALIA .....	6.20.41		

Other events:

*Men's Single Sculls:* Denmark 1st 7.04.20; U.S.A. 2nd 7.03.55; Spain 3rd 7.07.37.

*Men's Double Sculls:* Italy 1st 6.25.14; West Germany 2nd 6.29.67; Denmark 3rd 6.31.27.

*Women's Single Sculls:* West Germany 1st 8.22.85; U.S.A. 2nd 8.25.05.

*Women's Double Sculls:* Denmark 1st 7.38.16; U.S.A. 2nd 7.43.84; Canada 3rd 7.46.15.

*Women's Four with Cox:* West Germany 1st 7.23.89; U.S.A. 2nd 7.29.14.

#### **F.I.S.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS — JONKOPING, SWEDEN — July, 1984**

Australia was represented by the following crews:

*Four with Coxswain:* S. Hair, P. Tomanovits, D. Hope, S. Wade (Str.), P. Bester (Cox), P. Ainsworth (Coach). All from Victoria.

*Single Sculler:* A. Fairfield-Smith (NSW).

Dr. John Drewe was Team Manager and Doctor

Results:

*Four with Coxswain:* East Germany 1st 4.37.0; Russia 2nd 4.41.1; AUSTRALIA 3rd 4.43.1.

*Single Sculls:* AUSTRALIA was 6th in Petite Final

Results of other events not available.

#### **SENIOR B COMPETITION versus NEW ZEALAND. QLD. and N.S.W. — August/September, 1984**

Australia was represented by the following crews:

*Men's Eight:* R. Paterson (NSW), H. McGlashan (Vic.), G. Deag (Vic.), S. Fisher (WA), R. Britt (NSW), R. Brighton (NSW), P. Thompson (NSW), L. Linton-Simpkins (NSW), G. Corbett (NSW) Cox, C. Dane (Vic.) Coach, D. Hoy (NSW) Emergency.

*Men's Lightweight Four:* D. Mollison, A. Borger, J. Joyce, G. Pechan, M. F. Owen (Coach). All from Victoria.

*Men's Sculler:* B. Hick (Qld.)

*Men's Lightweight Scullers:* A. Randell, L. Wilkinson, P. Rowe (Coach). All from New South Wales.

*Women's Four:* E. Randell (NSW), A. Rudgley (NSW), C. Vanderwerp (SA), E. Randell (NSW), L. Dale (WA) Cox, M. Draper (SA) Coach.

*Women's Scullers:* C. Frisch (Qld.), A. Voorthuis (NSW), R. Bleakley (Qld.) Coach.

*Team Manager:* P. Huggett (Qld.). *Team Doctor:* S. Hinchey (Qld.)

The competition was conducted over three Regattas held at Lake Kurwongbah, August 25/26; Canberra, September 1/2 and Penrith, September 8/9. Australia retained the Trans Tasman Cup with a points score of 74 to 66.

Results of the various events are as shown hereunder. In several cases crews also competed in small boat events. Margins are shown in brackets after winning times.

<b>Lake Kurwongbah</b>	<i>Men's L/W Four, Cox</i>	AUS 6.1.04 (2.5)
<i>Men's Eight</i>	AUS 6.41.0 (3.8)	AUS 6.59.6 (4.4)
AUS 6.9.6 (1.7)	<i>Men's L/W Pair, Cox</i>	NZ 7.20.8 (3.2)
<i>Men's Four</i>	AUS 7.36.8 (2.6)	NZ 6.32.6 (7.0)
NZ 7.08 (6.2)	<i>Men's L/W Sgls. Sc.</i>	
<i>Men's Pair, Cox</i>	NZ 7.48.0 (3.2)	<b>Nepean River</b>
NZ 7.35.0 (3.1)	<i>Men's L/W Dble Sc.</i>	NZ 5.54.0 (2.7)
<i>Men's Single Scull</i>	AUS 7.23.0 (10.55)	NZ 6.40.5 (4.7)
AUS 7.46.2 (3.1)	<b>Lake Burley Griffin</b>	NZ 7.11.49 (2.6)
<i>Men's Double Scull</i>	<b>(1800 m.)</b>	NZ 7.33.07 (2.5)
AUS Rowover	NZ 5.35.1 (1.2)	AUS 6.49.5 (5.0)
<i>Women's Four</i>	NZ 6.10.2 (2.5)	AUS 3.33.0 (4.4)
AUS 3.38.0 (4.8)	NZ 6.43.9 (1.9)	AUS 3.47.8 (0.5)
<i>Women's Pair, Cox</i>	AUS 7.04.5 (1.6)	NZ 3.50.0 (1.9)
AUS 3.59.0 (3.0)	AUS 6.50.2 (26.0)	NZ 3.34.1 (3.7)
<i>Women's Single Sc.</i>	AUS 3.45.73 (3.1)	AUS 6.30.3 (5.3)
AUS 4.2.0 (3.08)	AUS 3.55.5 (6.4)	AUS 7.10.0 (6.3)
<i>Women's Dble. Scull</i>	AUS 3.57.4 (1.6)	NZ —
AUS 3.49.5 (3.55)	NZ 3.45 (6.2)	NZ 6.51.0 (8.1)

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS — HAZEWINKEL,  
BELGIUM — 26th August - 1st September, 1985**

Australia will be represented by:

*Men's Eight:* C. MacDonald (SA), N. Robinson (Vic.), M. O'Halloran (Vic.), A. Ambrose (NSW), S. Humiecki (NSW), J. Mayne (SA), I. Belot (Vic.), J. Tomkins (Vic.), R. Paterson (NSW), D. Caterson (NSW) Cox, P. Cayzer (NSW) Coach.

*Men's Quad Sculls:* J. Bentley (SA), A. Lovrich (WA), R. Powell (Qld.), P. Reedy (Vic.), B. Terrell (SA), R. Robertson (NSW) Coach.

*Women's Pair without Cox:* S. Chapman-Popa (Vic.), M. Foster (Vic.), D. Palfreyman (Vic.) Coach.

*Men's Lightweight Single Sculler:* P. Antonie (Vic.), R. Robertson (NSW) Coach.

*Men's Lightweight Eight:* B. Digby (Vic.), P. Gardiner (Vic.), S. Cook (Vic.), J. Joyce (Vic.), D. Mollison (Vic.), W. Digby (Vic.), I. Jordan (Tas.), M. Howes (NSW), A. Borger (Vic.), R. Rowlands (SA) Cox, G. Hunter (Vic.) Coach.

*Women's Lightweight Four:* S. Bartlett (Vic.), A. Cross (SA), D. Rennex (NSW), K. Riedel (SA), G. Toogood (Vic.), B. Dalton (Vic.) Coach.

*Women's Lightweight Sculler:* A. Ferguson (Qld.), N. Langton (Qld.) Coach.

*Team Manager:* D. Croot (NSW). *Assistant Manager:* Mrs. B. A. Gillett (Vic.) *Doctor:* W. Webb (NSW).

**WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS — BRANDENBURG,  
EAST GERMANY — 1-4 AUGUST, 1985**

Australia will be represented by:

*Men's Four with Cox:* G. Barden (Vic.), A. Cohen (Vic.), S. Kay (Vic.), S. Paton (Vic.), P. Somerville (Vic.), P. Cook (Vic.) Cox, P. Ainsworth (Vic.) Coach.

*Men's Pair without Coxswain:* T. Browne (Qld.), T. Herbert (Qld.), G. Merritt (Qld.) Coach.

*Team Manager and Doctor:* Dr. John Drewe.

**SENIOR B COMPETITION versus NEW ZEALAND  
(In N.Z.) — September, 1985**

Australia will be represented by:

*Men's Eight:* P. Tomanovits (Vic.), M. McInerney (SA), P. Thompson (Vic.), G. Myler (Tas.), M. McKay (Vic.), R. Finlayson (NSW), M. Batten (Qld.), A. Cooper (Vic.), A. Cox (NSW) Cox, R. Batschi (AIS) Coach.

*Men's Scullers:* A. Fairfield-Smith (NSW), B. Hick (Qld.), R. Marlow (AIS) Coach.

*Men's Lightweight Scullers:* R. Bettle (NSW), M. Hains (Qld.), R. Bleakley (Qld.) Coach.

*Men's Lightweight Four:* R. Birt (Qld.), D. Cooke (SA), C. Frangoulis (NSW), C. Miller (SA), M. F. Owen (Vic.) Coach.

*Women's Four and Scullers:* D. Bassett (Vic.), K. Hall (Vic.), M. Kidd (NSW), L. Knight (NSW), A. Rudgley (NSW), A. Voorthuis (NSW), K. Fry (Vic.) Cox, P. Shakespear (AIS) and R. Marlow (AIS) Coaches.

*Team Manager:* P. Huggett (Qld.) *Team Doctor:* S. Hinchy (Qld.)

## AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under normal circumstances the 1985 Interstate and National Championships would have been conducted in South Australia, but with the holding of Victoria's 150th Anniversary celebrations this year an amicable exchange of dates and venues was made with South Australia, which State will in turn celebrate its own 150th Anniversary in 1986. It had originally been hoped that a new international course would have been available at Carrum, but this was not to be and once again Lake Wendouree at Ballarat was the venue.

The Organising Committee appointed to arrange and conduct the regattas again included members from Ballarat and Melbourne comprising The Hon. Mr. Justice H. R. Frederico (Chairman); Mrs. B. A. Gillett; Mrs. D. Rycroft; Miss M. Saville and Messrs. G. Angow; J. Barnett; K. M. Bourke; J. W. Bradshaw; R. B. Duncan; J. L. Hardie; R. P. Lachal; R. N. McKay; J. R. Morcom; R. O. Murphy; E. Waller; W. J. Waterfield (Secretary); J. St. V. Welch; E. C. White; R. C. Widgey; R. B. Wilson.

The Association is deeply indebted to a number of Companies, Public Bodies and organisations which contributed greatly to the staging of the regattas.

Ballaarat City Council, not only for assistance and co-operation in many ways, but indirectly for the many course improvements and maintenance effected continually over the years, and this season in particular.

Pilkington ACI Ltd., our major sponsor, which apart from the provision of a generous donation, gave invaluable assistance, both direct and indirect, which must have been at a cost far exceeding the cash donation. Pilkington ACI Ltd. displayed keen interest throughout the many months of organisation and the thanks of the Association go to them and, in particular, the Managing Director, Mr. John Paterson and General Manager, Administration, Mr. Don Davis.

Telecom Australia, for the highly sophisticated communications installed for administration staff, regatta officials and starting bay.

The State Government of Victoria 150th Anniversary Board for \$8000 contribution and publicity.

Sponsors, Carlton and United Breweries Ltd. and Esso Australia Ltd. for substantial donations.

A.P.P.M. Ltd. for donation of paper for programmes.

Mayor, Councillors and Officers of the City of Ballaarat for their individual support and hospitality.

Ballarat Gold Museum and Director, Mr. John Reid, for hosting of rowing display and providing venue for entertainment of sponsors, rowing officials and visitors.

Friends of Sovereign Hill (FOSH) who, throughout the finals, provided an historical touch by assisting with medals presentations, dressed in period costume.

Superintendent and Staff of Langi Kal Kal Training Centre for invaluable assistance with boatholders in the starting bays.

Ballarat High School which kindly provided, at short notice, the video facility and highly efficient operators.

Members of the Ballarat Rowing Association, under leadership of Eric Waller, on whom fell the burden of the physical work associated with the regatta course and grounds.

Members of the Organising Committee who, with many others, gave their time and efforts to make the regattas a success.

The Championships were conducted from April 10 to 14 and throughout were hampered by unfavourable weather. It is to the credit of both officials and competitors that they were eventually completed only an hour or so behind schedule. Only for brief periods throughout the five days were their ideal conditions for rowing.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation again conducted an excellent television coverage and is to be congratulated on the presentation which had to contend with many difficulties, not the least being the collapse into Lake Wendouree of the camera and transmitting tower.

The Association was honoured by the presence of His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Brian Murray, K.C.M.G., A.O., Governor of Victoria, on the final day and to have him present the King's Cup to the winning Victorian crew before a crowd of 7000, which had not been deterred by the inclement weather.

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

Victoria was represented by J. Sabljak (Banks) Bow, P. A. Thompson (Mercantile) 2, I. Belot (Mercantile) 3, N. Jackson (Banks) 4, M. Doyle (Mercantile) 5, D. J. Doyle (Mercantile) 6, M. K. O'Halloran (Mercantile) 7, J. B. Tomkins (Mercantile) Stroke, D. Colvin (Banks) Coxswain, B. J. Richardson (Banks) and J. Cumper (Banks) Coaches, D. Fogarty (Banks) and P. Tomanovits (Mercantile) Emergencies.

Gale force winds earlier in the day had abated for the Interstate events and the race conditions were reasonable. N.S.W. led at the start from Victoria and S.A. but at the 500m. mark S.A. had taken the lead from Vic. and N.S.W. Shortly after Vic. made its effort and went to the lead which was maintained to the finishing line, despite a strong finish by S.A.

**Result:** Victoria 1st 5.58; S.A. 2nd 6.00.2; N.S.W. 3rd 6.09.8; Qld. 4th 6.10.2; Tas. 5th 6.17.6

Congratulations to Coaches and Crew for regaining the King's Cup for Victoria.

### **AUSTRALIAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (PRESIDENT'S CUP)**

Victoria was represented by Gary Gullock of Wendouree/Ballarat Rowing Club.

Victoria got away to a blistering start, from a field of talented scullers and led comfortably for the whole 2000 metres.

**Result:** Victoria 1st 7.23.9; Qld. 2nd 7.27.9; S.A. 3rd 7.39.7; W.A. 4th 7.41.9; N.S.W. 5th 7.52.

Congratulations to Gary Gullock on retaining the President's Cup for Victoria.

### **AUSTRALIAN LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR WITHOUT COXSWAIN CHAMPIONSHIP — (PENRITH CUP)**

Victoria was represented by P. Gardiner (MUBC) Bow, S. Cook (MUBC) 2, W. Digby (Barwon) 3, B. Digby (Barwon) Stroke, G. Hunter (Barwon) Coach, A. Borger (Mercantile) Emergency.

Victoria took the lead from the start, were never threatened at any stage and won comfortably. There was a close tussle for the minor placings.

**Results:** Victoria 1st 6.27.7; W.A. 2nd 6.34.7; N.S.W. 3rd 6.36.5; Tas. 4th 6.37; S.A. 5th 6.40.4.

We must congratulate Coach and Crew for retaining the Penrith Cup so convincingly.

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

Victoria was represented by C. A. L. Gilford (Mercantile) Bow, A. R. Muller (MUBC) 2, A. R. Imison (Mercantile) 3, D. R. McLeod (Mercantile) 4, P. T. Williams (Mercantile) 5, P. G. E. Somerville (Mercantile) 6, M. C. Stranks (Mercantile) 7, S. T. Wade, Stroke, S. G. A. Greenbaum (Mercantile) Coxswain, S. Spurling, Coach, B. M. Phillips (Banks) and R. A. Law (Mercantile) Emergencies.

Victoria rowed a brilliant first 500M which took them to a commanding lead and this was maintained to the finish to record a fine win.

**Result:** Victoria 1st 6.09.8; Qld. 2nd 6.16.3; W.A. 3rd 6.19.7; N.S.W. 4th 6.20; S.A. 5th 6.27.9.

Congratulations to Coach and Crew for a brilliant victory to retain another trophy in Victoria.

### **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP (UNITED LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION TROPHY)**

Victoria was represented by an all Melbourne University Ladies crew comprising D. Bassett, C. Hall, S. Chapman-Popa, M. Foster, K. Fry (Coxswain), D. Palfreyman (Coach)

There were only three starters. Victoria took the lead by the 500M mark and thereafter extended the margin continually and won comfortably.

**Result:** Victoria 1st 7.30.5; W.A. 2nd 7.44; N.S.W. 3rd 7.51.8.

Congratulations to Crew and Coach for Victoria's eighth successive win in this event.

### **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT FOUR-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP — (VICTORIA CUP)**

Victoria was represented by L. Whitehouse (Banks) Bow, S. Bartlett (Banks) 2, T. Fortune (Banks) 3, G. Toogood (MULRC (Stroke)), L. Stacey (Banks) Coxswain, J. J. Bennett (Banks) Coach.

Victoria led all the way but the race was closely contested throughout. NSW finished strongly but Victoria was still in front at the finish.

**Result:** Victoria 1st 7.23.8; NSW 2nd 7.24.1; Qld. 3rd 7.30.5; S.A. 4th 7.33.9.

Congratulations to Crew and Coach for continuing Victoria's record in this event — nine successive wins.

### **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP (NELL SLATTER TROPHY)**

Victoria was represented by Julie Slattery of Banks Rowing Club.

Queensland and Tasmania led early and had a close contest until the final 500m when Queensland took a clear lead and won comfortably. Victoria was in fourth position throughout.

**Result:** Qld. 1st 8.03.8; Tas. 2nd 8.13.9; N.S.W. 3rd; Vic. 4th 8.41.3; W.A. 5th.

Congratulations to Adair Ferguson on her win and being Queensland's first success in this event since 1974.

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Men's Senior A Four:* Mosman/Drummoyne/Sydney 1st, Mercantile 2nd, Torrens/Port Adelaide 3rd 6.22.6.
- Men's Senior A Four W/o Coxswain:* Banks/Mercantile 1st, Sydney/Drummoyne/Mosman 2nd, Barwon/Corio Bay/Wendouree/Ballarat 3rd. Time: 6.32.9.
- Men's Senior A Pair W/o Coxswain:* Mercantile 1st, Adelaide/Port Adelaide 2nd, Banks No.3 3rd. Time: 6.54.9.
- Men's Senior A Single Scull:* Wendouree/Ballarat (G. Gullock) 1st, Port Adelaide (B. Terrell) 2nd, U.Q.B.C. (R. Powell) 3rd. Time: 7.11.4.
- Men's Senior A Double Scull:* Wendouree/Ballarat/Corio Bay 1st, M.U.B.C. 2nd, A.U.B.C./Port Adelaide 3rd. Time: 6.37.1.
- Men's Senior A Quadruple Scull:* M.U.B.C./Fremantle 1st, U.Q.B.C./L'hardt/A.U.B.C./Port Adelaide 2nd, A.C.T. 3rd. Time: 6.06.2.
- Women's Senior A Eight:* M.U.L.R.C. 1st, Banks/M.U.L.R.C./A.N.U./Nepean 2nd, W.A.I.T. 3rd. Time: 6.49.
- Women's Senior A Four:* M.U.L.R.C. 1st, Mosman/Drummoyne/S.U.B.C. 2nd. Time: 7.28.9.
- Women's Senior A Pair W/o Coxswain:* M.U.L.R.C. 1st, M.U.L.R.C. 2nd, Glebe 3rd. Time: 7.52.4.
- Women's Senior A Single Scull:* Univ. Qld. (C. Frisch) 1st, Tas. Univ. (U. Kay) 2nd, Nepean (M. Kidd) 3rd. Time: 8.18.6.
- Women's Senior A Double Scull:* T.U.B.C./Nepean 1st, C'cial/U.Q.B.C. 2nd, St. George 3rd. Time: 7.38.2.
- Women's Senior A Quadruple Scull:* St. George/Nepean/T.U.B.C. 1st, Tweed Heads/C'cial/U.Q.B.C. 2nd, A.C.T. 3rd. Time: 7.08.2.
- Men's Senior B Eight:* Mercantile/M.U.B.C. 1st, C'cial/Toowing/U.Q.B.C. 2nd, Mercantile 3rd. Time: 5.57.1.
- Men's Senior B Four:* Mercantile No.1 1st, Toowing/U.Q.B.C. 2nd, Tamar/Ulv./B'Ham 3rd. Time: 6.41.5.
- Men's Senior B Pair W/o Coxswain:* Mercantile No. 1 1st, Commercial 2nd, Tamar 3rd. Time: 7.02.2.
- Men's Senior B Single Scull:* A.C.T. (R. Finlayson) 1st, Leichardt (B. Hick) 2nd, A.C.T. (A. Fairfield-Smith) 3rd. Time: 7.33.4.
- Women's Senior B Pair W/o Coxswain:* Telopea-Narrabundah/A.C.T. 1st. Time: 9.56.4.
- Women's Senior B Single Scull:* St. George (A. Voorthuis) 1st, Manning River (S. Calvin) 2nd, Drummoyne (L. Knight) 3rd. Time: 8.26.8.
- Men's Senior A Lightweight Eight:* Mercantile 1st, Buckingham/Tamar 2nd, Torrens/A.U.B.C./M.Bdge/A.N.R./Port Adelaide 3rd. Time: 5.59.8.
- Men's Senior A Lightweight Four W/o Coxswain:* Barwon/M.U.B.C. 1st, Buckingham 2nd, Mercantile 3rd. Time: 6.19.4.
- Men's Senior A Lightweight Pair W/o Coxswain:* A.C.T. 1st, Buckingham No. 1 2nd, Barwon 3rd. Time: 6.50.5.
- Men's Senior A Lightweight Single Scull:* M.U.B.C. (P. Antonie) 1st, M.U.B.C. (J. McKenzie) 2nd, Sydney (A. Pollock) 3rd. Time: 7.13.8.
- Men's Senior A Lightweight Double Scull:* U.W.A.B.C./Swan River 1st, U.Q.B.C./C'cial 2nd, A.C.T. 3rd. Time: 7.00.4.
- Women's Senior A Lightweight Four:* Nepean/A.N.U. 1st, Banks/M.U.L.R.C. 2nd, Commercial 3rd. Time: 7.33.
- Women's Senior A Lightweight Pair W/o Coxswain:* Adel. Univ. 1st, A.N.U. 2nd, Nepean 3rd. Time: 7.54.1.
- Women's Senior A Lightweight Single Scull:* Commercial (A. Ferguson) 1st, Tweed Heads (R. McMahon) 2nd, A.C.T. (A. Chinn) 3rd. Time: 8.03.7.
- Women's Senior A Lightweight Double Scull:* Tweed Heads 1st, A.C.T./Commercial 2nd, Ballarat City 3rd. Time: 7.55.
- Men's Senior B Lightweight Four W/o Coxswain:* U.Q.B.C./C'cial/Toowing 1st, M.U.B.C./Mercantile 2nd, Margaret River 3rd. Time: 6.37.5.
- Men's Senior B Lightweight Pair W/o Coxswain:* U.Q.B.C./C'cial 1st, Adel. Univ. 2nd, M.U.B.C. 3rd. Time: 7.09.2.
- Men's Senior B Lightweight Single Scull:* Toowing (M. Haines) 1st, A.C.T. (R. Bettle) 2nd, Torrens (P. Green) 3rd. Time: 7.46.

- Women's Senior B Four*: W.A.I.T. No. 1 1st, W.A.I.T. No. 2 2nd, Banks 3rd. Time: 7.52.4.
- Women's Senior B Lightweight Four*: Mercantile 1st, Barwon/Banks 2nd, Banks 3rd. Time: 8.10.2.
- Women's Senior B Lightweight Pair W/o Coxswain*: Banks/Barwon 1st, Adel. Univ. 2nd. Time: 8.23.6.
- Women's Senior B Lightweight Single Scull*: Richmond (C. Burge) 1st, Ballarat City (K. V. Lloyd) 2nd. Time: 8.56.6.
- Men's Junior Four*: Mercantile 1st, W.A.I.T. 2nd, Commercial 3rd. Time: 4.53.5.
- Men's Junior Pair W/o Coxswain*: Commercial 1st, W.A.I.T. No. 2 2nd, Adel. Univ. 3rd. Time: 5.18.2.
- Men's Junior Single Scull*: Nepean (D. Watts) 1st, Glebe (K. Major) 2nd, Tweed Heads (S. Leslie) 3rd. Time: 5.38.5.
- Men's Junior Double Scull*: Nepean 1st, Mercantile/Robinvale and W.A.I.T./Swan River dead heat 2nd. Time: 5.13.9.
- Women's Junior Four*: W.A.I.T. No. 1 1st, W.A.I.T. No. 2 2nd, Pembroke School 3rd. Time: 5.43.1.
- Women's Junior Pair W/o Coxswain*: Adelaide Univ. 1st. Time: 6.16.9.
- Women's Junior Single Scull*: Manning River (S. Calvin) 1st, Tweed Heads (S. Spedding) 2nd, Tweed Heads (M. Spedding) 3rd. Time: 6.32.6.
- Women's Junior Double Scull*: Tweed Heads 1st, Nepean/Manning River 2nd, Rockhampton Grammar 3rd. Time: 5.58.8.
- Schoolboy Eight*: Shore School 1st, Brighton Grammar 2nd, Southport School 3rd. Time: 4.32.4.
- Schoolboy Four*: Melbourne High School No. 1 1st, St. Patrick's College 2nd, Ballarat & Clarendon College 3rd. Time: 5.00.9.
- Schoolboy Single Scull*: Nepean (E. Sargeant) 1st, Aquinas (R. Dallimore) 2nd, Balgowlah High (I. Coates) 3rd. Time: 5.53.
- Schoolgirl Four*: M.L.C. No. 1 1st, Pembroke No. 1 2nd, M.L.C. No. 2 3rd. Time: 6.08.3.
- Schoolgirl Single Scull*: Tweed Heads High (D. Spedding) 1st, Ballt. High (S. Adrians) 2nd, Coorparoo High (G. Zivanovic) 3rd. Time: 6.25.

## VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT — 15th December, 1984

- Men's Eight (Norwich Shield)*. Won by M.U.B.C./Corio Bay/Wendouree/Ballarat.  
S. Cook (M.U.B.C.) Bow, J. McKenzie (M.U.B.C.) 2, S. Marshall (M.U.B.C.) 3, G. Gullock (W/B) 4, A. Cassidy (C.B.) 5, P. Gardiner (M.U.B.C.) 6, P. Reedy (M.U.B.C.) 7, P. Antonie (M.U.B.C.) Stroke, D. Fisher (M.U.B.C.) Cox, J. Lowe, Coach.  
Mercantile No. 1 were second and Banks third. Four crews entered.
- Men's Lightweight Eight*. Won by Mercantile Rowing Club.  
M. Baxter (Bow), G. Harris (2), J. Grant (3), R. Evans (4), J. Joyce (5), M. W. White (6), A. Borger (7), D. Mollison (Stroke), K. Marshall (Cox), M. F. Owen (Coach).  
M.U.B.C. were second and Essendon/Melbourne/Footscray City third. Three crews entered.
- Women's Elite Four*. Won by Melbourne University — Rowover. Only entry.  
D. Bassett (Bow), K. Hall (2), S. Chapman (3), M. Foster (Stroke), K. Fry (Cox), D. Palfreyman (Coach).
- Women's Elite Single Sculls*: Won by K. H. Elliott (Ballarat City).  
J. Slattery (Banks) was second and R. Koehler (Corio Bay) third. Six entries.
- Women's Lightweight Four*. Won by Banks No. 1 crew.  
T. Fortune (Bow), J. Slattery (2), L. Whitehouse (3), S. Bartlett (Stroke), L. Weiss (Cox), J. J. Bennett (Coach).  
Melbourne University No. 1 was second and Melbourne University No. 2 third. Six crews entered.



### **ALBERT PARK LAKE, MELBOURNE — 17th February, 1985**

- Women's Senior A Single Scull.* Won by K. Elliott (Ballarat City).  
J. Slattery (Banks) was second. Five entries.  
*Women's Youth Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by Corio Bay No. 1.  
D. Brussel (Bow), A. Rice (Stroke), R. G. Kemp (Coach). Three entries  
*Women's Youth Single Scull.* Rowover to S. Adrians (Ballarat City).

### **BARWON RIVER, GEELONG — 9th March, 1985**

- Men's Champion FISA Junior Four.* Won by Mercantile Rowing Club.  
G. Barden (Bow), A. Cohen (2), S. Paton (3), S. Kay (Stroke), J. Carter (Cox), P. J. Ainsworth (Coach).  
Ballarat Grammar School were second; only starters.  
*Men's Champion FISA Junior Single Scull.* Won by P. Alanko (Robinvale). R. Wraith (Mercantile) was second and R. Dalitz (Corio Bay) 3rd. Only entries.  
*Women's Senior A Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by Melbourne University.  
D. Bassett (Bow), K. Hall (Stroke), D. Palfreyman (Coach).  
Banks/M.U.L.R.C. were second. Eight crews entered.

### **LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT — 11th March, 1985**

- Men's Junior Eight.* Won by Mercantile Rowing Club No. 2.  
R. Law (Bow), M. Stranks (2), A. Imison (3), D. McLeod (4), P. Williams (5), P. Somerville (6), C. Gilford (7), S. Wade (Stroke), S. Greenbaum (Cox), S. Spurling (Coach).  
Banks were second and Mercantile No. 1 third. Eleven crews entered.  
*Men's Youth Eight.* Won by Mercantile No. 1 crew.  
R. Law (Bow), M. Stranks (2), A. Imison (3), D. McLeod (4), P. Williams (5), P. Somerville (6), C. Gilford (7), S. Wade (Stroke), S. Greenbaum (Cox), S. Spurling (Coach).  
Melbourne University were second and Mercantile No. 2 crew third. Eight crews entered.  
*Men's FISA Junior Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by Mercantile No. 1 crew.  
G. Barden (Bow), S. Kay (Stroke), P. Ainsworth (Coach).  
Mercantile No. 2 crew was second and Murray Bridge third. Three entries.  
*Women's Senior A Four.* Won by Melbourne University.  
F. Gobbo (Bow), J. Camier (2), D. Bassett (3), K. Hall (Stroke), A. Davidson (Cox).  
Banks/Essendon were second. Eight entries.  
*Women's Youth Four.* Won by W.A.I.T. No. 1 crew (W.A.).  
A. Arndt (Bow), L. Harffey (2), H. Ross (3), M. Hall (Stroke), P. J. Macaulay (Cox).  
W.A.I.T. No. 2 crew were second. 17 crews entered.

### **LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT — Ballarat 15th - 17th March, 1985**

- Men's Senior Four.* Won by Mosman/Sydney/Drummoyne Composite.  
Time: 7.02.  
C. Muller (Bow), A. Ambrose (2), S. Homiccki (3), S. Evans (Stroke), T. O'Hanlon (Cox).  
Mercantile were second and Port Adelaide/Torrens 1. 19 crews entered.  
*Men's Senior Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by Banks Rowing Club No. 2 crew. Time: 7.36.  
N. Robinson (Bow), I. Popa (Stroke).  
Mercantile No. 6 crew was second and Mercantile No. 7 crew third. 40 crews entered.  
*Men's Senior Double Scull.* Won by M.U.B.C./Fremantle Composite.  
Time: 7.05.82.  
A. Loveridge (Bow), P. Reedy (Stroke).  
Wendouree/Ballarat/Corio Bay were second and St. George third. 14 entries.  
*Men's Senior Single Scull.* Won by B. Terrell (Port Adelaide). Time: 7.43.3.

- Second was J. Bentley (A.U.B.C.) and third G. Gullock (Wendouree/Ballararat. 23 entries.
- Men's Senior Lightweight Four W/o Coxswain.* Won by Barwon/M.U.B.C. Time: 6.51.6.  
P. Gardner (Bow), S. Cook (2), W. Digby (3), B. Digby (Stroke), G. Hunter (Coach).  
Mercantile were second and Buckingham third. 11 entries.
- Men's Senior Lightweight Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by Melbourne University. Time: 7.30.9.  
P. Gardiner (Bow), S. Cook (Stroke), G. Hunter (Coach).  
A.C.T. were second and Barwon No. 1 third. 28 crews entered.
- Men's Senior Lightweight Double Scull.* Won by A.C.T. Time: 7.27.8.  
R. Bettle (Bow), A. Randell (Stroke), P. Shakespear (Coach).  
St. George were second and Drummoyne/Corio Bay third. 10 entries.
- Men's Senior Lightweight Single Scull.* Won by P. Antonie (M.U.B.C.) Time: 8.00.0.  
A. Pollock (St. George) second and G. Gallo (Swan River) third. 24 entries.
- Men's Junior Four.* Won by Mercantile No. 2 crew. Time: 7.25.9.  
J. O'Connor (Bow), T. Sanchez (2), A. Johnson (3), S. Gula (Stroke), B. Hare (Cox), M. Aitken (Coach).  
Footscray City second and Essendon third. 8 entries.
- Men's Junior Pair.* Won by Mercantile. Time: 8.24.  
N. Rycroft (Bow), I. Rycroft (Stroke), J. Carter (Cox).  
Nagambie second and Lake Colac third. 8 entries.
- Men's Junior Single Scull.* Won by S. Alsopp (Banks). Time: 8.17.  
A. Cannon (Mercantile) second and C. F. Angow (Ballarat City) third. 12 entries.
- Schoolboy Eight.* Won by Caulfield Grammar School. Time: 6.32.6.  
S. Lehcke (Bow), A. McMillan (2), B. Mathews (3), N. Richardson (4), M. Howells (5), C. Kovacic (6), L. Barton (7), O. Kyriakopoulos (Stroke), M. Kerr (Cox), M. Aitken and D. Hatcher (Coaches).  
Carey Grammar second and Scotch College 3rd. 13 entries.
- Schoolboy Four.* Won by Ballarat & Clarendon College No. 1 crew. Time: 5.29.  
St. Patrick's College second and Melbourne High third. 5 entries.
- Women's Elite Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by Melbourne University. Time: 8.33.  
S. Chapman-Popa (Bow), M. Foster (Stroke), D. Palfreyman (Coach), Mosman/S.U.B.C. second and M.U.L.R.C. third. 5 entries.
- Women's Lightweight Pair W/o Coxswain.* Won by A.N.U. Time: 9.00.0.  
D. Rennex (Bow), J. Ellett (Stroke), L. Callaghan (Coach).  
Adelaide Univ. second and Banks third. 15 entries.
- Women's Lightweight Single Scull.* Won by A. Ferguson (Commercial). Time: 9.15.3.  
R. McMahon (Tweed Heads) second and A. Chinn (Canberra) third. 8 entries.
- Schoolgirl Four.* Won by Methodist Ladies College. Time: 6.40.4.  
S. Varley (Bow), C. Brumley (2), J. Millard (3), S. McKellar (Stroke), C. Harding (Cox), S. Palfreyman (Coach).  
M.L.C. No. 2 second and Ballarat and Clarendon College third. 7 entries.

## PREMIERSHIPS

There was adequate support at most regattas held throughout Victoria, but it is felt that if we are honest with ourselves, the support falls short of being described as satisfactory or excellent. Apart from the peak season regattas Feb./March and in one instance at Barwon Regatta, it could not be said the full potential was being attained. To the writer there does not appear to be the keen Club rivalry which is associated with the striving to win a premiership. It still exists in some Clubs but appears to have lost its significance with many others. There is food for thought as to whether the apparent changed emphasis on Interstate and International competition is having the effect as described.

Certainly the entries from Clubs at many regattas was disappointing, but should be encouraged by the very good support from Schools both at peak season regattas and others.

Our congratulations go to the successful premiership winners as shown in the following tables. In particular to Mercantile and Melbourne University Ladies for their triple successes and to Melbourne High School for its first premiership win in Men's competition.

### PREMIERSHIP POINTS

#### Men's Champion Club

	Pts.		Pts.
Mercantile .....	55	Robinvale .....	5
Essendon .....	48	City of Warrnambool .....	5
Melbourne .....	29	Albert Park .....	4
Banks .....	18	Ballarat High School .....	4
M.U.B.C. ....	16	Carey Grammar School ...	4
Wendouree-Ballarat .....	16	Ballt. & Queens Grammar .	3
Power House .....	15	Dimboola .....	3
Ballarat City .....	9	Melbourne Grammar .....	3
Corio Bay .....	9	Yarra Yarra .....	3
Barwon .....	7	Bendigo .....	2
Corowa .....	7	Brighton Grammar .....	2
Footscray City .....	7	South Melbourne .....	2
Nagambie .....	7	St. Patrick's College .....	2
Rutherglen Lake .....	7	Xavier College .....	2
Richmond .....	6	Ballt. & Clarendon College	1
Hawthorn .....	5	Caulfield Grammar .....	1
Lake Colac .....	5	Geelong College .....	1
Mildura .....	5	Melbourne High School ...	1
		Wentworth District .....	1

#### Men's Senior

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
Mercantile .....	70	14	Barwon .....	6	3
M.U.B.C. ....	34	10	Corio Bay .....	4	1
Banks .....	7	3	Yarra Yarra .....	1	1
Wendouree-Ballt. ...	6	3			

#### Men's Lightweight

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
Mercantile .....	57	8	Corio Bay .....	6	3
M.U.B.C. ....	23	5	Footscray City .....	4	1
Essendon .....	20	7	Wendouree-Ballt. ...	4	1
Melbourne .....	18	7	Power House .....	2	1
Banks .....	14	8	Rutherglen Lake .....	2	1
Richmond .....	8	2	Ballarat City .....	1	1
City of Warrnambool	8	4	Yarra Yarra .....	1	1
Barwon .....	6	1			

#### Men's Junior First Division

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
Essendon .....	175	41	Power House .....	32	14
Mercantile .....	159	33	Footscray City .....	24	6
Melbourne .....	71	22	Corowa .....	15	7
Wendouree-Ballt. ...	64	12	Hawthorn .....	14	5
Corio Bay .....	32	5	Barwon .....	12	3

### Men's Junior Second Division

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
Banks .....	38	7	M.U.B.C. ....	9	1
Carey Grammar ....	32	4	Albert Park .....	8	4
Melb. Grammar .....	24	3	Caulfield Grammar .	8	1
Ballarat City .....	22	8	Melb. High .....	8	1
Ballt. & Queens Grmr.	16	3	St. Patrick's College	8	2
Ballt. High School ..	16	4	Robinvale .....	6	5
Nagambie .....	16	7	South Melbourne ...	6	2
Xavier College .....	16	2	Ballt. & Clar. College	4	1
Brighton Grammar .	12	2	Geelong College ...	4	1
Rutherglen Lake ....	12	6	Wentworth District ..	4	1
Mildura .....	11	5	Bendigo .....	3	2
Lake Colac .....	10	5	Yarra Yarra .....	2	1
Richmond .....	10	4	City of Warrnambool	1	1
Dimboola .....	9	3			

With the adoption of new Status Rules for Men, the two divisions in the Junior Premiership are being discontinued. Instead, in Season 1985-86 there will be two divisions in the Senior Premiership. The ten leading Clubs in the Champion Club Premiership 1984-85 will constitute the Senior First Division in Season 1985-86. Footscray City, by virtue of a greater number of premiership points, will be the tenth Club.

### Men's Winter 1984

	Pts.		Pts.
Melbourne High .....	14	Footscray City .....	4
Richmond .....	12	St. Kevin's College .....	3
Banks .....	4	Barwon .....	2
Essendon .....	4	Xavier College .....	2

### Women's Champion Club

	Pts.		Pts.
Ballarat City .....	31	Richmond .....	4
M.U.L.R.C. ....	25	Ballarat High School .....	3
Banks .....	16	Wesley College .....	3
Corio Bay .....	14	Lauriston Girls' School ...	2
Monash University .....	11	Y.W.C.A. ....	2
Power House .....	10	Ballt. & Clarendon Coll. ...	1
Bendigo .....	7	Caulfield Grammar School	1
Mercantile .....	6	Corowa .....	1
Univer. High School .....	6	Footscray City .....	1
Hawthorn .....	5	Geelong College .....	1
Essendon Ladies .....	4	Mildura .....	1
Methodist Ladies College .	4	Wentworth District .....	1

### Women's Senior

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
M.U.L.R.C. ....	54	12	Essendon Ladies ..	6	
Ballarat City .....	20	11	Power House .....	4	1
Banks .....	18	6	Richmond .....	3	3
Mercantile .....	16	4			
Corio Bay .....	8	2			

### Women's Lightweight

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
M.U.L.R.C. ....	37	9	Banks .....	20	4
			Ballarat City .....	3	3

### Women's Junior

	Pts.	Wins		Pts.	Wins
Corio Bay .....	37	12	Lauriston Girls' Sch.	8	2
Monash Uni. ....	34	11	Y.W.C.A. ....	6	2
Ballarat City .....	27	17	Footscray City .....	4	1
Univ. High School ..	24	6	Mildura .....	4	1
Power House .....	24	9	Methodist L. Coll. ...	4	4
Banks .....	20	6	Ballt. & Clar. Coll. ...	4	1
Bendigo .....	18	7	Caulfield Gram. Sch.	4	1
M.U.L.R.C. ....	16	4	Geelong College ...	4	1
Ballt. High School ..	12	3	Corowa .....	2	1
Wesley College .....	12	3	Wentworth .....	2	1
Hawthorn .....	10	5	Richmond .....	1	1
Essendon Ladies ...	8	4	Mercantile .....	-2	2

### Women's Winter 1984

	Pts.		Pts.
M.U.L.R.C. ....	14	Richmond .....	3
Univ. High School .....	8	Latrobe Univ. ....	2
Banks .....	6		

### ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Associated Public Schools of Victoria held their Annual Head of the River Regatta on the Barwon River, Geelong, on 29th and 30th March, 1985.

Carey Grammar School rowed a magnificently judged race to win the feature event, thus becoming only the second of the "new" schools to do so.

Our congratulations are extended to Carey Grammar, its crew and coach Peter Antonie on its first ever Head of the River win.

### VICTORIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Victorian Secondary Schools Rowing Association conducted its 33rd Annual Regatta on the Barwon River, Geelong, on 22nd March, 1985.

Melbourne High School continued its domination of the main event for eights, the J. W. Russell Memorial Cup and won by two lengths. No other Schools were represented in this main event which was confined to two Melbourne High School crews. However, there were heavy entries in the girls and other lower age events and this made the regatta a great success for rowing in general.

### BALLARAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Ballarat Public Schools' Association Head of the Lake was conducted on Lake Wendouree on Saturday 30th March, 1985. The main event was won by Ballarat and Clarendon College from Ballarat High School second and St. Patrick's College third.

Our congratulations are extended to Ballarat and Clarendon College and to the winners of the other events.

### AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 90th Interschool Regatta was this year hosted by Monash University and held on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, 17th/18th May, 1985.

Results were as follows:

*Oxford & Cambridge Cup for Men's Eight:* Melbourne 1st, Monash 2nd, Sydney, Tasmania, W.A., N.S.W. Time: 6.25. Margin: 4.6.

*Men's Four:* N.S.W. 1st, W.A. 2nd, Melbourne 3rd. Time: 7.32. Margin 4.7.

*Carlton & United Goblets for Men's Pair:* Melbourne 1st, Sydney 2nd, W.A. 3rd. Time: 8.97. Margin: 43.27.

W. D. & H. O. Wills Trophy for Men's Single Scull: H. McGlashan (Melbourne) 1st. S. Golding (Deakin) 2nd. G. Griquill (W'qona) 3rd Time: 9.1.7. Margin: 18.7

Sir Fred J. Schonell Cup for Men's L. W. Fours: Melbourne 1st. W.A. 2nd. Sydney 3rd. Time: 7.54. Margin: 7.3

Professor G. Tanner Cup for Women's Eight: Melbourne 1st. Old 2nd. Adel. 3rd. Time: 8.24.7. Margin: 13.7

Lady Margaret Cup for Women's Four: Melbourne 1st. W.A. 2nd. Latrobe 3rd. Time: 8.50.4. Margin: 20.6

Challenge Cup for Women's Pair: Adelaide 1st. Monash 2nd. Old 3rd. Time: 9.31. Margin: 8.9

Women's Single Scull: J. Kelly (Old.) 1st. R. Wilkinson (WA) 2nd. Time: 10.17.2. Margin: 29.1

Women's Lightweight Four: Melbourne 1st. Old. 2nd. Adelaide 3rd. Time: 8.48.8. Margin: 31.1

Our congratulations are extended to the successful crews from Victorian Universities.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Clubs has remained static over the past season, but there has been a marked increase in the number of affiliated school members. It should also be noted that many students compete only in school events at regattas and are not required to affiliate as members of the Association.

Through the amalgamation of Corio Bay and Corio Bay Ladies' Rowing Clubs, the number of Clubs has reduced by one, but there has been an increase in affiliated Schools. We were pleased to welcome Monivae College Hamilton, Sale Catholic College and St. Michael's Grammar School.

Several other Schools made their appearance at Regattas but competed in school events only and at this stage are not required to affiliate.

The following is a comparison of Association membership over the past four years:

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
<b>Metropolitan:</b>				
Men .....	1410	1399	1439	1368
Women .....	178	203	257	301
<b>Country:</b>				
Men .....	549	579	514	493
Women .....	120	146	165	179
	<u>2257</u>	<u>2327</u>	<u>2375*</u>	<u>2341*</u>

1983-84 figures are increased from 2304 shown in last year's report following checking of returns to regatta programmes, etc. Checking of 1984-85 returns has not yet been completed but on past experience an increase in numbers is quite possible.

	1983	1984
Affiliated Schoolboys	557	617
Affiliated Schoolgirls	137	208
	<u>694</u>	<u>825</u>

**NOTE:** The School affiliation year ends 31st December as against Clubs, 30th June.

### OFFICIALS' PANEL

The season was again a busy one, with problems due to the falling number of licensed officials available for duty. The Panel officiated at 30 days of racing at some 14 courses, providing 368 licensed officials (around 114 less than 1983-84). This drop in numbers is especially worrying, despite the number on paper, and led to the continuance of one shift regattas and two shifts only at some very big regattas. The

result was that officials were required to be on duty for far longer than desirable. This situation, if continued, is cause for concern and likely to be self-defeating by the lowering of efficiency, and the likely effect on standards.

Officials of the Panel also played a prominent part in the inaugural Dragon Boat Races on the Yarra. Six officials arranged and supervised the racing at the two regattas.

During the season we welcomed Bill Davies, Jenny Kemp, Paul Knight, Rosemary McFarlane, Robin Murphy and Bruce Sarah as new officials to make a total of 66. However, the number of 5.6 regattas per official per season and 12.3 officials per regatta was too low as already indicated and must be a priority for consideration by the Panel and the Association for the coming season.

Our thanks are due to all Officials for their work during the season, especially those who cheerfully undertook long shifts at several regattas. Again we thank Jim Skidmore and Jim Harvey for their assistance with equipment and correspondence respectively and extend our appreciation to Mercantile and Yarra Yarra Clubs for the use of their facilities.

We are most grateful to our Panel, Reg McKay, Bob Duncan, Ralph Murphy, Ron Podbury and Bill Waterfield, for their efforts during the season, Bill Waterfield replaced Margaret Swan to whom we extend congratulations on the addition to her family.

#### **L. E. Hanna (Panel Secretary)**

Leigh Hanna resigned as Officials Panel Secretary during the year but continued the work of notifying officials of their regatta appointments until the final regatta. Leigh carried out the duties of Panel Secretary for several years with the utmost efficiency and we thank him for his work.

### **FINANCE**

The financial position of the Association continues on a very sound basis and this year has again been substantially assisted by the continued sponsorship of Pilkington ACI Ltd. The financial assistance received has enabled the Association to provide services and amenities to members and our Interstate representatives which we would not otherwise have been able to do. Similarly there have been indirect benefits to Clubs by the use of sponsorship funds to absorb expenses which in other circumstances would have had to be passed on. There is a full detailed statement following covering the disposition of Pilkington ACI sponsorship and by careful study members can assess for themselves the extent and nature of the benefits referred to.

Normal recurring items of expenditure were contained within the levels of inflation, but there were large increases in Australian Rowing Council fees and insurance. The latter was caused by Public Liability cover and increased cover on equipment. Offsetting these were rises in fines and interest received. The loss on Championship and Selection Trials regattas was reduced from last year but was largely due to increased entries. Normally VRA regattas do more than break even but the loss this time was entirely due to the staging of the regatta at Carrum where facilities were Nil and had to be provided at an unavoidable cost.

The operating profit in comparison to recent years was substantially increased, but we should not be "carried away" with the result as there were several factors which contributed and were non-recurring. First, the Interstate Regatta being in Victoria meant virtually no travelling expenses for our team. Next year we will be facing some \$16,000 or more and in the following year to Queensland, possibly \$30/35,000. The saving when the Australian Championships are held in Victoria has to be retained and offset against the expensive years to W.A., Qld. and Tas. Secondly, it will be noted that some \$11,000 of sponsorship funds, although committed, are not yet expended. Thirdly, some \$6,000 of the profit has been spent on equipment. Fourthly, as a result of considerable hard work, sponsorship assistance and more thorough planning we achieved a profit on the conduct of the Australian Championships, which we stage only once in every six years.

In respect of the Interstate and National Regatta the result must reflect to a very large extent on the monetary assistance received from the sponsors, but due acknowledgement must be given to the huge amount of unpaid voluntary work contributed by Association members who were involved. The Executive Committee has decided the profit should not be taken into general revenue and subsequent expenditure but should be set aside for specific projects associated with future Interstate and National Regattas held in Victoria. As an example, assuming the Carrum course comes to fruition there may be facilities required which will not be provided, but essential to rowing. On the same lines Victoria does not have a 150th Anniversary every six years and next time there will be no \$8,000 from a 150th Anniversary Board. The amount set aside will be interest-bearing (cumulative) and will be available also to provide facilities at State Championships when and wherever an international course is established.

Finally a word on costs of professional administration of the Association, which expression has come into prominence recently. At present approximately 2500 members pay \$10 per annum each to meet V.R.A. costs and A.R.C. affiliation fees and levies. For every extra \$10,000 to meet costs of administration, the affiliation fee would have to be raised \$4 **UNLESS** the funds could be obtained from elsewhere. These figures should be born in mind when any consideration is being given to an increase in Expenditure.

### DONATIONS

The sincere thanks of the Association have been extended to the following supporters of Victorian Rowing for their most generous donations:

Messrs. H. H. Yoffa, L. T. Nettlefold, R. F. Hammon, Pilkington ACI Ltd., Esso Australia Ltd., Carlton & United Breweries Ltd., A.P.P.M. Ltd., Dr. H. C. Disher Trust Fund, Estate of the late R. W. Thursfield, Estate of the late George Adams (Tattersalls), Government of Victoria 150th Anniversary Board, Victorian Dragon Boat Association, family of the late M. S. Williams, Lodge Henley Trust Fund, Marcus Burke Trust Fund, and the Oarsmen's Association of Victoria.



VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th June, 1985

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance forward 30/6/84 \$ 201,183.98

**Add**

Extraordinary Items:

Ergometer acquired with Directors a/c funds	1,074.00	
Commonwealth Sports Development Grant	6,666.66	
Transfer Depreciation Directors a/c	1,000.00	
Net Profit Interstate & National Regatta	13,406.73	
Net Operating Profit for year ended 30/6/85	35,586.86	
		<u>\$ 258,918.23</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

*Current Assets*

CASH AT BANK AND DEPOSITS

Administration Account	\$ 22,992.93	
Interstate Account	5,113.23	
Rowing Equipment Reserve Account	9,072.00	
Interstate & National Regatta Reserve a/c	13,406.73	
		<u>50,584.89</u>

INVESTMENTS

Interstate Investment Fund	113,672.27	
International Rowing Fund	59,239.42	
Lodge Henley Fund	250.00	
R. W. Thursfield Trust Fund	600.00	
		<u>173,761.69</u>

STOCKS ON HAND

Clothing	350.48	
Trophies	5,033.17	
		<u>5,383.65</u>

Sundry Debtors and Prepayments

225.00

**Fixed Assets**

Office Equipment	5,220.00	
Less Depreciation	855.00	
	<u>5,550.00</u>	4,365.00
Regatta Equipment	5,550.00	
Add New Timing Equipment & Loud Hailers	1,468.31	
	<u>7,018.31</u>	
Less Depreciation	1,518.31	
Sale Loud Hailer	10.00	
	<u>5,490.00</u>	5,490.00

Rowing Equipment	12,375.00	
Add Oars	3,696.00	
Trailer	896.67	
Single Sculls & Oars	6,000.00	
Ergometer	1,074.00	
	<u>24,041.67</u>	

Less Sale of Oars & Ergometer	275.00	
Depreciation	3,616.67	
	<u>20,150.00</u>	

20,150.00

**TOTAL ASSETS**

259,960.23

**Less**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

A.R.C. Levies Reserve Fund	416.00	
Sundry Creditors	596.00	
Fees and Accounts in Advance	30.00	
		<u>1,042.00</u>

\$ 258,918.23

J. L. HARDIE. Hon. Treasurer.

**VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure**  
**for year ending 30th June, 1985**

**EXPENDITURE**

Affiliation Fees	\$ 120.00
A.R.C. Affiliation Fees	3,121.00
A.R.C. Delegate Expenses	435.85
A.R.C. Special Levy	3,511.50
Bank Charges, State Duty, F.I.D.	136.41
Depreciation Regatta & Office Equipment	2,373.31
Director's Account — Commission	\$ 5,875
Salary	<u>13,799.75</u>
	19,674.75
Honoraria	5,585.00
Insurance	2,518.02
Postage & Telephone	1,668.88
Printing & Stationery	2,689.89
Promotion & Advertising Sponsor	885.10
Repairs & Maintenance Regatta Equipment, etc.1	1,063.77
Weight Bags	204.65
Presentation Retiring Secretary	245.00
Distribution Dragon Boats Funds	2,000.00
Sundry	128.07
V.R.A. Regattas Loss	259.72
State Championship Loss	593.03
(See separate statement)	

**Interstate Championships**

Accommodation, Fares,	
Team Transport	\$ 4,470.40
Boat Hire, Transport,	
Petrol	981.80
Repairs, Spare Parts	125.12
Clothing	3,147.74
Physiological Testing	420.00
Sundry	180.35
Depreciation Rowing Equipment	<u>3,616.67</u>
	12,942.08

**International Championships**

Refunds 1984 Team members	\$ 1,100.00
1984 Overseas Team Appeal	223.00
1985 Overseas Team Appeal	9,838.42
A.R.C. Selection Trials Exps.	<u>795.16</u>
	11,956.58

**Sports Aid Grants Distribution**

P. Antonie	\$ 3,250.00
P. Gardiner	1,000.00
C. Bartlett	1,000.00
S. Spurling	1,000.00
G. Gullock	<u>1,500.00</u>
	<u>7,750.00</u>

79,862.61

Net Profit transferred to Accumulated Funds	<u>35,586.86</u>
	<u>\$ 115,449.47</u>

INCOME

Affiliation Fees — Clubs and Schools	\$ 25,106.75
Coxswains Registration Fees	752.00
Regatta Registration Fees	620.00
Donations	36,717.27
Equipment Levy & Hire	2,964.80
Fines	3,842.99
Interest	4,183.43
Weight Bag Sales	256.00
Investment Written Off partly recovered	337.50
Profit Sale of Ergometer	226.00
 Sundry	 12.63
<b>Interstate Championships</b>	
Interest on Investments	\$ 15,636.15
Interest Dr. Disher Fund	120.00
Interstate Levy	3,891.40
Profit Sale of Oars	310.00
Hire of Boat and Trailer	<u>130.00</u>
	20,087.55
 <b>International Championships</b>	
Interest on Investments	7,714.13
Interest Dr. Disher Fund	117.00
Refunds 1984 Overseas Team	4,538.42
Proceeds Function 1984 Team	<u>223.00</u>
	12,592.55
 Sports Aid Foundation Grants	 7,750.00
	<u>\$ 115,449.47</u>

**INTERSTATE & NATIONAL REGATTA 10/14 APRIL, 1985**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure**

**EXPENDITURE**

Printing and Stationery		\$ 1,256
Postage and Telephone		767
Course Expenses		7,190
Launch Hire, Fuel, Repairs, etc.		3,204
Regatta Grounds, Racks		6,061
Gratuities services rendered		1,618
Advertising		2,834
Medallions and Trophies		1,945
Catering Regatta Staff, Officials		2,052
Catering/Entertainment V.I.P.'s, etc.	\$ 5,914	
Less Pilkington ACI contribution	<u>1,500</u>	
		4,414
Regatta Fee		1,600
Ambulance		650
Band		150
Public Address		1,160
Boat Numbers		450
Security		1,540
Travelling Expenses		354
Sundry		249
Programmes	7,838	
Less Sales	<u>4,074</u>	
		3,764
Commission, State Director		<u>2,850</u>
		44,108
Net Profit transferred to Accumulated Funds		<u>13,407</u>
		<u>\$ 57,515</u>

**INCOME**

Entry Fees	7,714	
Less refunds	<u>18</u>	
		7,696
Deposits	14,790	
Less refunds	<u>13,245</u>	
		1,545
Car Stickers	1,315	
Less Printing	<u>482</u>	
		833
Admittance Charges		11,313
Catering Rights		1,041
Sponsorships		
Pilkington ACI Ltd.	15,000	
Esso Aust. Ltd.	3,000	
Carlton & United Breweries Ltd.	3,000	
State Govt. 150th Anniversary Board	<u>8,000</u>	
		29,000
A.P.P.M. Ltd. (Paper for programmes)	(1,500)	
Profit sale of souvenirs		6,057
Interest		30
		<u>\$ 57,515</u>

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL SELECTION TRIALS****Statement of Income and Expenditure 1984/85****EXPENDITURE**

Trophies and Medallions	\$ 1,701
Refunds Entry Fees	139
Ballarat Rowing Association	2,631
Public Address	420
Security	280
Programmes	525
Sundry	96
	<u>\$ 5,792</u>

**INCOME**

Entry Fees	\$ 3,884
Programme Sales	325
Donations and Interest	221
Medallions Refunds	269
State Government Grant	500
	<u>5,199</u>
Net Loss	593
	<u>\$ 5,792</u>

**PILKINGTON ACI LTD. SPONSORSHIP****Statement of Income and Expenditure 1984/85**

(Excluding Interstate and National Regatta)

**EXPENDITURE**

State Director's Commission	\$ 5,400
T-Shirts and Advertising	1,418
Track Suits, State Team	2,082
1984 Selection Trials Expenses	795
State Team Accommodation	3,000
State Team Physiological Testing	420
Loss State Championships	593
Loss V.R.A. Regattas	260
Honorarium Acting Secretary	4,800
	<u>18,768</u>
Committed:	
Acting Secretary to 31/8/85	1,200
Executive Director, 12 months	9,000
Unexpended held in reserve	1,532
	<u>\$ 30,500</u>

**INCOME**

General Sponsorship	\$ 27,000
Clothing and Advertising	3,500
	<u>\$ 30,500</u>

**STATE DIRECTOR'S ACCOUNT, 1984/85****Income and Expenditure****EXPENDITURE**

Salaries and Allowances	
State Director	\$ 30,735.68
Promotions Officer	6,403.59
Postage	136.57
Printing and Stationery	1,245.85
Travelling and Accommodation	1,595.30
Promotion Expenses (Direct)	591.65
Coaching Seminars	6,331.40
Future Directions Seminar	1,279.58
Insurance	639.19
Purchase of Ergometer	1,074.00
Rent of Office	1,416.66
Telephone	1,193.47
Depreciation on Sculling Boats —	
Tfd. Equip. Res. a/c.	1,000.00
State and Fin. Inst. Duty	42.07
Promotion Officer Expenses	656.70
	<u>                    </u>
	\$ 54,341.71

**Balances 30/6/85**

Cash Floats	600.00	
Salaries Account	11,720.32	
Promotion and Administration a/c.	<u>7,460.64</u>	
		19,780.96
		<u>                    </u>
		\$ 74,122.67

**INCOME**

State Government Grants	\$ 24,919.00
Victorian Rowing Association	23,886.79
Sale Coaching Books	2,229.00
Coaching Seminars	4,020.00
Future Directions Seminar	831.00
Interest	204.92
Telephone Refund	77.50
	<u>                    </u>
	\$ 56,168.21

**Balances forward 30/6/84**

Cash Float	400.00	
Salaries Account	10,344.84	
Promotion and Administration	<u>7,209.62</u>	
		17,954.46
		<u>                    </u>
		\$ 74,122.67

J. L. HARDIE, Hon. Treasurer.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the accounts and records of the Association for the year ended 30th June, 1985.

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

H. NEIL HEWITT, F.C.A. Honorary Auditor.

## **AUSTRALIAN ROWING COUNCIL INC.**

Victoria has continued its active involvement in the functions of the Council through the medium of the following:

*Victorian Delegate and Member of A.R.C. Umpires Panel:*

Mr. R. N. McKay.

*Treasurer:* Mr. N. F. Wilkinson, B.E.M.

*Australian Selector:* Mr. Simon Gillett.

*National Coaching Committee:* Mr. T. Poole.

*Overseas Tours Committee:* Mrs. B. A. Gillett.

*Veterans Liaison Committee:* Mr. D. W. Todd.

*Assistant Manager 1985 Senior Overseas Team:* Mrs. B. A. Gillett.

We extend our appreciation to these people and other officers of the Council for their service to Victorian and Australian Rowing. We thank also Mr. Alan Roaf of Queensland, recently appointed National Coaching Committee Convenor, for his valued assistance to our State Director in the conduct of coaching and other Seminars.

### **STATE DIRECTOR OF ROWING**

1984-85 was a demanding period on the time of our State Director, Bob Lachal. Two particular involvements had an effect on the time available for direct promotion and assistance to Clubs. They were the Interstate and National Regattas and the launching of the Victorian Dragon Boats Association in Melbourne. Practically unaided, Bob organized the training of crews and the two Regattas held on the Yarra River in March and April. There was financial remuneration for the Association in both cases and this will flow on indirectly to members.

Following is a more detailed summary of Mr. Lachal's activities:

Visits to most country areas and Clubs with promotions at Dimboola, Horsham, Mildura, Wentworth, Hamilton, Footscray, Nagambie, Sale.

Assistance with organisation of National Regatta, in particular with tasks not possible to be undertaken by Organising Committee members in working hours.

Rowing display at Ballarat Gold Museum; an outstanding success.

Organisation of three Level 1 and 2 Coaching Seminars.

Assistance to Future Directions Committee Seminar.

Arrangement of sponsorships for Association from Pilkington ACI Ltd., Esso Australia Ltd., Carlton & United Breweries Ltd., APPM Ltd.

Frequent visits to existing rowing schools and schools interested in introducing rowing to curriculum. This involved use of the Association's video displays which have been substantially expanded.

Assistance to Clubs and Schools in obtaining of second-hand rowing equipment.

There were no doubt many other avenues of assistance rendered by our Director which would be known to the recipients. As noted earlier, Bob Lachal will have moved on to other fields by the time this report is printed and we wish him well on his venture into the Antarctic in the coming months.

### **SPORT PROMOTION OFFICER**

Following the Olympic Games and upon the return of the Olympic athletes to Australia, the Victorian State Government initiated a scheme for the engagement of unemployed Olympians as Sports Promotion Officers. Some sports gained full-time officers and rowing and canoeing were awarded a part-time officer each. The salaries of the promotion officers are paid by the State Government, but each comes under the administration of the relative sport.

David Doyle commenced with the Association early in November, 1984. Coincidentally soon after, Victoria was awarded a Commonwealth Development Grant of \$6,666 and with additional funds already held we purchased six single training sculls complete with oars and trailer.

Working in close co-operation with the State Director, David has been of great assistance to Clubs and Schools in promoting rowing and sculling. The sculls have proved of immense value in introducing the sport to newcomers, not only in existing rowing areas.

Initially the Sports Promotion Officers scheme was for twelve months but the Committee has high hopes it will continue.

### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF VICTORIAN ROWING COMMITTEE**

Throughout the year a committee comprising M. Bushby, D. Dudgeon, A. N. Geurin, D. Hadrian and R. C. Morell (Chairman) with assistance from the State Director, conducted an inquiry into whether it was considered that the direction of Victorian rowing was "on course" or should be varied. The investigation culminated in a 1½ day seminar conducted April 26/27 and which was attended by 70/80 members of the Association from Clubs and Schools. At the time of writing of this report, the official summary of the seminar and recommendations from the Committee have not been received; however, we take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their work.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met on 15 occasions during the season and attendances were as follows:

J. L. Hardie 15, W. J. Waterfield 14, R. N. McKay 13, B. A. Gillett, R. P. Lachal 12, J. J. Bennett 10, D. L. Wilson, J. W. Bradshaw, B. J. Richardson 9, K. Bennett 8, C. Betremieux 7, L. Hanna, D. Rycroft 5, M. Swan 2, P. H. O'Brien 1.

Dates of resignations/retirements and election should be taken into account when examining these attendances. Average attendance was 8.7.

Mr. J. W. Bradshaw has announced he will not be seeking re-election as a member of the Executive Committee at the forthcoming annual elections. While this will bring to an end 25 years of active and valuable service to the V.R.A. in an official capacity, Bill will not be lost to rowing. It is known he intends to continue an active association with the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association (Henley).

In his time on the Executive, Bill Bradshaw served as a member, Assistant Secretary and Secretary, but it is undeniably his work as a Regatta Secretary that was so outstanding. In this particular field of putting together a regatta programme and administering it, he was without peer. Only those closely associated with this work would know the dedication, long hours and attention to the minutest detail that he gave to the organisation of a regatta programme. The Scotch Mercantile and Henley Regatta Committees would, no doubt, attest to his work also.

Thank you Bill for your work; you will be missed.

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

The General Committee met on eleven occasions during the year and attendances were as follows:

G. D. Clegg, H. R. Frederico, J. L. Hardie, W. J. Waterfield 11, B. A. Gillett, R. W. Lahey, R. N. McKay, R. J. March, R. C. Morell, I. S. Murray 10, J. J. Bennett, C. Betremieux, D. Cochrane, J. J. Donald, R. G. Mitchell, G. H. Nicholson, F. G. Rickard, M. Swan, C. Theobald, D. Todd, K. Tuisk, R. B. Wilson 9, C. D. Bartlett, K. Bennett, J. W. Bradshaw, S. G. Pennicott, D. L. Wilson 8, K. M. Bourke, S. M. Gillett, J. Oates, E. Woolcock 7, G. M. Baker, J. Cussen, E. Marshall, R. Murphy, W. D.



Parkinson, J. Patterson, E. Waller 6, C. M. Burge, D. Christie, J. Fairbank, L. E. Hanna, R. G. Kemp, H. Negri, M. F. Owen, J. Ramsay 5, G. Bottrell, R. A. Brown, M. Coe, B. Dalton, J. Evans, M. Evans, S. Jamieson, E. C. White, R. Widgery, N. F. Wilkinson 4, D. H. Boykett, R. R. Aitken, L. Budge, M. L. Johnston, L. Ljabanovic, L. Meckstroth, M. Quinn, D. Rycroft, D. Smith, J. Virgona 3, G. Boykett, A. Briggs, P. McGann, T. Paul, V. Ronai-Horvath, M. Rycroft, B. J. Richardson, J. Spithill, M. Tomanovits 2, M. Aitken, G. Angow, W. Asche, C. Alexandrou, P. Ainsworth, C. Barone, H. B. Christian, G. L. Code, J. Duggan, M. Downes, J. Fitzgerald, E. Gazelle, A. N. Guerin, A. Holland, G. Hayes, Y. Layher, W. T. Morrison, P. H. O'Brien, D. Palfreyman, M. Patterson, K. Ride, A. Stringer, M. Tweeddale, P. Woodward, 1. Average attendance, 43.

### ASSOCIATION MINUTES

An interesting development during the year was the discovery of some 30/40 years of Association Minutes dating from 1883. The Association was officially founded in 1876 but the whereabouts of the first seven years Minutes, if there were any, are unknown. Apart from those first seven years all Association Minutes are held. The discovery of the Minutes was first brought to the attention of Mr. Ken Crossley, President of the Oarsmen's Association and we are grateful to him for his interest in following up and collating the minutes in suitable fashion.

### OBITUARY

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

*Mr. C. E. James*, a past Hon. Treasurer of the Victorian Rowing Association and member of Essendon Rowing Club.

*Mr. R. Daffy*, Mercantile Rowing Club.

*Mr. Tim Ross-Edwards*, Melbourne University Boat Club.

*Mr. R. K. Escott*, Banks Rowing Club.

### SERVICES RENDERED

The Committee wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to the following people and organisations for services rendered to the Association during the year under review:

Victorian Oarsmen's Association, for their continued interest and support of Victorian Rowing in so many tangible and intangible ways. Messrs. G. O. Harris and S. G. Richardson; Association Trustees.

Mr. H. N. Hewitt; Honorary Auditor.

Mr. D. L. Wilson and Miss K. Tuisk; Secretary to Permit Committee.

Messrs. J. S. Rowe and J. St. V. Welch; Association delegates to Victorian Olympic Council.

Mr. W. J. Waterfield; Association delegate to Sports Federation of Victoria.

Messrs. J. R. Harvey, D. Edwards, G. O. V. Manton, W. Unwin and S. G. Richardson; Henley Course Buoy Laying Committee.

Ms. M. Swan and Mr. J. L. Hardie; Honorary Registrars.

Banks and Mercantile Rowing Clubs; use of Clubrooms for Executive and General Committee Meetings.

Melbourne University Ladies, Banks, Barwon and Mercantile Rowing Clubs; for use of boats for State Crews.

M.U.B.C., Barwon, Banks and Mercantile Rowing Clubs for provision of training facilities for State crews.

Mercantile Rowing Club; storage of Association regatta equipment.

Banks, Footscray City, Mercantile and Wendouree-Ballararat Rowing Clubs; for storage of Association rowing equipment.

Ballarat Rowing Association members; for assistance with conduct of State Championships.

Wendouree-Ballararat, Ballarat City Rowing Clubs and Ballarat and Clarendon College; facilities provided at State and National Championships.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and its officers for financial assistance and guidance with the position of State Director and other Association activities and projects throughout the year.  
Mr. Mal. Harrop of Royce Consolidated Pty. Ltd. for advice and assistance to the State Director.  
C. L. Seward & Co. Pty. Ltd., for assistance with State Team Clothing.  
Mr. R. B. Wilson; for his entertaining and descriptive race commentaries at most regattas.  
Messrs. W. Oakley and R. B. Wilson; for publicity given to rowing through Press and Radio.  
The A.B.C., Ballarat T.V. and Radio, and other commercial television and radio stations throughout Victoria who provided time and space for publicity and promotion of the sport of rowing.  
The local Ballarat media; for publicity and promotion of the Interstate and National Regatta.  
The Clubs, Associations and people who supplied historical items for the rowing exhibition at the Ballarat Gold Museum.  
The Ballarat Gold Museum and Director, Mr. Reid, for co-operation in the staging of the rowing display and subsequent storage of valuable trophies.  
The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, Ballarat City Council, Dandenong Valley Authority, Ballarat Rowing Association, and Geelong Rowing Association for assistance and co-operation in connection with conduct of championships and regattas during the season.

### CONCLUSION

In all probability this report will be the first and only occasion on which I will write of a season's activities of the Victorian Rowing Association. When I agreed last November to stand in as Acting Secretary, I did not envisage the situation lasting beyond 3/4 months, but as everyone is now aware, circumstances dictated otherwise. Hopefully by, say, September or October we will again have settled office-bearers.

Having once before, years ago, acted as Secretary whilst the previous Secretary was on extended leave and having also been on the Executive for many years, I was not unfamiliar with the duties. However, only a person who has actually performed the duties for an extended period, has any real comprehension of the hours involved to do the job as it should be done. The hours required are now far beyond those which can reasonably be expected from a person who has also to work normal hours for a living, and the Association can consider itself fortunate that Mr. Bill Waterfield carried on for as long as he did.

The combination of the Secretary's and Treasurer's positions proved demanding at certain times each month and none more so when one had to produce both an Annual Report and Annual Financial Statement simultaneously.

The immediate past Hon. Secretary and those before him set high standards in the production of Association Annual Reports. I trust members will view the foregoing report as a sincere attempt to maintain those standards.

On behalf of the Committee.

J. L. HARDIE.  
Acting Secretary.