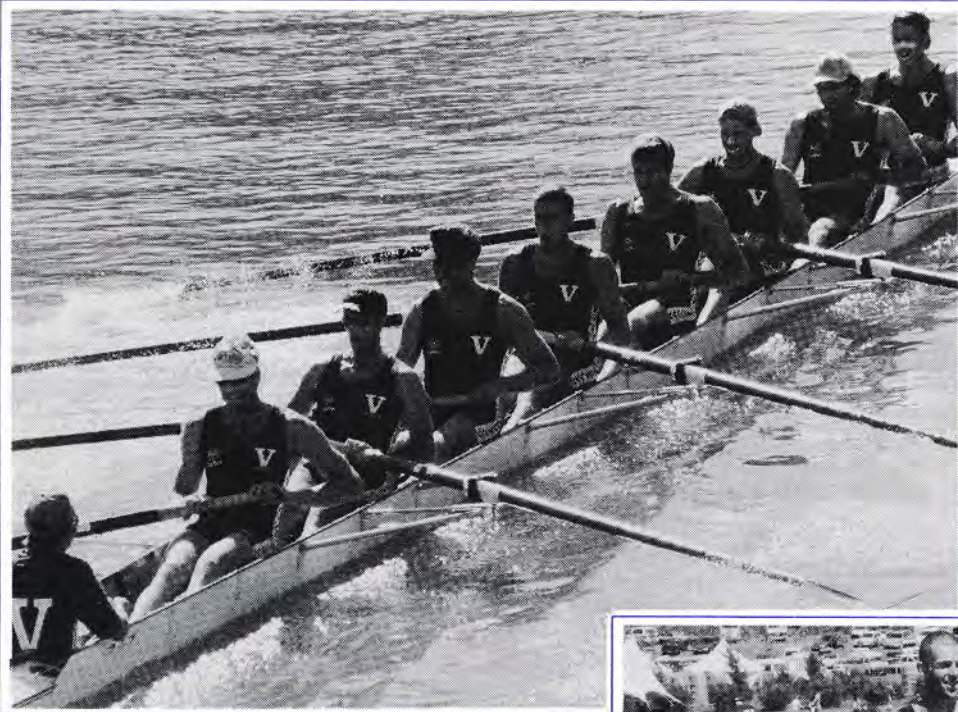




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General Manager	Jane Allen (appointed 6/5/96)
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Regatta Secretary	Chris O'Brien
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Delegate	Jim Hardie
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MEMBERSHIP

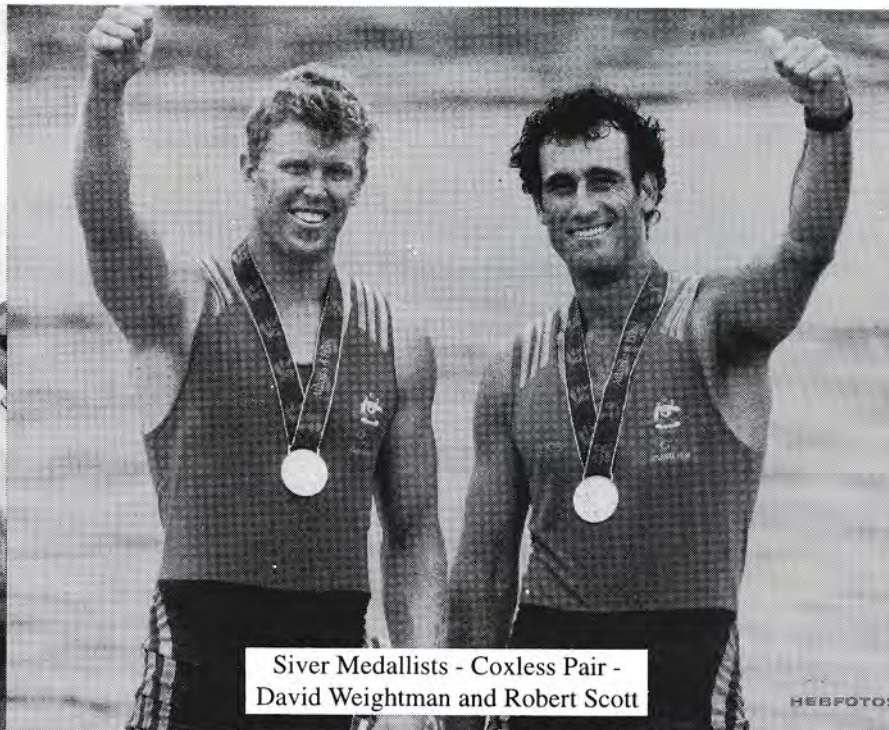
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1996 OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALLISTS



Bronze Medallists - Lightweight Double Scull -
Anthony Edwards (VIC) and Bruce Hick



Silver Medallists - Coxless Pair -
David Weightman and Robert Scott



Gold Medallists - Coxless Four -
**James Tomkins (VIC), Nicholas Green (VIC),
Michael McKay (VIC), Drew Ginn (VIC)**



Gold Medallists - Coxless Pair -
Kate Slatter and Megan Still



Bronze Medallists - Lightweight Double Scull -
Rebecca Joyce (VIC) and Virginia Lee



Bronze Medallists - Quad Scull -
Bo Hanson, Ron Snook, Duncan Free, Janusz Hooker



The 1996 Annual General Meeting marks the culmination of a period of remarkable success for Australian Rowing in which Victorians and the Victorian Rowing Association have played a major role. We are overjoyed at the performance of the Australian Team at the Atlanta Olympic Games. We congratulate all our medalists, the ten crews which were Olympic finalists, the coaches, managers, selectors, administrators and all concerned, including the Australian Sports Commission which came to the rescue after the disasters of 1995. We specifically recognise the members of our Association for their contribution: the "Awesome Foursome" of Michael McKay, Nick Green, James Tomkins and Drew Ginn and their coach Noel Donaldson who have achieved an outstanding place in international rowing history; Anthony Edwards and former Victorian Rebecca Joyce on their bronze medals; and the other Victorian members of the team - Jason Day, Georgina Douglas, Ben Dodwell, Jane Robinson, Bronwyn Thompson, Brett Hayman and Peter Murphy, the other Victorian coaches Brian Dalton and Lyall McCarthy, and Andrew Guerin in his role as Team Manager. I should also mention Dick Garrard who coached the USA silver medallists in the Womens Pair.

Special mention must be made of Peter Antonie. We share his disappointment at narrowly missing the final with Jason Day in the Double Scull. He has had a magnificent career since 1977 where he first represented Australia. I for one am far from convinced that his career is over. Recognition should also go to our other international representatives at the World Championships at Strathclyde Eliza Blair, Justine Joyce, Andrew Lane and Stuart Peele and coaches John Cumper and David Orchet; at the Nations Cup in Belgium, Andrew Broadfoot, Robert Douglas, Bill Tait, Simon Gadsden, to coaches Frank Stone and Chris O'Brien and to Paul Reedy and Rachael Kininmonth at Royal Henley Regatta.

Victoria has been the pacesetter in the rise of Australian mens and womens rowing as typified by the fact that we have now held the Kings Cup since 1985. The time has now come for Victoria to play its role in preparation for Sydney 2000. Rebuilding will be vitally important and a significant responsibility for this will rest on all clubs, in particular to cater for what might be

expected to be an influx of aspiring rowers following our international success.

The Yarra River has historically been the basis of our rowing development. Unfortunately our use of the river has met increasing interference from ferries and other commercial craft. With the opening of Crown Casino there will be an inevitable increase in such traffic. Commercialisation is not however confined to the River, and we can expect a renewal of efforts to conduct "night clubs" during the Moomba/Grand Prix period in front of the boathouses at Princes Bridge and at Wesley boathouse which will be strongly resisted by your Association and by all clubs and schools affected. In relation to river traffic, your Association is doing its best to hold the line but it would seem inevitable that in the long term time sharing of the river may be the only option. There will be further significant problems with our use of the river over the next two years with the tunnelling operations for the City Link project causing the closure of two thirds of the width of the watercourse with a consequent rearrangement of training, social rowing and regatta activities. In this regard, I express appreciation of the City Link Authority and Transfield for their consultation and assistance.

There are many who have contributed to a most successful year for the Association. Space does not permit me to mention them here but I will have a further opportunity at the Annual Meeting. I must however mention the great activity currently taking place at Nagambie in preparing a world class course for the 1998 Interstate and National Regattas, and the efforts of Pat McNamara (Deputy Premier) and Nagambie Rowing Club in bringing this about.

I should also mention the new structure of the Association which, although in its infancy, is beginning to operate effectively. I welcome Jane Allen as the new General Manager and thank Bill Waterfield for his many years of service as Secretary. We regret his retirement, but welcome that he will continue his involvement. In conclusion, whilst we celebrate a great conclusion to a wonderful year for the sport, we must now focus on the challenges of the year ahead.

JUSTICE H.R. FREDERICO



During the 1994/95 year, the VRA established the Strategic Plan for the Association towards the year 2000. In September 1995 the Plan was formally adopted by the clubs and schools at a General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the VRA in November 1995 saw the first stages of the Plan implemented with a significant change to the VRA management structure.

Bill Waterfield retired on the 30th April 1996 and concluded many great years of service to the Association. His work was an invaluable contribution to the effective operations of the Association and the management committee. The Committee wish Bill all the best in his retirement.

As one door closes, another opens and in May, we welcomed Jane Allen as the new General Manager for the Association. We look forward to Jane's contribution towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Work has now commenced on the new rowing course and training facilities at Lake Nagambie (venue for the 1998 Australian Championships) and plans continue to develop for the construction of a new course across the Belmont Common in Geelong.

These two exciting projects are an essential part of our vision for the future, in particular, as they offer opportunities for expanded participation and relief from the increasingly crowded waterways.

As can be seen from travels around the City, the City Link project is well underway. Work has commenced adjacent to the Yarra River in preparation for the river widening and tunnel laying. The River will be affected so that rowing's use will be restricted from December 1996 until October 1998. Your Committee has been working to ensure minimum disruption to rowing and ensure the safety of all rowers while the works are in progress. At this stage, it is anticipated that the River will be open to rowing traffic wishing to pass through the works area, but it will not be possible to train or race over the Henley course between the 1000 and 500 metre marks.

The VRA worked hard to ensure the completion of the boat staging at Princes Bridge. Our thanks must go to the Melbourne City Council which project managed the works and partially funded it in conjunction with Melbourne Parks and Waterways. The assistance of Rachael Galonka at the Council (also a member at Banks Rowing Club), together with Frank Stone (MGS at the time) and Jeff Lawrence (Mercantile) is greatly appreciated.

There is still much work to be done to bring about the return of Carrum to its former condition and we shall be working with Melbourne Parks and Waterways to facilitate an outcome here.

The Management Committee and the Victorian Institute of Sport were delighted with the performance of scholarship holders in the National Championships, Interstate Regatta and the Australian Teams. We congratulate Noel Donaldson, John Cumper and Ross Henderson on their efforts and their reappointments for the next two years.

In June, the VRA Awards Night was held at the Banks Rowing Club where clubs were presented with their VRA Premiership certificates for the 1995/96 season. Special presentations were also made to Life Members, Bill Waterfield and the Yarra Buoy Laying Committee (Garth Manton, Jim Harvey, Bill Unwin and Graham Richardson).

At the time of this report, David O'Loughlin and Jim Spithill have indicated that they will not be continuing on the Management Committee and we thank them for their significant contributions in a time of rapid change.

Members are reminded that it is their Association and their continued contribution and enthusiasm are a necessary part of the future. All management committee members seek and are always available for input from members. We welcome your thoughts and opinions and look forward to the forthcoming year.

DAVID PINCUS
CHAIRMAN
VRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit my first report as General Manager of the Victorian Rowing Association.

Firstly I would like to congratulate Bill Waterfield on his outstanding service to Victorian Rowing and I wish him well in his retirement. Bill will continue his involvement as a member of our Officials Panel and we are all grateful that Bill's extensive knowledge and expertise will not be lost to Rowing.

Since my appointment in early May the VRA Committee has worked hard to ensure that the Strategic Plan of the Association is implemented and plans are made for the improvement of services to member clubs and schools.

VRA OFFICE

The VRA currently rent an office in Jolimont with several other sports. One of the major plans for the forthcoming year is to purchase our own headquarters which will provide a sound investment and long term home for Victorian Rowing. Administrative Assistant, Melvina Harvey is employed on a permanent part time basis and it is planned to convert this position to full time and employ a Coaching Co-ordinator in the new year.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership figures for the 1995/96 year show a small increase. Whilst this is pleasing, the majority of clubs particularly in the country are seeking more assistance with recruitment of new members. With 43 secondary schools affiliated with the VRA which involves approximately 3000 school rowers, the challenge is to ensure these rowers are not lost to the sport and become club members after they finish school.

The membership process is presently under review and the VRA is keen to establish a membership system that facilitates this process for all clubs and schools and also takes into account entry into regattas and other state wide activities.

VETERANS ROWING

Through the enthusiasm and drive of Brian Vear and other rowing enthusiasts, meetings have been organised to discuss competition rules and membership issues for Veterans Rowing. This section of rowing, as in many other sports is growing rapidly and these rowers when organised into a competitive and membership structure will assist clubs to maintain or increase their membership base.

The 1995 Vichealth Australian Masters Rowing event was a great success attracting 538 competitors. Brian Vear and his committee are to be congratulated for their excellent organisation.

CLUB AND SCHOOL SURVEY

The VRA circulated a survey to all affiliated clubs and schools seeking information in four main categories - Participation, Finance, Facilities, Competition. Response to the survey has been good and should provide excellent data for the VRA in their planning process.

FACILITIES

An international standard facility is presently being built at Lake Nagambie in a joint venture by the Shire of Strathbogie and the Nagambie Rowing Club. This picturesque course will be the venue for the 1998 Australian Rowing Championships and major events particularly leading up to the 2000 Olympics. The VRA is grateful to the Victorian Government for their financial support of this project.

The Geelong Association is also planning an international course in Geelong and through the assistance of the Victorian Government, have completed a feasibility study into the project. The plans show an outstanding course has been designed and will be a source of great pride to the Geelong Rowing community when it is built.

When these water courses are completed Victorian Rowing will have some of the best facilities in Australia and should attract many international rowers in their training preparation for the 2000 Olympics.



AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The strength of Victorian Rowing continued to shine through at the 1996 Australian Championships held at the 2000 Olympic venue at Penrith NSW. Victorian rowers won or were a part of 16 Australian titles. We were again proud of our continued dominance of the Kings Cup where Victoria recorded their 11th consecutive victory since 1985. Congratulations are extended to all members of the 1996 Victorian Team for their excellent results.

The VRA will host the 1998 Australian Championships at Lake Nagambie in the month of March (date yet to be confirmed). Discussions have taken place regarding the structure and composition of the Organising Committee and the VRA will be forming this committee within the next two months to work closely with Rowing Australia to stage this exciting event.

GOVERNMENT

The VRA continues to receive financial assistance from the Department of State Development and sincere thanks go to the Hon. Tom Reynolds and his staff at the Department of State Development for their support and assistance throughout the year.

The VRA also works closely with Melbourne Parks and Waterways regarding all issues on the Yarra River. VRA Committee member, Charles Bartlett has worked hard to ensure the rowing fraternity remains a priority whenever discussions have taken place regarding river issues. Our thanks go to Stephen McPhee and the MP and W department for their support and understanding during the year.

The closure of the Yarra (due to the City Link tunnel construction) at the end of this year will impact enormously on rowing and the VRA have been working closely with Transfield Obayashi and Melbourne Parks and Waterways to minimise the disruption to the rowing community. It is anticipated that the river will not be back to normal until late 1998.

VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

The VIS continues to support elite rowing in Victoria by providing financial, administrative and sports science resources to our elite rowers and their coaches. By providing this invaluable support, the VIS allows the VRA to concentrate their resources on their affiliated clubs and schools.

The program under the direction of Head Coach Noel Donaldson, Senior Coach John Cumper and Development Coach Ross Henderson has achieved outstanding results for Victoria.

A joint review of the program has just been completed and it is pleasing to report that Rowing will continue at the Institute for a further two years. Head Coach Noel Donaldson and Senior Coach John Cumper have been re-appointed for a two year term.

To strengthen the link between the VIS program and the VRA clubs and schools, it has been decided to re-locate Ross Henderson from the VIS to the VRA under the position of Coaching Co-ordinator.

The VRA extends their sincere thanks to Frank Pyke, Peter Spence, Jim Dean and the entire VIS staff for their outstanding support and contribution to Victorian Rowing.

ROWING AUSTRALIA

March of this year saw several changes within Rowing Australia. President, Dr Stephen Hinchy, Director of Finance Keith Jameson and Board Members, Bob Pennington, David Sollom, Jeff Sykes, Dr Sam Patten and James Galloway have been given the enormous responsibility of leading Rowing towards the new millennium.

We look forward to working with Rowing Australia during this exciting period leading towards the 2000 Olympics.



SPONSORSHIP

The Association's major sponsor Carlton United Breweries again played a major role in Victorian Rowing with their valuable sponsorship of the VRA Regatta Program and the State Teams. CUB has been associated with Victorian Rowing since 1993 and this "club based" sponsorship has proved particularly valuable to metropolitan and country clubs when staging their regattas.

1996/97 is our last year of the existing contract and we are presently negotiating the continuance of this most important sponsorship.

The VRA extends their sincere thanks to CUB and in particular, Greg Harris for their continued support and also to Colin Rawson of Guideline Communications for his co-ordination of this sponsorship.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Established in late 1995 this plan continues to be a guiding force behind the Association's activities and plans for the future. Yearly evaluation will take place to ensure all issues are addressed.

One of the key issues of the Plan is the review of the Regatta Program which involves the number of regattas held, the organisational standards and the rules governing the events. The Regatta Sub Committee in conjunction with the Officials Panel is working hard to address these issues for the 1996/97 season.

"THE VICTORIAN ROWER"

Addressing one of the major issues in the Strategic Plan - Communication, the VRA through the tremendous work of Committee member Ray Hammon and Dan Fahy, have produced a newsletter which is distributed to all clubs and schools on a monthly basis. Although in its infancy and having the normal teething problems, the newsletter is a start in the right direction and definitely something that the Association can build on.

1996 OLYMPIC GAMES

The Australian Olympic Team produced outstanding results at Atlanta. Congratulations go to all sports for their fantastic efforts.

To the members of our successful rowing team that produced a record breaking two gold, one silver and three bronze medals, congratulations on your magnificent performances which brought a great deal of pride and joy to the rowing community. We are especially proud of our Victorian members and their contribution to this success.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Due to the timing of this Annual Report, the results of both 1995 and 1996 World Championships, Junior World Championships, the Nations Cups and the 1996 Olympic Games appear in this report.

Victorian representatives in all these teams are listed and the VRA is extremely proud of their contribution. Congratulations are extended to all Australian Representatives and their coaches, for their outstanding performances.

CONCLUSION

The next twelve months will be extremely important to Victorian Rowing as the Association moves to strengthen their administrative management, competition structure and promotional opportunities. These challenges can only be met with the co-operation of the entire membership of the VRA.

In closing I would like to thank the clubs, schools and in particular the VRA Committee and Administrative Assistant, Melvina Harvey for their support during my first six months with the Association.

JANE ALLEN
GENERAL MANAGER



REGATTA SUB COMMITTEE

The past 18 months have seen significant activity in the area of regatta programming and administration. A great deal of work was initially undertaken by Steve Pennicott in preparing the program of events for the 1995/96 season.

The Program was presented and adopted after consultation with clubs, APS and Head of Schoolgirls Committees and the VIS in relation to the Elite program. All regattas in the VRA program were held, some more successful than others in attracting entries and maintaining operational standards.

With the adoption of the Strategic Plan in November 1995, the Regatta Sub Committee worked towards the three main objectives which dealt with standards of regatta management and officials and the provision of a regatta format which was tailored to athlete's needs.

To meet these objectives, the Regatta Sub Committee met on a number of occasions to plan the 1996/97 season. Concern was expressed that many Regatta Committees seem to believe that the main objective of holding a regatta is as a fund raiser for their Club, also that some Committees believe their Regattas exist as of right rather than privilege.

The main objective of the VRA Regatta Program is to promote and provide high quality regattas at times and venues best suited to the maximum number of competitors.

To encourage Clubs and Regatta Committees to perform better, the Regatta Sub Committee introduced some rules of its own to apply to Clubs and Regatta Committees in future seasons, one specifying a minimum attendance of their crews at other Regattas during the season and the other specifying a minimum level of entries being received for their respective regattas. Failure to meet one or other of these criteria would jeopardise the allocation of a Regatta in the following year.

Regattas held in 1996/97 will be evaluated and in turn feedback will be provided to Regatta Committees.

The Regatta Sub Committee will continue to strive for higher standards in this area whilst directing its attention also to achieving a co-ordinated program that will best meet the needs of all competitors. Thanks are expressed to all Regatta Sub Committee members for their time and efforts during the year.

OFFICIALS' PANEL

The Officials' Panel is charged with the recruitment, training and supply of licenced regatta officials to Victorian Rowing. Officials were provided at all VRA Regattas as requested as well as many junior and non-qualifying events.

The Panel has been pursuing two main issues, the first relating to facilities provided at regattas for competitors and officials, the second issue being the level of proficiency exercised by officials in the course of their duty. It is of some concern that these two issues require remedial action in a comprehensive manner. Changes have been made to recruitment and training procedures and these changes have started to show some benefit. There are now almost 80 licenced officials.

Noel Clark continues to convene the very successful development programme which focuses on extensive on-the-job training prior to accreditation for potential officials. Further recruiting initiatives include inserts in regatta programmes and promotion through the VRA Newsletter and race commentators.

The Panel looks forward to the forthcoming season with seminars and meetings planned, extra tuition for regatta referees and an officials handbook in the pipeline.

Congratulations are extended to Andrew Guerin in obtaining his International Licence.

Thanks are expressed to all officials who assisted at regattas over the year and to the members of the Panel - Chairman Reg McKay, Ron Podbury, Ralph Murphy and Bill Waterfield for their efforts in maintaining standards of regattas throughout the season. Thanks are also extended to Property Steward Noel Clark.

CHRIS O'BRIEN / JAMES GOBBO



The 1995/96 season saw the Victorian Rowing Association enter into its fourth year of a five year sponsorship agreement with Carlton and United Breweries as its major sponsor.

The Sponsorship agreement provides Carlton and United Breweries with naming rights and product sponsorship of the Association and activities organised and controlled through the Association, such as the Interstate Team and metropolitan and country regattas.

The 1995/96 sponsorship was allocated in the following way:

Regatta Sponsorships	\$20,271
Interstate Team	\$25,000
Sponsorship Co-ordination	\$10,106
Officials	\$ 2,000
Strategic Plan	\$10,000
Total	\$67,377

The distribution of the Regatta sponsorships was calculated on a formula tied to the number of entries received. This provided incentive for regatta committees to work hard in promoting their regattas to the rowing community.

Sponsorship distribution formula is as follows:

300 entries	=	\$200
600 entries	=	\$400
900 entries	=	\$600
1000 entries	=	\$800

The provision of some sponsorship monies to the development of a Strategic Plan proved extremely worthwhile and is an investment in our future.

Carlton United Breweries also received exposure through VRA General Meetings, State Newsletter "Victorian Rower", Australian Henley members enclosure and VRA Annual Dinner.

LIST OF REGATTAS (sponsored by CUB)

- Universities Regatta
- Bendigo Regatta
- Yarra Yarra Regatta
- Essendon Sprint Regatta
- Dimboola Regatta
- Horsham Regatta
- Wendouree/Ballarat Regatta
- Colac Regatta
- Warrnambool Regatta
- Hamilton Regatta
- Carrum Regatta
- Banks/Melbourne Regatta
- Nagambie Regatta
- Yarrawonga Regatta
- Rutherglen Regatta
- Robinvale Regatta
- Corowa Regatta
- Wendouree/Ballarat Regatta
- Essendon Regatta
- Head of Yarra
- Vic Universities Regatta
- Henley Regatta
- Scotch Mercantile Regatta
- Barwon Regatta
- Ballarat Regatta
- YWCA Regatta
- Footscray Regatta
- Banks Regatta
- Mildura Regatta
- Wentworth Regatta

Approximately 14,000 entries were received for the above regattas which were held between the months of October 1995 and April 1996.

Special thanks to VRA Committee member David O'Loughlin and Colin Rawson from Guideline Communications for their co-ordination of the sponsorship.

The VRA sincerely thanks Greg Harris and CUB for their continued support. We look forward to successful negotiations to ensure this valuable sponsorship continues for another five year term.





1996 SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

The VIS has granted scholarships to the following rowers until January 1997.

Peter Antonie	HW Scull
Eliza Blair	LW Sweep
Marina Cade	LW Sweep
David Colvin	Coxswain
Jason Day	HW Scull
Ben Dodwell	HW Sweep
Georgina Douglas	HW Sweep
Anthony Edwards	LW Scull
Anthony Ellis	HW Sweep
Caitlin Fraser	HW Sweep
Deidre Fraser	LW Scull
Drew Ginn	HW Sweep
Nicholas Green	HW Sweep
Gavin Hall	LW Sweep
Brett Hayman	Coxswain
Justine Joyce	LW Sweep
Andrew Lane	LW Sweep
Mike McKay	HW Sweep
Derek Mollison	LW Sweep
Simon Morrison	LW Sweep
Peter Murphy	HW Sweep
Stuart Peele	LW Sweep
Stuart Purves	LW Sweep
Jane Robinson	HW Scull
Richard Shenfield	HW Sweep
Fleur Spriggs	HW Sweep
Bronwyn Thompson	HW Sweep
James Tomkins	HW Sweep

ROWING STAFF

Head Coach:	Noel Donaldson
Senior Coach:	John Cumper
Development Coach:	Ross Henderson

OVERVIEW OF 1995/96

The list below shows the numbers of events attended or organised by the VIS program and the number of athletes and coaches who attended.

1995	Event	A	C
August	U/23 Trans Tasman	17	22
September	ITC Time Trial	65	
October	ITC Time Trial	89	
November	ITC Time Trial	97	
	ITC Time Trial	45	
December	2000 m Ergo	66	
	National Time Trial	34	24
	EDP Camp	20	
	Junior Camp	10	
1996			
January	National Camp	22	22
	EDP Camp	17	17
	ITC Time Trial	62	
February	2000m Ergo	74	
	National Trials	26	23
	EDP Trials	19	
	National Trials	21	25
March	National C'ships	19	23
	Nations Cup Trials	9	12
April	National Jnr Trials	10	14
	Jnr Trans Tasman	10	14

In 1995/96 the VIS Rowing Program had the following number of athletes and coaches selected in Australian Teams:

Olympic Team	13 Athletes
	2 Coaches
World Championships	4 Athletes
	2 Coaches
Nations Cup (U/23)	4 Athletes
	2 Coaches



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AUSTRALIAN TEAMS VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVES



1995 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Tampere, Finland (20-27 August)

MEN

DOUBLE SCULL B Final 5th
Paul Reedy (MUBC)

COXED FOUR A Final 5th
Peter Murphy (Mercantile)
Anthony Ellis (Banks)
David Colvin (Mercantile)
Steve Spurling (Mercantile) Coach

COXLESS FOUR A Final 5th
Andrew Cooper(Mercantile)
Michael McKay(Mercantile)
Nicholas Green(Mercantile)
James Cooper(Mercantile)
Noel Donaldson(VIS) Coach

QUAD SCULL B Final 2nd
Jason Day(Bendigo)

COXED EIGHT B Final 5th
Drew Ginn(Mercantile)
Ben Dodwell(Mercantile)
Brett Hayman(Mercantile)

LW COXLESS PAIR B Final 3rd
Andrew Lane(Barwon)
Lyll McCarthy(Corio Bay) Coach

LW DOUBLE SCULL **BRONZE**
Anthony Edwards(Ballarat City)

LW COXLESS FOUR B Final 4th
Stuart Purves(Nagambie)
Derek Mollison(Mercantile)
Lyll McCarthy(Corio Bay) Coach

WOMEN

QUAD SCULL C Final 1st
Jane Robinson(Mercantile)
Fleur Spriggs(Mercantile)

COXED EIGHT B Final 2nd
Georgina Douglas(Mercantile)

LW COXLESS PAIR A Final 5th
Brianna Watt(Corio Bay)
Amanda Hinds(Corio Bay)
Lyll McCarthy(Corio Bay) Coach

OFFICIALS

Robert Duncan(FISA Jury)
Henry Wajswelner(Physiotherapist)
Luke Attwell(Masseur)

1995 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Poznan, Poland (2-5 August 1995)

MEN

COXLESS FOUR
Nigel Sullivan(Mercantile)
Tom Hodgson(Mercantile)
Bill Tait(Mercantile)
Simon Gadsen(Mercantile)
Peter Somerville(Mercantile) Coach
NB: This Team suffered food poisoning and did not row in final.

1995 NATIONS CUP Groningen, Holland (22-24 July)

MEN

LW COXLESS FOUR **SILVER**
Tim Wright(Wend/Ballarat)

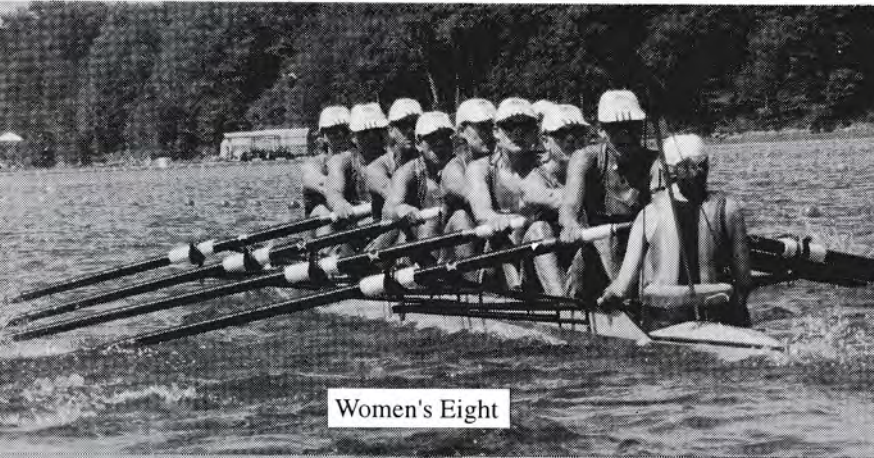
WOMEN

LW DOUBLE SCULL A Final 5th
Marion Taffe(Ballarat City)





1996 OLYMPIC GAMES VICTORIANS IN ACTION



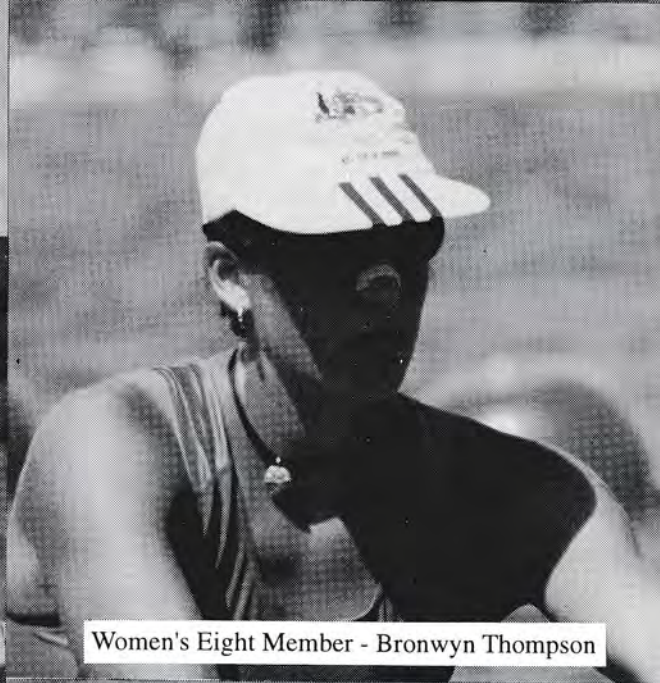
Women's Eight



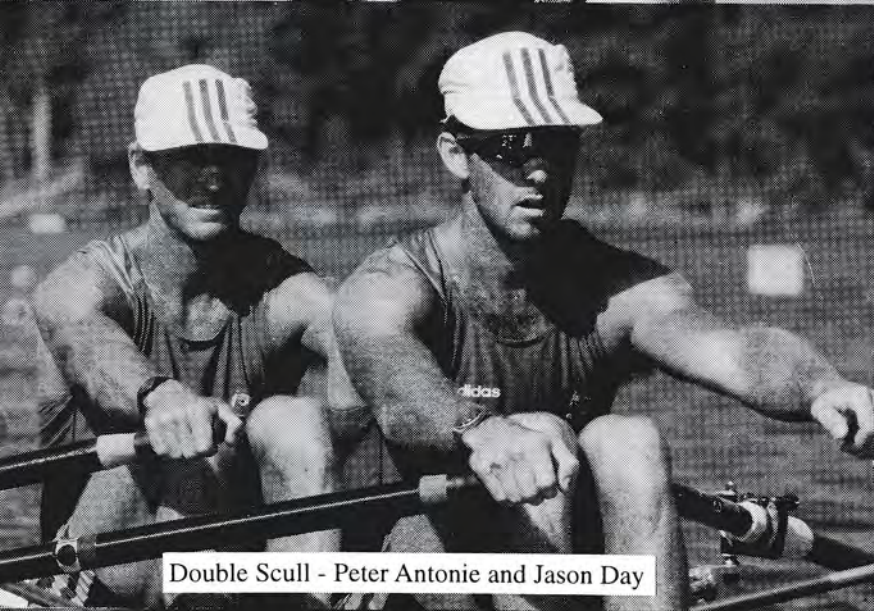
Quad Scull Member - Jane Robinson



Men's Eight Member - Ben Dodwell



Women's Eight Member - Bronwyn Thompson



Double Scull - Peter Antonie and Jason Day



Men's Eight Cox - Brett Hayman



Men's Eight



AUSTRALIAN TEAMS VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVES



1996 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Strathclyde, Scotland (6-11 August)

MEN

LW COXLESS PAIR Final A 6th
Andrew Lane(Barwon)
Stuart Peele(MUBC)
John Cumper(VIS) Coach

WOMEN

LW COXLESS PAIR Final A 5th
Elisa Blair(MULBC)
Justine Joyce(Banks)
David Orchet(Banks) Coach

NATIONS CUP

Hazewinkel, Belgium (12-14 July)

MEN

LW SINGLE SCULL Final A 6th
Andrew Broadfoot(MUBC)
Chris O'Brien(MUBC)

COXLESS FOUR Final B 5th
Robert Douglas(Mercantile)
William Tait(Mercantile)
Simon Gadsden(Mercantile)
Frank Stone(Melb Grammar) Coach

TRANS TASMAN JUNIOR TEAM Penrith Lakes, Sydney (18-21 April)

OFFICIALS

David Boykett (Team Manager)



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1996 OLYMPIC GAMES Atlanta, USA (21-28 July)

MEN

DOUBLE SCULL Final B 2nd
Peter Antonie(MUBC)
Jason Day(Bendigo)

COXLESS FOUR GOLD

Drew Ginn(Mercantile)
Michael McKay(Mercantile)
Nicholas Green(Mercantile)
James Tomkins(Mercantile)
Noel Donaldson(VIS) Coach

COXED EIGHT Final A 6th

Ben Dodwell
Brett Hayman
Peter Murphy(reserve)

LW DOUBLE SCULL BRONZE

Anthony Edwards(BallaratCity)

LW COXLESS FOUR Coach
Lyll McCarthy(Corio Bay)

WOMEN

QUAD SCULL Final B 3rd
Jane Robinson(Melb)

COXED EIGHT Final A 5th

Georgina Douglas(Mercantile)
Bronwyn Thompson(MULRC)

OFFICIALS

Andrew Guerin (Team Manager)



The Australian Championships were held over 6 days in which 84 events were conducted involving 288 races. These Championships include 5 days of club and school competition culminating in an Interstate Regatta on the final day which involves crews representing the six States and ACT. The last event on the Championship's program is historically the prestigious King's Cup (Men's Eight Oared Championship).

1996 INTERSTATE REGATTA

THE KING'S CUP (Eight Oared Men's Championship)

FINAL

Victoria*
New South Wales
Queensland
Western Australia
ACT
Tasmania
South Australia

Team

Richard Shenfield(Banks)
Tony Ellis(Banks)
Peter Murphy(Mercantile)
Ben Dodwell(Mercantile)
Drew Ginn(Mercantile)
Michael McKay(Mercantile)
Nick Green(Mercantile)
James Tomkins(Mercantile)
David Colvin (Mercantile) Cox
Noel Donaldson(VIS) Coach

**Victoria has won the King's Cup since 1985 and recorded their 11th consecutive victory.*

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP (Australian Men's Sculling Championship)

FINAL

New South Wales
Queensland
ACT
Victoria
South Australia
Western Australia

Team

Paul Reedy(MUBC) *replaced Jason Day*
John Cumper(VIS) Coach

PENRITH CUP (Lightweight Coxless Four Championship)

FINAL

Victoria
Queensland
Tasmania
Western Australia
South Australia
New South Wales

Team

Stuart Peele(MUBC) *replaced D. Mollison*
Matt Russell(Banks) *replaced A. Lane*
Anthony Edwards(Ballarat City)
Stuart Purves(Nagambie)
Lyllal McCarthy(Corio Bay) Coach

NOEL F WILKINSON TROPHY (Men's Youth Eight Oared Championship)

FINAL

New South Wales
Western Australia
Queensland
Victoria
South Australia
Tasmania
ACT

Team

Cam Kennedy(Banks)
Zac Russell(Banks)
David Clerk(Banks)
Mark Thomas(Banks)
Bill Tait(Mercantile)
Simon Gadsen(Mercantile)
Nigel Sullivan(MUBC)
Christian Ryan(MUBC)
Paul Beitzel(Mercantile) Cox
Andrew Kenneally(Banks) Coach



1996 INTERSTATE REGATTA

U.L.V.A TROPHY
(Women's Coxless Four Championships)

FINAL
South Australia
Victoria
New South Wales
ACT
Queensland
Tasmania

Team
Caitlin Fraser(MULRC)
Bronwyn Thompson(MULRC)
Georgina Douglas(Mercantile)
Fleur Spriggs(Mercantile)
Tim Brew(MUBC) Coach

VICTORIA CUP
(Women's Lightweight Coxless Four C'ships)

FINAL
New South Wales
Victoria
Tasmania
Western Australia
ACT
South Australia
Queensland

Team
Kathy McCallum(MULRC)
Elisa Blair(MULRC)
Justine Joyce(Banks)
Marina Cade(MULRC)
David Orchet(Banks) Coach

BICENTENNIAL TROPHY
(Women's Youth Eight Oared Championship)

FINAL
Victoria
South Australia
Western Australia
Tasmania
Queensland
ACT

Team
Stephanie O'Neill(Wend/Ball)
Stephanie Fast(Yarra Yarra)
Natalie Siegal(MULRC)
Anne Henry(Wend/Ball)
Jenny McPherson(Yarra Yarra)
Sally Heitman(MULRC)
Sarah Chignall(MULRC)
Amy Pearce(Wend/Ball)
Katie Foulkes(MULRC) Cox
C. Adrians(MUBC) Coach
G. Forsyth(Wend/Ball) Coach

NELL SLATTER TROPHY
(Australian Women's Sculling Championship)

FINAL
New South Wales
Queensland
Victoria
Western Australia
South Australia

Team
Jane Robinson (Melb)
Doug White(Banks) Coach



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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

Men's Senior B Coxless Pair

Bill Tait(Mercantile)
Simon Gadsden(Mercantile)
Frank Stone Coach

Men's Senior B Lightweight Single Scull

Andrew Broadfoot(MUBC)
Chris O'Brien(MUBC) Coach

Men's Senior A Coxed Four

Peter Murphy(Mercantile)
Brett Hayman(Mercantile)

Men's Senior A Lightweight Quad Scull

Dominique Gatto(MUBC)
Andrew Broadfoot(MUBC)
Chris O'Brien(MUBC) Coach

Men's Senior A Eight

Peter Murphy(Mercantile)
Ben Dodwell(Mercantile)
Brett Hayman(Mercantile)

Men's Senior A Lightweight Eight

Andrew Broadfoot(MUBC)
Stuart Peele(MUBC)
Matt Russell(Wend/Ball)
Tim Wright(Wend/Ball)
Rob Richards(Wend/Ball)
Anthony Edwards(Ballarat City)
Stuart Purves(Nagambie)
Ben Cantwell(Carrum)
Paul Beitzel(Mercantile) Cox
Lyll McCarthy Coach

Masters Men's Quad Scull

Dick Garrard

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

Women's Senior A Coxless Pair

Georgina Douglas (Mercantile)

Women's Senior A Coxless Four

Bronwyn Thompson(MULRC)

Women's Senior A Lightweight Four

Catherine McCallum(MULRC)
Minnie Cade(MULRC)
Elisa Blair(MULRC)
Justine Joyce(Banks)
David Orchet(Banks) Coach

Women's Senior A Eight

Bronwyn Thompson(MULRC)
Georgina Douglas(Mercantile)

Women's Under 17 Coxed Four

Erin Smart (Essendon)
Clare Lehner (Essendon)
Allina Hoyne (Essendon)
Lauren Zovi (Essendon)
Natalie Sentry (cox)
Bill Nugent(Essendon) Coach

Schoolgirl Coxed Four

GEELONG GRAMMAR
Charlotte Coote
Sarah Morton
Julia Smith
Kate Hudson
Katherine McDermott Cox
Lyll McCarthy Coach



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VICTORIA**



VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
STATE CHAMPION MEN'S CREWS



SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL

Melbourne University Boat Club

Dominique Gatto
Andrew Broadfoot

SENIOR EIGHT

Mercantile Rowing Club

Gavin Hall	Simon Morrison
Rob Cretney	Simon Spriggs
Drew Ginn	James Tomkins
Peter Murphy (Cox)	Michael McKay (Coach)

SENIOR PAIR

Wendouree-Ballarat Rowing Club

Tim Wright
Matt Russell

SENIOR SCULL

Corio Bay Rowing Club

Andrew Logan

JUNIOR SCULL

Ballarat City
Shane Young

LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR SCULL

Melbourne University Boat Club

Sam Golding

SENIOR FOUR

Wendouree/Ballarat & Ballarat City

Tim Wright
Rob Richards
Anthony Edwards
Matt Russell
Kerrie Shiell(Cox)

INTERMEDIATE EIGHT

Mercantile Rowing Club

Stuart Smart
Henry Edgar
Jason Antica
Ben Slezingar
Cameron Selkrig
Guy Begley
Marcus Tyrell
Peter Sutton
Hamish Broome (Cox)

YOUTH EIGHT

Banks Rowing Club

Jeremy Jones	Ben Sandon
Andrew Jennings	Dan Xuereb
Mark Thomas	David Clark
Zac Russell	Cam Kennedy
Joe McKeddie(Cox)	

SCHOOLBOY EIGHT

Brighton Grammar School

Ashton Betts	James Morley
Nicholas Lowe	Heath Rolls
Tim Handley	Anthony Coghlan
Macquarie Carr	John Thornborrow
Stuart Spiers(Cox)	

INTERMEDIATE PAIR

Wendouree-Ballarat Rowing Club

Warwick Davison
Rob Richards
Andrew Morgan (Cox)

SCHOOL FOUR

Ballarat High School

K. Hutchinson
S. Moloney
L. Morton
D. Gardiner
R. Coffey (Cox)

INTERMEDIATE DOUBLE SCULL

Nagambie

Ben Camm
Hamish Dunn

INTERMEDIATE FOUR

Melbourne High School

J. Ilam
T. Parker
D. Peters
P. Gray
M. Russian(Cox)

INTERMEDIATE SCULL

Carrum Rowing Club

Peter Eklund



VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
STATE CHAMPION WOMEN'S CREWS



SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL

Melb University Ladies Rowing Club
Natalie Siegal
Emma Taylor

SENIOR COXED FOUR

Melb University Ladies Rowing Club
Minnie Cade
Deidre Fraser
Caitlin Fraser
Bronwyn Thompson
(Cox)

SENIOR PAIR

Corio Bay Rowing Club
Missy Schwen
Karen Kraft

SENIOR SCULL

Corio Bay Rowing Club
Veronica Platzer

JUNIOR FOUR

Ballarat Grammar School
Katrina Walsh
Tamsin Barnett
Emily Martin
Melissa Walsh
Clare Valentine (Cox)

YOUTH FOUR

Wendouree-Ballarat Rowing Club
Kate Hunter Amy Pearce
Stephanie O'Neill Anne Henry
Kerrie Shiell(Cox)

JUNIOR SCULL

Power House Rowing Club
Anna Newnham

LIGHTWEIGHT SENIOR SCULL

Melb University Ladies Rowing Club
Kathy McCallum

INTERMEDIATE SCULL

Albert Park-South Melbourne Rowing Club
Tanya Newman

SCHOOLGIRL FOUR

Geelong Grammar School
Charlotte Coote
Sarah Morton
Julia Smith
Kate Hudson
Katherine McDermott(Cox)

SCHOOLGIRL SINGLE SCULL

Power House Rowing Club
Anna Newnham

SCHOOLGIRL EIGHT

Methodist Ladies College
Kate Perry Edwina Howell
Michelle Eastwood Dianne Hormann
Cay Oliver Sally Gentle
Astra Gray Penny Cottle
Emily Trewartha(Cox)

INTERMEDIATE DOUBLE SCULL

Albert Park-South Melbourne Rowing Club
Lisa Letic
Tanya Newman

INTERMEDIATE EIGHT

Hawthorn Rowing Club
Victoria Knox Emily Petherick
Sara Borwick Liz Moran
Vanessa Lagoon Jessica Harrison
Amanda Forsyth Megan Fitzpatrick
Bridget Mangin(Cox)

INTERMEDIATE PAIR

Essendon Rowing Club
Peta Carter
Jasmin Povola
Natalie Sentry (Cox)

INTERMEDIATE FOUR

Powerhouse Rowing Club
Nicole Grant
Fiona Harris
Kirsten Chapman
Angela Barnett
Priscilla Eggers(Cox)



CLUB MEMBERSHIP



CLUB	M	F	1995/96	1994/95	
ALBERT PARK/STH MELB.	67	12	79	49	+
BALLARAT CITY	13	11	24	25	-
BAIRNSDALE	3	3	6	-	+
BANKS	170	41	211	196	+
BARWON	58	25	83	58	+
BENDIGO	25	11	36	25	+
CARRUM	14	21	35	40	-
CITY OF WARRNAMBOOL	23	16	39	20	+
CORIO BAY	32	65	97	124	-
COROWA	15	7	22	20	+
DIMBOOLA	24	7	31	23	+
ESSENDON	199	56	255	229	+
FOOTSCRAY	33	18	51	46	+
HAMILTON	21	38	59	37	+
HAWTHORN	87	68	155	128	+
HORSHAM CITY	19	1	20	49	-
LAKE COLAC	9	3	12	16	-
MELBOURNE	59	45	104	90	+
MULRC/MUBC	75	27	102	106	-
MERCANTILE	241	16	257	251	+
MILDURA	49	33	82	60	+
MONASH UNIVERSITY	-	5	5	-	+
NAGAMBIE	135	220	355	404	-
POWERHOUSE	38	40	78	48	+
RICHMOND	66	41	107	94	+
ROBINVALE	14	7	21	20	+
RUTHERGLEN	5	2	7	15	-
WAHGUNYAH	19	4	23	20	+
WENDOUREE BALLARAT	24	7	31	40	-
WENTWORTH	19	9	28	29	-
YARRAWONGA	30	7	37	19	+
YARRA YARRA	60	49	109	105	+
YWCA	-	89	89	80	+
TOTAL	1646	1004	2650	2565	+



SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP



SCHOOL	M	F	1995/96	1994/95	
BALLARAT/CLARENDON COLLEGE	20	20	40	31	+
BALLARAT GRAMMAR	20	15	35	28	+
BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL	15	10	25	30	-
BRIGHTON GRAMMAR	27	-	27	27	+
CAREY GRAMMAR	19	10	29	51	-
CAULFIELD GRAMMAR	38	24	62	72	-
FINTONA GIRLS SCHOOL	-	10	10	-	+
FIRBANK ANGLICAN SCHOOL	-	11	11	-	+
GEE LONG COLLEGE	28	10	38	38	+
GEE LONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL	28	10	38	38	+
GENAZZANO COLLEGE	-	86	86	51	+
GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR	4	9	13	10	+
HAILEYBURY COLLEGE	27	-	27	27	+
HORSHAM COLLEGE	12	16	28	-	+
LAURISTON GIRLS SCHOOL	-	30	30	27	+
LORETO MANDEVILLE	-	41	41	39	+
LOWTHER HALL	-	14	14	19	-
MELBOURNE GIRLS GRAMMAR	-	59	59	52	+
MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	26	-	26	45	-
MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL	29	-	29	59	-
METHODIST LADIES COLLEGE	-	55	55	60	-
MONIVAE COLLEGE	5	10	15	12	+
SACRE COEUR COLLEGE	-	22	22	-	+
SALE COLLEGE	-	5	5	-	+
ST ANNE & GIPPSLAND COLLEGE	13	18	31	28	+
ST CATHERINES	-	20	20	-	+
ST KEVINS COLLEGE	9	-	9	9	+
ST PATRICKS COLLEGE	51	-	51	50	+
SCOTCH COLLEGE	27	-	27	27	+
TOORAK COLLEGE	-	17	17	-	+
WESLEY COLLEGE	28	10	38	65	+
XAVIER	27	-	27	27	+
TOTAL	453	532	985	922	+

NOTE: Approximately 2000 students who are not registered with the VRA, are involved in school rowing programs. The above figures represent VRA registered students within affiliated schools who row in VRA regattas.



VRA PREMIERSHIPS

During the 1995/96 season, 30 summer and 2 winter regattas were held. Approximately 14,000 entries were received for these regattas and sincere thanks are extended to all regattas committees for their planning and organisation.

Congratulations are extended to the clubs who won VRA Premierships.

MEN	
Champion Club	Essendon
Senior Club	MUBC
Junior Club	Mercantile
Lightweight Club	Carrum
Winter Regattas	Essendon
WOMEN	
Champion Club	Essendon
Senior Club	MULRC
Junior Club	Essendon
Lightweight Club	MULRC
Winter Regattas	Corio Bay

ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Associated Public Schools(APS) conducted the 129th Annual Head of the River Regatta from March 29-30 on the Barwon River at Geelong.

Head of the River	Carey Grammar
Seconds	Melbourne Grammar
Thirds	Scotch College
Fourths	Geelong College
Fifths	Wesley College
Girl's Head of the River	Geelong Grammar
Seconds	Geelong College
Thirds	Geelong College
Fourths	Geelong College
Fifths	Geelong Grammar

HEAD OF SCHOOLGIRLS REGATTA

The 11th annual Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta was conducted by Carey Grammar School from March 23-24 on the Barwon River at Geelong.

Senior Eight	Geelong Grammar
Senior Single Scull	Melbourne GGS
Senior Quad Sculls	Sacred Heart
First Fours	Lauriston
Second Fours	Lauriston
Third Fours	Robinvale
Fourth Fours	STAGGS

BALLARAT SCHOOLS

This annual Head of the Lake Regatta was conducted at Lake Wendouree on March 30.

Boys Head of the Lake	Ballarat High School
Girls Head of the Lake	B.Q.G.S.
Boys Premiership	St Patricks College
Girls Premiership	B.Q.G.S.

VICHEALTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS REGATTA

This event was conducted from October 7-9, 1995 on Albert Park Lake. 538 competitors (301 Victorian, 227 Interstate, 10 International and 56 Novice) competed with Victorians winning 34 Gold Medals. The following Victorian club results are Division A only.

Men's Single Scull	Essendon	3rd
Men's Double Scull	MUBC	3rd
Men's Quad Scull	MUBC	1st
	Hawthorn	3rd
Men's Coxless Pair	Mercantile	2nd
	MUBC	3rd
Men's Coxed Four	Essendon	2nd
	MUBC	3rd
Women's Single Scull	MULRC	3rd
Women's Double Scull	Melbourne	2nd
	MULRC	3rd
Women's Quad Scull	MULRC	1st
	Yarra Yarra	2nd
Women's Coxless Pair	MULRC	1st
	Essendon	2nd
Women's Coxed Four	MULRC	1st
	Essendon	
Women's Eight	MULRC	1st
	Power/Ess.	2nd



OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that the Victorian Rowing Association record the passing of the following members.

Mr. Dick Bentley	Mercantile
Mr Bill Bradshaw	VRA Life Member
	Mercantile
Mr. John Burford	Mercantile
Mr. JHP Clark	Mercantile
Mr Ken Crossley	Banks
Mr Jim Dyson	Corio Bay
Mr Alan Jacobsen	Banks
Mr D MacKay	Mildura
Mr Geoff McMahon	Mercantile
Mr Warwick Mahony	Mercantile
Mr Norman Mills	Essendon
Mr Jack Morris	Essendon
Mr Campbell Murrell	Power House
Mr Frederic Toohey	City of Warrnambool
Mr Tom Warburton	Albert Park

The Victorian Rowing Association wishes to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to all clubs, schools and their committees and the numerous individuals and organisations who supported Victorian Rowing throughout the 1995/96 year. We particularly wish to thank the Advertisers in the "Victorian Rower" and our sponsors for their continued support.

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The result for the year ended 30 June 1996 was a loss of 11,458 (1995 - a loss of \$5,513) against a budgeted profit of \$1,445.

The major factors which contributed to the loss position were:

- The advancing of the timing and paying of Affiliation fees to Rowing Australia of \$11,480.
- An increase in the International levy paid to Rowing Australia of \$5,740.
- Costs incurred in the completion of the Strategic Plan of \$9,167.
- Repairs undertaken to the Judges Box of \$7,210.
- Production (since February) of the monthly Newsletter "The Victorian Rower" of \$4,702.

Offsetting the above increases in expenses were the following major increases in revenues:

- The increase in CUB sponsorship from \$62,970 to \$67,378. The sponsorship statement details those activities which were funded by this sponsorship.
- Increases in revenue from fines of \$6,064.
- A net contribution of \$6,384 from the Masters Regatta held in October 1995.
- A surplus of \$13,364 in the Interstate Fund as the 1996 Australian Championships were held at Penrith NSW.

During the year, the Association made a loan of \$38,618 to Rowing Australia to assist that Association meet its liabilities. The loan will be repaid from the International Levy payable to Rowing Australia.

As in prior years, the Victorian Institute of Sport and the Department of State Development have continued to provide significant benefits to the Association and its members, and we look forward to their continued support.

In addition, we thank the Victorian Oarsmen and Women's Association for their continued financial support from Dr HC Disher, Marcus Burke, MS Williams and NF Wilkinson trust funds.

On July 14, 1996, the General Meeting of the Association approved a range of financial measures designed to arrest the deficit position and meet additional operating costs associated with the recruitment of the General Manager.

Finally, I would like to thank Bill Waterfield, Melvina Harvey and Jane Allen for their assistance in the management of the Association's finances in what has been another busy year.

JIM LOWE
HONORARY TREASURER

CARLTON AND UNITED BREWERIES LIMITED SPONSORSHIP

The following is a summary of the disposition of the CUB sponsorship. This summary does not form part of the formal accounts of the Association.

The summary is provided to show members and our sponsor how the funds have been expended, which may not be evident from the accounts.

INCOME	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Sponsorship	67,378	62,970
EXPENDITURE		
Interstate Team		
- Airfares	12,100	20,000
- Car Hire	4,886	-
- Clothing	2,255	-
- Boat Hire/Expenses	5,759	-
Regatta sponsorships	17,090	19,780
S'hipCo-ordination	10,107	9,445
Strategic Plan	9,167	-
Sundry expenses	2,968	-
TOTAL	64,332	49,225

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FINANCIAL REPORT



VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

		1996	1995
	Note	\$	\$
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996			
Operating Revenue	2	245,169	305,053
Operating (Loss)	3	(11,458)	(5,513)
Income tax expense applicable thereto	1(c)	-	-
Operating (Loss) after income tax		(11,458)	(5,513)
Accumulated Profits at the beginning of the year		563,740	569,253
Accumulated Profits at the end of the year		552,282	563,740

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

		1996	1995
	Note	\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash	4	51,609	40,691
Receivables	5	17,729	20,080
Inventories	6	8,194	7,171
Investments	7	213,400	158,487
Other assets	8	1,500	-
Total Current Assets		290,432	226,429
Non-Current Assets			
Receivables	5	15,658	-
Investments	7	246,908	344,501
Property, plant and equipment	9	50,731	52,844
Total Non-Current Assets		313,297	397,345
Total Assets		603,729	623,774
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and borrowings	10	49,675	47,984
Provisions	11	1,772	8,401
Total Current Liabilities		51,447	56,385
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	11	-	3,649
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	3,649
Total Liabilities		51,447	60,034
Net Assets		552,282	563,740
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated funds at year end		552,282	563,740

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		1996	1995
	Note	\$	\$
		Inflows/ (Outflows)	Inflows/ (Outflows)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996			
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers, trade and other debtors		216,170	226,945
Payments to creditors and employees		(238,713)	(284,438)
Interest received		37,610	39,947
Dividends received		1,478	803
Net cash flows from operating activities	12	16,545	(16,743)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(13,038)	(1,320)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		450	11,714
Payments for investments		(2,894)	(2,387)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		8,473	-
Proceeds from maturity of investments		40,000	250
Net cash flows from investing activities		32,991	8,257
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans advanced		(38,618)	-
Net cash flows from financing activities		(38,618)	-
Net increase in cash held		10,918	(8,486)
Cash at the beginning of the financial period		40,691	49,177
Cash at the end of the financial period	4	51,609	40,691



FINANCIAL REPORT



VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

(b) Income and Expenditure

Income has been brought to account on a due and receivable basis. Expenses have been brought to account as incurred.

(c) Income Tax

The Association is an exempt body under the Income Tax Assessment Act, as amended.

(d) Investments

Debenture securities are included in the accounts at cost with any premium or discount on acquisition being amortised on a straight line basis to maturity, being the date to which they are normally held.

Listed equity securities are included in the accounts at cost. Changes in market values of listed equity securities are not taken into account unless there is considered to be a permanent diminution in value.

(e) Depreciation

Depreciation in respect of all property, plant and equipment is calculated so as to write off the cost of each asset over its effective useful life.

(f) Employee Entitlements

The amounts to be paid in respect of employees' entitlements to long service leave and annual leave are accrued at current wage rates.

(g) Cash Flows

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank and deposits held at call

(h) Comparatives

Where necessary comparative figures have been amended to accord with the presentation in 1996.

	1996 \$	1995 \$
2. Operating Revenue		
Affiliation fees	46,420	47,142
Carlton and United Sponsorship	67,378	62,970
Dividends	6,038	5,284
Interest	37,618	39,947
Government grants	14,080	17,850
Other grants	-	53,323
Other	73,635	78,537
	<u>245,169</u>	<u>305,053</u>

3. Operating Profit

Operating profit has been determined after:

(a) Crediting		
Affiliation fees	46,420	47,142
Carlton and United Sponsorship	42,378	42,970
Coaching clinics	-	1,155
Development grant	-	53,323
Donations	869	-
Equipment levy	2,396	2,292
Fines	11,401	5,337
Hire of equipment	279	1,255
Hire Henley Judges Box	1,500	650
Interest - Equipment Reserve Fund	891	1,653
Interest - General	16,627	17,310
International Championships (Note 3 (c)(iii))	1,098	2,357
Interstate Championships (Note 3 (c)(ii))	13,364	(952)
Magazines	181	161
Masters regatta receipts	18,605	-
Newsletter	660	-
Profit on sales of equipment	1,050	1,854
Regatta insurance receipts	3,652	3,880
Regatta registrations	1,530	2,515
State Championships (Note 3 (c)(i))	300	(494)
State Government grants		
Administration grant	12,000	12,000
Coaching Development grant	-	2,100
Country Travel grant	2,080	750
Strategic Planning grant	-	3,000
Sundry	14,438	11,910
Weight bags	-	99
	<u>191,719</u>	<u>212,267</u>



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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

3. Operating Profit (continued)

	1996 \$	1995 \$
(b) Charging		
Affiliation fees		
Australian Rowing Council Inc	31,208	22,712
Other	240	80
Amortisation of premium on debentures	219	702
Rowing Australia delegate expenses	1,843	1,525
Bank and Government fees	456	437
Coaching clinics	-	940
Computer expenses	552	1,081
Amortisation - Leasehold improvements	93	73
Depreciation - Office Equipment	3,831	4,357
Depreciation - Regatta Equipment	3,245	3,421
Depreciation - Rowing Equipment	7,982	10,508
Development expenses	-	53,823
Doubtful debts	283	950
Employee entitlements	(4,365)	2,763
Honoraria	1,000	1,000
Insurance	3,880	8,587
Magazines	222	306
Masters regatta expenses	12,221	-
Newsletter	4,702	-
Office rent & expenses	6,010	5,976
Postage & telephone	5,290	4,178
Printing & stationery	8,182	4,268
Regatta insurance	4,055	4,305
Regatta sponsorships	17,090	19,780
Registrations & licences	137	662
Repairs - Regatta equipment	717	749
Repairs - Rowing equipment	1,917	2,062
Salaries	47,024	40,939
Sponsorship coordination	10,107	9,445
Sponsorship expenses	2,969	-
State Government grants		
Country travel	2,080	750
Strategic plan	9,167	-
Superannuation	2,541	1,634
Sundry	17,423	7,016
VRA Regatta expenses (net)	418	2,299
Workcover	438	452
	<u>203,177</u>	<u>217,780</u>
Operating profit/(loss) for the year	<u>(11,458)</u>	<u>(5,513)</u>

(c) After taking into account the following which are summarised in (a) and (b) above

(i) State Championships

Income		
Medallions	1,434	1,267
Sundry	300	-
	<u>1,734</u>	<u>1,267</u>
Expenditure		
Medallions	1,434	1,261
Sundry	-	500
	<u>1,434</u>	<u>1,761</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>300</u>	<u>(494)</u>

(ii) Interstate Championships

Income		
Carlton and United Sponsorship	25,000	20,000
Dividends	4,528	3,963
Interest	13,409	14,321
Interstate levy	3,719	3,437
Amortisation of premium on debentures	(256)	(819)
Loss on sale of investments	(887)	-
Seat fees and VIS contribution	9,900	27,671
	<u>55,413</u>	<u>68,573</u>
Expenditure		
Accommodation & meals	13,615	11,414
Airfares	12,100	26,409
Boat hire, transport & insurance	8,548	9,480
Car hire & fuel	5,123	9,526
Sundry	408	5,018
Uniforms	2,255	7,678
	<u>42,049</u>	<u>69,525</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>13,364</u>	<u>(952)</u>



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3. Operating Profit (continued)

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
(iii) International Championships		
Income		
Dividends	1,510	1,321
Interest	6,692	6,663
International levy	3,572	3,437
Amortisation of premium on debentures	(12)	(39)
Loss on sale of investments	(296)	-
	<u>11,466</u>	<u>11,382</u>
Expenditure		
Rowing Australia Inc - International levy	11,480	8,025
Olympic team 1996	(1,112)	1,000
	<u>10,368</u>	<u>9,025</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>1,098</u>	<u>2,357</u>

4. Cash

Cash at Bank and on Deposit

Administration fund	(22,238)	(3,392)
Administration Reserve fund	10,877	10,877
Development fund	-	14,523
Equipment Reserve fund	(4,958)	7,656
International fund	(3,141)	(5,926)
Interstate fund	39,654	(11,713)
Lodge Henley Trust fund	250	-
Reserve fund	2,411	2,411
Sponsorship fund	27,288	24,997
Sports Promotion fund	958	958
	<u>51,101</u>	<u>40,391</u>
Petty cash	508	300
Total Cash	<u>51,609</u>	<u>40,691</u>

5. Receivables

Current

Other debtors	7,485	21,030
Deduct provision for doubtful debts	(1,236)	(950)
	<u>6,249</u>	<u>20,080</u>
Loan to Rowing Australia Inc	11,480	0
	<u>17,729</u>	<u>20,080</u>

Non-Current

Loan to Rowing Australia Inc	15,658	-
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6. Inventories

Medallions	6,194	7,171
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7. Investments

Current

Debenture securities

Administration fund	80,601	24,201
Administration Reserve fund	20,000	-
Equipment Reserve fund	20,000	21,000
International fund	46,799	27,799
Interstate fund	45,000	65,056
Lodge Henley Trust fund	-	200
1996 Olympic team	-	2,012
RW Thursfield Trust fund	1,000	-
Sports Promotion fund	-	18,219
	<u>213,400</u>	<u>158,487</u>

Non-Current

Shares in listed corporations

International fund	26,725	27,275
Interstate fund	80,175	81,826
	<u>106,900</u>	<u>109,101</u>

Debenture securities

Administration fund	20,008	75,400
Administration Reserve fund	-	20,000
Equipment Reserve fund	1,000	-
International fund	30,000	49,000
Interstate fund	88,800	90,000
Lodge Henley Trust fund	200	-
RW Thursfield Trust fund	-	1,000
	<u>140,008</u>	<u>235,400</u>
	<u>246,908</u>	<u>344,501</u>

Listed Securities - Market values

The aggregate market values of investments listed on a prescribed Stock Exchange are:		
Shares	110,670	104,900



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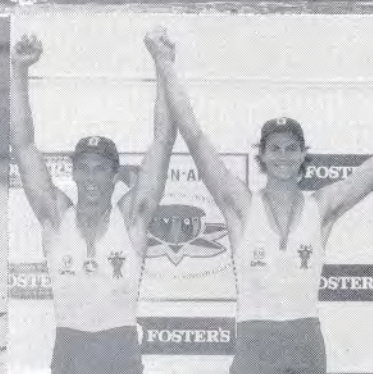
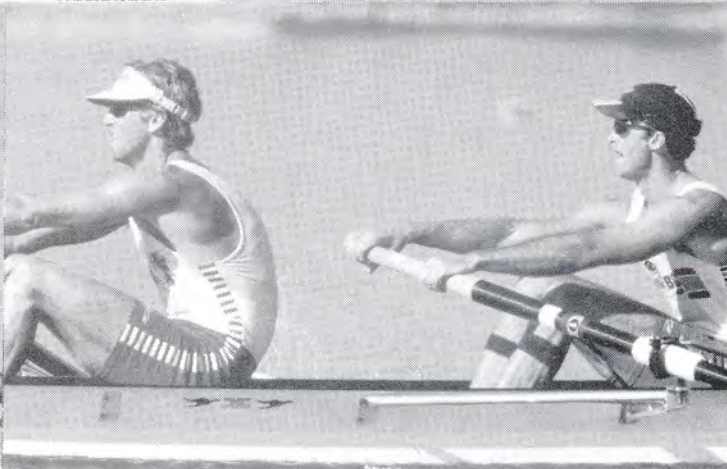


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	1996	1995
	\$	\$
8. Other Assets		
Prepayments	1,500	-
9. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Leasehold Improvements	897	439
less Accumulated Amortisation	(239)	(146)
	<u>658</u>	<u>293</u>
Office Equipment	41,808	35,667
Less accumulated depreciation	(28,492)	(24,662)
	<u>13,316</u>	<u>11,005</u>
Regatta Equipment	43,723	37,285
Less accumulated depreciation	(28,723)	(25,478)
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>11,807</u>
Rowing Equipment	69,582	75,384
Less accumulated depreciation	(47,825)	(45,645)
	<u>21,757</u>	<u>29,739</u>
	<u>50,731</u>	<u>52,844</u>
10. Creditors		
Current		
Accrued expenses	20,931	8,078
Unexpended funds		
Administration Reserve fund	22,138	24,655
Development fund	-	7,483
1996 Olympic team	2,000	3,112
Other	4,606	4,656
	<u>28,744</u>	<u>39,906</u>
	<u>49,675</u>	<u>47,984</u>
11. Provisions		
Current		
Employee entitlements	1,772	8,401
Non-Current		
Employee entitlements	-	3,649
12. Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities to the operating profit after income tax		
Operating (loss) after income tax	(11,458)	(5,513)
Amortisation of premium on debentures	487	1,560
Depreciation	15,151	18,359
Net (profit) on sale of non-current assets	(1,050)	(1,854)
Net loss on sale of investments	1,183	-
Dividends reinvested	(4,560)	(4,479)
Interest reinvested	(9)	-
International levy offset	11,480	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in other debtors	13,831	(15,810)
Decrease in inventories	977	3,443
(Increase) in prepayments	(1,500)	-
(Decrease) in creditors and employee entitlements	(7,987)	(12,449)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities	<u>16,545</u>	<u>(16,743)</u>





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